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Fire Department has Double Wetdown- More than a thousand participate!

The Fire Department would like to thank all the residents for their support at the wetdown on July 9th. We hope you enjoyed yourself as much as our department enjoyed hosting the event! Special thanks to those who sponsored the event, or donated time or supplies in order to make our celebration a success. Visit our website WWW.RiverdaleFD.net and select "Wetdown Info" for a list of the sponsors and more action packed pictures.

If you would like to help your community, why not join the Fire Department? It is the best non-paying job you will ever hold! Like any organization new members are needed to remain viable and to ensure Riverdale is protected. Membership can begin as early as sixteen years by becoming a Junior Firefighter. Junior firefighters participate in all Fire Department activities and respond to fire calls to assist the firefighters at the fire scene. They also are eligible to take the Junior Firefighter training course at the county fire academy. This course encompasses 90% of the regular Firefighter 1 course, and prepares you for being a firefighter at age eighteen. Then you only have to complete the last few modules and you will be certified as a firefighter.

Once qualified as a firefighter you have the opportunity to learn how to operate fire apparatus, extinguish all types of fires and use the JAWS of Life to rescue trapped individuals. We train and drill weekly and no one is expected to operate above his or her level of training and comfort. There is no doubt that

you will be a valuable asset at an incident as there are many jobs and assignments covering a full spectrum of capabilities.

If firefighting is not your preference, how about becoming a dispatcher? Dispatchers provide support at the communications center at the firehouse, and assist with the record keeping and computer data entry. Dispatchers are an integral part of the Fire Department and additional help is always needed.

All Members also participate in non-firematic activities. The fire department attends parades, wetdowns, and other events hosted by other fire departments in our area. We also participate in community events in Riverdale to help our community and school.

The fire service organization is unlike any other in the world. It is no surprise that the camaraderie between our members, families and other fire departments is unmatched. Its sole purpose is to assist people in desperate situations.

Your fire department has responded to 89 incidents as of 8/24 that is up 6% from last year. The Mayor and Council have made it a priority to ensure that the volunteers have the equipment that is required to protect the residents of Riverdale and keep the firefighters safe. They know the cost to the residents for a paid fire department would be excessive, so please join us and do your part to keep the volunteer tradition alive!

Did You Know?

In 1973 the school enrollment in Riverdale was:

K - 6 in Riverdale: 323 • 7 - 8 Kinnelon Middle School: 99 • 9 - 12 Kinnelon HS: 223

Our new website is currently under construction: www.riverdaleNJ.com

George Koegler Day A Day to Remember

Field dedicated to Koegler on 25th Anniversary of Independence Park

Saturday, June 11, saw the dedication of the youth baseball field in honor of George Koegler, a former councilman from Riverdale. It was through the efforts and persistence of Mr. Koegler that Independence Park became a reality.

First the property had to be acquired through New Jersey State Green Acres funding, and then the park was constructed with H.U.D. grants. Only George had the vision to take a useless piece of property and to make it the recreational showcase it is today.



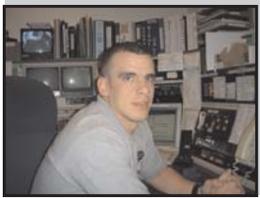
George, who now lives in Texas, retired from J.C. Penny a number of years ago. He and his family made the trip for this special day.

It was a day for getting in touch with many friends and associates he hasn't seen in many years. The committee planning the day's events was composed of those who worked with George in building the park, Barbara Lukash, Jackie Bush, John Wilson and Joe Oesterle. Councilwoman Elaine Wetzel chaired the committee.



George Koegler, former councilman
Pete Sarf and Jim McMichael.

Police Dispatcher on his way to Iraq



Dispatcher Eric Hollenstein



Riverdale Police Dispatcher Eric Hollenstein, 21, graduated from Pompton Lakes High School in 2002. Eric joined the United States Marine Reserves in 2003 and is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 25th Marines out of Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N.J.

Eric lives with his parents, Raymond and Patricia, and his three sisters, Michelle, Karen and Kim. Corporal Hollenstein will be taking part in additional training at Twenty-nine Palms in California until he is dispatched to Iraq in March of 2006. We pray for Eric's safe return.

Exciting New Exhibit in the Gallery at the Riverdale Library

Rob Kerwin opens a brand new exhibit of wonderful color photos with a special focus on Riverdale events. Winner of many awards, Rob has mounted two very popular exhibits at the library in previous years.

November 1 - December 15



The Nurse's Station

Stacey Dakake MSN, RN



Asthma

Asthma is a chronic inflammation of the airways with reversible episodes of obstruction, caused by an increased reaction of the airways to various stimuli. It is a chronic condition with acute exacerbations. It can be a life-threatening disease if not properly managed.

- ♦ Cigarette smoke;
- ♦ Excitement, stress, exercise.

Symptoms of pediatric asthma are:

- ♦ Difficulty breathing,
- ♦ Chronic coughing,
- ♦ Wheezing,
- ♦ Chest tightness

Asthma is characterized by excessive sensitivity of the lungs to various stimuli. Triggers range from viral infections to allergies, to irritating gases and particles in the air. Each person reacts differently to the factors that may trigger asthma, including:

- ♦ Respiratory infections, colds;
- ♦ Allergic reactions to allergens, such as pollen, mold, animal dander, feathers, dust, food, & cockroaches;
- ♦ Vigorous exercise;
- ♦ Exposure to cold air or sudden temperature change;

Health Clinics

Blood Pressure Screening

Mon. 11/7 @ 9am - 11am

Senior Center

Mon. 11/24 @ 9am - 11am

Health Department Office

Mon. 12/5 @ 9am - 11am

Senior Center

Mon. 12/22 @ 9am - 11am

Health Department Office

Town-wide Flu Clinic

Mon. 11/7 @ 5pm - 8pm

Health Department Office

Pre-registration required.

