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Third Annual Street Fair - Best One Yet!

The 3rd Annual Street Fair was held on Saturday, October 7th along the Newark Pompton Turnpike. With nearly 100 vendors, many called this the best fair we have had to date. The many booths containing, crafts, food, merchandise drew hundreds of people from surrounding towns. The kids were entertained by the petting zoo, pony rides, rock climbing, rides, the Home Depot wood-working project, Tilcon's enormous earth-moving dump truck and much more. Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors of this great event.



Fright Night Draws Hundreds of Halloween Revelers. Pumpkin Drop A Smash Hit!



Bon Fire



The winners of the best decorated Halloween residence in Riverdale are:
Scariest - Appel Family of Stratford Place
Most Festive - Totta Family of Rock Creek Ter.
Most Creative - Gosson Family of Loy Avenue



Haunted Hay Ride



The results of the Fire Department's winning the Pumpkin Drop Contest

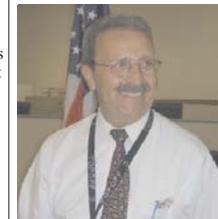


Inflatable Space Ship for the kids to play in.



Rich Seylaz provides free cotton candy to the residents on Fright Night.

Pat Pignatelli's Tenure as Health Officer Comes to an End.



Pat Pignatelli started with Riverdale as Health Officer on March 25, 1985. Pat did not want to leave Riverdale and Riverdale did not want to lose Pat; however, Lincoln Park, with whom we contracted for Pat's services, would not renew our contract. Pat has been a good friend and a faithful public servant for Riverdale. Best wishes, Pat!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Happy 18th Birthday celebrated their 52nd Anniversary on October 23! **Andrea Di Marco** on November 8th from **Ana**, Daniela & Mom. **Rick and Shirley Montanari** They were married in Wolff Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newark, NJ. **Rick** also celebrated his birthday on October 16. Best wishes to the Montanari Family!

Happy 5th Birthday to **Kyle Clinton**. Love Mom, Dad & Emily.



Health Clinics

November 6th MONDAY - Blood Pressure Screening
9-11 am - Senior Center

November 30th THURSDAY - Blood Pressure Screening
9-11 am - Health Dept.

Municipal Alliance Committee Holds First Meeting

The Riverdale Municipal Alliance Committee met for the first time on October 23, 2006. The municipality is encouraged by the variety of groups and individuals interested in volunteering to make the MAC a reality. Beth Jacobson, Morris County MAC Coordinator, addressed representatives of our town including Mayor Budesheim, Councilwoman Donna Bush, individual citizens, and members of the Riverdale PTA, Woman's Club, Board of Education and Office of the Superintendent, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, Municipal Court System, and the Senior Citizens Organization.

Ms. Jacobson will be providing the committee with materials to review during the next two months. Formal appointments to the MAC will be held at the Riverdale Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting in early January, 2007. The committee plans to meet monthly during 2007 to conduct a required needs assessment. This will help determine Riverdale's strengths and weaknesses in addressing drug and alcohol problems, general wellness, and health concerns. The MAC will then choose programs to address those needs, and apply for funding to support those programs. Any community groups or individuals who are interested joining us in this worthwhile task, please contact Donna Bush at the Borough Hall. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2007 at the Borough Hall.

Rabies Clinic - Saturday, November 4 at the DPW Garage on Dalton Drive from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Recreation

June Carelli, Director 973-616-0288

Toddler Winter Bowling - Ages 2 - 4
&

Children Winter Bowling - Ages 5 - 14

Holiday Bowl, Oakland

Starts: Sunday, January 7th (11 week Program) 2 PM

Bowl 1 game plus T-Shirt, Prizes & Trophy

Registration Night: Monday, Nov. 27 @ 7 - 8 PM

New York City Theater Trip

Hairspray - Neil Simon Theater

March 22, 2007, 7:00pm - Bus departs Riverdale 5:00 pm

\$75 ticket (Orch. or Front Mezz.)

Sign up by November 10. June Carelli 973-616-0288

Men's Winter Basketball

Riverdale School Gym. Begins Mon. 11/6 7:00 pm

Runs throughout winter season. Show up and play!

Call: Gary Pasquariello 973-616-0733

Reminders

Radio City Christmas Spectacular bus departs School Parking Lot @ 5:00 pm Tuesday, December 5th.

Christmas Home Decorating Contest

Two Categories: Best Light & Best Holiday Displays

Christmas Gathering - Saturday, December 17

6 PM - Freedom Park - Holiday Carols

Bring Your Favorite Treats to Share with your Neighbors
Bon Fire to keep warm. Watch for Santa Claus to Visit.

The Nurse's Station

Stacey Dakake, MSN, RN



Preventing Falls in Older Adults

Studies indicate that a daily routine of physical activity or exercise helps prevent falls in older adults. Strength and balance exercises improve coordination & reaction time, resulting in fewer and less serious falls. Exercise:

Increases cardiac and pulmonary function.
Lowers cholesterol and blood pressure.
Improves ability to perform daily activities.
Controls weight and enhances feelings of well-being.
Protects against chronic diseases.
Decreases anxiety and depression.

