

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2007. 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 take a few moments out of your day to exercise your right to vote!

The Mayor and Council are pleased to announce the appointment of Gene P. Leporiere as our Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector. Gene is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Municipal Financial Officer, Certified County Finance Officer, Certified Tax Collector, and a Certified Internal Auditor. Prior to working in Upper Saddle River, Gene was the project supervisor for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; former Chief Financial Officer in Bergenfield; and former Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer in Hillside. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and an MBA in Finance and Economics from Rutgers University. Gene has a strong background in all phases of accounting, in addition to budgeting and fund accounting.

We are very proud to announce that Lieutenant Patrick Rotella completed the West Point Command and Leadership program, an extensive 13-week program sponsored by the NJ State Chiefs of Police Association and the West Point Military Academy. The program is designed to develop future leaders in law enforcement, the same way the military develops their future leaders. The course teaches leadership theories, concepts, and approaches that the law enforcement leader

can apply to realistic law enforcement scenarios, that affect both law enforcement and the community. Congratulations Lieutenant Rotella!

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.

Youth Guidance Council

The Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council is sponsoring a Conference Day movie on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at The Ramsey Cinema, Main Street, Ramsey. The Bee Movie will be shown, which is rated PG. This will be a private screening open to all Upper Saddle River children only. Drop off is at 9:30 a.m., and the movie will begin at 9:45 a.m.. The movie runs for 1 hour and 45 minutes, so pick up will be at 11:30 a.m. Parents must come into the theater to pick up their children. No children, regardless of age, will be permitted to leave without an adult. Adult chaperones will be provided so parents can attend their conferences. Admission is \$5.00 per person. The refreshment stand will be open and refreshments will be available to purchase. This event is a fundraiser 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. For more information, please contact Barbara Ripston at 201-825-3894.

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.

SRV Cultural Center

November is a blast at the Saddle River Valley Cultural Center, 305 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ.

Saturday shows at the SRVCC run for about 45-50 minutes. (See individual dates below.) Most shows are appropriate for ages 3 and up. Seating is first come, first serve. Children are encouraged to sit up close and personal on the floor. Everyone will be able to see, as our theater is very intimate and most of the performances are interactive.

The Tanglewood Marionettes will perform Hansel & Gretel on November 3rd at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Peter Schaefer and his beautiful marionettes are such a treasured experience and one to remember. The Center likes to have Tanglewood regularly on our schedule to expose our young audiences to this beautiful lost form of puppetry. Peter makes and designs all his puppets, as well as directs and produces the show. All ages welcome.

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE on November 8th and 9th (Teacher's Convention). Explore the mysteries of the canopy and forest floor. Learn what makes the ecosystem work and how we can help. Visit and learn about the lifestyles of the people and animals that make their home in the rainforest. Registration is required. There is a \$90.00 fee for this program.

BUBBLE MANIA on November 17th 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. A must see! This soap bubble spectacular combines comedy, music and the "untamed, often unbelievable qualities of spherical liquids." Bubbles, bubbles and more bubbles! What would a season at the Center be without Bubble Mania? Everyone loves this show!! All ages welcome.

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN Plein Air Painters of the NJ Highlands Artists' Reception on November 11th, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. The Art Exhibit is November 1st -30th. For more information, please contact: Georgia Greiner (201) 825-3366 or georgia@srvcc.org.

Well Water Testing

The State of New Jersey recommends routine testing of well water for bacteria once a year and for volatile organics every three years.

The Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission offers a well water testing program, which includes tests for volatile organics, lead, coliform bacteria, nitrates and arsenic in home well water. The results are mailed to the homeowner and are confidential. The test kits include water containers for all five tests and easy to follow instructions.

The cost of the tests is \$200.00, payable in advance to NWBRHC. Test kits can be picked up at the Commission office, located at 22 West Prospect Street in Waldwick. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Testing samples will be accepted the first Monday of every month before 10:00 a.m. This program is not intended for use during home sales. It does not comply with the Private Well Testing Act. For further information, call (20) 445-7217.

Perchlorate is both a naturally occurring and man-made chemical. It is used in a wide variety of industrial processes and pyrotechnics. Wastes from the manufacture and improper disposal of perchlorate-containing chemicals are increasingly being found in soil and water. It has been discovered in water in more than 20 states in the U.S. and has been found in water samples taken from wells in Bergen County including Upper Saddle River. Ingested perchlorate at sufficient levels interferes with the iodide uptake into the thyroid gland, disrupting thyroid functions in adults and children. While there is currently no standard for perchlorate, the

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection recommends that people avoid drinking water known through confirmed testing to contain more than 5ppb of perchlorate. Boiling may increase the perchlorate concentration so cooking with water with a high perchlorate level is not recommended; however, contaminated water is safe for showering, bathing or washing clothes.

If you are concerned about possible perchlorate contamination, the DEP recommends testing by a New Jersey certified lab. Typical water testing available through the Northwest Regional Health Commission in Waldwick does not include perchlorate testing. The DEP's Office of Quality Assurance offers a list of New Jersey certified labs at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/pqa/index.html> or by calling 1-609-292-3950. More information on perchlorate can be obtained at www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/perchlorate_guide11_1_2005.doc or email watersupply@dep.state.nj.us.

Garbage and Recycling

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

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.

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.

Lions Club Fall Harvest Sale

Borough residents can get ready for Thanksgiving dinner and the holiday season while helping those in need. The Saddle River Valley Lions Club will be selling fruit and produce during its annual Fall Harvest Sale on Saturday, November 17th from 9:00 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 benefit sight and other health-related charities and local community volunteer organizations. The Lions will also be collecting used eyeglasses for those in need. The Saddle River Valley Lions Club thanks you for your continued support.

Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

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

Tickets are available at the door for \$8.00, or may be purchased from any Boy Scout, or by calling Maryclaire Collis at 201-818-0804.

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 November 6th. The dinner is lots of fun, the food is delicious, and the money raised will help the Scouts continue to offer their many worthwhile programs to Upper Saddle River's young men.

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.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, NOVEMBER 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.

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, November 13	Tuesday, November 6
Tuesday, November 27	Tuesday, November 20

Large Appliances: Thursday, November 1, by appointment only. Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash: The next Bulky Trash pick up will be Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick up date.

9th Annual Dick Meighan 5K Memorial Run

The 9th annual Dick Meighan Memorial Run will be held Thursday, November 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at Cavallini Middle School on 392 West Saddle River Road. The charity race, named in memory of late Upper Saddle River resident Dick Meighan, is both a competitive road race and fundraiser for the Upper Saddle River Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Corps, D.A.R.E., the Boy and Girl Scouts, the USR Youth Triathlon, USR Educational Foundation and the "Extra Mile" scholarship".

Pre-registration is recommended. Mail in and online options are explained at www.dickmeighan5krun.org. The fee is \$20.00 for pre-registration and \$25.00 on race day. Pre-registered racers can pick up their shirt, race number and timing chip the evening before, November 21st from 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at Borough Hall in Upper Saddle River. All donations should be made payable to Borough of USR/Dick Meighan Run and sent to Ed Gartner, Recreation Director, c/o USR Borough Hall, 376 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458. If you have any questions contact USR5K@msn.com or Randy White at 201-818-0248.

Free Rabies Clinic November 19

Upper Saddle River's annual free rabies clinic has been scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2007 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.

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

Fun with Santa

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club is hosting **Fun with Santa** at the Reynolds Gym on Sunday, December 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to meet Santa and make fun filled crafts. While the children are crafting, you can be doing early holiday shopping. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$20.00 for a family up to six members, or you may purchase individual tickets for \$5.00 each. For tickets or additional information please call Nicole at 201-327-3330 or Amy at 201-760-8704.

Upper Saddle River Library

Programs for Adults:

Not Your Grandmother's Needlepoint

Thursday, November 1st, 7:00 p.m.. Registration required. Eileen Aird will demonstrate many new, fun and beautiful ways there are to finish a canvas with a variety of techniques.

Zulugrass Jewelry Demonstration

Wednesday, November 7th, 7:00 p.m. Join Jan Syvertsen as she demonstrates the versatility of Zulugrass jewelry.

Create a Holiday Gift Basket

Tuesday, November 13th, 7:00 p.m. \$15.00 per person, Registration required. Author Shirley Frazier brings supplies and guides participants in creating gift baskets for special occasions. Please bring your own scissors.

Programs for Children:

Make a Totem Pole

Wednesday, November 14th – Thursday, November 15th, from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Help us decorate the Library for Thanksgiving. We will build a floor to ceiling Totem Pole.

Children's programs are open to Upper Saddle River Library cardholders.

For further information please call the Library at 201-327-2583 or go online to www.upper saddleriverlibrary.org

Old Stone Church

Join in the fun of the country style home fair, the Harvest Home Fair, at the Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Homemade crafts, Christmas shop, like new items, Grampa's Attic, vendors, raffles, and terrific food. Plan to stay for lunch and don't forget to stop by the food tent outside for genuine Pennsylvania Dutch Funnel Cake made by a Pennsylvania Dutchman. Call 201-327-5242 for more information.

SRV Junior Woman's Club

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club is a group 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.

If you are interested in finding out more about our organization please come to our next meeting on Wednesday, November 28th. For more information please contact Joanne Florio 201-327-1080.

Christmas Tree Lighting

On Saturday, December 1st at 4:00 p.m. in front of Borough Hall, the traditional Christmas tree lighting will take place. Santa will be arriving by fire truck. The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club will be providing refreshments. We will also be sponsoring a toy drive to benefit Children's Aide and Social Services. Please bring an unwrapped gift for either a girl or boy, 5 to 9 years of age. We hope to see you there.

USR Recreation 2008 Ski Trips

The Upper Saddle River Recreation Commission will sponsor four (4) all day Saturday ski trips in 2008. The first trip will be to Belleayre Mountain on Saturday January 5th, Windham Mountain on Saturday, January 12th, Mount Snow in Vermont on Saturday, January 19th and the final trip to Stratton Mountain on Saturday, February 2, 2008. The program is open to those ski enthusiasts in the 6th through 12th grades 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 \$380.00. Students may sign up for individual trips, the cost of which is outlined on the registration form.

Registration forms will be available at the USR Borough Website (www.USRToday.org), Borough Hall or the school's 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 at 201-934-9075.



Coming Up In November 2007

BOROUGH BOARDS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1
7:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Executive Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15
7:30 p.m. Zoning Board Executive Session at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. Zoning Board Regular Session at Borough Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19
6:30 p.m. Environmental Committee Meeting at Borough Hall
7:30 p.m. Board of Health Meeting at Borough Hall
8:00 p.m. USR Bd of Ed. Reg. Session at Cavallini Media Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
7:00 p.m. Shade Tree Commission at Borough Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26
8:00 p.m. NHRHS Bd of Ed. Regular Meeting at NHRHS Library

SERVICE GROUPS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1
8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7:00 p.m. USR Historical Society at Old Stone Church Ed. Bldg.

MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19 and 26
12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8
11:00 a.m. Senior Fellowship at Bergen Highlands Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. SRV Lions Club at Double Tree Inn, Mahwah

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill
7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
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

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 27*

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