

Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

Congratulations to Ken Gabbert who was reelected as Mayor for a four-year term; Deb Viola and Dennis Schubert who were reelected to the Borough Council for three-year terms; and Joanne Minichetti who was elected to fill an unexpired term for one-year on the Borough Council on Election Day, November 6th.

The Mayor and Council, in an effort to keep our residents updated regarding on-going projects in the Borough, are pleased to report that renovations at Lions Memorial Park are continuing. The first half of the fields has been completed with sod and sprinkler system and the second half is progressing. We anticipate the completion of the fields shortly. The running track and exercise stations have been excavated and the fill will be in position by spring. Plans for the field house have been completed and we are waiting for specs so we can go out for bid for the construction of the field house. We have been diligently working with the county on the improvements to the Lake Street and West Saddle River Road intersection and sidewalks along West Saddle River Road. The county has gone out to bid for this project and we are anticipating the project to be done in 2008. We will keep everyone informed regarding these projects as we receive additional updates.

We invite everyone to attend our community's various holiday celebrations. Thanks to our Fire Department volunteers, the Saddle River Valley Junior Women's Club and the Saddle River Jewish

Community Organization, our annual holiday tree lighting and Menorah lighting will take place in front of Borough Hall. Please read the individual announcements inside for more details. The library will be hosting its annual cookie baking contest and many other activities for the holidays. This is a wonderful time to enjoy simple old-fashioned activities with neighbors and friends. Please read the Borough Bulletin thoroughly and jot down all the dates.

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. The Board of Health has expanded its membership and is looking for two additional members. 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! And please drive slowly and carefully, especially with winter weather conditions upon us.

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 Aid 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.

14th Annual Holiday Party

All Upper Saddle River families are invited to the town-wide Holiday Party and Cookie Bake-Off on Saturday, December 1st from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sing and sway to the seasonal music of the Saddle River Valley Band. Children of all ages are welcome to drop-in and join the Girl Scouts for special holiday craft making.

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.

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.

SRVJCO

The SRVJCO will be hosting its annual Chanukah party on Tuesday, December 4 from 3:15 p.m.- 4:45 p.m. For details or membership information, please call Elizabeth at 201-825-0592.

Please join the SRVJCO as we light the Menorah outside Borough Hall on Tuesday evening, December 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Happy
Holidays!

The Woman's Club of USR

The Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River's annual holiday social for members will take place on Sunday, December 2nd at the Abbey, at the Ramsey Country Club. Kindly contact Sally at 201-825-1464 for details and reservations.

The Club will again hold its holiday party for the residents of the long term care facility at the Bergen Regional Hospital in Paramus on December 11th. Refreshments and gifts will be contributed to everyone. All members are again requested to donate and actively participate. A little self sacrificing goes a long way for those less fortunate. Many are in need of a little companionship, which the Club under the direction of Terry Carroll, provides on their monthly visits.

The annual fundraiser for the shelter for battered women will again be a baby shower on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. This year it will be held at the Allendale Bar and Grill. New items of clothing or accessories for infants up to size 2T would be appreciated. Barbara will be handling reservations, please call her at 201-825-0207.

The Club welcomes new members. All who would like to join by becoming part of volunteering should contact membership chairman, Joyce at 201-818-8551.

Garbage and Recycling

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

In inclement weather, please bring all garbage and recycling to the curb regardless if your driveway has been plowed or not. The trucks will not take any chances of getting stuck in icy driveways.

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.



YGC— SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars! The 3rd annual Books vs. Badges Basketball Game will be held on Friday, March 14, 2008 at Northern Highlands Regional High School. Look for the flyer in the February Borough Bulletin for details on purchasing tickets. Remember, this year tickets will only be sold in advance – there will be no ticket sales at the door. Any questions, please contact Barbara Ripston, Chairperson, 201-825-3894.

Hopper-Goetschius House Museum

Come share the magic of the Holiday season at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum on Sunday, December 9th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. In the museum, you may listen to a reading of Clement Clarke Moore's 1848 "Twas the Night Before Christmas," at 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Ongoing tours will be given of the Museum with a special display of dolls and toys.

