

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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A Message from the Mayor and Council

Potential Sewer Service: 196 residential property owners have received a survey from the Borough inquiring as to their interest in hooking up to a public sewer system. If you have not been sent this survey, you are not eligible at this time. The owners who do qualify reside south of Lake Street, west of Union to the Saddle River border and east of Route 17. The Borough will not be sending out additional notices about this opportunity. If you are in the pilot area and need further information, call Borough Administrator, Ted Preusch, at 201-327-2196, extension 227. Connecting to the sewer system will not impact your use of well water.

November 3rd Election: Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. Residents are encouraged to exercise their right to vote. The ballot will include a municipal question, *"Shall the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper Saddle River continue to explore and, where appropriate, implement shared municipal services with neighboring towns and other municipalities within the County of Bergen?"* The Mayor and Council are continuing to explore ways to keep municipal expenditures down without jeopardizing the excellent services our residents have come to expect. If you have questions as to your polling location or want more information about the municipal question, please call Rose Vido, Borough Clerk, at 201-327-2196.

Upper Saddle River Day: We would like to thank the Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission for the outstanding job they did coordinating Upper Saddle River Day. We would also like to thank the members of our Department of Public Works for their hard work throughout the day. The Boys Scouts did a marvelous job of cooking for everyone who attended the picnic. Once again, this was a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and spend quality time as a town. Volunteer groups and service organizations donated their time and efforts to provide a remarkable community event.

October is National Fire Prevention Month: For your own safety and the safety of our volunteers, we would like to remind residents to properly maintain their burglar and fire alarm systems. Please test your systems on a regular basis (check with your alarm company for instructions on how to test the system). Approximately 60% of our fire calls are due to false alarms. Currently, the first two false alarms at a residence carry a warning. Fines are levied on subsequent false alarms. Please remember that our Fire Department, the Ambulance Corps and Rescue Squad are primarily staffed by volunteers who generously give their time to help us all. For more information on fire safety, visit <http://www.usrfd.org/safety.html>.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are vital to the well-being of our community. If you are interested in serving on one of our municipal boards, please write a letter expressing your interest to Ted Preusch, Borough Administrator, at 376 West Saddle River Road. Additional members are currently needed on the Upper Saddle River Board of Health.

Career Development: Dr. G. Jeremiah Ryan, President of Bergen Community College, attended the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council on September 9th to explain opportunities for career development currently being offered at the college. Bergen County residents who have been employed for at least two years, but who are currently unemployed, senior citizens (age 65 or above), members of the NJ National Guard, and active Volunteer Fire, Ambulance Corps, and Rescue Squad members are being offered a chance to enroll for credit tuition-free. There are also scholarships available. Limitations may apply. For more information, e-mail Sharon Goldstein, Ph.D., at sgoldstein@bergen.edu.

Sincerely,

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

November 3, 2009 -General Election

The last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Registration forms are currently available at the Borough Hall weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On October 13th, voter registration forms may be picked up and completed at the Upper Saddle River Police Department from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Note the following polling places.

District 1 & 2 - Cavallini School
Gymnasium
District 3 - Borough Hall
District 4 & 5 - Presentation Church,
North Room

USR Police Department

The Upper Saddle River Police Department would like to offer the following safety tips to make this Halloween a safe and enjoyable one.

- Wear light colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective tape to the sides, front and back of costume.
- Make sure children can see well through masks or use cosmetics to create fun or scary faces.
- Adults should accompany young children.
- Go out during daylight hours and carry a flashlight if you go out at night.
- Stay within your neighborhood and only visit homes that you know.
- Always be aware of traffic and look before you cross the street.
- Only give and accept wrapped candy.
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat and throw out any unwrapped candy.
- Keep costumed children away from pets. The pets may not recognize the child and may become frightened.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props, such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber, which is soft and flexible.

Household Hazardous Waste

Bergen County Utilities Authority will hold their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Sunday, October 4th at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus. The hours are 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. rain or shine. It is open to all Bergen County residents. Please bring identification.

The last HHW collection for this year is on Saturday, November 21st Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah.

SRVJCO

The Saddle River Valley Jewish Community Organization will be holding its annual membership breakfast in a member's home on Wednesday, October 21st. Organized in 1992, the SRVJCO is a non-profit organization promoting Jewish unity in the Saddle River Valley through social gatherings, community service projects and fundraising efforts. Yearly events include food, clothing and toy drives, family Chanukah party, social gatherings and an annual boutique night. If you are new to the area and would like information about our organization, or are already in the area and would like to join us, please call Elizabeth at 201-825-2329.

