

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

The Mayor and Council would like to congratulate Officer Robert Fleshman on becoming certified as a School Resource Officer. Officer Fleshman attended a 40-hour National School Resource Officers course held at the Bergen County Police Academy in Mahwah. Officers from many different states attended the program. The School Resource Officer certification will enhance Officer Fleshman's juvenile officer work as well as his D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) work. Officer Fleshman felt the biggest thing he walked away with was "a great sense of protection toward our schools and school population." He also attended the NJASRO (N.J. Association of School Resource Officers) training convention. The convention featured two of the nation's leaders in school violence prevention who presented a highly interactive, tabletop demonstration on critical incident planning. Attendees participated in the drill itself as well as the discussion of "lessons learned" from some of the recent school violence tragedies. Funding for both the 40-hour course and the convention were provided by the Upper Saddle River Youth Guidance Council.

Congratulations to Barbara Ripston and Scott MacDowell who were reelected to the Borough Council for three-year terms on Election Day, November 7th. Thank you to our residents for their support for Barbara and Scott and our governing body.

Recently, Shade Tree members Arnie Freidman and Rue Eisen as well as Shade Tree liaison Scott MacDowell and Shade Tree secretary Linda Marmora attended an all day seminar given by the NJ Shade Tree Federation.

The seminar provided the "core training" needed by Borough employees and volunteers to gain and maintain approved municipal status. The training covered hazardous tree identification, legal issues, and basic elements of community forestry management.

As this calendar year draws to an end, we would like to remind all residents who are interested in volunteering their time and services to any committee, commission or board, to please send a letter of interest to Borough Hall. New appointments are made at the beginning of each year. Our Ambulance Corps, Rescue Squad and Fire Department are always in need of volunteers. If you are interested in joining one of our emergency service organizations, please contact them directly. We urge all residents to consider volunteering as another way of giving back to our community. It truly is a worthwhile experience.

The Mayor and Council would like to wish all residents a happy and healthy holiday season!

SRV Jewish Community

The Saddle River Valley Jewish Community Organization will hold its Annual Children's Chanukah Party at Manhattan Deli on Sunday, December 17, 2006.

Members and non-members are welcome. The Menorah Lighting Ceremony will directly follow the Chanukah Party in front of Borough Hall at 5:00 p.m.

For further information on either the Chanukah Party or the Menorah Lighting Ceremony please call Elizabeth at 201-825-0592.

13th Annual Holiday Party and Cookie Bake-off!

All Upper Saddle River families are invited to the town-wide Holiday Party and Cookie Bake-off on Saturday, December 2, 2006 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sing and sway to the seasonal music of the Saddle River Valley Band. Drop in and join the Girl Scouts for a special holiday craftmaking for children of all ages. Enjoy a fabulous food buffet with gourmet cheeses, meats, fresh fruits, and brownies. Enter the Cookie Bake-off contest and win a lovely gift. Cookies must be at the Library by 1:30 p.m. to enter the contest. The winner will be announced at the end of judging. Registration forms are available at the circulation desk.

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

The SRV Jr. Woman's Club is pleased to host the 2006 Upper Saddle River Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony. Join your friends and neighbors for some holiday cheer as the festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 2 at the Upper Saddle River Borough Hall. Santa will be on hand to greet the children while the Saddle River Valley Band entertains with seasonal favorites. Refreshments will be served. We will also be collecting unwrapped new toys for children ages 5-13 to support the YCS Foundation (Youth Consultation Services).

Building Department

With cold weather coming, the Building department would like to remind everyone to have their heating equipment checked and chimneys cleaned. Also make sure that your carbon monoxide and smoke alarms are in the right places and working correctly with new batteries. Stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

Enjoy today...tomorrow is a gift...

*Happy
Holidays!*

SRV Cultural Center

On Dec. 2 The Cultural Center presents the holidays with *Double Vision*. It's all about vision in this show, where the impossible is made possible right before your eyes. A combination of song, martial arts and physical comedy, it is a don't miss show.

The Cultural Center also offers much more than shows, including our classes and popular *Vacation Workshops*, a great place to spend time during children's breaks from school.

Contact the Center at 201-825-3366 for information or to register for any of our workshops. The SRVCC is located at 305 W. Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River. Visit the center online at www.srvcc.org.

Garbage and Recycling

The garbage and recycling schedule for the month of December 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 Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th. The garbage will be picked up on the following Thursday, December 28.** The 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 10:00 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 Sat. from 8 a.m. to noon. A monitor is on duty to assist you.

Woman's Club

Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River wishes to inform the general public of our activities for the month of December.

