

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council would like to remind all residents that Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2006. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Districts 1 and 2 vote at Cavallini Middle School Gym, District 3 votes at Borough Hall and Districts 4 and 5 vote at Presentation Church. Please exercise your right to vote!

As a safety reminder, road conditions have changed with the end of daylight savings time and the leaves beginning to fall. Please exercise additional caution while driving to protect everyone in our community.

In response to a mailing sent by the Friends of the Library, the Mayor and Council would like to clarify some of the information contained in that mailing.

Every year, the Upper Saddle River Borough Council goes through a rigorous budget review in an effort to minimize the tax impact on our residents. During the 2006 process, the Council recognized a glaring expenditure that we felt needed to be addressed. The State of New Jersey mandates support to a local public library of three tenth of a mill of equalized assessed value while refusing to fund this mandate. Upper Saddle River's mandated amount for 2006 is \$862,000 of local tax dollars or 8.6% of our total municipal budget. This expenditure has grown from \$423,000 or 5% of the municipal budget in 1998. In 2007, the anticipated expenditure will be close to a million dollars, up another \$80,000 over 2006.

Upper Saddle River is a very desirable community because we have built a superior school system and we maintain a consistently low municipal tax rate. However, because property values continue to rise our tax ratables also continue to climb and even with a stable population base, the allotment to the Library continues to increase at double-digit rates.

In an effort to offset this ever increasing allotment, the Council originally sought to collect rent from the library. A lease was mailed to the Library Board of Trustees asking them to pay rent for the use of the building. No legal action was ever taken against the Library and at no time were services endangered. When the rent issue was deemed contrary to state law, the Borough Council and Library Board of Trustees entered into negotiations in order to find a mutually agreeable way for some of this allotment to be recaptured by the Borough. An agreement in principal has been agreed upon to have the Library assume all costs paid for by the Borough on behalf of the Library. These costs include outstanding bond payments for the 1992 and 2003 additions as well as employee pension and insurance costs, routine trash collection, snow removal and associated overhead. These monies were anticipated in the 2006 municipal budget and were deducted from the amount of taxes raised for municipal purposes.

During the investigation of Library finances by the Borough Council, several apparent improprieties came to light. As reflected in the Library Board's minutes, these include violations of the Local Public Contracts Law, hiring practices, and the handling of surplus funds. The Library Board has agreed to correct these improprieties and advise the Borough Council of the steps taken for remediation.

Youth Guidance Council

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is sponsoring a Conference Day Roller Skating Party on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. This will be a private party open to all Upper Saddle River children only, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at The Rink, Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale. Adult chaperones will be provided so parents can attend their conferences. Admission and regular skate rental is \$5.00 per person. In-line skate rental is an additional \$3.00. This event is a fund raiser for the Youth Guidance Council so that we may continue to fund the D.A.R.E. program as well as other anti-drug and anti-violence programs and activities for the youth of our community. Pick up is promptly at 11:30 a.m. as a public session at The Rink begins immediately after our session.

For more information, please contact Barbara Ripston at (201) 825-3894.

Adult Basketball Open Gym

The Adult open play basketball program will again be held on Thursday nights from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. beginning October 12th at the Cavallini School gymnasium. The program is open to adult residents in the Northern Highlands school district.

For more information contact the USR Recreation Commission at 201-327-3634 or visit the USR website at <http://www.usrtoday.com>.

Property Taxes Due

Upper Saddle River property taxes are due November 1 with a ten-day grace period. Payments made by mail should be addressed to: Tax Collector, Borough of Upper Saddle River, 376 W. Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458. New Jersey State Law requires that taxes received after the grace period be charged interest from the due date.



Flu Vaccination Clinic - November 8

The flu vaccination clinic has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Presentation, 271 West Saddle River Road.

All persons ages 65 and over, ages 18 - 64 with a chronic health condition accompanied by a note from their physician and pregnant women with a note from their physician are able to receive the vaccination.

Please bring your Medicare Part B card. If you do not have a Medicare Part B card there will be a \$20.00 fee.

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

Garbage and Recycling

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

The garbage will continue to be picked up twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays year round. There will not be garbage pick up on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23. The garbage will be picked up on the following Monday, November 27. Recycling will remain on the same schedule, every other Tuesday. All refuse must be out by 6:30 a.m.

If you think you have been missed for a pick-up, please call the Borough Hall by 10 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 a.m. to noon. A monitor is on duty to assist you.

Saddle River Valley

Jewish Community Organization

The Saddle River Valley Jewish Community Organization is currently conducting our annual membership drive. For information please contact Elizabeth 201-825-0592.

