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years as a firefighter and fire chief in Carlstadt. He was sworn in on May 13th and will serve as the liaison to the Recreation Commission.

The signalization and traffic improvements to the Lake Street and West Saddle River Road intersection will begin by July. The project is being funded by Upper Saddle River and the Bergen County Improvement Authority and is designed to both alleviate traffic and allow installation of a new traffic control system, which will include an emergency vehicle response override to allow for safer passage of emergency vehicles. Improvements include the widening of the road and the construction of turn lanes. Traffic flow, emergency response time and the community's safety will be enhanced once completed late in 2009.

The fieldhouse at Lions Park is on schedule to be completed this summer. The building will have restrooms, storage, snack bar and picnic area. Under the supervision of our borough engineer, the Lions Park fields continue to be aggressively yet safely treated to promote turf quality. In addition, some minor drainage improvements will be completed by the end of the summer. Parking in certain areas of Lions Park is by permit only. If you do not currently have an "8" decal for your car, they are available at Police Headquarters. Please bring your driver's license or car registration with you to verify your residency.

Please remember that discharge of pool water into any street is prohibited. The water can cause damage to the street and to your neighbors' lawns and shrubs. We ask residents to be sure that landscaping trucks do not block the flow of traffic on the street.

June 2nd is Primary Election Day. Polling places are: Districts 1 and 2 – Cavallini School Gym; District 3 – Borough Hall; Districts 4 and 5 – Presentation Church North Room. 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.

USR Day 2009

Scheduled to be held in Lions Park on Saturday, September 12th, USR Day 2009, will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 7:00 p.m. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 13th.

Food wristbands can be purchased in advance, beginning in July, at the USR Library or Boro Hall for a cost of \$25.00 for a family up to 6, \$10.00 for an individual, and are free for seniors (62 and over) and children under 6. Tickets will also be available the day of the picnic. Activities will include family games, face painting, carnival rides, and stage performances and fun for all.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with any aspect of the coordination of this town-wide event, please call Esau Ali at 201-934-9075, Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634, e-mail Ed at (USRRecreation@aol.com). or go to our website at www.USRToday.org.

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.

CCO Inspections

The CCO inspector will be out of the office from Thursday, June 18th through Friday, July 3rd. Please plan accordingly.

Mayor and Council

At the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting on May 13th, the Municipal Budget for 2009 was introduced in the amount of \$11,268,368.00, a decrease of 2.8% from 2008. Despite the decrease, the amount to be raised by taxation will increase due to a reduction in state aid of \$93,000.00 and increases in state mandated spending. For example, the mandated municipal library contribution is up \$30,357.00 to \$1,056,878.00 this year. Insurance costs are up \$38,000.00, public safety up \$95,000.00 and garbage removal up \$33,000.00. The Mayor and Council are continuing to look for ways to decrease the impact on local taxes and are discussing a resolution stating the intent of using additional shared service options to be put to a vote in November. The municipal budget represents approximately 15% of your total tax bill. In addition, after the defeats of both school budgets on April 21st, the Mayor and Council worked with the school boards of the K-8 district and Northern Highlands along with the Allendale Mayor and Council to find ways to reduce the school tax levies without diminishing educational quality. Those recommendations were completed by May 19th as prescribed by state law.

The Mayor and Council appointed Vincent Durante to the open council seat. Vinny has three children, the youngest attends Cavallini. He and his wife, Kathie, have been residents for 12 years. Vinny is a member of the Board of Health, a commissioner on the Northwest Bergen Health Commission and has coached various sports in town. He served for 19

Cultural Center

It's a summer camp extravaganza at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center! Registration is limited. Call now to reserve your child's spot.

Preschool Summer Fun for ages 3-5 from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., June 8-12 and June 15-19 at \$160.00 per week. Your preschool may be out but ours is just beginning. Join us for a few hours of preschool fun every day.

Mystery Camp Adventure for ages 5 and up from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., June 22-26, \$160.00. Each new day will unlock a new and exciting camp experience.

Science/Nature Camp by High Touch-High Tech for ages 5 (completed kindergarten) and up from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session 1 – June 22-26, Session 2 – August 3-14 –\$175.00 for one week, \$350.00 for both weeks. Become a scientist and spend the morning exploring the world of science and nature. This camp is 100% hands-on!

Applause Theatre Camp - Our in-house theatre company will be running an exciting summer theatre program. See the theatre's summer schedule at www.applauseperformingartscenter.org.

Robotic Workshop for ages 7 and up from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., August 17-21, \$220.00. Learn how robots work, build your own, take one home! Now *this* is the way to end your summer with a bang!

NEW OFFERINGS

Art Camp (June 29-July 24), Cooking Classes (Aug. 17-28) - Call Georgia Greiner at 201-825-3366 or e-mail her at georgia@srvcc.org for more information.

