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Christine Gregory (L) with Carol Talerico,  
current Borough Clerk

The colonial lamp post at the war memorial site in front of the municipal building was dedicated recently to **Mrs. Christine Gregory** in commemoration of her many years of service to the community as Borough Clerk.



The commemorative plaque in honor of  
Mrs. Christine Gregory

## RIVERDALE BOROUGH DIRECTORY

### MEETINGS

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
1st & 3rd MONDAY  
7:30 PM

**PLANNING/ZONING BOARD**  
1st & 4th THURSDAY  
7:30 PM

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
1st TUESDAY  
7:30 PM

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
3rd TUESDAY  
7:30 PM

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2nd MONDAY  
7:30 PM in the LIBRARY

**EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE,  
FIRST AID: DIAL 9-1-1**

**Thomas Soules, Police Chief**  
973-835-0034

**Patrick Cleary, Fire Chief**  
Chief@riverdalefd.net

Please submit all news, press releases and information to:  
**Carol Talerico, Municipal Clerk**  
973-835-4060 Ext. 223; or  
**mayor@riverdalenj.com**

### GOVERNING BODY

**William Budesheim, Mayor**  
3 Curtis Street  
973-835-4060 Ext. 215  
mayor@riverdalenj.com

**Joseph Falkoski, Council Pres.**  
Public Safety Committee  
513 Cotluss Road  
jfalkoski@riverdalenj.com

**Garrett Astarita, Councilman**  
Buildings and Grounds Committee  
23 Morris Avenue  
gastarita@riverdalenj.com

**Donna Bush, Councilwoman**  
Personnel Committee  
27 Halsey Avenue  
dbush@riverdalenj.com

**Paul Carelli, Councilman**  
Finance Committee  
42 Cottage Place  
pcarelli@riverdalenj.com

**Theodore Guis, Councilman**  
Public Works Committee  
51 Riverview Terrace  
tguis@riverdalenj.com

**Elaine Wetzel, Councilwoman**  
Community Relations Committee  
98 Newark Pompton Turnpike  
ewetzel@riverdalenj.com

### MUNICIPAL BUILDING

**Main Telephone Number**  
973-835-4060

**Carol Talerico, Municipal Clerk &  
Registrar - Ext. 223**

**Linda Forbes, Deputy Clerk**  
Deputy Registrar - Ext. 221

**Joseph Montemarano,**  
Construction Official - Ext. 233

**Donna Lavornia, Bookkeeper**  
Finance Department - Ext. 212

**Pat Pignatelli, Health Officer**  
**Stacey Dakake, Nurse**  
Health Department - Ext. 218

**Linda Roetman, Zoning Officer**  
Planning Board Admin. - Ext. 211

**Maryann Murphy, Tax Collector**  
Tax Collection - Ext. 214

**Joseph DeStefano, Assessor**  
Tax Assessor - Ext. 234

**Samuel Dedio, Clerk**  
Sewer and Water Billing  
Construction Assistant - Ext. 232

**Kathleen Latta, Court Admin.**  
Municipal Court - 973-835-1013

Our new website is currently under construction: [www.riverdaleNJ.com](http://www.riverdaleNJ.com)

### Something New

We had hoped to be sending you the latest edition of the *Riverdale* magazine; unfortunately, the publisher has run into production problems delaying any future issues until further notice. Because of the popularity of the magazine and the worthwhile means of communicating the "goings-on-in-town" it had become, we did not want to lose that momentum. The Governing Body hopes that this monthly newsletter will continue to keep you informed of the news and events that make our town the special community it is. If anyone wishes to contribute items of interest to the municipality we would be more than happy to include them in future issues. Pleasant reading!

*William Budesheim, Mayor*

*The costs associated with publishing such a newsletter are being borne by the advertiser on the last page. Please patronize this business. Thank you.*

### **Traffic Bureau - Important Notice**

*School is open! Please obey the following rules in order to assure the safety of our school children:*

- \* There is no parking on Oak St. on the side opposite the school.
- \* Do **not** double park & allow your child to walk between parked cars.
- \* The *Kiss and Go* should be used for a quick drop off and pick up only.
- \* Please obey the 25 mph zone on the Newark Pompton Turnpike when children are present as indicated by the flashing lights.
- \* The speed limit is **25 mph** in residential areas. We received numerous complaints of speeding on Cedar St. and Post Lane. Please SLOW DOWN for safety's sake! Thank you for your cooperation.

*Sgt. Greg Bogert*

### **Health Clinics**

**Osteoporosis Screening**  
Mon. 10/24 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
*Call Nurse to register Ext. 218*

**Blood Pressure Screening**  
Mon. 11/07 @ 9 - 11 am  
*Senior Center*

**Child Flu Clinic**  
Thurs. 10/27 @ 9 - 11 am  
*Health Office*

**Senior Flu Clinic**  
Thurs. 10/27 11am - 1 pm  
*Senior Center*

**Resident Flu Clinic**  
Monday 11/7 @ 5 pm - 8 pm  
*Borough Hall*  
*Flu Clinics by Appt. only. Call Nurse*



The many thousands who enjoyed the concerts in the park.

### **Upcoming Events**



Sgt. Greg Bogert getting ready for the pumpkin drop at last year's *Fright Night*.

### **Fright Night**

**Sunday, October 23**  
**Activities, start at 5 pm.**

**Costume Parade begins at the school, ends at Freedom Park.**

Pumpkin Drop, Music, Haunted Attractions, Bonfire, Balloon Clowns & Magicians, Pumpkin Patch, Giveaways and more!

Don't miss this great event.

Enjoyed by the young and not-so-young!

