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Mayor and Council Message

The Municipal Budget: The 2020 budget will be introduced at the April 2, 2020 Regular Meeting and the public hearing will be held on May 7, 2020. More information will be included in the May/June Borough Bulletin.

Councilman DeBerardine Announces his Retirement: At the February 6, 2020 Mayor and Council Meeting, Councilman Roger DeBerardine resigned from his position effective February 7. By NJ Statute, the Republican Municipal Committee must recommend three candidates to the Council. The Council must make a final appointment within 30 days.

Roger has served on the Council for four consecutive terms and as Council President for many years. He has also been a valuable Class III member of the USR Planning Board and plans to continue on the board.

Roger has served as the Council liaison to the Police, Shade Tree Commission and Historic Preservation Commission and has been an integral member of our Contract Negotiations Committee, utilizing his experience as a practicing attorney and former President of the NY Arbitrators' Association. His resolve and knowledge were essential in bringing our litigation against the Rockland Sewer Authority to a successful conclusion. Roger personally negotiated the settlement in our favor, with recompense of \$950,000.00. He was named a Bergen County Volunteer of the Year for these efforts.

Roger has been an active volunteer since he moved to Upper Saddle River in 1969. He served as a member and as President of the USR Board of Education, as well as the Saddle River Valley Swim and Tennis Club and enjoyed coaching a variety of youth sports.

Upper Saddle River has benefited in countless ways from Roger's efforts and commitment to our community. His breadth of knowledge and experience, coupled with his legal expertise and steady resolve, will not be replaced. The Mayor and Council recognize and will be forever grateful to Roger DeBerardine for his years of community service and volunteerism.

The 2020 Census:

The U.S. Constitution requires that the federal government take a count of the population every ten years. The 2020 Census will begin on April 1, 2020. The U.S. Census Bureau is the agency that is responsible for collecting the data and keeping it confidential. **The census provides vital information for our community. The results affect your voice in government, determine how much funding our community and our schools receive and how we plan for the future.**

• Data determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries. Redistricting counts are sent to states by March 31, 2021.

• Each year, the federal government distributes more than \$675 billion to states and communities based on Census Bureau data.

• Businesses use census data to determine where to open businesses.

For the above reasons, it is important to participate and that is why we are bringing it to everyone's attention. In 2020, the Census Bureau has made it easier than ever to participate. For the first time, information can be input on-line, by phone and by mail. Instructions on how to fill it out online, by phone, or by mail will be delivered via mail to each home. Please take the time to fill out the census survey – babies, college students and parents living with their adult children should be included if that is the primary residence. For more information, please visit www.2020census.gov. Census workers will visit homes only if there has been no response.

USRA Coalition: The USRA Coalition will be discussing their mission and initiatives at the Home and School Association meeting on Wednesday, March 18th at 9 a.m. in Room 100 at Northern Highlands High School. USR, Allendale, Ho-Ho-Kus and Saddle River parents are welcome.

The USRA Coalition was created in 2017 in response to the increase in substance abuse – including prescription drugs – in Bergen County, New Jersey and throughout the U.S. Its stated mission is to “educate and create awareness in our communities to prevent and reduce substance abuse and other related health issues.” The coalition provides funding, programming and resources to Northern Highlands Regional High School, as well as to the K-8 schools in Allendale and Upper Saddle River. Priorities have included mental health, vaping and opioids.

The grant is in the amount of \$125,000 annually for five years. This amounts to \$625,000 to both sustain and broaden the USRA Coalition's programming and education. The Coalition has been the sponsor of National Night Out, the Bike Rodeo, Meet a Cop and a wellness program at Northern Highlands as well as providing programming on vaping, opioid abuse, suicide prevention, mental health and effective methods to speak to your child on difficult subjects. Members of the Coalition are thrilled to put this funding to good use and will be working with our police departments, boards of health, religious and community leaders, as well as with our school administrators for the life-long benefit of our young people.

For more information on the USRA Coalition, please visit www.usracoalition.org or like us on Facebook at USRA Coalition.

Woman's Club News - Save The Date!

Celebrate Derby Day with us and help to raise funds for the USR Ambulance Corps' purchase of an automatic CPR machine!

When: Saturday, May 2nd 5pm-9pm **Where:** The Brick House in Wyckoff

Tickets: \$125 per person--\$25 of your ticket cost is a tax deductible contribution

Heavy hors d'ouvres, carving station and open bar, games, and raffle. Watch the The Big Race with a mint julep.

