

# RIVERDALE

## NEWS AND EVENTS



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### RIVERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS IT'S ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER

The Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department held it's 2016 annual installation dinner on March 19th at the Barnyard & Carriage House in Totowa, New Jersey. Mayor Paul Carelli was honored to swear-in this year's officers.

- CHIEF : Daniel Sturm
- ASSISTANT CHIEF: James Regeling, Jr.
- CAPTAIN 31: Michael Van Ry
- CAPTAIN 32: James Regeling, Sr.
- CAPTAIN 33: David James
- LIEUTENANT 31: Jonathan Kazemini
- LIEUTENANT 32: David Regeling



### THE EASTER BUNNY ARRIVES FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT



The Riverdale Recreation department held it's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26th. The weather was great and the children had a great time collecting eggs and prizes. Thanks to the Riverdale Recreation Department!



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# *The Mayor's Report*

**My fellow Riverdale residents,**

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter holiday as we now head into April.

We have been hard at work planning for upcoming activities in the Borough. Mark your calendar as our annual Memorial Day parade is scheduled for Monday, May 30th at 10:00am. Details will be upcoming in the May newsletter.

The Mayor and Council introduced the 2016 Municipal Budget at the March 30th Regular Council Meeting. This years budget increased by \$83,280 to a total budget of \$7,099,054. This equates to a budget increase of 1.2%.. Despite a borough ratable loss of 2.9% or \$23,269,500, we managed to minimize the average residential home annual increase to **\$67.87**. If we did not have so many tax appeals and our assessments held at the 2015 level, the annual increase would have only been **\$11.99**.

Please note the public hearing and adoption of the budget will take place at 7:30pm on April 27, 2016 at the Regular Council Meeting. A copy of the introduced budget is available on the Borough website at [www.riverdalenj.gov](http://www.riverdalenj.gov).

I am please to announce that former Borough Clerk Carol Talerico has agreed to return to Riverdale as a part-time Administrative Assistant to the Mayor. As we all know, Carol worked as our Borough Clerk for 27 years. Her expertise, experience, and professionalism will be a great asset to me and the borough as we move forward in 2016.

For now, I wish everyone a safe and happy April.

*Mayor Paul M. Carelli*

## **RIVERDALE FOOD PANTRY**

Your continued support is very much appreciated. Items needed are peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce, pancake mix and syrup, healthy snacks, soup, boxed potatoes, rice, coffee, tea, paper products, and laundry detergent.



For confidential Pantry assistance, please call Linda Roetman at the Riverdale Municipal Building - (973) 835-4060

**THANK YOU**

## HOURS

Monday 10-8 Thursday 10-8  
Tuesday 10-5 Friday 10-5  
Wednesday 10-8 Saturday 10-4

# RIVERDALE Public Library

93 Newark Pompton Turnpike • Riverdale, New Jersey 07457  
Phone: 973-835-5044 • Fax: 973-835-2175

Registration for programs  
is required.  
Call (973) 835-5044 or visit  
[www.riverdalelibrary.org](http://www.riverdalelibrary.org)  
to sign up!

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### **AARP Driver Safety Course**

**Saturday, April 2, 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Factors related to aging can increase the risk of crashes and injury among drivers. The purpose of this course is to help drivers of all ages maintain their mobility and independence by refreshing their driving skills and learning how to adjust to age-related challenges. Cost: \$15.00 for AARP members; \$20.00 for non-members; course participants may be eligible for auto insurance premium discounts.

***The Big Short* - Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.** Biographical comedy-drama that focuses on four financial professionals who foresaw the consequences of the credit and housing bubble that led to the 2008 financial crisis. Rated R; 130 min.

**Walt Whitman: “The Good Grey Poet” - Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.** Walt Whitman sought to create “a new gospel of beauty” and gave us the free form voice that has become standard today. Learn more about this fascinating author during this first-person living history presentation by the American Historical Theatre. Funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

**Organizing Your Clothes for Less Chaos – Saturday, April 23, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. OR 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Do you DREAD going into your closet or dresser drawers? Did the shelf or rod in your closet collapse from the weight of too many clothes, yet you have nothing to wear? Linda Anders, Professional Organizer and the owner of COC Enterprises LLC, will discuss shopping tips to keep your clothes from taking over your home, a dozen ways to keep closets organized, and more!

