

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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A Message from the Mayor and Council

• **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 interlocal agreements with neighboring municipalities to help realize savings. With a reduction of state aid of \$251,396.00, we are looking even harder at ways to reduce expenses in an effort to keep tax increases near the inflation rate. We will introduce the budget in May or June.

• **2010 Road Improvement Program** – Our borough engineer, Christopher Statile, conducted core sampling of the asphalt subsequent to the 2009 repaving of Pleasant Avenue. The sampling proved that a deficiency occurred in the pavement and would need correction. As a result, Pleasant Avenue and Riverview Terrace are currently being milled and resurfaced, at no cost to the borough. Some minor drainage work will also be done on these two roads at the same time.

Mr. Statile, in conjunction with our Department of Public Works, is currently preparing a list of roads to be recommended for the 2010 resurfacing program. The recommendations are based on use and condition. We have been awarded \$200,000.00 in municipal aid to repave Union Avenue. The Municipal Aid Program is a competitive statewide program to address municipal transportation needs. The aid will be utilized as part of our 2010 resurfacing program.

The improvements to West Saddle River Road and Lake Street have been completed by the county. The final phase included installing drainage and curbing along Lake Street to eliminate a roadside erosion problem. Annual seasonal line striping of roads has just about been completed including Hillside Avenue.

• **Memorial Day Celebrations** – We invite community to our traditional Memorial Day celebrations, kicked off with the annual parade on Monday, May 31st at 11:30 a.m., followed by a memorial service in front of Borough Hall in honor of those who have served our country in the past and those currently serving. We encourage residents who have served in the military to line up at the bottom of Ripplewood at 11:15 a.m. in uniform to march with us. This year our keynote speaker will be Upper Saddle River Police Officer Vincent Siracusa, a captain and company commander in the United States Army National Guard. He has served in various overseas tours, most recently a one-year deployment in Iraq. Music will be provided by the Northern Highlands Marching Band. Everyone is invited to the Fire House to enjoy hot dogs and soft drinks at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Also please note on your calendars all the other exciting events being held this month in Upper Saddle River. For details, please check inside this bulletin.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Memorial Day.

Sincerely,

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

Police Department

As per Borough Ordinance #98-6.1, no person shall park a vehicle within designated areas of Lions Park, unless such vehicle has a parking permit in the form of a sticker affixed to the window of the vehicle issued by the borough. These stickers may be obtained by borough residents at the police station at anytime. Residents must bring with them their driver's license and registration for the vehicle for which they want to apply the sticker. Any vehicles without a permit sticker will be subject to a borough ordinance summons and fine.

Circus Vidbel Returns!

Circus Vidbel, the original Old Tyme Circus, is coming back to Upper Saddle River on Friday, May 14th with an exciting new show to benefit the Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council! 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 see the aerialists, comic magic, Liberty horses, jugglers, acrobats, clowns, and other thrilling surprises! Advance tickets are \$8.00 per person (children under one are free) and are available from Saturday, May 1st through Thursday, May 13th at the USR Library. After that, tickets will be available at the gate for \$10.00 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 on the day of the circus will benefit these programs. For further information, please call the circus ticket hotline 201-818-0122 or visit our website at www.usrygc.org. Look inside for "Color the Clown" contest.

USR Recreation Clean-up Day

On Saturday, May 15th, the USR Recreation Commission will be sponsoring its annual town-wide Clean-Up Day. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. All participants can come to Lions Park anytime within those hours and can spend as much time as they wish picking up trash from various parts of town. Garbage bags will be provided and there will be a truck in Lions in which to deposit the full bags. Although there is much work to be done in Lions, there is much to be done at additional areas, such as the school grounds, the Riverwalk, Hess Park, and others. Parents will be needed to drive children to different locations.

All organizations in Upper Saddle River benefit from the parks and facilities in town. It is imperative that those that benefit also contribute to keeping them clean and beautiful. Therefore, the Recreation Commission strongly encourages all children and parents in our town's organizations to come to Lions Park and help make this event a success.

If there are any questions, please contact Jon Silverman at 201-236-0442 or e-mail jdsilverman@optonline.net.

Computer and Electronics Recycling

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.

Northern Highlands Environmental Committee will hold an E Waste collection on Saturday, May 15th at the Northern Highlands High School parking lot, Hillside Avenue, Allendale, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Youth Guidance Council

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with the Books (USR teachers) vs. Badges (USR police officers) basketball game last month! The players really gave it their all. The Badges won by just one point in a most exciting game. The Youth Guidance Council was assisted by D.A.R.E. moms and lots of volunteers who all pitched in to make the evening run smoothly. We'd like to thank all of our T-shirt sponsors: A & J Produce Corp, Apex Copy Center, El Bandito Mexican Restaurant, Franklyn's Pharmacy, Gene P. Leporiere, CPA, Greenbaum Interiors, Peter McFarlane Paving, Phil's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, Porcelanosa, Real Estate Mortgage Network, Residential Mortgage Corp, Stein's Gourmet, The Children's Dental Health Center at Englewood Dental, The Imprint Source, The Picture Spa at Moto Photo Paramus, USR Administrators Association, USR Education Association and YWCA Early Learning Center. We'd also like to thank Blue Rill Day Camp, Westy Storage, Dunkin' Donuts and Inserra Shop-Rite for generously donating food and drinks. We greatly appreciate everyone's support and look forward to next year's game.

Household Hazardous Waste

Bergen County Utilities Authority will hold their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Saturday May 15, 2010 at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. rain or shine. It is free of charge for Bergen County residents - identification is required.

The next scheduled HHW collection date is Sunday, June 13, 2010 at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus.

