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TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, April 3 @ 8 pm
Town Budget & Your Taxes.

Wednesday, April 26 @ 7 pm
Assemblyman Joe Pennachio

Let him know what you're thinking!

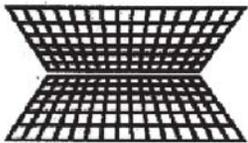
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Van Ness House in the News Again!

Clean-up



Saturday, March 18, saw the community gather at the Van Ness House to begin a massive clean up to get ready for the dedication the following week. Those who turned out were the

following Boy Scouts: **Rob & Brian Loesner, Dan & Jordan Pellegrini, Ian & Kyle Parill, Chris Venza, Zack Stewart, Dan Huber, Mike Carelli, Mark Knopsnyder.** Members of the Pequannock River Coalition: **Ross & Barbara Kushner, John Capozucca, John Canni, Rich Malizia, George Wilkinson, Bruce Hensdorf, Mary Lou Radcliffe.** Neighbors: **Bloomingdale Councilwoman Sue Smith, Jennifer Altfield, Celeste & Rebecca Byrne.** Riverdale residents: **Don Pruden, Donna Golding, Rob Kerwin, Charles Quant, Carolyn Masone, Larry Feld, Pam & Pat Parill & Terry Knopsnyder.** DPW workers: **Steve Schotanus and Joe Parillo.** Riverdale Governing Body: **Donna Bush, Paul Carelli, Garrett Astarita, Elaine Wetzel, Ted Guis & Bill Budesheim.** The entire week the Riverdale DPW worked at the site getting it ready for the dedication. They did a stupendous job in removing the debris, weeds, dilapidated structure, putting down topsoil, and cleaning the inside of the house. A total of 5 dumpsters were used.

Dedication



Over 150 people showed up on a beautiful March 25 for the dedication of the Van Ness House. A special presentation of an oversized check from the County was presented to the Borough by Freeholder Director Margaret Nordstrom.

Among the elected officials present were: **Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCrose, Freeholders Margaret Nordstrom, Jack Schrier, Doug Cabana, Frank Dreutzler, Bloomingdale Councilwoman Susan Smith.** Special guests included: **Emma Joy Dana** (Great-granddaughter of George Linen 1869-1888); **Mrs. Terry Meier** (family lived there from 1940's - 1970's), **Matt Greco** (family lived there from 1970's until 2003. His mother, Mary Greco, passed away three weeks ago); **George Walker, Jr.** (his late mother, Dorothea, worked for the preservation of the house); **Robert Weingarten** (grew up in Riverdale & contributor) & **Joyce Watson**, representing Tilcon.

The Riverdale Governing Body presented Certificates of Appreciation to: **John Soojian**, of Taurus Mgt. for cooperating in the sale of the property; **Dot O'Connor**, former *Trends* reporter for excellence in news reporting on the preservation efforts; **Donna Golding**, President of Riverdale Women's Club in their continued support; **Ella Filippone**, Passaic River Coalition for providing the technical assistance for the grants; **Freeholder Margaret Nordstrom**, for her special support & guidance; **Steve Loesner**, BSA Troop 73 Scoutmaster for always being there; **Ross Kushner**, Pequannock River Coalition for being our conscience and inspiration.

Michael Van Ry Joins Fire Department



The number 13 was lucky for the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department. On March 13 the members voted to accept Michael Van Ry's application as a Junior Firefighter. He will be the 29th active member of the Department. Michael is not new to volunteering his time. While in middle school he participated in the Adopt-A-Hydrant program to clear snow from fire hydrants after a storm. Just after his 16th birthday, Michael and his parents visited the firehouse to review the requirements. The department hopes this is the beginning of another membership increase. Michael is the first student from the high school class of 2008 to join, with another student about to sign up. They will both attend the Junior Firefighter training class this July at the Morris County Fire Academy. *More on the benefits of being a member of the Fire Department in the next newsletter.* Call 973-831-1584 or visit www.RiverdaleFD.net

Teddy Bear Emergency



Pompton Lakes-Riverdale First Aid Squad Building
Sunday, April 30 - 1:00 to 4:00 pm

After the great response last year, we decided to hold the event again this year. It's purpose is to make children more aware of the First Aid Squad. Sometimes a child may need our services, but most of the time they witness an adult, Mom, Dad or grandparent. By educating and familiarizing them, we hope to ease some of the fear and anxiety they may experience during a crisis - their own or a family member's.

