



Upper Saddle River Borough Bulletin

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Mayor and Council Message

ONE LAKE STREET SPORTS COMPLEX:

We are excited for the construction on the new sports complex at One Lake Street to begin soon. There were some delays that have been addressed and we awarded the project after the bidding process. The project will be done in phases to allow to secure grant funding from various agencies. We secured a \$1.8 million dollar grant to assist in the acquisition of the tract, as well as a second grant in the amount of \$331,000 for the park development. Both grants were provided by the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund. The Borough has an additional pending grant application and will continue to pursue future grants. We estimate an additional \$700,000 in future grants which will be used to further reduce the Borough's funding obligation. In addition, the Borough will seek supplemental funding through sponsorships and donations. The Borough will bond the remaining cost of the project with the estimated average annual tax impact of approximately \$30 per year for the median home in the Borough.

The complex will include a 150,000 square foot synthetic turf athletic field to accommodate Football, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, and Lacrosse with stands and press box. There will be a "one third of a mile" walking path surrounding the circumference of the field. In addition, the complex will include four pickle ball courts and a 110ft x 40ft field house. There will be directional LED lighting for the fields, pickleball courts and the parking lot.

The location of the complex will be adjacent to the new retail area and restaurant on East Crescent.

We are hopeful that the fields will be playable for the fall of 2023 or even possibly for next summer. The bleachers and lights will come after that in phases. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony in the near future.



9/11 Service

All USR residents and families are invited to join the Upper Saddle River Fire Department as we pause to remember the day that changed our lives forever. A brief remembrance service and ceremony will take place in honor of the 21st Anniversary of 9/11 on Sunday, September 11th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Upper Saddle River Fire Department 9/11 Memorial located at our firehouse (375 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458).

CREATIVE GARDENS ACQUISITION:

The land previously known as Creative Gardens was purchased by the Borough. There were two grants applied for during this year's funding cycle to the Bergen Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (Bergen County Fund).

The first grant sought reimbursement of monies expended in connection with this acquisition. Bergen County has a provision to allow for reimbursement of expended monies for acquisition of certain parcels deemed to be under threat of development. After we explained the situation, the committee recommended an award of \$1,034,000. This funding is awaiting approval from the Bergen County commissioners.

The land will be used for Wildlife education and enhancement of adjacent natural and historically significant areas

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4th Quarter Taxes Due Nov. 1, 2022

The Tax Office wishes to remind residents that the fourth quarter 2022 taxes are due on or before November 1, 2022. Upper Saddle River offers a ten-day grace period. If taxes are not paid by November 10th, State law requires that interest is then due from November 1st to the date they are paid. Check or money orders only, no cash will be accepted. **NO POST DATED CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Voter Registration

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 is the last day to register to vote in the November 8, 2022 General Election. Registration forms are currently available at the Borough Hall weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They can also be downloaded from the County website:

<https://www.bergencountyclerk.org/services/36>.

On October 18, 2022, registration forms will be available at the Upper Saddle River Police Department from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., which should be completed and left with the Dispatcher. Call Borough Clerk Joy Convertini (201) 934-3975 if you have any questions.

Upper Saddle River Historical Society presents at The Hopper-Goetschius House Museum:

Annual Harvest Festival – Saturday, October 22nd, 1-4 p.m. (rain date Oct. 23): Celebrate the fall season. Taste apple cider fresh from our apple press. Tap your feet to the Blue/Rock Band, “Growing Old Disgracefully” while enjoying food from our grill. The blacksmith will be at his forge. There will be spooky stories in the schoolroom, fortune telling in the shed, open hearth cooking in the outkitchen, lace making, spinning and other craft demos and special tours of the museum buildings. Free to Historical Society members; \$5 non-member adults. Children 16 & under free.

Saddle River Valley Lions Club Golf Outing – October 17, 2022

The Lions Club’s 16th Annual Herb Bodensiek Golf Classic is scheduled for October 17th at the Ramsey Golf and Country Club with a “Shotgun Start” at 11:00 A.M. This year’s Classic features Greens Fees, Cart, Full Breakfast, Beer & Beverages on the Course, Expanded Dinner with Premium Open Bar... All Inclusive for \$200 per player. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. For more information visit: www.srvlions.org

Upper Saddle River Fire Department

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced “Fire Won’t Wait. Plan Your Escape” as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, reinforcing the critical importance of developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly. In addition, this October represents the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, the nation’s longest-running public health observance on record.

According to NFPA data, home — the place people feel safest from fire — is actually where they are at greatest risk, with three-quarters (74 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths occurring in homes. When a home fire does occur, it’s more likely to be serious; people are more likely to die in a home fire today than they were in 1980.

The Fire Prevention Week 2022 theme, “Fire Won’t Wait. Plan Your Escape,” promotes potentially life-saving messages that can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. Developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly ensures that everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds and uses that time wisely.