Lions Club Carnival

The annual Lions Carnival with fun, food, rides and games for the entire family, comes to Lions Memorial Park beginning Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st and concludes Saturday, June 5th. The carnival opens at 4:00 p.m. on Monday and at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Wristband nights are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (all rides - all night - 1 price). A 2010 Ford Mustang Premium Sports Package V6 Coupe with a retail value over \$26,000.00 will be raffled at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night. Car raffle tickets are available from any Lions member or at the carnival grounds for \$10.00 each.

The Saddle River Valley Lions Club thanks you for your continued support of our fundraising projects that benefit the blind, visually impaired, other health-related charities and local volunteer organizations. For more information about the club, please contact us at Saddle River Valley Lions Club, P.O. Box 333, Saddle River, NJ 07458.

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 Rehair 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 Rehair 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 WASTE COLLECTIONS, MAY 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: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, May 11	Tuesday, May 4
Tuesday, May 25	Tuesday, May 18

Large Appliances: Thursday, May 6th by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up will be in June 3, 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.

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.

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

Revolutionary War Encampment

On Sunday, May 2nd, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., the NJ Militia, Heard's Brigade will be encamped at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum. Twice during 1778, Washington's troops marched up East Saddle River Road past the Hopper home on their way to and from Stony Point. Come see how the local militia camped and trained. Watch drills, open hearth cooking, view a surgeon's kit, see a round dance, and listen to the soldiers as they share what life for a militia soldier was like. The event is open to the public. There is a \$2.00 admission charge. U.S.R. Historical Society members are free.

Flintlock muskets and other antique firearms that date before 1896 will be on display in the Dutch barn. Experts will be there to explain how the flintlock worked. There will also be percussion guns from the Civil War and 1870s and a pair of swords from the Tory's Highland Frasers.

Upper Saddle River Girls Scouts will also demonstrate the Maypole Dance, which was a tradition at the one-room school until 1950. Washington was camped at Valley Forge when he received word on April 30, 1778 that the French had signed an alliance with the Patriots. May 1st was May Day and every regiment erected a maypole and celebrated.

The Old Stone Church will be holding its annual cemetery tour starting at 12:00 noon. Stop by on your way to the museum and view the graves of our Revolutionary War soldiers.

New Girl Scout Registration

Registration for girls interesting in joining Girl Scouts and residing in Upper Saddle River or Saddle River will take place on Saturday, May 15th at the Upper Saddle River Library from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. This registration is for Girl Scout programs starting fall 2010. Registration forms will also be available at the USR Library after May 1st.

Girl Scouts who are currently registered with troops in Upper Saddle River or Saddle River will re-register with their troops and do not need to attend the New Girl Scout Registration.

The Girl Scout program has 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, e-mail Linda Miko, Service Unit Manager, at cjmiko@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.

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 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. Visit our website at www.usrhistoricalsociety.org.

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 Lions 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.

Youth Triathlon

On Saturday, June 5th, the Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will hold its 7th 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.

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.org/triathlon or contact Marshall Grupp at Mgrupp@soundlounge.com or Recreation Director Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634 or at USRRecreation@aol.com.

The Woman's Club of USR

The topic for this year's Poetry and Essay Contest is "Picturing Yourself in the Year 2020. This year 2010 marks the end of the first decade of the twenty-first century. Ten years from now, what changes do you predict in your own life, in our country, and in the world?" Children in grades three through eight participated, and the winners are: Third and Fourth Poetry: Olivia Tanchel, and Honorable Mention Chiara Brady. Third and Fourth Essay: Jacob Mendel. Fifth and Sixth Poetry: Samantha Tanchel. Fifth and Sixth Essay: Thomas Hebner and Honorable Mention Allison Naramore. Seventh and Eighth Poetry: Jessica Levin. Winners read their work on April 6th in the Adult Solarium at the Upper Saddle River Library.

The annual Baby Shower will be held on May 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Savini Restaurant in Allendale. All are welcome. Donations of baby items of clothing or accessories for infants up to size 2T will be donated to Strengthen Our Sisters, a shelter for battered women.

Members of the Club will be volunteering at the "Designer Show House of New Jersey" which will benefit the Cancer Center at Hackensack University Medical Center, running from April 25th through June 6th. The Show House is located at 4 High Meadow Road in Saddle River. Anyone interested in volunteering can call 201-669-0833. Shifts are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SRV Senior Fellowship Group

Cam Strangio, president, Richard Musser, vice president, Joanne Garramone, secretary and Marilyn Gigliuto, treasurer were inaugurated at our last meeting in March. Mr. Theodore Preusch was in attendance. He was very informative. All the seniors enjoyed his talk.

After rescheduling the Tricky Tray due to bad weather, it was a great success.

The date for the JOY program will be May 26th from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Mrs. Jareck's classroom.

We are hoping to have a day trip in May. Come to the May meetings, the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Bergen Highlands Methodist Church and join in the fun. See you there!

SRVJCO

The SRVJCO will be hosting their annual Boutique night Tuesday, May 18th at Season's in Washington Township. Please join us for a great girls night out. For additional information please call 201- 825-0592.

Coming Up In May 2010

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, MAY 3

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

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

THURSDAY, MAY 6

6:30 p.m. Mayor and Council Executive Session at Borough Hall

8:00 p.m. Mayor and Council Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, MAY 10

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

THURSDAY, MAY 13

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

MONDAY, MAY 17

6:30 p.m. Environmental Committee Meeting at Borough Hall

7:30 p.m. Board of Health Meeting at Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 20

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

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

THURSDAY, May 27

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

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, MAY 3

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, MAY 3, 10, 17, & 24

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, MAY 4

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corps Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 6

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 11

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, MAY 13

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

FRIDAY, MAY 14

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, MAY 18

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, MAY 25

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corps Drill

THURSDAY, MAY 27

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

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

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

Tuesday, May 11

Tuesday, May 25