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Fright Night an Overwhelming Success!

October 23 was a cool, dark night where all creatures from far and near came to visit the second annual 2005 Riverdale Family Fright Night. Family Fright Night offered many exciting events such as the annual Costume Parade. Once again, the Riverdale Fire Department conquered in the ever-famous Pumpkin Drop event! Fireman, Scott Leaver, dropped the winning pumpkins and what a mess he made! Patrolman Pat Harden from the Riverdale Police came in a close second balancing up high on the Fire Department's new Ladder Truck. And not one



Zachary Stewart

Witch-in-Charge June Carelli



pumpkin, out of the more than 300 scattered in Freedom Park, was to be found at the end of the evening in the Pumpkin Patch. Many enjoyed entertainer, Magic Zach, who demonstrated his fascinating Magical Tricks and fun balloon creations. The Halloween Maze, designed and constructed by Mrs. Diane Pezzuti and Family, was a sure hit for the little ones. The evening was surrounded by music and dancing as well as a tall & warming bon-fire created by the Riverdale Boy Scouts (thank goodness for the heat from the bon-fire, brrrrr!). A new addition to this year's event was lots of food enjoyed by all, with a special treat provided by the Seylaz Family Cotton Candy. Last but not least, the Haunted Hay Rides. All attending seemed to get their Fright for the Night!



Officer Wyatt Ressler



Ron Appel

We want to thank the people and organizations for the contributions of time, food and materials ensuring the success of the Night. Please see the banner donated by Printing & Signs Express, which was displayed on the Pistol Team building that evening in the picture below.



The Riverdale Recreation Department is always looking for new members, and suggestions for future events. If you are interested, please contact June Carelli at 973-616-0288.

Borough Adopts New Logo



The new logo was designed by Borough employee, Robert Amelung. Morris County has the largest park system in the entire state, and to get into Morris County, one must drive through Riverdale. Thank you, Bob, on the great job you did!

Saturday, Dec. 17

7 to 9 pm

Independence Park



CHRISTMAS

Holiday Bonfire

Get that old fashioned feeling by gathering around the fire with friends & neighbors. Holiday music, caroling, hot chocolate, and a visit from Good Ol' Santa. Tables will be set up for anyone wishing to bring a favorite holiday treat to share.

If you intend to bring a treat, please call Kristen 831-8187 or Mary 831-1383. Rain date: Sunday 12/18

Notice

Notices for Pet License renewals will be in the mail soon. You must renew the licenses for dogs and cats before Feb. 28, 2006 in order to avoid a fine.



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If you would like to sponsor an issue of this Newsletter, please contact Carol Talerico 973-835-4060

Riverdale Police #1

Riverdale Police have been named the Number One Police Department in all of Morris County for the year 2004. That is a jump from ninth place in 2003. The report was based on the number of tickets written. Our officers took in \$43,658 average per officer. Number 2 in the County took in \$37,990 per officer. Not even close to our guys!



Food Licenses

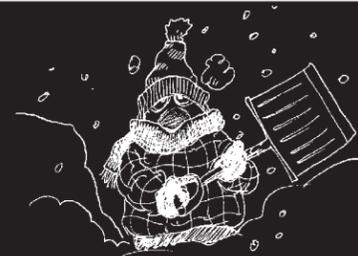
Businesses must renew their license by January 1, 2006.

Snow News

NO Parking on Borough Streets between Midnight and 6:00 am. beginning December 1.

NO Parking on Borough Streets when snowing or when streets are snow covered.

It is illegal to throw or deposit snow or ice upon any street or sidewalk. Chapter 147-29.



The Nurse's Station

Stacey Dakake, MSN, RN



Safe Snow Shoveling

Oh, no. Is it that time of year again? Time for the pretty snow to fall and for all of us to try to remove it. Here are some safety tips:

- ♦If you are over 40 and relatively inactive, be careful.
- ♦If you have a history of heart trouble, do not shovel without permission from your doctor.
- ♦Go slow. Shoveling can raise your heart rate and blood pressure dramatically. Pace yourself, stretch out and warm up.
- ♦Shovel only fresh snow.
- ♦Push the snow as you shovel it; it is easier on your back than lifting the heavy snow out of the way.
- ♦Don't pick up too much at once; use a small shovel.
- ♦Lift with your legs bent, not your back. Make sure your back is straight.

♦Do not work to the point of exhaustion. If you run out of breath, take a break. IF YOU FEEL TIGHTNESS IN YOUR CHEST, STOP IMMEDIATELY, call 911.

♦Dress warmly, pay attention to your extremities, such as the nose, ears, hands and feet. Wear a turtleneck sweater, cap, scarf, face protection, mittens, wool socks and waterproof boots.

These tips are from the National Safety Council.

Health Clinics

Blood Pressure Screening
Mon. 12/5 @ 9am - 11am
Senior Center
Mon. 12/22 @ 9am - 11am
Health Department Office

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Engagements, Weddings, Birthdays, Graduations, Births, Anniversaries, etc.
Tell us about your family!

♦Gregory Budesheim, Curtis St., and Lisa D'Imperio were married on September 10, 2005.

♦Sgt. Greg Bogert, Riverdale Police Department, married Didi Alvarez on November 11, 2005.

♦Adam Budesheim, Curtis St., is engaged to Tori DelVecchio. Wedding is set for September 16, 2006.

♦Miss Samantha Carelli turned 3 on October 23. Her older brother Michael turns 12 on December 22.

Riverdale Recreation Committee

Recreation Director: June Carelli 973-616-0288

Riverdale Recreation Department Building

next to Municipal Building

Toddler Gymnastics

ENA Gymnastics, West Parkway, Pompton Plains

Ages: 2 thru 5

[Classes may be split into a class for 2 & 3 year olds and one for 4 & 5 year olds.]