Following are key messages behind this year’s “Fire Won’t Wait. Plan Your Escape” theme:

- Make sure your home escape plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound. Smoke detectors should be tested at least twice a year.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice once during the day and at night.
- As the biggest annual campaign at NFPA, Fire Prevention Week works to educate people about the leading risks to home fires and ways they can better protect themselves and their loved ones.
- The Upper Saddle River Fire Department plays a key role in bringing Fire Prevention Week to life in our communities each year and spreading basic but critical fire safety messages to children of all ages in our school district with various programs throughout the month of October.

Learn more about Fire Prevention Week, its 100th anniversary, and this year’s theme, “Fire Won’t Wait. Plan Your Escape,” visit www.nfpa.org/fpw.

The Upper Saddle River Fire Department is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining please visit www.usrfd.org.

A Message from the Upper Saddle River Police Department

Roadways throughout the Country are about to get much more crowded as millions of students and teachers return to school. The Upper Saddle River Police Department, USR School District and Mayor’s Safety Committee want to remind you to DRIVE, RIDE, BIKE & WALK CAREFULLY to and from school. AAA’s annual ‘School’s Open—Drive Carefully’ campaign alerts motorists to the risks to school-age children from motor vehicle crashes. The campaign was launched nationally in 1946 to help reduce the number of school-related pedestrian injuries and fatalities. The goal of the campaign is to remind drivers of the need to curb unsafe driving behaviors, slow down and stay alert in areas where children may be present. An increase in vehicular traffic, pedestrians and cyclists on our roadways, requires extra vigilance, patience, defensive driving skills, and mindfulness while operating a motor vehicle. School zones are considered a “zero tolerance” area. Upper Saddle River Police Officers will be focusing on identifying such things as drivers not stopping for school busses with red lights flashing, distracted drivers, speeding, cell phone/texting while driving, drivers failing to stop for pedestrians within crosswalks, and drivers who fail to obey officers directing traffic.

To ensure the safe flow of traffic through the school zone parents should review the USR School District homepage for general traffic safety information, specific drop-off/pick-up locations, and maps to assist parents in navigating the school parking lots.

<https://www.usrschoolsk8.com/domain/1106>

For those of you that may be new to our school district congestion around the schools is expected during the first couple of weeks and usually will dissipate once drivers become accustomed to the traffic pattern.

Remember to Be Patient, and take your time. Leave earlier for drop-off/pick-up and try to car pool with other parents.

The following websites provide some additional information to keep your children safe as they return to school this year.

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/school-bus-safety/keeping-children-safe>

<https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/school-safety/back-to-school-safety-tips-for-drivers>

https://www.nj.gov/oag/hts/downloads/School_Zone_Tip_Sheet.pdf

Finally, we ask that you immediately report any dangerous conditions around any Upper Saddle River school.

Thank you and have a safe 2022-2023 school year.

Celebrate the 23rd Anniversary



Thanksgiving Morning

Thursday, November 24, 2022

Registration is now open for the 23rd Anniversary Upper Saddle River 5K Run, continuing its tradition on Thanksgiving Day. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning November 24th with the run starting at 9:00 a.m. at Cavallini Middle School. Pre-registration is recommended. On-line registration only at www.usr5k.org. The fee is \$30.00 and \$35.00 on day of the run. Pre-registered runners can pick up their shirt and number the evening before, November 23rd 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Cavallini Middle School. NO paper copy registrations on race day. ONLINE ONLY. Register before you leave home or use your cell phone when you arrive.

All donations should be made out to the Borough of USR and sent to Upper Saddle River 5k Run, PO Box 569, Saddle River, NJ 07458. **We are in need of volunteers for both Wednesday night and Thursday morning.** If you are interested in volunteering or making a corporate or individual donation, contact Ed Gartner at USRRecreation@aol.com

USR Library News

Back-to-School Bash at the Library!
Friday, September 9th 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Gather up the family for our annual outdoor, after-hours party! Dance to the DJ, enjoy pizza, make spin art, and more! Don't miss the grand finale—Miss Erin will get slimed by one lucky top summer reader! Register on our website calendar. Rain date is September 16.

We have a number of exciting library programs this September and October for adults, teens and children. Find program information on our website and register on the Calendar page at:

www.uppersaddleriverlibrary.org

Paper Shredding

The USR Shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 9am-1pm, rain or shine, behind Borough Hall at the DPW. **This shred event is intended for residents only.** In an effort to accommodate everyone, there is a limit of (4) bags/boxes, weighing no more than 10 lbs each. Staples are acceptable, please remove paper and binder clips.

BCUA Document Shredding, Electronics, Tire Recycling and Unwanted Medication Event Dates

The Bergen County Utility Authority will sponsor this event on Sunday, October 2, 2022 at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ. Collection hours are 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., rain or shine. This event is for Bergen County residents, ID required. Staples are acceptable for shredding, however remove paper and binder clips.

Discard your unwanted and expired over-the-counter and prescription medications in a secured Project Medicine Drop box. Bring medication in original containers or a sealed bag. **Sharps and liquids will not be accepted.**

The Woman's Club

There is still time to get on the map and profit from your unwanted treasures!