USR Recreation Commission

2007 Ski Trips

The Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will sponsor four (4) all day Saturday ski trips in 2007. The first trip will be to Belleayre Mountain on Saturday January 6th, then to Windham Mountain on January 13th, then to Mount Snow in Vermont on Saturday January 20th and the final trip to Stratton Mountain on Saturday February 3rd, 2007. There will be no ski trip on January 27th, the SAT test weekend. The program is open to those ski enthusiasts in the 6th through 12th grades for those students attending Ho-ho-kus schools, Brookside and Northern Highlands in Allendale, Cavallini in Upper Saddle River and those students who reside in the Borough of USR and attend other schools. The cost of the program for all 4 trips including luxury coach transportation, lifts, lunch for all trips and breakfast, lunch and dinner for the Vermont trip is \$380. Students may sign up for individual trips, the cost of which is outlined in the registration form. Registration forms will be available at the USR Borough Website (<http://www.usrtoday.com>), Borough Hall or the Schools Main Office. Seating is limited and will be on a first come basis. Any parent interested in chaperoning or if you need additional information please contact Chairman Esau Ali 201-934-9075

SRV Cultural Center

Need something for the children to do during their breaks from school? The Saddle River Valley Cultural Center will host a series of vacation workshops this year to coincide with their days off.

Starting with teachers' convention on November 9th and 10th, the SRVCC will present *Under the Sea Ocean Science*. Explore the mystery of the sea and its animal and plant life. Cost is \$80 plus \$10 registration.

Vacation workshops are held from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Space is limited in each workshop and registration is required.

Future workshops include *Pottery & Sculpting* on January 15th; *High Tech, High Touch* February 19th & 20th; and *Adventure into Spring* on April 23rd & 24th. Contact the Center at 201-825-3366 for information or to register for any of our workshops.

Lions Club Fall Harvest Sale

You can get ready for Thanksgiving dinner and the holiday season while helping local charities and community organizations. The Saddle River Valley Lions Club will be selling fruit and produce during its annual Fall Harvest Sale on Saturday, November 18th from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Members of the Lions Club will be offering apples, potatoes, Spanish onions, grapefruit, oranges, candy and nuts at several convenient locations throughout the area including Elmer's Country Store in Upper Saddle River and the Colonial Shopping Center in Saddle River. The net proceeds of this year's sale will be donated to charities for visual and other health related disabilities and to local community youth and volunteer organizations. The Lions will also be collecting used eyeglasses for recycling to those in need. The Saddle River Valley Lions Club thanks you for your continued support.

Free Rabies Clinic November 20

Upper Saddle River's annual free rabies clinic has been scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. Dogs on leashes will be vaccinated from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and cats in carriers will be vaccinated from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Firehouse across from Borough Hall on West Saddle River Road.

The New Jersey State Department of Health recommends that after an animal's first rabies shot, which offers protection for one year, dogs and cats must be vaccinated once every two years.

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

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, NOVEMBER 2006

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.

**** Please Note: There will be no garbage pick-up on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 23rd. Garbage will be picked up the following Monday November 27th.**

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, November 14	Tuesday, November 7
Tuesday, November 28	Tuesday, November 21

Large Appliances: Thursday, November 2 by appointment only.
Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash: Friday, November 17. Please place all Bulky Trash at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick-up date.

Volunteers

Appointments and re-appointments are made at the beginning of each new year. Residents are urged to consider giving back to the community by volunteering their time and services. If you would like to be considered to serve on a committee, commission or Board, please send a letter of interest to the Borough Hall.

Woman's Club

Nov. 5 Final day of annual Designer Show House of New Jersey to benefit Cancer Center at Hackensack University Medical Center. It is located at 229 E. Saddle River Rd., Saddle River and has been open since October 6.

Nov. 7 General meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Bergen Highlands Methodist Church on W. Saddle River Rd. in the borough. Program for the evening will be: "Tibet - Remote, Rugged and Spiritually Rich" given by Bert and Lorraine Jackson.

Nov. 8 - Social Services at Bergen Regional Medical Center Nursing Home in Paramus at 1:15 p.m. - a birthday bash.

Money for sweaters for residents is being collected for holiday gift giving. Call Terry for details at 201-934-5076.

Nov. 10 - Night at the Races at Pegasus at the Meadowlands Racetrack. \$55. pp includes racing, and extensive buffet of hot and cold foods and desserts. Men are welcome. Call Barbara for reservations 201-825-0207.

Nov. 13 - Ramapo District Public Affairs Day.