Cheer your favorite on and help make a difference in our community! Wear a Derby inspired hat and enter our hat contest!

Tickets are going fast. To reserve your spot contact Jeanine Matthews 201-965-5144

Mail your check (made out to The Woman's Club of USR) to: P.O. Box 645, Saddle River, NJ 07458

In other news: Mayor Minichetti will award the winners of our 34th annual Poetry and Essay Contest, a 125h Anniversary of USR topic, at Borough Hall on Thursday, March 5th at 8pm. Our annual **Meet and Greet for prospective members will be held on Tuesday, May 5th** at 7pm upstairs at The USR Firehouse. It's a Cinco de Mayo celebration! All area women are welcome to come and learn about us and what we do.

USR Tennis Permits Available for 2020

Tennis permits for the use of the USR tennis courts, located on West Saddle River Road in front of Reynolds School, are available at Borough Hall or at the Tennis Courts from Tennis Pro Sharron Mattiace. A family membership is \$40.00 and an individual membership is priced at \$25.00. All residents must have a permit and display permit on the sign-up board located at the entrance of the courts. For more information please call the USR Recreation Department at 201-327-3634 or USR-Recreation@aol.com. Visit the Boro website at www.USRtoday.org for information about all Recreation programs.

Upper Saddle River Recreation Spring Tennis Clinics Announced

Registration for the Upper Saddle River Recreation spring tennis clinics is now being accepted. There will be two 5-week sessions to be held at the Wickersham Tennis Courts. The first session will be held on Mondays or Wednesdays beginning the week of March 16th with no lessons the week of school break. The second session will also be held on Mondays or Wednesdays starting the week of April 27th. During the second session an adult group will take place at 7 pm. The cost for the entire 5 week session is \$95. Visit our website to download an application at www.usrtoday.org. For more information please call the USR Recreation Commission at 201-327-3634 or email USRRecreation@aol.com.

USR Residents to be among those inducted into NHRHS Hall of Fame

The Northern Highlands Hall of Fame banquet and ceremony honoring eleven individuals and two sports teams will be held at Seasons in Washington Township on May 17, 2020. Those interested in tickets or placing a congratulatory note or an advertisement in the program's journal can find all the necessary information through the Northern Highlands High School web page. <https://www.northernhighlands.org/Page/5560>

The six athletes to be inducted include Steve Bono (Football 2001), Bob Cassavell (Track & Field 1985), Matt Greenberg (Wrestling 1999), Jamie Levine (Tennis 1994), Olivia Streatfield (Tennis 1995), and Caroline Vloka (Fencing 2008). Several of these athletes were chosen for The Record's All Decade teams in their respective sports and all received All State honors.

The 1985 Boys Baseball Team and the 2003 Boys Basketball Team are this year's selections in the team category.

Also being inducted are five individuals who have contributed to the school in different ways. Lars Larsen was the first wrestling coach at the school, Fred Procopio, is being honored for leading teams and individual wrestlers, Jane Kedron and Rona Meyers, two outstanding teachers and administrators will also be honored.

Also being recognized is distinguished alumni, Liz Hopfan (1984), who will be honored for establishing and building a non-profit organization in NYC that empowers underserved youth through art and mentoring.

USR Soccer Association

The USR Soccer Association would like to announce that registration for Fall 2020 recreational soccer will open on March 15th. The season starts on or around September 1st for all grades. Further details around each grade level program can be found on our website, updated this year to www.usrsoccer.com.

This year we are offering an early bird gift to any registrations before May 1st. Late fees start in July and spots cannot be guaranteed after that time.

The program is available to children of Upper Saddle River (and any district employees' children) born 2016 through High School age. Every level is provided professional training through weekly clinics. Additionally, Grades 1 & 2 play intramural games on weekends, while Grade 3 and above travel to play against other towns in northern Bergen County.

We always need volunteers, whether it be coaches, board of directors, or otherwise. Please email us at volunteer@usrsoccer.com.

For any general questions, email info@usrsoccer.com or call Frank DePierro at 845-664-0905.

Americans Soccer Club

The Americans Soccer Club, a regional travel soccer program based out of USR, would like to announce tryout dates for the upcoming Fall 2020 through Spring 2021 season. New for next season we are announcing a partnership with the Northern Highlands soccer coaching staff. They will be coaching and training 8th graders, both boys and girls teams, with the goal of better preparing them for high school soccer.