The Woman's Club is holding our 6th annual Town-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, September 17th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Rain Date Sunday the 18th). Applications and info at usrwomansclub.org. We do the advertising and get the permit—you make the profit! Proceeds benefit town first responders. Questions? Call Jeanine 201-965-5144 or Nona 201-934-9562.

Our monthly Book Group begins again in September as will our focus on trips and social outreach projects.

Upcoming Club meetings are Tuesdays September 6th and October 11th at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at the Library. New members are always welcome! Contact nona.maher@gmail.com for information.

USR WASTE COLLECTIONS - September / October 2022

Garbage:

September Every Monday & Thursday
October Every Monday & Thursday

NOTE: Must call by 10 a.m. the **NEXT DAY** to report missed Trash/Recycles.

Recycling:

September	West Side Tuesdays, September 13 and 27	East Side Tuesdays, September 6 and 20
October	West Side Tuesdays, October 11 and 25	East Side Tuesdays, October 4 and 18

NOTE: Must call by 10 a.m. the **NEXT DAY** to report missed Trash/Recycles.

Curbside White Goods:

September	Thursday, Sept. 1	Call 201-327-2196 x221 to schedule appointment for the appliance at LEAST three days prior to the pickup date.
October	Thursday, Oct. 6	

Curbside Bulky Trash: Friday, September 23, 2022

Old Stone Church

COZY SOUPS FOR FALL

Saturday, October 22nd 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Old Stone Church, 500 East Saddle River Road 201-327-5242

HOMEMADE SOUPS with bread

Eat In or Take Out - \$5.00 cup or \$6.00 pint

choose from: Southwestern Pumpkin, Split Pea, Chicken Vegetable, Roasted Butternut Squash, Smothered Onion

Proceeds to be donated to: The Center for Food Action.

Warm up with some good soup and help to nourish our neighbors.

Friends of The Library

Please look for our Annual Membership Drive letter in your mail and consider donating to the Friends this year. Become a Sponsor or a Benefactor! We need your support to be able to continue to provide the extra services you have come to value over the years.

Our monthly Book Sales resume on Saturdays, September 17th and October 8th from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

We have titles to please every reader, and we offer monthly specials. In September, all "Coffee Table" Books will be \$1.00 and all children who come to browse will get a surprise. October's special will be all Holiday Books at bargain prices. Mark your calendar, stop by and buy!

Upcoming Friends meetings are Mondays September 12th and October 3rd at 10 a.m. downstairs at the library. New members are always welcome! Contact nona.maher@gmail.com for information.

Saddle River Valley Junior Women's Club

The Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club will be holding our Fall Kick Off Meeting on September 28th at 8 p.m. (location TBA). We will be welcoming new members and catching up with our existing members. Please join us to hear about all of the exciting fall events we have planned as well as how you can help us continue to give back to our community! We are also very excited to announce the return of our **Father Daughter Princess Ball!** This highly anticipated event will be held Friday, November 4th - more details to follow! Please contact Leslie Lahoud at leslieagcook@hotmail.com with questions about the SRVJWC.

Coffee with a Cop is Back!

Sponsored by the USRA Coalition

On Thursday October 6, 2022, between the hours of 5pm-7pm the Upper Saddle River Police will be hosting a Coffee with a Cop event. The event is sponsored by the USRA Coalition and will be held at the Upper Saddle River Library. The purpose of the event is to bring police officers and the community members they serve together—over coffee—to discuss issues and learn more about each other. Coffee with a Cop events have served to build trust and help foster a sense of community in communities large and small.

Brush Pickup

Bundled brush pickup run through October 31, 2022. Bundles must be tied and able to be lifted overhead into a truck. No larger than 4" in diameter or greater than 5' in length. Brush must be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. the day of the 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.

Household Hazardous Waste

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ and Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022 at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus NJ. The collection hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine. This drop off is free of charge for Bergen County Residents, ID required. Visit www.bcua.org for additional information.

Coming up in September / October 2022

BOROUGH BOARDS

***MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Thursday, September 1

Thursday, October 6

6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting

8:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

***PLANNING BOARD**

Wednesday, Sept. 14 and Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 12 and Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

SHADE TREE

TBD

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library

Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m. (note time change)

BOARD OF HEALTH

Monday, September 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings, which are normally held the 3rd Monday every other month, will now be held via Zoom until Borough Hall is officially open for attended meetings.

ADULT WALK-IN CLINIC

Thursday, September 22nd and Thursday, October 27th
from noon-1 p.m. at Borough Hall.

***ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

SERVICE GROUPS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meetings: Thursdays, September 1 and October 6

Drills: 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

Monday, Sept. 12th at 10:00 a.m. downstairs at the Library

Monday, Oct. 3rd at 10:00 a.m. downstairs at the 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**

TBD

WOMAN'S CLUB

Tuesday, Sept. 6th 7:00 p.m. downstairs at the Library

Tuesday, Oct. 11th 7:00 p.m. downstairs at the Library

***Meetings held via teleconference.**

Due to COVID 19, meetings could be cancelled or rescheduled.

Municipal Court in Session, Borough Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13 and September 27

Tuesday, October 11 and Tuesday, October 25

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