Wine & Cheese Soiree

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club will be hosting a Wine & Cheese Soiree on Wednesday evening, October 28, 2009. This night is for women who are interested in becoming a member. If you have been looking to give back to the community, come join us for an evening of fun and learn about what we do. For more details, please call Denise Mercier at 201-825-1947.

Garbage and Recycling

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

The garbage will continue to be picked up twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays. 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. If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall by 10:00 a.m. the following day.

If you have any questions, please call 201-327-2196 Monday—Friday, between 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Election Day Spaghetti Dinner

Once again, Boy Scout Troop 133 of Upper Saddle River is holding its popular Election Day Spaghetti Dinner. The meal consists of salad, Italian bread, spaghetti, dessert and a beverage. Dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Old Stone Church Educational Building on East Saddle River Road in Upper Saddle River. Take-out is available.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10.00, or may be purchased ahead of time from any Boy Scout, at the Upper Saddle River Library, or by calling Jill at 201-785-0648.

Money which is raised from this event is used to help pay for awards, medals, and patches earned by the boys, as well as the Eagle Scout ceremony. Funds also go into subsidizing outings such as white water rafting and camping trips.

The Scouts urge you to come out and support them on Tuesday, November 3rd. The dinner is lots of fun, the food is delicious, and the money raised will help the Scouts continue to offer their many programs to Upper Saddle River's young men.

4th Quarter Taxes Due November 1

The Tax Office wishes to remind residents that fourth quarter taxes are due on or before November 1st. Upper Saddle River offers a ten-day grace period. State law requires interest be charged after that, calculated from the actual due date.

Cutest Baby Contest Winners

The Saddle River Valley's Junior Woman's Club selected the cutest baby by tallying votes from those attending Upper Saddle River Day. The First Place winner was Gabriella Galimi, daughter of Celia and Paul Galimi of USR. The winning baby received a gift certificate to Buy Buy Baby and mom received a basket of hair products as well as a gift certificate to North Salon donated by Eric, of North Salon in Saddle River. Second place was baby Anna Musolino also of USR and honorable mention to Jonathan DeGregorio also of USR. Our thanks to all who participated.

Also, the Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club would like to thank everyone who donated to the book drive. It was a huge success. We have received close to 1000 books. They will be donated to schools in the area in need of books. We would also like to thank the Saddle River Post Office for allowing us to use their facility as a book drop.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, OCTOBER 2009

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: W. Saddle River Rd. & west East of W. Saddle River Rd.
Tuesday, October 13 Tuesday, October 6
Tuesday, October 27 Tuesday, October 20

Large Appliances: Thursday, October 1st by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up. The next pick-up is November 5th.

Bulky Trash: The next bulky trash pick-up will be Friday, November 13, 2009.

Historic Preservation Commission

Upper Saddle River's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) was established to help protect buildings listed on the Borough Inventory of Historic Sites from demolition or major alteration that would destroy historic value, to encourage owners of those buildings to explore alternatives to demolition and to foster pride in the community and its historic past. Upper Saddle River is rich with history and its historical buildings and sites add greatly to the town's charm.

The HPC is making available historic markers for eligible historic homes. Homes must be listed on the Upper Saddle River Inventory of Historic Homes and/or the Bergen County Survey of Historic Sites. Almost all of these homes were built before 1900. Members of the Commission have been contacting homeowners of eligible homes and explaining the program to them.

At Upper Saddle River Day, ten historic homes and sites were recognized. Mayor Gabbert and members of the HPC presented handsome plaques to those who had registered their homes. Several additional homes have registered since the first plaques were ordered. Homes that received their markers are: the Hennion House, built in the early 1700s; the Post Mill, circa 1800; the Bush Mill, circa 1800; the Old Stone church, built 1819; the Old Stone Parsonage, circa 1882; the A. W. Demarest house, circa 1880; David Carlough House, circa 1838; H. Goetschius House, circa 1861; the One Room School House (Borough Hall), built 1896; the Hopper-Goetschius House, built 1739; the Van Buskirk house, circa 1830.

