

# Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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## Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council are pleased to announce the appointment of Lt. Michael J. Fanning to the position of Chief of Police effective May 11, 2006. Mike Fanning joined the Upper Saddle River Police Department in 1986 as a dispatcher and has held all positions in the Department during his career. His assignments have included the Patrol Division, D.A.R.E. Officer, Detective Division, Sergeant assigned to Patrol, Acting-Lieutenant in Charge of Patrol, and Lieutenant in Charge of Patrol/Executive Officer. He has been Acting Chief since the retirement of Chief Theodore F. Preusch earlier this year. His outstanding leadership abilities as well as his integrity and knowledge of our community will serve him and the community well in his new position as Chief. Our congratulations to Chief Michael J. Fanning.

At our May 10<sup>th</sup> Mayor and Council meeting, a police officer was appointed to our Police Department. Kenneth A. Rodriguez has been a police officer with the Paterson Police Department since 2003 and holds a degree in Criminal Justice. We are very pleased to welcome this outstanding officer to the Upper Saddle River Police Department.

An official swearing-in ceremony for the Chief and officer will take place at the Mayor and Council meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Upper Saddle River has been designated as a 2005 Tree City community. This is our fourth year for this honor. 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. A presentation of the award was presented to our borough at our Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration and tree planting that was held on April 21st. We would like to thank our Shade Tree Commission for their efforts on behalf of all the residents in our borough.

New members are always needed for our volunteer service organizations; our Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, and Rescue Squad. Please consider joining and making an invaluable contribution to our community.

With the nice weather finally upon us, we would like to remind residents of some rules and regulations that make our community such a wonderful place to live. Please remember that discharge of pool water into the street is prohibited. The water can cause damage to the street and to your neighbors' lawns and shrubs. We also remind residents that all landscapers and tree services must be licensed to do business in Upper Saddle River. Licenses can be applied for at Borough Hall and must be displayed on the trucks. We ask residents to be sure that landscaping trucks do not block the flow of traffic on the street.

June 6<sup>th</sup> is Primary Election Day. Polling places are: Districts 1 and 2 – Cavallini School Gym; District 3 – Borough Hall; Districts 4 and 5 – Presentation Church Auditorium. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registered voters who have declared a party affiliation are eligible to vote. If you are an undeclared voter, you may declare a party affiliation on Election Day and vote in the primary. We encourage all registered voters to exercise their right and vote on Primary Election Day.

## Upper Saddle River Day 2006

Scheduled to be held in Lions Park on Saturday, September 9th, USR Day 2006, will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. with a full-length feature film, which will be shown in the old "drive-in" style. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Food wristbands can be purchased in advance at the USR Library or Borough Hall for a cost of \$20 for a family of four or more, \$10 for a family of less than four, \$5 for singles, and are free for seniors (62 and over). Activities will include family games, face painting, carnival rides, a performance by the Saddle River Valley Band, a family movie and fun for all.

## Volunteers needed for USR Day Town Picnic

The USR Recreation Commission is seeking volunteers for this year's Town picnic. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2006 (a rain date of Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>).

If you would like to volunteer please contact Barry Ervin at (201) 327-7367.

## Garbage & Recycling Collections Changes - effective July 1, 2006

**New contractor: Scuffy Carting.**

\*Household waste will be picked up 2 times a week, Monday & Thursday, year round.

\*Bulky Trash will be picked up 4 times a year, March, June, September and November.

\*White Goods will be picked up once a month. Call for appointment.

Recycling collection will be picked up every other Tuesday.

See schedule on page 2.

\*Denotes change

## Lions Club Carnival Continues Until June 3

The annual Saddle River Valley Lions Charities, Inc. Carnival which began on Monday, Memorial Day, will continue each night until Saturday, June 3rd.

This year on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights all rides all night are just \$25.00. Hours of the Carnival are from 6:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. during the week and Saturday 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

At 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 3rd the name of the lucky winner of the Lions Car Raffle will be drawn. This year's winner will drive off in the brand new Vista Blue 2006 Ford Mustang Pony Edition Coupe. Car Raffle tickets are available for \$10.00 at the Carnival. The Lions thank you for your continued support of their charitable fund raising projects and look forward to seeing you at the Carnival.

## Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of June is listed in the chart below. **Please be advised that we will begin our two (2) days a week (Mondays and Thursdays) town-wide garbage pick up starting Monday, June 5th.**

Please have all refuse out by 6:30 a.m. If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall immediately and leave a message on our answering machine which is on 24 hours a day. In an effort to cut down on "pests", residents are reminded to keep lids on the garbage cans now that the warm weather is upon us.

The Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. There is always a monitor on duty to assist you.

