

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

It is hard to believe that summer is behind us and schools will be in session shortly. Please remember to drive safely now that the students and school buses are on the roads again.

At the June 7th Mayor and Council meeting, the resignation of Councilman Robert Proto was accepted with regret due to Rob and his family's move to Oceanport, NJ. Rob served as council liaison to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, a member of the Planning Board, and was part of the PBA negotiating committee. Our thanks to Rob for his dedication to our town and we wish him and his family all the best in their new community. By statute, when a council member is unable to finish his/her term, the municipal committee for the political party of that council member has 30 days to present 3 candidates to the Mayor and Council for consideration as a replacement. The municipal committee submitted the names of Bud Prober, Roger DeBerardine, and Joanne Minichetti for consideration. The Council selected Joanne Minichetti to serve and she was sworn in at the July 11th Mayor and Council meeting. Joanne is a 15-year resident of Upper Saddle River and an involved volunteer in our borough. She is a former PTO president, founding member of the USR Educational Foundation, President of the Board of Health, co-chair of USR Vision 2020, and a Girl Scout leader for the past 13 years. The Council appointed Joanne to be liaison to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as well as a member of the Planning Board. She will

also serve in the capacity of Mayor's representative to the Library Board of Trustees.

The Mayor and Council would like to update our residents on some of the projects that have been taking place in our borough during the summer. United Water installed a water line from Lake Street to Skyline Drive, Hillcrest Drive, Wideview Drive and Saddle Horn Drive. Negotiations with United Water enabled us to provide fire hydrant protection to this area of town. Residents in that area also have the ability to hook up to the water main for their domestic water. Repaving of the affected streets will be scheduled in our street paving program. The second phase of Old Stone Church Road was also completed this summer. New curbing and paving from Patriots Lane to Deer Horn Trail were funded through a grant from the county. Unfortunately, these two projects overlapped for a time period causing traffic inconveniences. Originally, they were to be done at separate times and we apologize for the delays but are glad that both these projects were completed prior to the start of school. Lions Park renovations are progressing on schedule. Work on the south fields has been completed and work on the north fields has begun with an anticipated completion date of November. The last phase of the project will include the construction of a field house with restrooms as well as a running track for use by the entire community. The tennis courts by the schools are scheduled to be resurfaced next year. The cracks in the courts come back every 3-4 years since the sub-surface moves. Every 4th or 5th year, money that has accumulated from the tennis clinics and courts fees is used to repair the surface at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

All residents are encouraged to attend our 7th annual Upper Saddle River Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 8th

starting at 2:00 p.m (rain date, Sunday, September 9th). The Boy Scouts will once again be cooking the picnic-style food. Community organizations will be volunteering at the games and rides. At 8:00 p.m., a movie will be shown on the fields for everyone's enjoyment. Please remember to bring your own blanket or chairs to sit on at the movie. Advanced wristbands are available for purchase at Borough Hall. We would like to thank the USR Recreation Commission for all their hard work once again putting on such a wonderful community event. Look for additional details on the enclosed flyer.

Upper Saddle River Day 2007

Scheduled to be held in Lions Park on Saturday, September 8th, USR Day 2007, 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 9th.

Food wristbands can be purchased in advance at the USR Library or Borough Hall for a cost of \$25 for a family up to 6, \$10 for an individual, and are free for seniors (62 and over) and children under 6. Activities will include family games, face painting, carnival rides, a performance by the Saddle River Valley Band, a family movie and fun for all.

Sign up to participate in our new walking program, The Path to Fitness. Receive pedometer, walking log and T-shirt. All ages – no fee.

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 or Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634 (USRRecreation@aol.com). Or go to our website at www.USRToday.com.

Shade Tree Commission

The Upper Saddle River Shade Tree Commission has openings for volunteers. If you would be interested in serving on this Commission, please submit a letter of interest and background to the Mayor and Council, 376 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458.

