

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.

The Mayor and Council would like to update our residents on some of our on-going projects. Lions Park field renovations have been completed. The walking path is available for use by all residents. The plans for the field house with restrooms have been received and bids will be accepted for the construction. The tennis courts by the schools were resurfaced in August. 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 \$25,000.00.

All residents are encouraged to attend our 8th annual Upper Saddle River Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 6th starting at 2:00 p.m. (rain date, Sunday, September 7th). The Boy Scouts will once again be cooking the picnic-style food. Community organizations will be volunteering at the games and rides. Advanced wristbands are available for purchase at Borough Hall and the USR Library. We would like to thank the Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission for all their hard work once again putting on such a wonderful community event. Look for additional details on the enclosed flyer.

All residents are welcome to attend the Upper Saddle River Ambulance Corps Wet-Down on Saturday, September 20th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be

children's games, food, treats, and a band. This is the 50th Anniversary of our Ambulance Corps. The new ambulance will be christened at the Wet-Down. Please join our wonderful volunteer members for this exciting event.

The newly formed Upper Saddle River Historic Preservation Commission is up and running. They will be meeting with the owners of historic homes and providing them with commemorative plaques. The emphasis of the Upper Saddle River Historic Preservation Commission is on education for the community. They want to stress the importance of these sites and help people to preserve these important pieces of history for our Borough. They will be working with homeowners, builders and the Borough's Building Department to help retain our Borough's historical buildings and sites.

Sept. 11th Memorial Service

The Mayor and Council invite all community members to attend a Memorial Service on Thursday, September 11th at 8:30 a.m. The service will be held at the Memorial Gazebo at Liberty Park, Hopper Farm Road and Old Stone Church Road.

Tax Payment Reminder

The grace period for 3rd quarter 2008 tax payment has been extended to September 5, 2008. Payments received after September 5, 2008 will be charged interest from August 1, 2008.

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Upper Saddle River Day 2008

Scheduled to be held in Lions Park on Saturday, September 6th, USR Day 2008, will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 7:00 p.m. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 7th.

Food wristbands can be purchased in advance at the USR Library or Borough 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 contact Esau Ali at 201-934-9075 or Ed Gartner at 201-327-3634 (USRRecreation@aol.com) or visit our website www.USRToday.org.

Become A Shade Tree Commission Member

The Upper Saddle River Shade Tree Commission is currently looking for new members. The Commission is made up of volunteers who are residents of the Borough and appointed by the Mayor. If you appreciate the value of trees and want to contribute to the community, please consider becoming a Shade Tree volunteer. No experience is necessary, just a firm commitment to preserving our town's forestry. Please send your letter of interest to the Mayor and Council. For additional information, please contact the Shade Tree Commission Office: 201-327- 8923.

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.

Please call Marshall Grupp at 212-388-1231 or e-mail Marshall at mgrupp@soundlounge.com.

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 Labor Day, Monday, September 1st. The next pick-up will be on Thursday, September 4th.** The recycling will remain on the same schedule, every other Tuesday. All refuse should be out by 6:30 a.m. Please make sure all garbage is placed into bags and tied closed. We do not want loose garbage blowing out of the cans or the garbage trucks.

Please be sure not to have your garbage or driveway blocked by any cars or trucks. If there is a 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. 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.

Check Your Heating System Now

PSE&G is recommending that its customers test their heating systems now, before the chilly weather arrives. If there's a problem, PSE&G will come out to check and light the pilot -- at no charge -- through September 7.

With the cost of natural gas on the rise, one of the best things residents can do is to get their heating system checked to ensure it is working properly and at top efficiency. By testing your heating systems early, you will be prepared for the cold weather ahead. PSE&G will be able to respond more quickly now than when a large volume of calls comes in on that first chilly morning.

Hazardous Waste

The Bergen County Utilities will be holding a hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine, at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah. This 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. The next collection date is Sunday, October 19th at Bergen Community College at 400 Paramus Road, Paramus.

In general, you may dispose of all types of paints, fertilizers, kerosene, blacktop sealer, motor oil, insecticides, fluorescent light bulbs and batteries. Please call the BCUA hotline with questions and for more information at 201-807-5825.

Girls' 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.

USR Fall Tennis Clinics Registration

Registration is now being accepted for the 2008 fall tennis clinics. There will be one 5-week session to be held at the Wickersham Tennis Courts, located in front of the Reynolds School. The clinics will be held on Wednesdays beginning on September 3rd. The cost for the entire 5-week session is \$90.00. Registration forms are available at Borough Hall or on the Borough website at www.USRtoday.org. For more information, please call the USR Recreation Department at 201-327-3634 or email at USRRecreation@aol.com.

Path to Fitness

Hope everyone has enjoyed participating in the USR Path to Fitness. It's been almost one year since over 400 USR residents resolved to start an active and healthy lifestyle.

We will be wrapping up the year long program at USR Day, on Saturday, September 6th. If you participated in the program, please drop off your walking log book at Boro Hall during business hours before the 5th. You can also bring them to the Board of Health table at Lions Park at USR Day before 3:00 p.m. on the 6th. We'll be drawing a raffle and awarding prizes at 4:00 p.m. No need to be present - but you will need to bring us your walking log to be eligible for a prize.