On Dec. 3 - club members, spouses and friends will enjoy greeting the upcoming holidays with a festive dinner at the Abbey at the Ramsey Country Club in Ramsey.

Dec. 5 will be the general monthly meeting in which the Senior Fellowship of Upper Saddle River are invited to be entertained with holiday music under the direction of Joe Valleri of Don Bosco High School. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at Bergen Highlands Methodist Church, W. Saddle River Rd., USR. Refreshments will be served after the entertainment.

Orders for the annual poinsettia sale must be in by December 7 for pickup or delivery. Call Sally at 201-825-1464 or Barbara at 201-825-0207 for specifics.

The annual holiday social for the residents of the long term care facility at the Bergen Regional Medical Center in Paramus will take place on December 12. At this event not only refreshments will be provided but gifts supplied by the members of the club in the true spirit during this season of giving.

And at last the board members will meet on Dec. 16 at the home of one of the members. All pertinent business conducted by the club and the new fundraiser for "Operation Smile" will be put in full swing by all participating members to meet the goals for supporting this worthwhile charity. The E-Health MANAGER which is this specific fundraiser can be explained in further detail by calling Edna, the chairman at 201-803-9749. It is the "avant garde" technology to protect ourselves in case of emergencies which in the upcoming years will be as common place as fire and CO detectors are for our homes.

USR Fire Department

A Letter to the Residents of USR from Fire Chief James Levine.

Dear Fellow USR Residents,

As your Fire Chief for the past two years I have had the distinct pleasure to come to your homes and meet many of you- and sometimes when you probably would have preferred not to meet me (and my firefighters.) But in most cases, the outcome was a positive one. I appreciate the attention that so many of you have shown toward fire safety in your homes. This has helped make Upper Saddle River a much safer town to live in.

Many of you attended our Fire Prevention Night with your children at our headquarters last month. There are excellent lessons here that you have helped us to teach. Thank you for visiting us. We hope to see you again next year and in many years to come.

No volunteer fire department can operate without the fundamental support of the community it serves. You have my sincere gratitude for all the donations you have made and continue to make. Without you we could not perform the services we provide Upper Saddle River.

Thanks need to be extended to the fire departments of our surrounding communities, who help supply us with mutual aid and to the other USR emergency service departments: the USR Police Department, the USR Ambulance and the Saddle River Valley Rescue Squad. Many thanks for your kind assistance, support and professionalism at so many emergencies over the years.

No Chief Officer can do his job alone. I wish to convey my appreciation to my fellow officers of the USRFD: Assistant Chief Erik Vierheilg, Captain John Schianchi, Senior Lieutenant Joseph Raymond, and Lieutenant James Redmond. Thanks, gentlemen for all your help at those hundreds of calls!

I'd like to thank all the members of the Upper Saddle River Fire Department for their ongoing commitment to excellence. Since 1945, you volunteers have served professionally. You are community-minded men and women who continue to get out of bed at 3:00 a.m. to help your neighbors. All of you make me proud to have been your Chief. No doubt, without the support and sacrifice of my family, I could not have done my job. Thanks to my dear wife, Dawn and my children, Jordan, Juliet, Alexis and Samantha. I think I'll be seeing a bit more of you guys soon.

Again, thank you, Upper Saddle River, for giving me the distinct pleasure of serving as your Fire Chief.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, DECEMBER 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 not be garbage pick-up on Christmas Day, Monday December 25th. Garbage will be picked up the following Thursday, December 28th.**

Recycling: <u>W. Saddle River Rd. & west</u>	<u>East of W. Saddle River Rd.</u>
Tuesday, December 12	Tuesday, December 5
Tuesday, December 26	Tuesday, December 19

Large Appliances: Thursday, December 7 by appointment only.
Please call 201-327-2196 to schedule a pick-up.

Bulky Trash: The next Bulky Trash pick-up will be in March 2007. Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick-up date.

Upper Saddle River Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

The Upper Saddle River Volunteer Ambulance Corps held a Bon Voyage party to honor Adita Salas, who is leaving town. More than 100 friends, Corps members, former students, and representatives of many organizations that were touched by Adita over the past twenty six years were in attendance. The USR Fire house was the site of this gala celebration. Some organizations presented plaques and gifts to the honoree.

USR Library Happenings

James Dean Orchestra

Sunday, December 10th - 2:00 p.m.