Garbage and Recycling

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

The garbage will continue to be picked up twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays. **There will not be garbage pick-up on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day. The next pick-up will be on Thursday, September 6th.** Please place your commingled bottles, cans and plastics in a reusable container. Newspapers, junk mail and cardboard should be tied into bundles. 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.

Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River will be assisting at the town's picnic in Lion's Park on Saturday, September 8th. Information about the club will be handed out to interested women.

The first meeting for the new club year will be an appreciation dinner, for the board members, at the former president's home on Tuesday, September 11th.

The first official general meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2nd, at a restaurant which will be announced at a later time. Members watch your newsletter for details. The board decided to render a more social atmosphere, to have meetings in restaurants instead of the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church as in the past.

At the past convention of the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs in Atlantic City, the new co-president, Sally Zellof, was, for a second time, honored for her undying devotion to the cause of volunteerism through her club. She was inducted into the prestigious "Order of the Lily".

Hazardous Waste Collection

The Bergen County Utilities Authority is sponsoring another Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, September 8th 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 at HHW Collections.

In general you may dispose of all types of paints, fertilizers, kerosene, blacktop sealer, motor oil, insecticides, fluorescent light bulbs and fire extinguishers.

USR Basketball Seeks Coaches

The USR Basketball Association is looking for adults who would like to get involved in coaching the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade instructional program and 5/6th, 7/8th and High School recreation program for girls and boys. These programs will be greatly enhanced with enthusiastic adult involvement.

For more information, please call Marshall Grupp at 212-388-1231 or e-mail at mgrupp@soundlounge.com.



USR Board of Health

Calling all walkers! Be sure to stop by the Board of Health table at USR Day on Saturday, September 8th to sign up for our new walking program, *The Path to Fitness*. Children, families, senior citizens or teams comprised of neighborhoods or local organizations can participate without a fee. You can also sign up at Borough Hall or learn more on the Borough's website, www.USRToday.com. Don't wait—participants will be limited to the first 250.

Each participant will receive a pedometer, a walking log and a T-shirt. Just get out and walk and record your progress. In June 2008 we'll be having a follow up meeting to recognize our most dedicated participants.

It's simple and fun. Walking can be done anywhere but the new track at Lions Field will be ready this fall, why not give it a try?

Federal guidelines suggest Americans engage in regular physical activity and reduce sedentary activities to promote health, psychological well being, and a healthy body weight. A doctor's okay is always recommended before embarking on a new exercise program.

- To avoid chronic health problems, engage in at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity, above usual activity, on most days of the week.
- For most people, greater health benefits can be obtained by engaging in physical activity of more vigorous intensity or longer duration.
- To prevent gradual, unhealthy body weight gain in adulthood, engage in approximately 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity activity on most days of the week while not exceeding caloric intake requirements.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, SEPTEMBER 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.

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Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, September 4	Tuesday, September 11
Tuesday, September 18	Tuesday, September 25

Large Appliances: Thursday, September 6, by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash: The next Bulky Trash pick up will be Wednesday, September 19, 2007. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick up date.



Girl's Recreation Basketball Program

With the growing success of the boys' recreation basketball program at Northern Highlands, the Upper Saddle River Basketball Association, the Ho-Ho-Kus Basketball Association and the Allendale Basketball Association are announcing the creation of a high school recreation basketball program for girls from 9-12th grade. Information about registration will be announced in the future. All parents who are interested in volunteering as coaches please contact Marshall Grupp at mgrupp@soundlounge.com or 212-388-1231.

Saddle River Valley Fellowship

Welcome back! We hope you had a fun filled summer with family and friends. The new year begins on Thursday, September 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church. The Harmonicats will be entertaining us. On September 27th our speaker will discuss Post Office theft.

Put on your calendars that we will be going to an Octoberfest on October 17th. The cost is \$38.00.

Please come and join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. We had a great year 2006-2007, 2007-2008 has bigger and better things.

Come and meet some new people and rekindle some old friendships.

Story Time at the USR Library

Girl Scout Troop #953 is working on earning their Silver Award. For their project they are putting on a STORY TIME SHOW at the USR Library! The shows will take place on September 15th and 22nd. There will be two different show times on each day, one at 10:30 a.m. and one at 12:00 noon. Each show will last approximately 45 minutes, with refreshments afterwards.

