

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council cordially invite all residents to attend the Memorial Day celebrations on Monday, May 28th. The annual Memorial Day parade will start at 11:30 a.m. beginning at Ripplewood Drive and ending at Borough Hall. A ceremony will take place at Borough Hall with the traditional memorial wreath dedications by various community organizations honoring those who served our country as well as a guest speaker to remind us of the importance of Memorial Day. After the ceremony, residents are invited to join us at the Firehouse for hot dogs and beverages provided by the Borough and cooked by the Fire Department.

Upper Saddle River has been designated as a 2006 Tree City community. This is our fifth year for this notable distinction. The award honors the countless men, women and children in our community who are working hard to ensure a greener, healthier tomorrow for all. Tree City USA is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. An award was presented to our borough at our Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration and tree planting that was held on April 20th. We would like to thank our Shade Tree Commission for their efforts on behalf of all the residents in our borough.

We are also pleased to announce that the Borough has received several grants. The New Jersey Forest Service has awarded two 2006 Cool Cities Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) grants in the amount of \$23,472.50 and \$20,700.00 to our Shade Tree Commission.

The grants are to be used for implementing projects that are identified in our state-approved Community Forestry Management Plan. The Bergen County Utilities Authority has also awarded the Borough with a 2007 Municipal Recycling Assistance Program (MRAP) grant in the amount of \$4,117.66. The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council received a grant in the amount of \$11,500.00 from the Bergen County Municipal Alliance to help fund anti-drug and anti-alcohol programs and activities for the youth of our community.

Plans are already underway for our annual Upper Saddle River Day. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 8th (rain date September 9th). Activities will begin at 3:00 p.m. with games and rides for all members of our community. A picnic will be served featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, corn-on-the-cob, drinks and desserts. At 8:00 p.m. we will once again be showing an outdoor movie suitable for the entire family.

Lions Park Field Renovation Update

The next phase of the Lions Park Field Renovation is scheduled to begin on or about May 1, 2007. This phase will consist of working on the fields in two separate parts in order to provide some playing fields during the construction for use by our sports teams. The fields on the south end will be the first to be renovated allowing for the baseball and softball fields to the north to remain open through the end of the summer program seasons. On or around August 15, construction will begin on the north fields.

During the renovation, Valley Lane will remain open to vehicular traffic. However, residents are urged to exercise caution while driving on Valley Lane since heavy construction equipment will be entering and exiting Lions Park during this time.

Thank you for your patience during the construction.

Youth Guidance Council

The circus is coming! On Friday, May 18th, the Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is sponsoring the Zerbini Family Circus. The beautiful red and white big top will be set up at Lions Memorial Park, with performances at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A very exciting show is planned with circus acts from around the world. Come join us and see the funny clowns, acrobats, beautiful aerial acts, small animal acts, and other thrilling surprises! Advance tickets are \$9.00 per person (children under one are free) and are available from May 1st through May 17th at the USR Library. 50% of all advanced ticket sales go directly to the Youth Guidance Council 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 the youth of our community. On the day of the performances, tickets will be available at the gate for \$11.00 per person. However, only 25% of the gate sales will benefit these programs. For further information, please call Barbara Ripston at the circus ticket hotline (201) 825-3894.

Voter Registration Reminder

The last day to register to vote in the June 5, 2007 Primary Election is Tuesday, May 15, 2007. Residents who have had a change of address, are new voters or have not voted in an election in four years or more, may need to register in order to vote in this election. Registration forms are currently available at the Borough Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m. on May 15th registration forms will be available at the police station until 9:00 p.m. Forms should be completed and left with the dispatcher. Any questions, please call the Borough Hall at (201) 327-2196.

SRV Jewish Community Org.

The Saddle River Valley Jewish Community Organization will host its annual Boutique Night Fundraiser on Tuesday March 8th at Seasons in Washington Township. For further information, please call : Elizabeth at 201-825-0592.

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.

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of May 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. All refuse must be out by 6:30 a.m. Please be sure not to have your garbage or driveway blocked by any cars or trucks. The garbage company will not take any chances of scratching any vehicle in your driveway by taking garbage around them. If there is vehicle in the way, the garbage will be left until the next scheduled pick up date. If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall by 10:00 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 8:00 a.m. to noon. A monitor is on duty to assist you.

USR Youth Triathlon

On Saturday, June 9, the Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will hold its 4th annual Upper Saddle River Youth Triathlon. This triathlon is opened to all children ages 8-14.

The Youth Triathlon will incorporate swimming, biking and running. The children will begin their swim at the Saddle River Valley Swim & Tennis Club, bike to Lions Park, and finish the running portion of the triathlon at Lions Park. The swimming, biking and running distances will be different for the two separate age groups the children are going to be divided into.