For birth years 2007 through 2014 tryouts will be held during 2 windows - April 19-25 and May 3-9. Exact dates, times, and locations for each age will be announced over the coming weeks and offers to join teams will be extended before Memorial Day.

Anyone entering 8th grade in the Fall may tryout for our new, special team coached by Northern Highlands soccer coaches. **Tryouts for the special 8th grade team are set for March 22-28 and April 5-11.** Exact dates, times, and locations will be announced soon and offers to join the teams will be extended towards the end of April.

Tryouts are free but registration is required. To immediately sign up visit <http://www.AmericansSoccerClub.org>

For any general questions, email americansoccerclub@gmail.com. For questions about tryouts email Frank DePierro at frank.depierro@yahoo.com or call 845-664-0905.

Upcoming Library Events

Afternoon Movies

Drop-in and join your friends for a new movie at 1 pm on Thursday afternoons. We'll provide the snacks!

- March 5th "Harriet" • March 19th "Ford v Ferrari"
- April 2nd "Knives Out"
- April 16th "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"

Family Trivia Night!

Tuesday, March 31st • 6:30-8 pm

Put on your thinking cap and compete to answer questions from a variety of categories. Enjoy snacks, and maybe win a prize! Each group must have an adult present. Registration is required.

Recycling Center and E-Waste

Our recycling center is open and staffed every Saturday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. except when snow plow trucks are in operation taking care of snow-covered roads. The following is a list of E-Waste **accepted** at our recycling center.

Televisions – CRT/Flat Panel	
Computer Monitors – CRT/Panel	
Computers	
Small Household Appliances	
Servers	Hard Drives
Telecom Hardware	Power
Supplies (UPS)	Mice
Keyboards	Scientific Hardware
Fax Machines	Scanners
VCR's	DVD Players
Stereos	Radios
Tape/CD Players	Telephones
Game Controllers	Remote Control
Cables/Wires	Routers/Switches
Docking Stations	Terminals
Rechargeable Batteries	Laptops
Microwave Ovens	Vacuum Cleaners
Medical Hardware	Military Hardware
Commercial Hardware	Office Hardware
Copy Machines	Industrial Hardware

E-Waste NOT accepted:

- No Wood Cabinetry of any type will be accepted
- No Large Projection T.V.'s
- No Televisions with cracked tube type screens
- No Electronics of any kind that have been opened/tampered with

Hazardous Material will be collected by the County of Bergen eight times during 2020 at the following locations, Paramus, Mahwah and Moonachie. Please visit www.bcua.org for exact dates/times and guidelines.

Other items accepted at the center are textiles/clothing, glass, cans, recyclable plastics, paper and cardboard which must be collapsed.

- No black garbage bags will be accepted at the center.
- No Styrofoam is allowed at this time.
- No Plate glass or window glass.
- No lightbulbs are accepted.

Brush pick up starts Wednesday April 1 and runs through Friday October 30. Brush is collected every other week and must be tied in manageable bundles or placed in brown Home Depot type bags. No branches larger than 4" in diameter or 5' in length will be collected. Brush must be at the curb by 06:00 the day of collection. Grass, stumps, logs, root balls and large trees will not be picked up.

All trees must be cut or trimmed back beyond your curb in order for our large plow trucks to properly plow to the curb line.

Any questions regarding recycling, Public Works services or requests for service should be directed to Foreman Raymond at dpwf@usrtoday.org

USR Police Message

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has released the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) "2019 Internet Crime Report." With total losses of 3.5 billion, the 28-page report is a sad reminder of how cybercriminals are actively preying on individuals and businesses each day. New Jersey ranked #14 in the Country with 9,067 total victims and losses of \$106,474,464. The Upper Saddle River Police Department receives various types of cyber-crime complaints from our residents each year. Complaints have been reported for such things as credit card fraud, identity theft, check fraud, email phishing, and fraudulent internet sales. Other frauds include computer/email repair, pay in advance and the exploitation of information on social media sites to defraud grandparents out of large sums of money. A review of the report revealed the following facts:

- FBI received 467,361 internet crime complaints in 2019, (1,300 every day)
- The most frequently reported complaint were phishing, non-payment/non delivery frauds and extortion.
- The most costly complaints involved business email compromises, romance or confidence fraud, and spoofing.
- In 2019, IC3 recorded 23,775 complaints of business' emails compromise, which resulted in 1.7 billion in losses.
- In 2019, the IC3 received 13,633 complaints related to Tech support fraud, from victims in 48 countries, losses amounted to 54 million.