The James Dean Orchestra mixes the expected swing-era standards like "Sing Sing Sing" and "Pennies from Heaven" with less known tunes from the legendary Benny Goodman, Count Basie, and Duke Ellington. Since 1995, Mr. Dean has performed as a sideman in show bands, formed his own Big Bands, he has produced and recorded several CDs. If you enjoy the big band sound of the 30's and 40's, don't miss this performance.

Carousel Cake & Pie Sale December holiday order forms must be returned to the Library by Wednesday, Dec. 13th. The cakes and pies must be picked up at the Library on Thursday Dec. 21st between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Kids Holiday Gift Shop

Wednesday, December 13th & Thursday, December 14th, 3-5pm. For grades kindergarten and up. Drop-in and make a gift for that special person, gift wrap included!

Holiday Open House at Hopper-Goetschius House Museum

Come share the magic of the Holiday season at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum on Sunday, December 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. In the museum, listen to a reading of Clement Clarke Moore's 1848 "Twas the Night Before Christmas," at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Ongoing tours will be given of the Museum. Children can visit Santa in the Barn from 1 to 4.

Our jolly man in the red suit was first drawn by Thomas Nast in the mid-1800s. To visit with him, each child is asked to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to be shared with the needy. Chestnuts will be roasting on the open fire in the Out Kitchen while mulled cider brews in the house. The house will be decorated for the season with Lizzie's ornaments on her tree. The Ramsey-Sayre house will be set up as the old one-room schoolroom, decorated for the holidays of a century ago. All are welcome.

Michael Fanning, the Police Chief, gave her an award for her service to the Department and community; Paula Weiler, Northern VP of the New Jersey State First Aid Council, presented her with a plaque; Stephen Ahlstead, representing the instructors from the Public Safety Institute, gave her an award; Mayor Ken Gabbert declared November 5, 2006 as Adita Salas Day. Many friends praised Adita for her love, dedication, and excellence of service to the community, patients, and students.

You will be missed by many, Adita!!

SRV Fellowship

We had another interesting meeting. Two officers from the Canine group came and gave us a wonderful talk. The presentation was very informative. The officers brought one dog that is going through the training. A good time was had by all. We are continuing with all our projects.

Dec. 15 - Christmas party at the Brownstone. We will have our regular meeting on Dec. 14. There will not be a meeting on Dec. 28.

We wish everyone, Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays.

Troop 945 Earns Bronze Award

Upper Saddle River Girl Scout Troop 945 recently earned the Bronze Award, the highest honor girls can earn as Junior Scouts. The girls assembled Thanksgiving meals for 35 families through the Emmanuel Cancer Center. Back row l to r: Haley Weintraub, Courtney Cross, Daniella Santo, Suinn Kim, Jacqueline Feldman, Maddy Crocitto, Isha Damle. Front l to r: Christina Julian, Cara Minichetti, Sara Kiani and Christie Furman. The girls are all sixth graders at Cavallini Middle School.

Upper Saddle River Girl Scout Troop 945 recently earned their Bronze Award. The Bronze Award is the highest honor girls can earn as Junior Scouts, requiring them to learn leadership and planning skills. The girls completed numerous preliminary requirements as well as a fifteen-hour service project of their own design. To qualify, a project has to demonstrate a commitment to helping others, improving the community and the world and becoming the best they can be. The eleven sixth graders chose to do a project for the Emmanuel Cancer Center (ECF), located in Midland Park, to help children stricken with cancer and their families.

The troop has been working with the ECF for almost one year. When the ECF was faced with a severe shortage of food in March, the girls undertook a food drive and collected over 60 boxes of non-perishable items. They also hand crafted fleece blankets as gifts for some of the children and put together a holiday basket for one family. To complete their project, they put together Thanksgiving meals for 35 of the Center's most needy families. Each family was given a supermarket gift certificate to purchase their own turkey as well as a holiday-themed bag containing traditional fixings such as cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie mix, stuffing, vegetables and gravy. The girls included homemade mini corn muffins and decorative jars containing ingredients so the families could enjoy baking chocolate chip cookies together at home.

The ECF has served over 1500 families since its inception in 1983, providing emotional and financial support to families battling pediatric cancer. Major hospitals all over New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware refer their pediatric oncology patients to them. ECF was established in memory of seven-year old Emmanuel "Manny" Vizzoni who lost his life to cancer in 1980.

Coming Up In December 2006

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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, DECEMBER 14

7:30 p.m. Planning Board Work Session at Borough Hall with
Regular meeting immediately following

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

8:00 p.m. Mayor and Council, Regular Session at Borough Hall

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
December 12*

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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, DECEMBER 4, 11 & 18

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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. Ambulance Corp. Drill

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