The troop will be acting out the stories "Little Red Riding Hood," "The Three Little Pigs," and "The Untold Story of the Three Little Pigs." There is no fee, however the troop does request that you bring a new or gently used book to donate to needy children. Come to the show and have a great time while helping Troop #953 earn their badge. For more information a flyer is posted in the USR Library. We hope to see you there!

Upper Saddle River Library

Programs for Adults:

Ribbon Cutting for the Young Adult (teen) Solarium.

Sunday, September 16th at 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Come celebrate with us! A place for our teens to read, use computers and have small meetings, donated by the Friends of the USR Library.

David Linden House Dedication

Tuesday, September 4th at 7:30 p.m., all are welcome. In memory of David Linden, his family has donated the funds to build a wonderful new playhouse; a place to read or be read to, a place to play, a place to pretend.

How to Enjoy NYC Inexpensively & Imaginatively

Thursday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. Free program, registration required. Howard Goldberg, president of Adventure on a Shoestring will talk about enjoying NYC without going broke.

Blogging Computer Class

Monday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. or Tuesday, September 18th at 10:15 a.m. \$10 fee, (non USR cardholder \$15) Registration required.

Mail Merge Computer Class: Creating Mailing Lists & Labels

Monday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. or Tuesday, September 25th at 10:15 a.m. \$10 fee, (non USR cardholder \$15). Registration required.

Downloading Free eAudiobooks

A free class. Pick one evening or morning session, Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 20th at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 18th at 11:00 a.m. Learn how to download over 1200 free eAudiobooks to a computer or MP3 player using your BCCLS Library card. Required prerequisite: Library catalog searching skills. Must bring a valid BCCLS library card.

What to Read Next

A free class. Pick an evening or morning session, Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday, September 27th at 11:00 a.m. Learn how to use the Library's on-line resources to find book recommendations for individuals and Book Group leaders.

Programs for Children:

Children's Story hours & Clubs: Fall Session Sept. 17 – Dec. 6th

Registration begins September 10th

Drop-in Playtime for Newborns to 3 and a half years olds.

Wednesday 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., September 19th – December 5th, no program November 21st.

Preschool 3 Year Olds

Mondays 1:00 – 1:45 pm, September 17th – December 3rd, no program October 8th and November 19th

Preschool 4-5 Year Olds

Tuesdays 1:00 – 1:45 p.m., September 18th – December 4th, no program November 20th

Bookraft Grade K

Thursdays 3:15 – 4:00 p.m., September 20th – December 6th, no program November 22nd

Book Club Grade 1-2

Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:00 p.m., September 25th – December 4th, no program November 20th

Book Club Grade 3

Tuesdays 4:00 – 4:45 p.m., September 25th – December 4th, no program November 20th

Book Club Grades 4&5

Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., September 26th – December 5th, no program October 31st and November 21st

USR Library's 3rd Annual Dog Show

Saturday, September 29th at 1:00 p.m. Registration required. No fee.

Upper Saddle River PTO

Upper Saddle River PTO hosts The American Girl Fashion Show at the Park Ridge Marriott on Sunday, November 18th – 11:30 a.m. (Brunch) and 3:00 p.m. (Afternoon Lunch). Come celebrate the experience of being a girl through a colorful presentation of styles of yesterday and today. Tickets are \$50. For more information, call 201-760-8836 or visit www.USRPTO.com.

Schools open. Drive carefully.

Coming Up In September 2007

BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
*5:30 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall
6:30 p.m. Mayor and Council, Regular Session at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
6:30 p.m. Environmental Committee Meeting at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Board of Health Meeting at Borough Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Special Meeting at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
8:00 p.m. Planning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

* denotes change.

SERVICE GROUPS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting
7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24
12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. Adult Walk-in Clinic at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill
7:30 p.m. SRV Jr. Woman's Club Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

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

Tuesday, September 11

Tuesday, September 25

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