**Cleaning with Kids – Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.** When should I start asking my child to do chores? What are some tips to get kids to pick up? How do parents control the amount of children’s toys? Get the answers to these questions and more from Linda Anders, Professional Organizer and the owner of COC Enterprises LLC.

## ADULT COMPUTER PROGRAMS

**Microsoft Word - Monday, April 18, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
*Prerequisite: comfortable using a computer, keyboard and mouse.* Learn to type text in Word, edit, spell-check, save, and print documents. Learn to format text, change fonts, use bullets and customize the quick access toolbar for easy access to favorite commands.

## MONTHLY

**Adult Book Discussion Group—Mon., April 25 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
*The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri  
**Photo Club — Mon., April 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** For beginners to experts.  
**Gypsy Knitters — Thursdays, 4:00-8:00 p.m.** Experienced knitters, bring a project and join in!

## INFANT & PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

***Baby Time Storytime* - Mondays, April 4 to May 16 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.** Designed especially for infants and toddlers, this half hour of simple books, music, movement, and play that lets you and your little one have fun at the library! Infants to 23 months with a caregiver.

***Totally Twos Storytime* - Mondays, April 4 to March 16, 10:15 -10:45 a.m.** Fun songs, finger plays, puppets, picture books, and a craft designed to help your two-year old take the first steps towards early literacy. Ages 2-3 with caregiver.

***Preschool Pals Storytime*— Tuesdays, April 5 to May 17, 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.** Featuring weekly theme, children develop school readiness skills by listening to stories, making new friends, and creating a craft. Ages 3-5 with care giver.

## CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS — GRADES K-5

***After School Crafts: Flower Bouquets!*—Wednesday April 6, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** Join us to make your own felt paper flower bouquets. Grades K-5.

***Bagels & Books Book Club* – Saturday, April 9, 10:15-11:30 a.m.** Watch for details about when to pick up a copy of our chosen book at the circulation desk. Then join us for snacks and book talk! Grades 3-5.

***Party with the Pigeon!* - Wednesday, April 13, 3:00 p.m.** Riverdale will be decorated to celebrate all your favorite books by Mo Willems that feature the Pigeon. Join us for a party with the Pigeon. We’ll read pigeon books, play pigeon games, and have crafts for all. Don’t let the pigeon have fun without you! Ages 2-6.

***Paws to Read: Tales to Tails* - Wednesday April 13, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Readers of all levels get to read to a friendly canine listener! Grades K-5.

***LEGO Lab*— Wednesday, April 20, 4:00– 5:00 p.m.** You bring your imagination; we’ll supply the LEGOs and a great story! Grades K-5.

***Spring Crafts*— Thursday, April 28, 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Come by for flower fueled fun! Grades K-8.

## TWEEN & TEEN PRGRAMS

***Drawing Class with Guest Artist Angela Fernet* - Thursday April 7, 5:00 p.m.** We are pleased to introduce Angela Fernet, a New Jersey-based freelance artist, to Riverdale! Angela will bring her expertise and passion to teach you how to bring to life and draw silly common phrases. Don’t miss this fun opportunity to learn tips and techniques to improve your drawing! Ages 9 and up.

***Maker Mondays: No-Sew Pillows* - Monday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m.** Introducing a new after school program that will allow you to do more than craft - let’s be makers and start tinkering! Make your own Earth Day fleece pillows! No sewing skills are required. Grades 4 - 8.

***The Third Thursday: Earth Day Science* - Thursday April 21, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** Have fun with some Earth Day science! Grades 5-8.



# RECREATION NEWS



In order to register for any of the programs below, to ask any questions or looking to volunteer for any of the programs, you may call 973-835-4060 x232 or email riverdalerec@gmail.com

## 2016 Summer Rec 2nd Payment

For children entering 1st - 6th grade as of Fall '16 - Full Time  
For children entering 7th - 8th grade as of Fall -16 - Part Time

**\$150 Second Payment due by 4/20 - per child**

**\$250 due for first time registrations - per child**

Summer Rec dates for 2016: June 27 - July 29.