Begins: Wednesday, January 4, 2006

Ends: Wednesday, March 8, 2006

2:00 pm

\$110 per child

(This special rate is if the child continues with ENA after the 10 weeks)

\$125 per child

(This is for the 10 week program only)

Fees include an ENA T-shirt

To register call: Lori Clinton 973-616-4406

Children's Karate

Porta's Karate, Pompton Lakes- Riverdale Kids ages 5 thru 12

Saturday 9:30-10:30 am - Feb. 18 thru March 25, 2006

Registration fee:\$35.00 per child

This program will help focus attention, enhance self-confidence, and teaches basic karate skills.

For registration information: Jackie Poli 973-616-0167

Children's Bowling

Holiday Bowl, Oakland - Riverdale Children ages 2 thru 14

Sundays @ 2:00 pm - January 8 thru March 12, 2006

Registration fee:\$8.00 per child (incl. T-Shirt & Trophy)

Cost each week: Ages 2-4 \$3/child for one game.

Ages 5-14 \$6/child for two games.

Registration Deadline: Friday, Dec. 9

Registration forms at Borough Hall or Website.

Information: Ages 2 -4 call Lori Clinton 616-4406

Ages 5 - 14 call June 616-0288 or Mary 831-1383



Adult Night Out Crazy Bowling

Holiday Bowl, Oakland

Saturday Jan. 28 @ 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

\$20.00 per person - includes 2 Crazy Bowling Games, Hot Buffet, Soda, Music and Cash Bar.

Registration Deadline: Friday, Jan. 6th

Registration forms at Borough Hall or Website.

Come out with friends and neighbors to enjoy a night of crazy bowling. Don't miss out on this, it's hysterical!

Call Kristen 973-831-8187 or Mary 973-831-1383

Chicago Theater Trip

Wednesday, March 29 - 6:00pm Bus Departs School Lot

\$58 per person includes ticket and bus ride.

First Mezzanine, Side Aisles, Row B-F

Registration deadline: Jan. 15th. More details to follow.

To Register call: Cindy 973-492-8568

Superintendent Words - Dr. Betty Ann Wyks



This year marks the 75th Anniversary of our school and commemorates the completion of our building project. While this event was formally celebrated on October 30 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours of the building, activities focusing on the theme of 75 will take place throughout the school year. Earlier this year, our students participated in a walk-a-thon and planted tulips in front of the school with the help of the PTA. We are truly fortunate to be part of a community that values its schools and has consistently supported our efforts. Thank you! Best wishes from the entire school staff for a healthy and happy holiday season!

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

Riverdale Business Association

Meets 3rd Monday of each Month at 7:00 pm
Berta's Chateau, 7 Grove Street, Wanaque
Riverdale Business Owners and business owners living in Riverdale are welcome.

www.rbanj.org

Oh, Tannenbaum

Pastor Timothy Flynn had determined that the 40 foot Blue Spruce tree in the front of the parsonage on Oak Street needed to be taken down because the sidewalks were being uprooted. At the hearing before the Shade Tree Commission, member Vincent Pellegrini suggested that the top part of the tree be used for the Christmas tree on the lawn of the Municipal Building. Pastor Flynn was thrilled with the idea and immediately consented to it. After the tree was cut down our DPW men transported it and set it in the casing they installed last year. The town ended up with an 18 foot tree with lights donated by an employee who wishes to remain anonymous. Thanks to all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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.

What's happening at the Riverdale Public Library

973-835-5044

www.riverdalelibrary.org

Holiday Sing Along

Monday, December 5

6:30 to 7:30 pm

Local Girl Scout Troops will lead us in all the holiday favorites followed by hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Everyone is welcome to attend and share our holiday spirit.



K - 5th Grade Holiday Houses
Tues. 12/13: 4:00-4:45
Build miniature house with graham crackers, gobs of icing & loads of candy. Registration mandatory! All materials provided.

Baked Just for You!
Tues. 12/6
7:00 to 8:00 pm
Otto Noethen, author and Executive Pastry Chef, shares secret recipes & samples of Old World Bavarian pastries! Holiday Treats.

Baby Time
11/28 thru 1/17
Mondays 11:15 - 11:45 am
Tuesdays 2:00 - 2:30 pm
It's baby's first story time! With your child on your lap, we will do stories, songs and rhymes.
Infants to 2 years.

6, 7, 8 Graders Gingerbread Houses
Thurs. 12/1 6:30 - 7:30
Create a gingerbread house, decorated with icing and candy.

Pre-School Story time
11/28 thru 1/16
Mondays 10:15 - 11:00 am & 1:30 - 2:15 pm
Snowmen, sledding and skating are in our tales. Stories, rhymes & crafts.

Only a Few Days Left!

Rob Kerwin's new exhibit of wonderful color photos of his travels across America will be in the Gallery at the Riverdale Library now thru December 17



Library Closed
Saturday 12/24
Monday 12/26
Saturday 12/31
Monday 1/2/06

Borough Offices

will be closed:

Friday 12/16 at 1:00 pm.

Monday 12/26 for Christmas &

Monday 1/2/06 for New Years.

Did You Know?

The New Jersey State Song uses the melody from the Christmas Carol, *Oh Tannenbaum*.

Babe Ruth donated uniforms and equipment to the Riverdale School Baseball Team in 1944.

Congratulations!

Health Officer Pat Pignatelli was sworn in as a councilman in his hometown of Oakland on November 22. Pat ran for an unexpired term and was the highest vote getter. We wish him much success!