Later this month, members of the HPC and Eagle Scout, Andrew Richardi, will bring the markers to the correct locations and help with the installation in the coming weeks. Part of his Eagle Scout project, Ricchardi will also be creating an educational coloring book including pictures and information on the registered homes.

There are 42 historic home and 8 other historic sites in Upper Saddle River. For more information on the program, visit www.usrtoday.org or contact Bill Yeomans at wyeomans@optonline.net.

Department of Public Works

Brush pick-up will continue through October. The brush MUST be tied in manageable bundles or it will not be picked up. If you have any questions, please call the DPW at 201-934-3974.

Harvest Festival & Petting Zoo

Fall is here, the crops are in, and there's work to be done to get ready for winter. In early America it was also a time to be joyful. Take time to celebrate the bounty of the harvest on Sunday, October 4th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum's Annual Harvest Festival. The event is free to members. There is a nominal charge for non-members. Young people 18 and under are free.

Enjoy a variety of activities for children and adults. A Petting Zoo with goats and lambs, donkeys, ducks, chickens and bunnies as well as Pony Rides will be in perfect company with demonstrations of colonial crafts spinning, chair caning, wood carving, quilting, bobbin lace making and rug braiding. Watch the cider pressing in the old Dutch barn and enjoy a taste of fresh cider. Taste one of yesteryear's recipes cooked over the open-hearth fire in the out kitchen.

Did you know that the gypsies used to camp in town? This year be sure to visit our fortune teller and find out what your future holds.

There'll be old-fashioned games and activities for children. The Model A Club will be displaying vintage cars. And come see the early Fordson and Farmall tractors added to the museum's collections last year. Everyone can try their luck guessing the weight of the Giant Pumpkin.

The Museum and Barn will be open for special tours. The Hopper Goetschius House Museum is located on the corner of East Saddle River Road and Lake Street.

SRV Senior Fellowship Group

It was so good to see so many members at our first meeting. Everyone had a great time catching up with each other. Our program on September 24th was a great success.

Our meetings for October will be very exciting. On October 8th we will have a speaker from the Red Cross. On October 22nd we will have a return performance of Mary Stella. She always gives us a fun time. Please make sure you all come to enjoy our programs.

We will resume collecting cancelled stamps, tabs from cans and coupons for the servicemen and women. We have received positive vibes from these projects.

Don't forget meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. at Bergen Highlands Methodist Church. See you there!

Basketball Recreation Programs

The Upper Saddle River Basketball Association will hold in-person registration for the 2009-2010 basketball season on Saturday, October 17th and 24th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the USR Borough Hall. Registration fee is \$125.00 per player. There is a discount offered to any family with 2 or more children registered in the 2-8 grade programs. Mail in registration is available and all forms can be downloaded at usrbasketball.com. Deadline for mail in registration is November 6th for grades 2-8 and December 7th for high school recreation. There will be no exceptions made. Any questions, contact Marshall Grupp at mgrupp@soundlounge.com or 212-388-1212.

USR Basketball Travel Tryouts

There will be tryouts for the USR Basketball travel teams, grades 4th-8th boys and girls the week of Monday October 12th through Monday October 19th. Check the website usrbasketball.com for all times and gyms for your perspective grades.

Borough Zoning Codes

In an effort to keep Upper Saddle River as pristine as possible and to help improve the environment for everyone, we wish to remind you of the following:

- Pumping pool water or discharging rainwater or any other water from your property into the street, road or onto any other property is in violation of Borough Code §122-18.
- Storage of boats, campers, watercraft of any type, mobile homes, etc. are not permitted to be kept in front of any property. Only one of these "vehicles" may be parked in the R-1 or R-2 Residential District, provided that such vehicle does not exceed 36' in length and may not be occupied while parked. Vehicles as described in the Code may be stored within a fully enclosed building/garage on the property or screened from view behind the residence as stipulated in Borough Code §150-25.

The Codes of the Borough of Upper Saddle River can also be accessed on-line at USRToday.org.

Free Rabies Clinic-November 16

Upper Saddle River's annual free rabies clinic has been scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse across from Borough Hall on West Saddle River Road.

For further information please contact the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission at 201-445-7217.

Coming Up In October 2009

BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

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, OCTOBER 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, OCTOBER 15

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

SERVICE GROUPS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

MONDAYS, OCTOBER 5, 12, 19, 26

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

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

Tuesday, October 13

Tuesday, October 27

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