9:00-3:00 at Riverdale Community Center

**REGISTRATION forms available online now. Email riverdalerec@gmail.com with any questions.**

**SPACE IS LIMITED. SIGN UP TODAY.**

## Field Hockey CAMP

June 27, 28, 29, July 1 & 2

9:00-10:30am, Cost: \$70

Open to 1st - 8th grade students

@Hershfield Park in PL

## 2016 COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are now being accepted for SUMMER REC COUNSELOR positions.



**The deadline to apply is 4/30.**

You **MUST** be 16 and a Riverdale Resident to apply.

Applications are available at Borough Hall or online ([www.riverdalenj.gov](http://www.riverdalenj.gov))

Email riverdalerec@gmail.com with any questions.



*Thursdays 6:00PM*

*Riverdale School Field*

*Starts June 30 through August*

Open to men and women who just want to come out and have some fun playing softball. No need to sign up - just show up and play.

Email riverdalerec@gmail.com for more information.

## Women's Fitness

in conjunction with Pompton Lakes Recreation

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7:00 - 8:00 PM

at Lincoln School in Pompton Lakes

Session III: 3/21/16 - 5/1/16

\$50 for 16 classes, \$35 for 10 classes, or \$5 drop in



## YOGA WEDNESDAYS 7:00-8:00PM Glenburn House

All classes are \$10, pay as you attend with half going back to the Glenburn property.

## TENNIS CLINIC

Sunday's 4/3 - 5/1, 1:00 - 1:45pm

2 - 2:45pm special needs session

@ Hershfield Park Tennis Courts in Pompton Lakes

Cost = \$15, open to K - 8th grade

TO REGISTER: email riverdalerec@gmail.com or call 973-835-4060 x232



## PL Middle School Camp

July 11-15 & July 18-22

10:00am - 12:00pm @ PLHS gym

For students entering 7th/8th/9th grade as of Fall '16

\$100 for 2 weeks

\$75 for 1 week





**From the desks of Riverdale School Superintendent,  
Mrs. Vicki Pede, and Principal, Mr. Sean Bowe:**

This is the time of the school year for two annual opportunities in some school districts across our great state! On Tuesday, April 19, 2016, our school budget will be up for public vote; voting occurs at the Riverdale Community Center (between the hours of 2:00 and 9:00) where we hope that you will exercise your right to vote. We put this budget together with the children at the forefront of our decisions. The mission statement and the school goals helped to guide us to the final numbers. The budget includes the continuation of our academic programs and extra-curricular opportunities for students. Further, the voters will be asked to determine the Board members who will serve the school and community. Mr. Michael Kheyfets and Mrs. Jessica Muzzio-Rentas are running for three year terms, while Ms. Marybeth Miller is on the ballot to fulfill obligations that come with a one year seat. At the same time that you vote, we will also have an opportunity for your children to vote on the shade of our school colors, blue and gold. This event is occurring downstairs in the Community Center to make it convenient for you!

April also marks the start of our PARCC standardized state testing for students in grades 3 through 8. Testing for Riverdale students begins on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and continues on various days and times (full schedule on our website: [www.rpsnj.org](http://www.rpsnj.org)) depending on the grade level. PARCC is an acronym standing for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. According to the New Jersey Department of Education website, the PARCC tests "...more accurately measure the skills developed under the core academic standards and provide parents and educators with meaningful detailed information that can improve student learning." We ask that you speak with your children and help them to get the rest and nourishment they need prior to the test administration. Our students have worked very hard throughout this school year, and we want to make sure they are ready to face the challenges ahead! We appreciate your partnership with our school district in this way and we all realize the pressure that your children, our students, may be feeling is real!

There are so many exciting events happening in our district as we work to educate the whole child. In the area of safety, you should soon see bollards installed to help prohibit vehicles from crashing into our school; this has come to fruition with the help of Tilcon. Our baseball and softball season kicks off with a home opener on April 18<sup>th</sup>; come out to support their efforts! Please continue to check our website (remember there is a new one coming your way by July 1) for specific school event details. A strong home-school connection is certainly appreciated. Please know that you are always welcome at Riverdale School!

### UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS AND REMINDERS:

8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip	March 30 – April 1	Washington, DC
PTA Fundraiser at Applebee's	Sunday, April 3 (8a.m.-10a.m.)	Applebee's on Route 23N
Staff Appreciation Week	April 4 – April 7	Various Locations
PARCC Testing	April 5 forward	Various Locations
School Board Meeting	April 6 – 7:30	Library
End of Marking Period 3	April 7	N/A
Emergency Day Return-School Closed	April 8	School Closed
Spring Break	April 11 – April 15	School Closed
School Election (and Kids' Vote)	Tuesday, April 19	Community Center
PTA Meeting	April 21	Cafeteria
School Board Meeting - Reorganization	April 27 – 7:30	Library
SEPAC Meeting	April 28 – 7:00	Library



**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Kevin Smith

**LIEUTENANT**

James MacIntosh

**SQUAD SERGEANTS**

Sergeant Gregory Bogert  
Sergeant Chris Biro  
Sergeant Patrick Harden  
Sergeant Charles Quant Jr.  
Sergeant Robert DiGirolamo

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Patrolman Gary Keil  
Patrolman Michael Reilly  
Patrolman Joe McDermott  
Patrolman Travis Roemmele  
Patrolman Kyle Parrill  
Patrolman Andrew Duffy  
Patrolman Dan Salvati

**TRAFFIC DIVISION**

Sergeant Anthony Famularo

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Joseph Peters  
James Nolan  
Sara Webb  
William Budesheim

**RECORDS CLERK**

Secretary Theresa Pellegrini

**K-9 UNIT**

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# RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Department Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY: 911  
Non-Emergency: (973) 835-0034

RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
91 Newark-Pompton Turnpike  
Riverdale, NJ 07457



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Thursday April 14, 2016 \*\*6-10pm\*\*

\$20 at the door-2 drink tickets and free buffet!

Games to be played!!! Prizes to be won!!!

Officers riding for Team "Cyclepaths" this year: Sgt. Joe Ruffo (Pompton Lakes PD), Ptl. Joe McDermott (Riverdale PD), Ptl. Chris Nelson (Pequanock PD), Sgt. Dave Crouthamel (Kinnelon PD), Sgt. Mark Loveland and Sgt. Dave Terpstra (Bloomingdale PD)



For the past eighteen years, law enforcement officers nationwide have ridden the 300 plus miles trip, with the purpose of raising awareness of those law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and financial support for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum.



The Riverdale Woman's Club is busy preparing for its major fundraiser. Their 5th Annual Scrapbooking Day to be held on April 16th. There are still a few spots left. Contact Jenny at 973-650-8860 if you're interested.

At the regular club meeting on April 13th the program will be "Brown Bag Auction". Members bring new items in a "brown bag", with one member acting as the auctioneer, the rest of the club bids on the items. This is always a fun evening with members trying to outbid each other for the hidden treasures. In recent years we've gotten away from plain old brown bags and most members try to outdo each other with fancy bags which raises the stakes for the bidders!

On April 11th our Arts Creative Department will gather to make Paper Dahlia Wreaths for information call the Arts Creative Chairman at 862-248-0207.

On April 16th members will attend the District Spring Conference and Achievement Day at the Indian Trail Club. Many Riverdale ladies have won gold ribbons at the district level and have gone on for judging at the State Convention, winning gold there as well. Members will also enjoy the chance to spend the day with New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs members from their district. It's a day of friendship and fun.

New members are always welcome. To quote a member "This club is unusual in that these women truly care for each other and become more than fellow club members; they become good friends."

For information on joining the Riverdale Woman's Club contact our Membership Chairman at 973-835-3269.

## BY AND LARGE

by Elaine Peacock



### SPRING INTO APRIL

When April arrives spring truly begins. Gone are the changeable days of March. April shows off her beautiful spring daffodils, tulips and hyacinths, flowering trees and milder temperatures. GOD's handiwork surrounds us with all the sights and beauty that is April. So grab your umbrella for those unexpected April showers, take a walk and get out and enjoy all April has to offer. April gives us a taste of what is to come and a spring in our step as we get ready for the milder, warmer months ahead.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Congratulations are in order! Elaine Peacock recently had her first story published as a storybook/coloring book and is called "Happy the Hippocampus." She has a second story coming out in May it will be a full color golden book. Anyone who would like to see and or purchase can reach out to Elaine.