Children can visit Santa in the Barn from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thomas Nast first drew our jolly man in the red suit 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. The Museum is located on the corner of East Saddle River Road and Lake Street in Upper Saddle River. Parking is off East Saddle River Road. There is no admission fee, but donations are welcome.

MRSA

Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) infection has been in the news lately. Caused by Staphylococcus aureus bacteria or "staph," it is one of the first germs to outwit all but the most powerful drugs. Strains of MRSA still respond to certain medications but, at times, can be life-threatening.

Staph bacteria are normally found on the skin or in the nose of about one-third of the population and are generally harmless unless they enter the body through a wound. Even then, they often cause only minor skin problems in healthy people. But in older adults and people who have weakened immune systems, staph infections can cause serious illness.

Staph infections, including MRSA, generally start as small red bumps that resemble pimples, boils or spider bites. These can turn into deep, painful abscesses. Sometimes the bacteria remain confined to the skin. But they can burrow deep into the body, causing infections in joints, the bloodstream, heart valves and lungs.

Here are some common-sense precautions you can use to protect yourself and your family:

Keep personal items personal.

Avoid sharing personal items such as towels, sheets, razors, clothing and athletic equipment. MRSA spreads on contaminated objects as well as through direct contact.

Keep wounds covered. Keep cuts and abrasions clean and covered with sterile, dry bandages until they heal.

Sanitize linens. If you have a cut or sore, wash towels and bed linens in hot water with added bleach and dry them in a hot dryer. Wash gym and athletic clothes after each wearing.

Wash your hands. Careful hand washing remains your best defense against germs. Scrub hands briskly for at least 15 seconds, then dry them with a disposable towel and use another towel to turn off the faucet. Use hand sanitizer containing at least 62 percent alcohol when you don't have access to soap and water.

For more information, speak with your personal physician or visit www.usrtoday.org or www.cdc.gov.

USR Volunteer Ambulance Corps

2008 marks the year of the 50th anniversary of service to the Upper Saddle River Community. We are looking for former members of the squad to help us celebrate this happy occasion. Please call Debbi VanGieson at 201-962-7650 or e-mail USRVAC@yahoo.com.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER WASTE COLLECTIONS, DECEMBER 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: W. Saddle River Rd. & west East of W. Saddle River Rd.
Tuesday, December 11 Tuesday, December 4
Wednesday, December 26 Tuesday, December 18

****Please note: Recycling has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday the last week of December due to the holiday.**

Large Appliances: Thursday, December 6, 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 2008.
Please have all items at the curb no sooner than the week of the pick up date.

Old Stone Church

The Saddle River Reformed Church welcomes you to attend their December Sunday services and events during this Advent and Christmas season. All are welcome to share this holiday in the early American Church setting adorned with Christmas greens and accented by the warmth and charm of candlelight.

On December 16th at 10 a.m. we will hold a Community Advent Christmas Carols and Lessons, followed by a Fellowship Luncheon in the Minnick Education Building.

For information regarding our services, call the Church Office at 201-327-5242 or visit the Old Stone Church website at www.oldstonechurchonline.org.

SRV Junior Woman's Club

The Junior Woman's Club will be collecting toys for Children's Aid and Family Services. The requested items will be posted on a holiday display located at the Saddle River Post Office. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

The club would also like to invite women who are interested in learning more about the organization to its next meeting which is being held on Wednesday, December 6th. It will be our annual holiday cookie exchange and business meeting. For more information, please call Joanne at 201-327-1080.

SRV Senior Fellowship Group

Our trip to Blackhead Lodge was a great success. The trip into New York State was beautiful – the foliage was spectacular. We had also added a trip to Monticello in November. Everyone had a great time.

There are no meetings in December. We will be going to the Brownstone on December 14th. Our bus will be used three (3) times this month. The bus will be used for shopping trips. Please join us at our meetings and use this privilege.