In order to get the kids involved in the triathlon, the Recreation Commission is also organizing a T-Shirt Design Contest for all children that live or go to school in Upper Saddle River. First prize for this contest is a bike and the winning design will be on the triathlon t-shirt. This is a way to get the children involved in the triathlon, as well as encourage them to participate. Raffles, food and prizes will be set up in Lions Park at the finish line. Sponsors and volunteers are welcome to help.

For more information, visit our website at www.USRtoday.com/triathlon, Mgroup@soundlounge.com or Recreation Director Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634 or

Hazardous Waste Collection

The Bergen County Utilities Authority is sponsoring another Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, May 19 at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah. 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. For more info., call 201-807-5825.

USR Cultural Center

The Saddle River Valley Cultural Center is getting ready for a busy summer with camps for preschoolers, a pirate adventure and, of course, *High Touch-High Tech* science fun. Summer camps begin with the *June Pre-school Camp* on June 18th through the 22nd. Preschool may be over but fun at the Center is just starting. Kids will enjoy crafting, games, exploring books and songs and most of all, fun with new friends. Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and is appropriate for ages 3 to 5 years old. Cost is \$150 plus \$10 registration fee.

June 25th through 29th pirates will take over the SRVCC. A camp for children ages 5 and up, young adventurers will look for lost treasure, maps and more. Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and costs \$150 plus \$10 registration.

High Touch-High Tech returns to the center again this summer in four sessions. This hands-on camp, for ages 6 to 12 years old, will be filled with investigating and enjoying the world of science. Kids will become real scientists panning for gold, eating astronaut food, making a volcano erupt and blasting off a rocket. Camp runs from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. for all sessions.

Session one begins June 25 though 29 (5 days) and costs \$200. Session two runs from July 9th to 20th (10 days) and costs \$400. Session three runs from July 23rd to Aug. 3 (10 days) and costs \$400. Session four runs from Aug 6 to 17th (10 days) and costs \$400. For more information or to register for any of these exciting summer camps, call the center at 201-825-3366 or visit our website at www.srvcc.org.

Wanted: Musicians, Poets, Artists, Actors and Creative Types

Tuesday May 8, 7:30 p.m.

Attention: Teens, young adults, and young families! Are you interested in learning what talents you have and willing to share what you know? You are invited to attend this gathering at the Lounge in the Minnick Education Building at 500 East Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ. This is an invitation for you to participate in the organization and planning of a casual and inclusive community experience that will meet on Sat. evenings (around 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) beginning in the Fall. The Sat. Event (yet to be named) will provide a casual setting to create music, artistic and spiritual expression, meaningful conversation, as well as a good time with good food and friends. For more information, call 201-327-5242 and ask to speak to Pastor Bob Fretz – and plan to be at the meeting on May 8.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, MAY 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: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, May 1	Tuesday, May 8
Tuesday, May 15	Tuesday, May 22
Tuesday, May 29	

Large Appliances: Thursday, May 3 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.

Republican Club

This month's Republican Club meeting will have a presentation by Ed Gartner, Director of the USR Recreation Commission. He will discuss plans and progress on renovations to Lions Park.

Positions of Mayor and Council are open for election this fall. Mayor Ken Gabbert and Councilmembers Debbie Viola and Dennis Schubert have declared their candidacy. They will share with us their ideas on leadership for the next term.

The meeting will be on Tues. May 22 at the Library. Members and non-members are welcome. Refreshments at 7:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Perennial and Wildflower Sale

The Garden Committee of the Upper Saddle River Historical Society will hold its annual sale of perennials and wildflowers on Sunday, May 6, 2007 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Goetschius Museum Barn. There will be a selection of perennials, wildflowers, ferns and heirloom lilacs potted from the museum gardens and donated from local gardeners. All plants are reasonable priced and all proceeds go directly to the support of the museum gardens. This is a popular event, so come early for the best selection. The sale will continue until sold out.

Volunteer gardeners meet Monday mornings at the museum starting at 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. New volunteers are always welcome. Plant donations or questions? Call Joanne Lombardo 201-825-3789.

Fall Soccer Registration

This is the final month for recreational soccer registration for next fall. We will most likely not be able to put registrants after May 1st on a team. The cost is \$100 per child for all children. We will need a wallet-sized picture of all children entering third grade and up next fall. Please make out checks to "USR Soccer Association."

Forms and information can be obtained on the website, <http://www.usrsoccer.org/>. Applications, pictures and checks can be mailed or delivered to Bob Wei at 4 Candlestick Lane. There is a plastic box marked "Rec Soccer" on the front porch for hand deliveries.