President Gloria Carelli opened the first meeting of March and asked Chaplain Elaine Peacock to address the group with her reading of an Irish Ditty. She has been published—a combination children's storybook/coloring book. Congratulations! First Vice-Pres. Loretta Lippens reported on ill members and then honored the March birthdays. Those members stood up, were read a birthday wish, given a treat, and received a "Happy Birthday" song. She also informed us that Ashley Farms on West Parkway would be having an 80% off sale starting March 18th for about a week. Annette Lucente and Laura LaRosa gave their respective secretary and treasurer reports, as did 2nd Vice-Pres. Grace Chiesa.

Pres. Carelli announced a few changes in meeting programs—"Health At Home" will now be presented at the April 4th meeting. An oil painting demo is scheduled for the March 21st meeting. Due to the first meeting of July falling on the July 4th holiday, it will be cancelled.

In response to the trust fund established by the Borough for Sgt. Patrick Harden and his drug-sniffing dog, K9 Elza, seniors are making a donation. Gloria praised his presentation last month, and said that he would return sometime in the future as Elza's training progresses. She also gave us an update regarding former Mayor Budesheim's recent house fire, and members were very sympathetic toward him and his family.

Kay Boucher gave her final report before the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. Looking forward to a fun-filled social on a 70 degree day in March! Barbara Stillwaggon announced a change-of-date for the Luncheon Show at Hunterdon Playhouse to see the comedy "Rumors" in May. Additional details will be forthcoming. Gloria again asked for a volunteer/s to work on a future trip.

Member Joan Moran, then read an inspirational message on the subject of "Forgiveness", which I feel is worthy of sharing; "The first one to apologize is the bravest - the first one to forgive is the strongest - the first one to forget is the happiest".

Our speaker today was Police Chief Kevin Smith, who spoke on the subject of "scams", whether they be on the phone, mail or internet, which is much in the news today. Particularly look out for those claiming to represent Microsoft, PSE&G, IRS. If the offer sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Also beware of those who ask you to wire money for any reason, or who ask for your birth date, Social Security Number, etc. Some of the brightest people have been taken! Check with the Police Dept. to report anything that you feel is suspicious, and also, the local Police Dept. does not call for donations.

The second meeting of the month was held on March 21st and members were welcomed by Pres. Gloria Carelli. Chaplain Elaine Peacock read a piece entitled "Early Easter Blessings". 1st Vice-Pres. Loretta Lippens reported on cards sent to ill members and a sympathy card to the family of deceased member Ann Yerkes. She also had pamphlets available to us regarding Fire Safety. Secretary and Treasurer reports were given.

Barbara Stillwaggon reported on both her upcoming trip to the Hunterdon Playhouse, giving further details, and the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon held at the Grasshopper in Newfoundland. The food was delicious and plentiful and she thanked Bob Boucher for dressing as a leprechaun and leading McNamaras band with herself, Kay Boucher and Ann Dondero. The members joined in singing a few familiar Irish songs which made for an entertaining and enjoyable day.

Under New Business, Mary Gambino gave information about a sit-down exercise workout available to seniors. Kay Boucher asked about the Spring walking club that has been available to all Riverdale senior residents. Gloria will look into this with the Recreation Director. Pres. Carelli told us that at our April 18th meeting we will have a presentation of the Board of Education School Budget, given by the Supt. of Schools, Vicki Pedé. The "Health at Home" program is on April 4th, with light refreshments.

Gloria closed the meeting and then introduced our guest, Bob Benedetto, who gave an oil painting demonstration. He finished a step-by-step painting of a tropical beach scene, with input from the audience, which he donated to the club. Bob is a Certified Bob Ross Painting Instructor. After his demonstration, we had refreshments and Bingo was played.

**Presented by Kay Boucher**

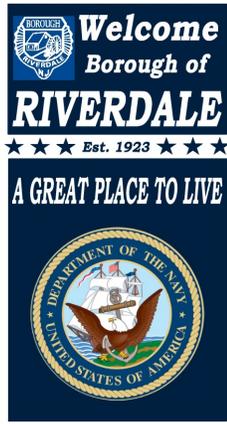


# Council Business Report

By Councilman Dave Desai



## LATEST HAPPENINGS FROM THE BOROUGH COUNCIL



The beautification advisory committee announced a Banner Sponsorship Program that offers local businesses the chance to sponsor a banner which will be placed on the light posts along Newark Pompton Turnpike. A \$100 donation gets 1 sponsored business banner. It's an opportunity to have Riverdale businesses contribute to the improvement of our community, but also provides them daily advertising to all those who travel through Riverdale each day.