Although we are wrapping up the year, we hope everyone will continue walking. You are now on a successful exercise program, keep it up and stay healthy!

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, SEPTEMBER 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.

****NOTE: There will not be garbage pick-up on Labor Day, Monday, September 1st.**

The next pick-up will be on Thursday, September 4th.

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, September 2	Tuesday, September 9
Tuesday, September 16	Tuesday, September 23
Tuesday, September 30	

Large Appliances: Thursday, September 4th by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is Thursday, October 2nd.

Bulky Trash: The Bulky Trash will be collected on Friday, September 12, 2008. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick-up date. The next Bulky Trash pick-up will be Friday, November 14, 2008.

Craft Exhibit at the Library

Are you a crafter living in Upper Saddle River? The USR Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a craft exhibit featuring our local artists during the month of November. All mediums are welcome and each artist may exhibit up to 2 pieces of their original work. You are also welcome to participate in a one-day craft boutique on November 1st. If you are an Upper Saddle River cardholder and crafts person, we would like to invite you to participate in this show. For more information, please contact Barbara Kruger at 201-327-2583 or kruger@bccls.org.

Senior Fellowship Group

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a great summer with your family and friends. It's time to come back to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church and join with old friends and new friends.

Come to the meetings to see and hear what our group is doing. We have some very good speakers and some great entertainers. We have several day trips planned, which we are sure you will find to be fun.

Hope to see you on September 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Cultural Center

Strike up some September fun! Karate classes are beginning at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center this month. We also have an artist exhibit and reception. More enrichment classes and theatre programs begin in October. Call today for a brochure!

Karate begins on September 6th on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. for ages 5 and up. Build self-esteem, confidence and listening skills while learning respect and discipline with Sensei Sue. Students will be tested every six weeks. Green belts and above will have additional class time from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at \$160.00 for 12 weeks.

Family Karate - Parents who join a child pay half price (\$80.00). What a wonderful way to spend quality time with your child. **REGISTER EARLY!!! Space is limited.**

Remember that it's not just performance arts at the Cultural Center. Join us to celebrate the fine arts, too. There will be a local art show and exhibit featuring the unique works of Nora Winn from September 1-30. All are welcome. Free. There will also be an Artist's Reception on Sunday, September 14th from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Free.

Upper Saddle River Library

Adult Programs

How to Write a College Application Essay Sept. 16th at 7:00 p.m.

College bound students, bring a rough draft of your application essay as well as the college application essay question. Essays will be critiqued that evening.

Using the College Center On-line Database Sept. 24th at 7:00 p.m. or Sept. 25th at 11:00 a.m.

For students and adults, learn how to use the Library's on-line resources to begin your college search, take a practice SAT test, and find information on available scholarships and financial aid.

Chat & Stitch at the USR Library Wednesdays at 12:00 noon

Drop in and relax with your current needlework project. Coffee available.

Beads by Blanche Sept. 23rd from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of bead stringing. Create a necklace or bracelet and learn the basics of design. \$40.00 fee for materials.

New for Fall- Coffee Talk Book Group Beginning Oct 9th at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a new and exciting book group. With three different personalities moderating the group, it's sure to make for lively conversation. Caffeine provided! Group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. First book – *The Lace Reader* by *Brunonia Barry*.

Children's Programs

Purl Jam Beginning Sept. 25th at 3:00 p.m.

Calling all YA knitters- or anyone who wants to learn! Join us at the library on Thursdays after school at 3:00 p.m. for our Purl Jam. For information contact kathleen.mcgrail@bccls.org.

Doing Homework at the Library (or at home)

Learn how to use the on-line catalog and learn about the many on-line databases that are useful for doing homework and projects on thousands of topics. Registration is required.

Grade 4-5, Mon., Sept. 15th at 6:00 p.m. or Tues., Sept. 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Grade 6-up, Mon., Sept. 15th at 7:00 p.m. or Tues., Sept. 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Drop-In Playtime for newborn to 3½ Wed., Sept. 24th – Dec. 3rd from 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Unstructured play, plus circle time, rhymes, songs and stories. A craft for children 2 & up.

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.

The Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River will be starting their new fundraising year with the Annual Mums Plus Sale this September.

The large beautiful mums in assorted colors and decorative kale can be ordered by calling Barbara at 201-825-0207. Orders must be received by Friday, September 12th. Pick-up and delivery will be on Tuesday, September 16th.

The club is going to have their first meeting on Tuesday, October 7th, 7:30 p.m. at the USR Library. The meeting is opened to all local women. Any one interested in coming to the meeting or finding out more about the club can call Sally at 201-825-1464 or Barbara at 201-825-0207.

SRV Junior Woman's Club

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club invites women interested in learning more about the organization to its next meeting Wednesday, September 24th. Please contact Joanne at 201-327-1080 for more details. The club is comprised of women who share a desire to improve the lives of others within and beyond the borders of our community. We work to make a difference.

Schools open. Drive Carefully!

Coming Up In September 2008

BOROUGH BOARDS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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, SEPTEMBER 11

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

SERVICE GROUPS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 8, 15, 22 & 29

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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 25

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

Tuesday, September 9

Tuesday, September 23

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