

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 26th. The annual Memorial Day parade will start at 11:30 a.m. beginning at Ripplewood Drive and culminate with a ceremony at Borough Hall. There will be 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.

The Mayor and Council are working on the annual budget for 2008. Due to an increase in statutorily required expenses (an increase of \$197,000 in pension expense that now totals \$545,332; increase of \$54,000 in library expense that now totals \$1,034,000), contractual expenses (solid waste garbage collection of \$330,000; dumping fees of \$300,000 and recycling of \$207,000), and a reduction in state aid of \$163,000, we have asked all departments to make cuts in their budgets without affecting any of the services to our residents.

We would like to thank our residents for their patience during the renovations of Lions Memorial Park fields. We regret the inconvenience and frustration caused by the delays in the completion of the fields. Due to weather delays this winter as well as contractor issues, the work was not completed when originally anticipated. The Mayor and Council's first concern was ensuring that the fields were completed correctly, with safety our top priority. A new timeline was established during meetings with Borough officials, our new Borough engineer, and the contractor and we would

like to update the community on the progress. Weather permitting, all construction work on the fields is to be completed by May 1st. In order to allow the sod to root, use of the north fields will be restricted for 45 additional days. The south fields were opened at the end of February for use by the schools as well as recreational purposes. The walking path is already open for use by all residents. Roller blades, skates and bicycles will not be permitted on the path for safety reasons. Also, as a reminder to residents, dogs are not permitted in Lions Memorial Park. Septic requirements have been sent to the architect so that specifications for the field house can be drawn up and sent out for bid. The field house will have restrooms, storage, a snack bar and a picnic area. We look forward to the official opening of the fields!

As a reminder, Upper Saddle River Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Everyone is invited to meet at Lions Memorial Park and participate in cleaning up our community. We also ask that residents be "good neighbors" and pick up any litter on their own properties to help keep our town beautiful.

Plans are already underway for our annual Upper Saddle River Day. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 6th (rain date September 7th). Activities will begin at 2:00 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. We look forward to seeing residents at this wonderful community event.

Residents are encouraged to contact members of the Mayor and Council if they have any questions, concerns or comments.

USR Building Department- New Office Hours

The Upper Saddle River Building Department will be closed every Wednesday morning from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and re-open from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The office is also open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

D.A.R.E.

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is seeking donations to equip the new D.A.R.E. truck recently donated by All American Ford of Hackensack, New Jersey. The donations will be used to offset the cost of outfitting the truck with lights, radio, graphics, and other equipment. To date, the Youth Guidance Council has collected \$5,375.00 of the \$10,000.00 needed for this project. If you are interested in making a donation, please send a check payable to "USR DARE Trust Acct." PO Box 161, Saddle River, NJ 07458. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Ripston, 201-825-3894.

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 12th 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.

Election Information

May 13, 2008 is the last day to register to vote in the June 3, 2008 Primary Election.

Following is a list of polling places:

District 1 & District 2 - Cavallini School Gymnasium

District 3 - Borough Hall

District 4 & District 5 - Presentation Church, North Room:

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

USR Recreation Clean-up Day

The Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will hold its 12th annual Clean-up day on Saturday, May 17th, 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 at 201-236-0442 or jdsilverman@optonline.net.

Garage Sales

Many residents are planning garage sales now that the weather is getting warmer. Don't forget to stop by the Borough Hall for a garage sale permit and a copy of the ordinance governing garage sale signs.

Hazardous Waste

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

Garbage and Recycling

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

We will not have garbage collection on Monday, May 26th (Memorial Day). Garbage will be collected on Thursday, May 29th.

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.

Museum Holds Annual Plant Sale

On Sunday, May 4, 2008 starting at 1:00 p.m., the Garden Committee of the Hopper Geotchius Museum will hold its annual perennial and wildflower sale. The event takes place behind the barn located on the corner of East Saddle River Road and Lake Street. Perennials, wildflowers, ferns, heirloom lilacs and shrubs, potted from Museum gardens and donated by local gardeners, will be available for sale. Come early for best selections, this popular event sells out fast. All proceeds from the sale go to the maintenance of the Museum gardens. Stop for a glass of lemonade and to see what is available. Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and help with selections. As always, donations of plants or time are gratefully welcome. If you have any questions, please call Joanne Lombardo at 201-825-3789.

New Girl Scout Registration

Registration for girls who will be new to Girl Scouting in Upper Saddle River will take place on Saturday, May 3rd. It will be held upstairs in the Upper Saddle River Library from 10:00 a.m. - noon. This registration is for the program starting in the fall of 2008. Registration forms will also be available at the USR Library after May 3rd.

Girl Scouts who are currently registered with troops in Upper Saddle River will re-register with their troops, so they do not need to attend the New Girl Scout registration.

Beginning in the fall, the Girl Scout program will have six levels: Daisies (kindergarten to 1st grade), Brownies (grades 2 to 3), Juniors (grades 4 to 5), Cadettes (grades 6 to 8), Seniors (grades 9 to 10), and Ambassadors (grades 11 to 12). Adult volunteers are needed to serve as troop leaders.

For more information, call Becky Kester, Service Unit Manager, at 201-236-8290.

Get Ready!



Get Set!

GO!!

USR Youth Triathlon

On Saturday, June 7th, the Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will hold its 5th 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 that the children will 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 place prize for this contest is a bike and the winning design will also be printed 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, contact Marshall Grupp at Mgroup@soundlounge.com or Recreation Director Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634 (USRRecreation@aol.com) or visit our web-site at www.USRtoday.org/triathlon.