## Youth Triathlon Street Closure Advisory for Sat., June 10, 2006

Residents living inside the "rectangle" formed by West Saddle River Road, Old Stone Church Road, East Saddle River Road and Lake Street should be aware that the USR Youth Triathlon will cause temporary street closures on Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup> morning. The race will begin at 8:00 a.m. at S.R.V. Swim and Tennis Club. The biking part of the race will proceed clock-wise down East Saddle River Rd to Lake St. to West Saddle River Rd, to Old Stone Church Rd, and back on East Saddle River Road into Lions Park.

## Garage Sales

Many residents are planning garage sales now that the warm weather has arrived. Don't forget to stop by the Borough Hall for a garage sale permit..

## Hazardous Waste Collection

The Bergen County Utilities Authority is sponsoring another Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Sunday, June 11 at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus. 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 at HHW Collections. In general you may dispose of all types of paints, fertilizers, kerosene, black-top sealer, motor oil, insecticides, fluorescent light bulbs and fire extinguishers. Please call the BCUA hotline with questions and more information at 201-807-5825.

## SRV Fellowship

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Captain Bill, Hackensack River-keeper gave us a wonderful talk. He discussed the history of the river and what is being done today to clean it up. Great talk! On April 22nd we filled a bus to Mt. Haven in Milford, PA. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Olga Makowy is making good use of our town bus. Contact Olga at 201-327-4048.

Up and coming activities:

June 20, Picnic at School

June 22, Luncheon at Ramsey Country Club.

We have 2 trips on the drawing board for October 10 and December 15. Please join us. We gained 2 more new members this month. We had more than 30 members at our meeting on April 27.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church.

## Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River thanks all those who participated in its annual luncheon fundraiser at the Ridgewood Country Club last month. It was a tremendous success.

There will be no regular meetings for the month of June and the club will resume for the next club year in September.

On June 15 at 7:00 p.m. at a member's home all will enjoy a "Tastefully Simply" experience. There will be many samples to taste of easy to prepare gourmet foods with possibility to purchase those one enjoys.

Information can be obtained by calling Judy at 201.236.8268.

### USR WASTE COLLECTIONS, JUNE 2006

<b>Garbage:</b>	<u>Monday Garbage Route</u>	<u>Thursday Garbage Route</u>
	West of W. Saddle River Rd.	East of W. Saddle River Rd. Thursday, June 1
<b><u>Town-wide Garbage Pick-up</u></b>		
	Monday, June 5	and Thursday, June 8
	Monday, June 12	and Thursday, June 15
	Monday, June 19	and Thursday, June 22
	Monday June 26	and Thursday June 29
<b>Recycling:</b>	<u>Monday Garbage Route</u>	<u>Thursday Garbage Route</u>
	Tuesday, June 13	Tuesday, June 6
	Tuesday, June 27	Tuesday, June 20

**Large Appliances:** Friday, June 2 and Friday, June 16 by appointment only.  
Please call (201) 327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

**Bulky Trash:** Friday, June 16. Please place these items at the curb no earlier than four (4) days prior to scheduled pick-up date.

## Bulky Trash Pick-up

There will be bulky trash pick-up on Friday, June 16. Please remember to put your items at the curb the night before. In general the following items are acceptable for pick-up: furniture, bicycles, porcelain toilets and sinks, carpeting, and other household goods.

Recyclables, vegetative waste, and large appliances do not get picked up with bulky trash. Building materials, fencing, posts, stones, leaves, cast iron, or automotive parts are never collected.

Please call (201) 327-2196 if you have questions.

## Lemonade Days 2006

Very Special Lemonade will be at the finish line in Lion's Park for the 3rd annual Upper Saddle River Youth Triathlon. For any children who are not ready, willing or able to put on their sneakers and bathing suit for the race can volunteer to help run Alex's Lemonade Stand. In 2000 Alex Scott announced her plans to raise money to help doctors and researchers find a cure for childhood cancer. Since then, Alex's Lemonade Stands have been set up all over the country to help fight childhood cancer one cup at a time in honor of Alex, who passed away at the age of 8. This year the national event called "Lemonade Days 2006" is the weekend of the USR Youth Triathlon. We are thrilled to be a part of the national event to encourage our USR children to volunteer and be a part of kids helping kids.

An Alex's Lemonade Stand will be run by children at the finish line in Lion's Park on June 10th, the day of the Triathlon. If you would like to volunteer to help set up and run the stand, donate some lemonade or other baked goods or solicit contributions for our USR stand, call Jennifer Glick at 201-327-0627 or email

jpglick@jeremysheroes.org. For more information about Alex's Lemonade Stands go to <http://www.alexlemonade.org/>. If you are not able to visit our stand on June 10th but would still like to donate to this wonderful cause go to [www.firstgiving.com/USRYouthTriathlon](http://www.firstgiving.com/USRYouthTriathlon).

## Strawberry Festival June 17

Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church, at 318 West Saddle River Road, will hold its annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This unique seasonal event that celebrates Upper Saddle River's history of strawberry farming is a true family "happening" that includes youngsters and oldsters, with games and activities for children; old-time piano music for their parents and grandparents; flavorful hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks; and a wonderful fresh strawberry dessert.