Call Nurse: 973-835-4969 x218

Riverdale Recreation Committee

Recreation Director: June Carelli 973-616-0288

Riverdale Recreation Department Building

next to Municipal Building (Mario's Deli)

Toddler Gymnastics

ENA Gymnastics, West Parkway, Pompton Plains

January 2006

(Specific dates & times and Registration Fees to be announced in Dec. Newsletter)

Mom and Me

18 months to 3 years old.

Introducing children to balance, coordination, body awareness and more

Toddler

3 & 4 year olds. Tumbling, jumping, balance, working with gym equipment, organized games and much more.

Young Child Gymnastics

5, 6 and 7 year olds.

Introduction to gymnastic skills, more use of equipment, learning skills of tumbling & jumping and more.

For information call: Lori Clinton 973-616-4406

Children's Bowling

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

Holiday Bowl, Oakland - Riverdale Children ages 2 thru 14

Sundays - 2:00 pm

January 8 thru March 12, 2006

\$8.00 per child

For information call: June Carelli 973-616-0288

or Mary Wolbach 973-831-1383

Election Day - Tuesday, November 8

Polls open 6:00 am and close promptly at 8:00 pm

Your District number may be found on your sample ballot.

District 1

Riverdale Library

93 Newark Pompton Turnpike

Lower Level

Elevator available

District 2

Municipal Building

91 Newark Pompton Turnpike

Council Chambers

Enter through front or rear doors.

Flood Advisory Committee

Open to all residents of Riverdale and Pompton Lakes, especially those bordering on the Pequannock River.

4th Thursday of the Month: 7:00 pm

Pompton Lakes Municipal Building on Lenox Avenue.

For information call:

973-835-0143

Borough Offices

will be closed:
Veterans' Day
11/11

Thanksgiving
Day & the
Day after
11/24 & 25

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.

Biro Named Sergeant



Christopher Biro is sworn in as a sergeant of the Riverdale Police Department by Municipal Clerk Carol Talerico. His wife, Gina, is holding the Bible. Also with him are his mother, Connie, and his step-father Tom Riemer, Councilman Joe Falkoski and Police Chief Tom Soules.

Junior Rifle Program

at the Riverdale Police Pistol Range

Wednesdays
7 pm - 9 pm

Now till June
Ages 8 - 18

\$35 for the season
All equipment provided.
www.riverdalepistol.org



Dan with one of the barricades he made for the OEM as part of his Eagle project.

Dan is the first Eagle Scout in Riverdale Troop 73 in at least 15 years. He was one of the original scouts in the troop when Steve Loesner reformed it about 5 years ago after a long period of inactivity. Dan and the rest of the troop have been active in supporting our community. Some of the activities he has helped, include cooking and helping younger kids at the fishing derby, cleaning the town on clean communities days, helping build and maintain the skating rink, building the bonfire and helping set up for Fright Night, assisted in setting up and taking down the chairs at the summer concerts and just about any other town activity where volunteers help.

The Borough benefitted from his Eagle project which was to construct twenty barricades for the Riverdale Office of Emergency Management. Thank you, Dan, and congratulations!

Superintendent Words - Dr. Betty Ann Wycks

In the interest of public safety, please remember the following:

- ♦Children who ride bicycles should wear helmets at all times.
- ♦Parents are asked to respect the "kiss and drop" zone at all times.
- ♦The bus path in the rear of the school is not to be used as a shortcut.

Please obey all state and local laws, especially those relating to safety. In recognition of the issues surrounding drop offs and pick ups, the school will form a committee to examine alternative safety measures. If you are interested in participating, please register with LaRayne Tumminello at 973-839-1300, Extension 19.



The Book Nook

What's happening at the
Riverdale Public Library
973-835-5044
www.riverdalelibrary.org

Fun in the Library

Baby Time

Fridays - November 4, 11 & 18

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

INFANTS - 2 YEARS OLD

Designed especially for infants and active toddlers, it is a half-hour of rhyme, song, movement and shared reading.

Falling for Stories

Fridays - November 4, 11 & 18

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., or 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

AGES 2 - 5

The leaves are changing & it's growing cooler. Let's hear wonderful stories that match the beauty of the season. Stories, rhyme and craft are included in the fun.

Children's Book Week Party

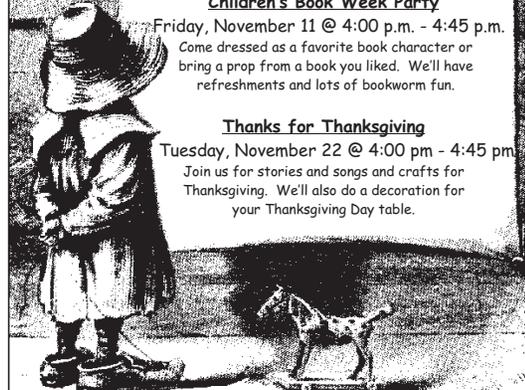
Friday, November 11 @ 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Come dressed as a favorite book character or bring a prop from a book you liked. We'll have refreshments and lots of bookworm fun.

Thanks for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 22 @ 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Join us for stories and songs and crafts for Thanksgiving. We'll also do a decoration for your Thanksgiving Day table.



Scrapbooking Workshop

Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Long Term Care: How to Plan Now So You Don't Have to Worry Later

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

Making financial decisions about long term care options is complicated. Barbara Steinberg of Brightscape Investment Center, Riverdale, provides evaluation techniques to simplify decision making.

Professional Baking Techniques for the Holidays

Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Otto Noethen, former Executive Pastry Chef and author, demonstrates professional techniques you can use in your holiday baking at home. Tasting samples provided.