- In 2019, IC3 received 2047 complaints identified as Ransomware, with 8.9 million in losses.
- 10,724 victims under the age of 20 with total losses of \$421,169,232.
- 68,013 victims over the age of 60 with total losses of \$835,164,766.
- The Recovery Asset Team, part of the FBI's IC3 Recovery and Investigative Development (RaID) team, managed to recover more than \$300 million that had been lost through online frauds.

A copy of the report can be found at the following link:

<https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2019-internet-crime-report-released-021120>

For additional information about the Internet Fraud Complaint Center or to file a complaint, please visit their website at:

<https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>

As always, the Upper Saddle River Police Department is here to help. If you feel that you are a victim of a cybercrime please contact our dispatch center for assistance. Free identity theft booklets, which contain information related to cyber security, are also available for pick up at the Police Department.

Adult Walk-In Health Clinic

Thursday, March 26, 2020 and Thursday, April 23, 2020 from noon-1pm at Borough Hall.

USR WASTE COLLECTIONS - March / April 2020

Garbage:		
March	Every Monday & Thursday	NOTE: Must call by 10 a.m. the NEXT DAY to report missed Trash/Recycles.
April	Every Monday & Thursday	
Recycling:		
March	West Side Tuesdays, March 3, 17 and 31	East Side Tuesdays, March 10 and 24
April	West Side Tuesdays, April 14 and 28	East Side Tuesdays, April 7 and 21
NOTE: Must call by 10am the NEXT DAY to report missed Trash/Recycles.		
Curbside White Goods:		
March	Thursday, March 5	Call 201-327-2196 x221 to schedule appointment for the appliance at LEAST three days prior to the pickup date.
April	Thursday, April 2	
Curbside Bulky Trash: Friday, March 20, 2020		

Household Hazardous Waste

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie, NJ. The collection hours are 9am-3pm, rain or shine. Free of charge for Bergen County residents, ID required. Visit www.bcua.org for additional information.

Senior Meeting on March 12 Free watercoloring painting session

Welcome all seniors (age 65 +) to Bergen Highlands Senior Group on March 12, Thursday at 11:00 am at Bergen Highlands United Methodist Church (318 West Saddle River Rd. Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458)

Free painting session and free lunch will be provided. RSVP by March 8th.

Contact bergenhighlands@optonline.net or call 201-327-3960.

Coming up in March / April 2020

BOROUGH BOARDS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Thursday, March 5
Thursday, April 2
6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting
8:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 26
Thursday, April 23
7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

SHADE TREE

Wednesdays, March 18 and April 15
7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library
Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library

BOARD OF HEALTH

Monday, March 16 - 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall

ADULT WALK-IN CLINIC

Thursday, March 26 and Thursday, April 23
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Monday, March 16 and Monday, April 20
7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

*Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 24
Tuesday, April 14 and Tuesday, April 28*

SERVICE GROUPS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meetings: Thursdays, March 5 and April 2
Drills: March 18 and 24 and April 15 and 21
at 7:30 p.m.

AMBULANCE CORP

Meetings: First Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m.
Drills: Fourth Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Mondays, March 2 and April 6
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Solarium of the USR Library

BERGEN HIGHLANDS ROTARY

Mondays, at 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at Houlihans in Ramsey.
No meeting on Federal Holidays and last Monday of
the month is a Breakfast Meeting that starts at 7:45 a.m.

SADDLE RIVER VALLEY LIONS CLUB

Tuesdays, March 3 and 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays, April 7 and 21 at 6:30 p.m.
At Ramsey Golf and Country Club

WOMAN'S CLUB

Thursday, March 5 - 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall
Tuesday, April 7 - 7:00 p.m. at the Library

Hopper-Goetschius House Museum

Join the USR Historical Society for its ANNUAL HISTORY DAY on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The house, barn, outkitchen, blacksmith shop and tenant house will all be open. Step back in time and view demonstrations of life on a farm in the 1800s. Members and children 18 & under are free; non-members \$5. It is also our annual Coalition History Day — you can purchase a ticket to visit 11 NW Bergen County Museums, a huge bargain even if you just visit a few. Tickets are \$10 for adults (children are free) and the Goetschius House is included on the ticket.

The new history book, *The Lore of Upper Saddle River*, will be available that day. It can also be purchased on our website: usrhistoricalsociety.org or by calling Michelle Dugan, 201-995-0171 or email prytter02@yahoo.com

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