### **Riverdale Recreation Committee**

**Fall & Winter 2005/2006**

Recreation Director: June Carelli 973-616-0288

### **Programs for Children**

#### **Toddler Gymnastics**

This program is still being coordinated and will be announced later this Fall.

Riverdale Toddlers ages 3 thru 5

**January 2006**

*Information: Lori Clinton 973-616-4406*

#### **Children's Bowling**

REGISTRATION: Thursday, Nov. 17th 7:00 - 8:00pm

Riverdale Recreation Department Building  
next to Municipal Building (Mario's Deli)

Holiday Bowl, Oakland

Riverdale Children ages 2 thru 14

**Sundays - 2:00 pm**

**January 8 thru March 12, 2006**

**\$8.00 per child**

*Information: June Carelli 973-616-0288*  
*or Mary Wolbach 973-831-1383*

#### **Mountain Creek Ski Program**

**REGISTRATION:**

Thursday, October 27 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Riverdale Recreation Department Building  
Cost to be determined

Info. & Registration Forms available in Borough Hall  
Ages 7 - 18

FREE Ski/Snow Boarding Lessons included

*Information: Cindy Moratto 973-492-8569*

### **Election Day**

**Tuesday November 8 - 6 am to 8 pm**

### **Riverdale Public School - Child Find**

If you have a child, ages 3 - 21 who may be experiencing physical, sensory, communication, cognitive or social difficulties, please call the school at 973-839-1300 to arrange for an appointment and/or referral to the Child Study Team (CST).

Riverdale School is responsible to locate, identify and evaluate all children, ages 3-21, who may be disabled. Included in the school's *child find* are public and non-public school children from 3 - 5 years old (pre-school), and children who are highly mobile, such as migrant and homeless students.

### **Fun in the Library**

#### **Mad Science Halloween**

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**

**Monday, October 24**

**5:00 - 5:45 p.m.**

Travel through the wardrobe with Mad Science to a mysterious and magical world. Meet talking animals, and watch science free the fire-breathing lion from the witch's spell. Lots of audience participation, lots of spooky science! (Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.)

#### **Spooky Stories**

**Thursday, October 27**

**7:00 - 7:45 p.m.**

Join us for a night of spooky stories, riddles, poems and songs. The stories won't be scary. Well, okay, a little scary, but we'll have lots of fun. Refreshments will be served.

#### **Scrapbooking Workshop**

**Monday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.**

In this special one and one-half hour workshop, Creative Memories consultant, Kris LeDonne, will show you inventive ways to display photos and save your memories. Materials will be provided.

#### **Retirement Planning: 21 Steps to Avoid Shortfalls**

**Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

Barbara Steinberg of *Brightscape Investment Center* of Riverdale shares tips and techniques for effective retirement planning.

Copy deadline is the 4th Monday of each month. The publishing date will be the 1st Wednesday of the following month. Pictures, stories, weddings, births, scholastic, armed services, etc. are all welcome. Photos should be e-mailed or on disc in a JPEG format.

### *Welcome*

**Dr. Betty Ann Wyks**

Our new Superintendent for the Riverdale Public School

*Thank you*

**Dr. Louis Acocella**

For serving as our interim superintendent the past year.

### **Borough Offices**

**will be closed:**

**Veterans' Day 11/11**

**Thanksgiving Day &**

**Day after 11/24 & 25**

### **Spotlight on Boy Scout Troop 73**

by Michael Salvati, Age 15, *Troop Historian*

For Boy Scout Troop 73, this past summer was filled with numerous activities and fun-filled memories. Once again, scoutmasters Steve Loesner and Pat Parill helped ensure that each scout had an enjoyable and adventurous experience in the wilderness.

During the summer, the scouts took part in two different camping adventures that provided many exciting activities. In July the older scouts challenged themselves in possibly the hardest wilderness experience of their lives. Five scouts from the troop hiked and camped along the Philmont trail in the rugged terrain of the New Mexico Rockies for ten days. The part that made this expedition so challenging was the fact that each scout had to carry his pack, which weighed close to 40 pounds, throughout the sixty mile trek. In the end, each scout felt it was a rewarding experience that will never be forgotten.

The remainder of the troop spent a week camping at Sabattis Adventure Camp, a remote location in the New York Adirondacks. At Sabattis, scouts worked to earn a variety of merit badges, which would help them advance in rank. Some of the more popular activities of the week included snorkeling certification and completing the rock climbing merit badge, which required the scouts to climb 35 foot rock towers. As well as developing new skills, each scout grew to love the Adirondack surroundings.

Overall, Troop 73 had a very fulfilling and successful summer. The boys created new memories that will remain with them for a long time. Scouting is a truly rewarding experience. It helps sculpt a well-rounded and skilled individual, while at the same time, provides many enjoyable activities. I would advise any young boy to join.

### **Riverdale Teen - Chris Mongelli - Picked to Play**

*by June Carelli*

This past March, Riverdale teen, Chris Mongelli, was invited to attend a baseball talent showcase at Giants Stadium. This was by invitation-only and provides the most elite ball players to show their select skills before college coaches and professional scouts. This invitation is most often a surprise to the players and their families since coaches and scouts will quietly visit town games and allow little attention to be drawn to them.

A short while after Chris attended this prestigious event, he received a phone call from Peter Marso, Director of the Blue Grey Classic Tournament. Marso is also a N.Y. Yankee scout. This tournament is carefully assembled with outstanding teen baseball players of the East Coast. Chris was chosen to play on a team representing New Jersey.

The tournament was held in Florida this July, with college and professional scouts in attendance. Chris displayed his valuable pitching and center fielder skills. He plans to continue playing throughout high school. Will Chris go from Riverdale to the Major Leagues? Stay tuned....