With sadness, the church announces that the Festival will be the last event overseen by Pastor Gary Bartlett before his departure for another parish in southern New Jersey. Bergen Highlands will welcome a new pastor, The Reverend Jennifer Russell Lovallo, currently Associate Pastor at the Wyckoff United Methodist Church, on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please celebrate the season with us, enjoy a fantastic outing with your family, and wish the Bartlett family Godspeed.



## Samantha Tanchel Wins T-Shirt Contest

The Upper Saddle River Youth Triathlon Committee has selected Samantha Tanchel as the winner of this year's Youth Triathlon T-shirt Contest. With over 30 entries it was a very difficult decision by the Triathlon Committee. Samantha will receive a new bicycle compliments of Cyclesport in Park Ridge. The Committee would like to thank all of those children that participated in this year's contest. All of the pictures will be on display at the Youth Triathlon finish line at Lions Park on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## USR Volunteer Ambulance Corps

To the residents of Upper Saddle River: The Vision 2020 survey, which you recently completed, was very positive toward the Emergency Medical Services. We want to acknowledge your favorable assessment of the Upper Saddle River Volunteer Ambulance Corps; we did not receive any poor grades. Thank you! As volunteers, we work hard, and value the appreciation of the people we serve.

Join our volunteer organization. Your commitment to our community pays off in a heartbeat! Please contact 201-327-8687 or email us at [usrvac@yahoo.com](mailto:usrvac@yahoo.com) for further information. Thank you.

## Rockin' and Reelin' in Lions Park

The USR Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a FREE evening of music and movies at Lions Park on Friday, June 16, 2006 with a rain date of Thursday, June 22, 2006. The night's activities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a DJ followed by the showing of "Zuthara" (Approx. 8:15 pm).

Please support our Boys and Girls Scouts who will be raising funds by selling hot dogs, popcorn, candy, ice cream and soda. Grab a blanket and come enjoy a family evening under the stars! For more information please contact the USR Rec. Dept. at 201-327-3634 or visit the website at [www.usrtoday.com](http://www.usrtoday.com).

## USR Fire Department

Fire Safety Tips by Chief James Levine

**Vehicle Safety;** During 2004, U.S. public fire departments responded to an estimated 266,500 highway-type vehicle fires. These fires claimed 520 lives and caused \$969 million in direct property damage. Highway vehicles include cars, trucks, motorcycles and other vehicles commonly driven on roads or highways.

**Safety Tips:** Vehicle maintenance is crucial to preventing vehicle fires. The American Automobile Association offers the following tips. Have your vehicles inspected at least annually by a trained, professional technician.

- Watch for fluid leaks under vehicles, cracked or blistered hoses, or wiring that is loose, has exposed metal or has cracked insulation. Have any of these conditions inspected and repaired as soon as possible.

- Be alert to changes in the way your vehicle sounds when running, or to a visible plume of exhaust coming from the tailpipe. A louder than usual exhaust tone, smoke coming from the tailpipe or a backfiring exhaust could mean problems or damage to the high-temperature exhaust and emission control system on the vehicle. Have vehicles inspected and repaired as soon as possible if exhaust or emission control problems are suspected.

- Avoid smoking. If you must smoke, use your vehicle ashtray.

- Drive according to posted speed limits and other traffic rules. Remain alert to changing road conditions at all times.

If a fire occurs:

- Stop – If possible, pull to the side of the road and turn off the ignition. Pulling to the side makes it possible for everyone to get out of the vehicle safely. Turn off the ignition to shut off the electric current and stop the flow of gasoline. Put the vehicle in park or set the emergency brake; you don't want the vehicle to move after you leave it. Keep the hood closed because more oxygen can make the fire larger.

- Get Out – Make sure everyone gets out of the vehicle. Then move at least 100 feet away. Keep traffic in mind and keep everyone together. There is not only danger from the fire, but also from other vehicles moving in the area.

- Call for Help – Call 9-1-1 or the emergency number for your local fire department. Firefighters are specially trained to combat vehicle fires. Never return to the vehicle to attempt to fight the fire yourself. Vehicle fires can be tricky, even for firefighters.

For further information or to become a volunteer firefighter, email Chief Levine at: [USRFD1230@prodigy.net](mailto:USRFD1230@prodigy.net)

# Coming Up In June 2006

## BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

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

MONDAY, JUNE 5

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 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, JUNE 15

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

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

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

MONDAY, JUNE 26

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, June 13*

*Tuesday, June 27*

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## SERVICE GROUPS

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 5

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

7:00 p.m. Historical Society at Old Stone Church Ed. Bldg.

MONDAYS, JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26

12:00 noon. Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

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

7:30 p.m. USR Woman's Club at Bergen Highlands Church

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

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

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