We want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

SRV Cultural Center

December 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. **Treasure Island**—The Hampstead Stage Company will perform Treasure Island on December 1st at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Treasure Island is a fantastic tale of pirates, adventure and buried treasure. It tells the story of young Jim Hawkins and his perilous search for the buried treasure of the notorious Captain Flint. **Cinderella**— Plaza Theatrical Productions will perform Cinderella on December 15th at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. which includes not only incredible actors, but singing and dancing as well. Fun for all ages.

For more information, please contact: Georgia Greiner at 201-825-3366 or georgia@srvcc.org.

Dog/Cat Licenses Due in Jan. 2008

Upper Saddle River dogs and cats are due for their annual licenses. The new 2008 certificates and tags will be available at the Borough Hall starting January 2, 2008. Licenses are required for all dogs and cats that have had rabies shots. You may mail in a completed application with your payment to expedite the process. We will mail you the tags and certificates in January. We need proof of rabies immunization and proof of neutering/spaying.

Please enclose a self-address stamped envelope and all necessary papers. All papers will be returned to you. Checks in the correct amount should be made payable to Borough of Upper Saddle River.

Upper Saddle River's basic licensing fee for dogs has been changed to \$15.00. Licensing for cats remains at \$5.00. There is an additional charge of \$3.00 for a non-neutered cat or dog. This fee is established by the state to help control the stray animal problem. **There is a \$5.00 late fee for dogs and cats registered after February 15th.**

SRV Newcomer's Club

The SRV Newcomer's Club will be holding its annual Holiday Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton. Please call 201-760-6479 for information.

Our annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on December 11th. Please call Ginette for more information 201-934-0311.

SRVNC is hosting a "Kids Corner", Holiday Cookies, Cocoa and Craft on Thursday, December 6th. Please call Lisa at 201-760-6479.

USFRD Says "Thank You"

Thank you, Upper Saddle River! The Upper Saddle River Volunteer Fire Department is very grateful for your support.

Our 2nd annual Fire Prevention/Public Safety Night in October was very successful. With an estimated 550 attendees, we were pleased to be able to educate our community about personal and home safety. We listened to your questions and comments and have made improvements to next year's event.

We are also extremely appreciative of your financial support. We take your support and confidence in us very seriously and will continue to train and drill in order to be able to provide our neighbors with the safest environment possible. As of this printing, almost one third (33%) of USR's households have supported us this year.

The Holiday Season is here. As you and your families enjoy these special times, please be careful and use common sense. If something feels wrong, it probably is. Place candles out of children's reach, practice your escape plan, clean clothes dryer vents, clean your fireplace chimney, service your smoke and carbon monoxide alarm systems. If you display a Christmas tree, ensure it is watered daily, treated with flame retardant, and NOT placed near an ignition source. Do NOT leave vehicles running in your garage, do NOT overload electrical outlets, and do NOT leave cooking or a fireplace unattended. If you have any questions, call Fire Prevention at 201-327-4343. We hope all of us have a very special and safe holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year. Thank you.

2008 DOG/CAT LICENSE APPLICATION

Borough of Upper Saddle River, 376 W. Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

Owner's Name _____	Date _____
Address _____	Tel # _____
Dog Name _____ Sex _____	Cat Name _____ Sex _____
Color _____ Hair (long/short) _____	Color _____ Hair (long/short) _____
Breed _____ DOB _____	Breed _____ DOB _____
License Fee Dogs \$15.00	License Fee Cats \$5.00

Non-neutered Dog Additional \$3.00

Non-neutered Cat Additional \$3.00

There is a \$5.00 late fee for licenses obtained after February 15, 2008.

Proof of rabies vaccination and proof of neutering is required for all dogs and cats.

Coming Up In December 2007

BOROUGH BOARDS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 p.m. Zoning Board Executive & Regular Session at Borough Hall

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:00 p.m. Library Board of Trustees at USR Library

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 13

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

Regular Session immediately following

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

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 19

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

SERVICE GROUPS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 p.m. USR Historical Society at Old Stone Church Ed. Bldg.

MONDAYS, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

12:00 noon Bergen Highlands Rotary, Houlihans, Ramsey

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30 p.m. USR Woman's Club Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting

7:45 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 p.m. Fire Department Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad Drill

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Corp. Drill

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 11*

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