If your business is interested in securing a banner you can contact Michael from the Beautification Advisory Committee at 862-377-8612 or email [riverdalebanners@yahoo.com](mailto:riverdalebanners@yahoo.com)

## QUARRY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The 2016 Quarry Committee met in March to review and prioritize open tasks. Quality-of-life concerns are the top priorities including vibrations from blasting operations and dust. Quarterly blasting reports are now being posted on the Riverdale Borough website and a handbook on vibration damage is in the works. The committee is currently evaluating outdoor monitoring equipment that includes an alert system that will notify the borough and Tilcon management when high levels of airborne dust is detected. Samples of dust from highly impacted areas will be collected and analyzed. Combined these measures will help us identify what conditions and activities lead to elevated levels of dust and pinpoint the source.

"KEIL Heating and Air Conditioning is hosting a month-long FOOD DRIVE in APRIL!"



"KEIL spent the winter warming your home. Now that it's spring, let's all come together to warm the hearts within our community."



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## 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2016 Borough of Riverdale Municipal budget will take place on April 27, 2016 at the Regular Council Meeting starting at 7:30pm.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

# RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Department Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY: 911  
Non-Emergency: (973) 831-1584

56 Post Lane  
Riverdale, NJ 07457



**Fire Chief: Dan Sturm**  
**Assistant Chief: Jim Regeling**  
**Fire Administrator: Pat Cleary**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER!**

HOSTED BY

**RIVERDALE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY**

WHEN

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016**

**4:30PM – 7:30PM**

WHERE

**RIVERDALE FIREHOUSE**  
**56 POST LANE, RIVERDALE**

**\$9 ADULTS**

**\$7 SENIORS**

**\$5 CHILDREN (12 AND UNDER)**

OUR ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET INCLUDES: SPAGHETTI,  
MEATBALLS, PARMESAN CHEESE, ITALIAN BREAD AND BUTTER,  
SALAD, SODA, BOTTLED WATER, AND BAKED DESSERTS!



## Riverdale Fire Department Auxiliary

The Riverdale Fire Department Auxiliary is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Riverdale resident who is graduating from high school in 2016 and is planning to continue their education.

Call 973-838-7196 for an application or check with your high school guidance office.



Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fill the home and prevent the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional health concerns.

### WHY HOARDING INCREASES FIRE RISKS

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

### HOW HOARDING IMPACTS FIRST RESPONDERS

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

### How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

- ✓ When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.
- ✓ Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.
- ✓ Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least once a month.
- ✓ Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.



Your Source for SAFETY Information  
NFPA NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Name of Organization Goes Here

Contact Information Goes Here



Hello Riverdale!  
We have reformed and are happily  
looking for new members!

Please join us for our next meeting.

**April 19th, 2016 7:30pm at the Riverdale Firehouse.**

Please contact Russ Hatzel at [rwh077@msn.com](mailto:rwh077@msn.com)  
with any questions.

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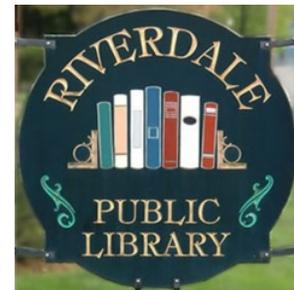
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Congratulations to Brownies Troop 96380 who earned the Goal Getters Reward. The girls had to sell 25 QSP items, 5 magazines, 150 boxes of cookies and either submit a 250 word essay or a 3 minute video about how the 5 skills of selling cookies helped them in everyday life. The 5 skills are Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics.

From left to right, the 2nd Graders from the Pompton Lakes Brownie Troop 96380 who earned the Goal Getters Reward are: Gabriella Solis, Lacey Fasouletos, Francesca Saenger, Leah Ciabattoni, and Delilah Rango.



The Riverdale Library Board of Trustees is seeking a volunteer with a strong financial background to fill a vacancy on our board.

The ideal candidate should possess three "T's"....**Treasure, Time & Talent.** Treasure the library, volunteer time to serve, and possess talent which enhances our current board.

The board meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm for approximately one hour. If you are interested in serving on the Library Board, please email Mayor Paul Carelli at [pcarelli@riverdalenj.gov](mailto:pcarelli@riverdalenj.gov)



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