For more information contact the National Center on Physical Activity and Disability (NCPAD) www.ncpad.org.

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. We reserve the right to edit articles for space. Photos should be e-mailed or on disc in a JPEG format. Please send all information any time during the month to mayor@riverdaleNJ.com

Musical Notes

For most it starts some time in July, that turns into a week in August, five full 12-hour days with breaks for lunch and dinner. That week of Band Camp is capped by the band's first performance for their most loyal fans (their parents). Then it gets easy. Rehearsals are only on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6 to 9, in the wind, the cold, the rain and in the dark; then every Saturday morning from 8 to 11am to rehearse for that afternoon's football game. Some Saturdays, immediately after the halftime performance, it's onto the buses and off to a competition, getting back home around midnight. These kids know the meaning of dedication and commitment.

Ashley Aungst, Laina Gagliardi, Kristen Linneer, Kelly Ur, Chris Venza, Ariel Vreeland and Rachel Zwoboda. They all live in Riverdale, and they are members of the Pompton Lakes High School Cardinal Marching Band. These seven Riverdale School alumni represent 13% of the High School Marching Band, and of the 10 Section Captains in the Band, two of them are on this list. In fact, these seven could practically form their own Marching Band since they represent a cross-section of instruments.

Ashley is a first year clarinet player. Laina, the first of our Section Captains, has been in the band for three years and plays the flute. Kristen, again another first year band member, is in the pit, and has a premier part in this years show playing the Marimba. Kelly and Ariel are both in the Drum Line; Kelly's on snare and Ariel plays bass drum. Chris, our other Section Captain, plays the Vibraphone and Orchestral Bells in the pit. Finally, Rachel rounds out this Marching Band septet as a member of the Color Guard.

This year's field and competition show is an arrangement of Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony titled "Celebratio Orbis". The United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA), on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most difficult to play, has rated the band's music this year at a 4. As of this writing, the Band has not only played at all of Pompton's home and away football games, but they have competed in five USSBA competitions in Pequannock, Verona, Montville, Livingston and Jefferson, winning "Best Percussion" there.

The last two competitions of the year are New Jersey States in Marlton, NJ on Oct. 28th, and All States in Allentown, PA on Nov. 11th. If you see any of these band members, wish them luck as they finish the marching season.

After All States, the six musicians will change gears and concentrate on the upcoming Concert Band performances given at the High School every winter and spring. Keep an eye on this newsletter for the dates of those performances. I'm sure they would like you to come out and support them. PLAY ON!



Library News

For more information, call (973) 835-5044 www.riverdalelibrary.org

Children's Book Week Party

Friday, November 17, 4:00 to 4:45 pm

Celebrate Children's Book Week (November 13 - 19) with a party! 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 21, 4:00 to 4:45 pm

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



Gingerbread Houses

Thursday, November 30, 6:30 pm

Make beautiful holiday gingerbread houses that will be displayed at the Library throughout the month of December. Get ready to spread some holiday cheer! 6, 7 & 8th Grades.

Book Discussion Group - Monday, November 27, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Reading *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros.

Getting Ready for December

Infant and Pre-School Story Times

BabyTime - Infants 2 years

Mondays, December 4 - 18 - 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

It's baby time at the library. Designed especially for infants and active toddlers, it is a half hour of rhyme, song, movement, and shared reading.

Golden Stories - Ages 2 - 5 -

Mondays, Dec. 4 - 18 - 10:15-11:00 am or 1:30-2:15 pm

We'll celebrate the season in story, song and craft.

Bedtime Stories - Tuesday, December 19th, 7:00 to 7:45 pm

Join us for bedtime stories, cookies and milk. Younger patrons may want to wear their pajamas and bring a teddy.

Game Day - Students K - 5 - Thursday, December 28, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Join us for cold weather indoor fun. We'll play board games. You may choose Dominos, Scrabble, Mancala or one of our other games. You can also bring your favorite to share. Don't know how to play a game? We'll show you. Refreshments will be served.

Book Discussion Group - Mon., Dec. 18, 7 to 8 PM: *The Promise of Light*.

National Honor Society Inductees

Several high school juniors from Riverdale were recently inducted into the Frank H. Broome Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) at Pompton Lakes High School. The new inductees include **Carolynn Cocilovo, Daniella DiMarco, Laina Gagliardi, Krystan Lineer, Hiral Patel, Rich Pellosie, Razvan Petric, Michael Salvati, John Sarrao and Rachel Zwoboda.** NHS is a national organization that recognizes high school students having demonstrated excellence in academics, service, leadership and character. Congratulations to all!



SEWER DEPT. - Final payment for 2006 was due on October 15.

BUILDING DEPT. - Don't forget to call for your final inspections when doing a project.

Did You Know?

- Abe Lincoln proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day in 1863.
- The Horn of Plenty, or Cornucopia, symbolizing abundance, originated in Greece.
- Count de Grisley (1799) first magician to perform the trick sawing a woman in half.