Strawberry Festival

Bergen Highlands Methodist Church will be holding its annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 13th. The shortcakes are homemade with handmade ice cream and freshly picked strawberries.

Also on the menu are hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and an assortment of other strawberry delights. There will be a silent auction. Vendors will also be present selling a variety of items. The children will enjoy a ventriloquist, face painting, a piñata, and assorted crafts.

The festival runs from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bergen Highlands is located at 318 W. Saddle River Rd. Call 201-327-3960 for further information.

Upper Saddle River Library

The Upper Saddle River Library Summer Reading Clubs have many programs for children and teens this summer from June 25th-August 6th. Stop by the library and pick up a newsletter or visit our website www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org for more information.

"Be Creative @ Your Library" for children in grade 5

Read at your own pace, read what you like, drop in whenever and record your reading and earn prizes! You can even help your school win a magazine subscription this summer! Registration begins after the Kick-Off party with "Ernie & Neal" on June 25th. Children may enroll in Read to Me Club: Ages 3 to grade 1 or Read by Myself Club: grades 2-5.

Weekly Program registration begins on June 1. These include: Playtime "Drop-in" Newborns to 3 yr., Story hour/Craft for 4 yr-K, Movie Matinee "Drop-In" Gr. K-3, and book clubs for K-2, grade 3 and grades 4 & 5.

Special Program registration begins June 25th. You must be registered in a Summer Reading Club to attend these programs: Ernie & Neal Concert, June 25th; Mark the Magician, July 9th; Dinosaur Rock, July 23rd; Dinner Mystery, July 27th; Digeridoo Down Under, August 4; and Beth & Scott End of Summer Reading Club Party, August 6th.

Express Yourself @ Your Library for Teens grades 6 and up

Read at your own pace, read what you like, drop in whenever and record your reading and be entered in a weekly raffle! Going to camp? You can still participate! Registration begins after the Kick-Off party with "Ernie & Neal" on June 25th.

Programs for teens include: "Teens Talk" weekly book club, Monday Movie Night, Teen Dinner Mystery, July 30th, Karaoke Night, July 15th; Guitar Hero™, July 22nd, and End of Summer Teen Reading Club Party with Magician, Terry Parrett, August 4th.

Register for the Reading Clubs anytime after the Kick-off Party on June 25th.

Preparing for an Influenza Pandemic

Influenza is an illness caused by viruses that infect the respiratory tract of humans. This virus can cause sudden illness among humans in all age groups on a global scale. This highly contagious disease is spread through contact with droplets from the nose or mouth of an infected person. The time between exposure and onset of illness is one to five days. The signs and symptoms of influenza are rapid onset high fever, chills, sore throat, runny nose, severe headache, nonproductive cough, and intense body aches followed by extreme fatigue.

Seasonal influenza occurs annually between October and April. It causes more than 36,000 deaths and 200,000 hospitalizations every year in the United States. The most vulnerable people are the elderly, young children and, the immunocompromised (taking HIV medications, chemotherapy, or those who have had a transplant).

As a precaution, federal health officials are currently watching the global situation closely and advising communities to begin planning now for an eventual outbreak. Even though the influenza pandemics are expected, they are unpredictable and will arrive with very little warning. **So what can you do to prepare?**

1. Make an emergency kit that includes:
 - a. One gallon of water per person per day or at least 3 days for drinking and sanitation.
 - b. At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food and a can opener if kit contains canned food. Ex. Canned soup, stew, fruits, vegetables, cereal, protein bars, crackers, canned juice, peanut butter, baby food if needed, pet food if needed.
 - c. Medications and medical supplies including pain relief medications such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes, and vitamins.
2. Talk with family members and loved ones about how they would be cared for if they got sick, or what will be needed to care for them in your home.
3. Know where to get reliable information as the incident unfolds and follow instructions provided by governmental public health authorities.
4. To limit the spread of germs and prevent infection:
 - a. Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water.
 - b. Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough.
 - c. Avoid touching your face.
 - d. Stay home when you are sick.

These websites have a tremendous amount of reliable information on Pandemic Influenza.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian>

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov>

<http://www.bergenhealth.org>

<http://www.nj.pandemicflu.gov>

<http://www.usda.gov>

<http://www.redcross.org/news/ds/panflu>

*School gets out this month.
Drive carefully!*

Coming Up In June 2009

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, JUNE 1

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

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

MONDAY, JUNE 8

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

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 11

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

MONDAY, JUNE 15

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 22

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

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

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

Tuesday, June 9

Tuesday, June 23

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, JUNE 1

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, JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

7:00 p.m. Woman's Club Meeting

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

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

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