Note to parents of children entering kindergarten next fall: Unless you have older children in the school system, you were not a recipient of the e-mail sent out by the schools to let you know of the soccer registration dates. As a result, your fee will be \$75 per incoming Kindergartener. Please do make every effort to get your forms in as quickly as possible.

Upper Saddle River Library

Programs for Adults:

1st Annual USR Artist Exhibit and Reception - Exhibit: the entire Month of May

Reception: May 3rd, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the USR Friends of the Library. Join us for the Artist Reception, with refreshments and light classical music, and meet the wonderful artists living in our community.

Fly Fishing Talk and Demonstration with Bill Logan

Sunday, May 6th at 2:00 p.m.

Join expert fly fisherman and writer Bill Logan, for a show and tell, a short slide show and some good fishing yarns. Afterward weather permitting join him at Lions Park for some lawn casting. A free program with limited seating, registration suggested.

Friends Book and Author Luncheon

Wednesday, May 9th, 11:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Writing guru Lisa Garrigues will be featured at the Friends of the Library 31st Annual Book and Author Luncheon. held at the Ramsey Country Club, tickets are \$40. Reservation forms can be downloaded from www.upsaddleriverlibrary.org or come into the library to pick up a form.

Successful Perennial Gardening with Laurie Cohen

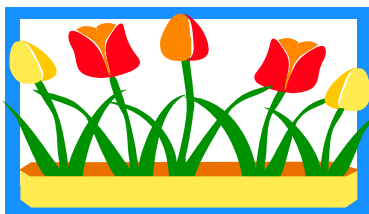
Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Cohen will present a slide show, share her planting and design techniques, discuss color combinations and coordination of each flower's bloom time. Laurie's company Bellefleur is celebrating ten years of designing gardens in the Saddle River Valley and beyond. A free program with limited seating, registration suggested.

Programs for Kids:

Drop-in and Make a Gift for Mom!

For children in grades kindergarten and up. Materials and gift wrap will be provided. Wednesday, May 9, and Thursday May 10, from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



Woman's Club

Many thanks to all who participated in the annual Poetry and Essay Contest, and congratulations to the winners. The club will provide the winning students' respective schools with plaques inscribed with with the winners' names. All are invited to hear renowned designer, Barbara Ostrom, speak at the Club's annual fundraising luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd at 11:30 a.m. at the Ramsey Golf and Country Club, 105 Lakeside Drive in Ramsey. The cost is \$60.00, and tickets should be purchased by May 15th. All proceeds will benefit local charities. In addition to her extensive tri-state area clientele, including the late President and Mrs. Richard Nixon and Russell and Kimora Simmons, Barbara has designed for many clients around the U.S. and overseas. She is featured regularly in the Hampton Designer and Kips Bay show houses and has appeared on Good Morning America and The Martha Stewart Show. House and Garden Magazine has named her to their list of the top 100 U.S. designers. For ticket purchase please call Judy, 201-236-8268.

Memorial Day Convocation

The entire community is invited to the annual "Memorial Day Convocation" at the Old Stone Church, May 28th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Members of the Fire Department, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, civic leaders and veterans participate in this service of prayer, remembrance, and thanksgiving for the service and sacrifice of those who protected our nation. A Remembrance Booklet is printed with names of deceased veterans. If you would like to include a friend or loved one in this booklet, please call 201-327-5242 with their name, dates of birth and death, military service (Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and Women's Air Corps included) and rank (if known).

SRV Fellowship

Our March meetings were a great success. Rohsler's demonstration was a big hit. Almost everyone went home with an item from our Tricky Tray program. Our St. Patrick's trip to the Brownstone was also enjoyed by all. On April 12 we had The Toppers and on April 26 we had our talk *Sleep Well - Feel Well*.

We had two invitations from Dr. Solomon to come to the school for a luncheon and to see *Guys and Dolls*.

I hope you can join us on May 10 for a motivational talk and on May 24 for Jeopardy run by one of our members.

Hope you had a lovely Passover and Easter. Any questions call 201-327-8969.

Coming Up In May 2007

BOROUGH BOARDS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
7:30 p.m. Recreation Commission at Borough Hall

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

MONDAY, MAY 7
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center

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

MONDAY, MAY 14
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

THURSDAY, MAY 17
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, MAY 21
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

THURSDAY, MAY 24
8:00 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 29
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

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

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SERVICE GROUPS

TUESDAY, MAY 1
7:30 p.m. USR Woman's Club at Bergen Highlands Church
7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting
7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 3
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 15
7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23
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, MAY 24
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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