Youth Guidance Council

The circus is coming! On Friday, May 16th, the Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is sponsoring the Zerbini Family Circus. The beautiful big tent 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 Thursday, May 1st through Thursday, May 15th at the USR Library. Tickets will also be sold at USR Boro Hall on Friday, May 16th from 8:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. only. After that, tickets will be available at the gate for \$11.00 per person. 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. 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.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, MAY 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.

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Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, May 13	Tuesday, May 6
Tuesday, May 27	Tuesday, May 20

Large Appliances: Thursday, May 1, by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is Thursday, June 5

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.

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 Rehain will be on hand to offer assistance to the children. The event will get underway at 9:00 a.m. - 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 Rehain at 201-825-3767 or Recreation Director, Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634.

SRV Cultural Center

Spring into the arts with upcoming exhibit and artist reception at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center in May.

Remember that it's not just performance arts at the Cultural Center. Join us to celebrate the fine arts, too. A Local Art Show and Exhibit featuring the works of Judy Jacobs, a devoted international traveler, who immerses herself in the customs and culture of every society she visits. She makes new friends along the way. Her photographs will be on display at the Cultural Center May 1-31. Capture these rich, unique experiences. All are welcome. Free.

An Artist's Reception will take place on Sunday, May 11th from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Free.

Saddle River Valley Fellowship

On March 27th Cam Strangio, President; Richard Musser, Vice President; Joanne Garramone, Secretary; Marilyn Gigliuto, Treasurer; and Pete Odo, Chaplain were accepted as new officers in the organization. Everyone had a good time.

On April 10th we had a demonstration of the use of fire extinguishers by Larry Rausch.

May proves to be an exciting month; we will have a motivational talk on May 8th. This is always a fine program. On May 22nd we will have our annual Silent Auction. This is a fun meeting.

The year is almost over. Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, so you don't miss out on seeing old friends and making new ones. See you on Thursdays!

Women's Softball League

The Saddle River Valley Women's Softball league is looking for players for the 2008 summer season. We are a friendly, but competitive league. We play on Tuesday nights at Lions Park in USR from mid June - early August. Please visit www.usrtoday.org for a registration form. For further information contact Cristin Turcina at 201-757-8406 or e-mail cristinl@yahoo.com.

Upper Saddle River Library

Adult Programs:

2nd Annual Adult Art Exhibit May 4th-29th

Sponsored by the Friends of the USR Library, this is our second exhibit featuring our local artists. Join us for a reception and meet the wonderful artists living in our community on May 4th from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., all are welcome.

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

Introduction to Birding and the Birds of NJ May 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Learn all the basics of birding and find out why bird watching is now the #2 outdoor pastime in the U.S.

ebay Beyond the Basics May 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Learn how to start and or grow an ebay-based business, choose the right format, create and manage listings, pack and ship inventory and market your business.

Children's Programs:

Meet Children's Author Emma Jackson May 4th from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Emma, a NHRHS freshman is the author of "A Home for Dixie: The True Story of a Rescued Puppy". Join us for a book signing and chat with the author and representative from Aunt Mary's Doghouse.

Make a Gift for your Mom on May 7 and 8 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Children in grades K and up come and make a gift for mom. Materials will be provided.

Adult programs are open to all Library cardholders in Bergen County. Children's programs are open to USR Library cardholders only. For program details visit our website: www.upper-saddle-river-library.org.

USR Historical Society

Join the Upper Saddle River Historical Society on Sunday, May 4 on a walking tour of the Old Stone Church cemetery. In existence since the late 1700s, the cemetery behind the Old Stone Church is filled with local history. Come between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Robert Fretz, members of the church and the Upper Saddle River Historical Society will be on hand as you stroll along the paths. They will point out the oldest graves, Revolutionary War, Civil War and other military veterans, early ministers and other noted families from the early settlers of Upper Saddle River as well as special sentiments inscribed on many of the stones. Always startling in an old cemetery are the numerous graves for infants and children. A guide will also explain the restoration work being done on the 200 year-old outside rear wall.

The church will be open for view and a guide will share a bit of its long history. If you have never been inside, it is worth seeing. On the National Register of Historic Places, it was restored in the 1970s to its early 19th century appearance. Refreshments will be served. Parking is behind the cemetery.

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.

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.

SRV Junior Woman's Club

Please join us for a charity-shopping event, Shopping Works Wonders, May 10th, 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Bloomingdale's, the Shops at Riverside. You shop, earn a \$15.00 gift card for every \$150.00 you spend, and Bloomingdale's will contribute 10% of your purchases to the SRV Juniors. When you've finished shopping, show your same day receipts at the redemption desk to receive your gift cards and make your 10% count. For more information call Joanne Florio at 201-327-1080.

Women interested in learning more about the organization are invited to its next meeting on Wednesday, May 21st.

Coming Up In May 2008

BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, MAY 1

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

MONDAY, MAY 5

8:00 p.m. USR Bd. of Ed. Work Session at Cavallini Media Center
Reorganization Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

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

THURSDAY, MAY 8

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

MONDAY, MAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

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 15

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 19

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, MAY 21

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

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

SERVICE GROUPS

THURSDAY, MAY 1

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 5

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

MONDAYS, MAY 5, 12 & 19

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, MAY 6

7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 8

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

FRIDAY, MAY 9

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, MAY 13

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. USR Woman's Club Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 20

7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting at Double Tree Hotel, Mahwah

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22

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

TUESDAY, MAY 27

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Adult Walk-in Clinic at Borough Hall

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

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

Tuesday, May 13

Tuesday, May 27

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