Nov. 16 - NJSFWC Open House at its headquarters at Douglas College in New Brunswick.

International Chairman, Edna, announces that the fundraiser for this club year for "Operation Smile" will be the sale of the "e-Health Manager." This is a CD which automatically downloads without internet connection required. It is sold in individual or family edition. Once all personal comprehensive medical information is included, it is then transferred on a USB flash drive (smaller than an adult pinky) which can be carried on one's person either in the wallet, on a key chain, bracelet or around the neck. Should a medical emergency occur, this might be the one thing that can save your life. Call Edna at 201-803-9749 for further information.

Trick or treat for Unicef boxes have been distributed at Tice's Corner in Woodcliff Lake to a select number of retailers. Give generously and help the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River support this worthwhile charity.

Library Happenings

Election Day, Tues. Nov. 7th
Friends of the Library **Book & Bake Sale**
Open from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Buy a book and a treat!

Programs for Adults:

Buying and Selling on Ebay with Dominique Fruchtman.

Thursday, Nov. 9th, 7:00 p.m.

This workshop will teach you techniques for successful buying and selling on the premiere auction site on the internet.

USR Movie Classics: Now Voyager

Tuesday, Nov. 14th, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Music

Bennett Harris Trio

Sunday, Nov. 19th, 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Harris will play and sing traditional acoustical blues selections from the songbooks of Robert Johnson, Bessie Smith, and Blind Blake as well as his own original compositions. Bennett will be accompanied by Richard Barbera on fiddle and Gary Brooks on Bass guitar.

For the Whole Family!

Help us decorate the Library for Thanksgiving. We will build a floor to ceiling Totem Pole. Drop-in at the Children's Department on Wednesday Nov. 15th, and Thursday, Nov. 16th, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Kids Make A Difference Day Wednesday, November 15

Sarah Gallina's Girl Scout Gold Award Project is a one day event called **Kids Make a Difference Day** where kids of all ages can come any time between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to the USR library (downstairs) to make crafts for charities. These projects, such as making cards and painting cotton tote bags, will benefit over 10 organizations including Project Linus, Meals on Wheels, Operation Goodybag, and Valley Hospital Medicine Cart. The event will be a cross between a Girl Scout power party and a volunteer fair

The purpose of **Kids Make a Difference Day** is not only to help those less fortunate, but also to show young kids how easy and fun it can be to help other people.

There will also be face painting, refreshments, and games at the event. All attendees are asked to bring a canned food donation for the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation and the Center for Food Action.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah at 201-818-5937.

SRV Cultural Center

Enrichment Classes to begin at Saddle River Valley Cultural Center, 305 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River
For information please contact Kelley Barnes 973-239-1934 or email kabbarnes@comcast.net

SRV Cultural Center

Please note the theatre will be darkened.

On Nov. 4, the Center will welcome back everyone's favorite, Bubble Mania. A must see soap bubble spectacular combining music, comedy, "untamed, often unbelievable qualities of spherical liquids."

All shows are at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Seating is first come, first serve. Children are encouraged to sit up close and personal, on the floor and often become part of our interactive shows.

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Memberships are available for \$10 for seniors, \$15 single adult, \$20 students, \$35 family and \$100 patron. Membership includes discounted prices on shows, as well as access to the Center school classes and updates on Cultural Center happenings.

Future performances will include Winnie the Pooh Adventure on Nov. 18, Double Vision on Dec. 2 and The Silent Clown on Dec. 16. In 2007 the stage will host Stone Soup on Jan. 6 featuring the Pushcart Players, Grace The Pirate on Jan. 20, Snow White on Feb. 3, Cinderella on Feb. 17, Yo-Yo People on March 3, the Leprecon Circus on March 17, Cirque Du Jour with Bucky and Gigi on March 31 and closes with Kandie Carle Victorian Lady on April 14 at 2:00 p.m. For more information or to order tickets contact the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center, 305 West Saddle River Road, at 201-825-3366 or email georgiasrvcc@msn.com.

Coming Up In November 2006

BOROUGH BOARDS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
7:30 p.m. Recreation Commission at Borough Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
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, NOVEMBER 9
7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall with
Regular Session immediately following

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20
6:30 p.m. Environmental Committee at Borough Hall
7:00 p.m. Board of Health at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

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

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
November 14
November 28*

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SERVICE GROUPS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting
7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6
7:00 p.m. USR Historical Society at Old Stone Church Ed. Bldg.
7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20 & 27
12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
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. Fire Department Drill
7:30 p.m. SRV Jr. Woman's Club

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

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