The kids begin the tour by signing in themselves and their teddy (or other friend), and tell a First Aid member what's wrong with their teddy. Then they inspect the ambulances and ask questions. The "patients" are treated with bandages and splints if needed, and the kids are given gloves and band-aids to doctor their patients at home. After they watch a demonstration showing some of the commonly used equipment, they visit the 911 station. Dispatchers give detailed accounts of what happens from the time they dial 911 until the police arrive. The kids receive a certificate for attending the Teddy Bear Emergency. Any questions please call Dawn at 973-835-1403.

Hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Miss Kaylee Lotterman, will be 3 years old on April 23. Love, hugs and kisses from Mommy, Daddy, big sister Nicole, Cody the pup-pup, Grandma Helen Konarski, Grandma Ruthie Lotterman & rest of family!

Anthony Michael Kaulfers was born on March 9, 2006, weighing in at 8 lbs 3 oz. and 20 3/4 inches long. His proud parents are Eric & Stephanie, & his big sister is Angelica. His maternal grandparents are Gary & Debbie Leaver of Riverdale. His paternal grandparents are Regina Hennion & Ken Stye of PA and Howard & Ellen Kaulfers of Kinnelon.

R J Miller, Mead Ave., will celebrate his 11th Birthday on April 24, 2006.

Joe McDermott, Riverdale Police, became engaged to Melissa Martinez of West Milford on December 22. A May 2007 wedding is planned.

Kevin Miller, Mead Ave., celebrated his 8th Birthday on March 11, 2006.

Anthony Budenheim, Curtis Street will be celebrating his 16th Birthday on April 19.

Alfred & Kathleen Olsen announced the engagement of their daughter, **Kristin Bethany to Timothy Frank Gregis**. Kristin is a Junior at West Virginia University & will graduate in May 2007 with a degree in Interior Design. An October 2007 wedding in Pensacola, Florida is planned.

Mr. & Mrs. John Spenillo announce the engagement of their son, **John M. Spenillo**, to **Toni Ann Piantadosi**. The wedding is set for Spring 2007.

Bug Notice

The Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission may be applying pesticides for the control of adult mosquito populations on an area-wide basis, as needed, throughout the County during May 1 - November 30, 2006. Contact the National Pesticide Information Center at 1-800-858-7378 for general information. Call the N.J. Pesticide Control Program at 1-609-984-6507 for regulations, complaints and health referrals. In pesticide emergencies, call the N.J. Poison Information and Education System at 1-800-222-1222.

Upon request the M.C. Mosquito Extermination Commission shall provide a resident with notification at least 12 hours before application, except for quarantine and disease vector control activities, when conditions necessitate applications sooner than that time. We prefer the request in writing or by e-mail. Updated, detailed information may be found at the web site www.morrismosquito.org or by calling Marc Slaff, PhD at 973-538-3200.

The Nurse's Station

Stacey Dakake, MSN, RN

April is the **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**. We are asking every resident to please do what you can to keep every child in New Jersey safe from harm. Learn the warning signs of abuse and neglect. Take a few minutes to learn the signs of abuse or safety is in jeopardy. Call 1-877-ABUSE.



Off our 2006 Summer Concerts in the Park

If you see a child in danger, please step in to help. A child or toddler alone in a public place, for instance, needs protection until his or her parents are found. You can learn how to save a child's life. Sign up for a first-aid and CPR course.

Please. If your children use the Internet, **Every Wednesday beginning July 12, we will be kicking out personal information** with your family name and address or telephone number on to anyone. Remind your children never to open the door to strangers or adults they are not comfortable with.

www.PreventChildAbuseNJ.org or Family Help Line 1-800-THE KIDS

Health Clinics

Blood Pressure Screening
Monday, 4/16 @ 10am - 11am
May 15 @ 10am - 11am
Stroke Prevention Screening
Thurs. 4/20 @ 9am - 11am
Health Department Office
Chilton Collins Pavilion
CALL Health Dept. to Register:
973-835-4060 Ext. 4

Riverdale Recreation Committee

Recreation Director: June Carelli 973-616-0288

Riverdale Recreation Department Building

next to Municipal Building



Easter Egg Hunt

Freedom Park, Saturday April 8, 10am

Rain Date: Sunday April 9, 10am

Ages 2 - 12 (if they can walk, then join in)

Bring your own baskets to collect the eggs. The Easter Bunny will be all dressed up to greet the children. Candy and prizes, too! Guess how many jelly beans in the jar! Questions: Mary Wolbach 973-831-1383 or Karen Spiridakis 973-283-6301.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Yankees vs. Cleveland. Wed., June 14th. \$20/Ticket Bus departs School Lot 5 pm promptly. **First bus already sold out!** Seat Location: Reserved Tier. Call Cindy Moratto 973-492-8568 ASAP so that more tickets and a bus can be ordered.



2006 Summer Rec is Coming Soon!

Start: Monday, June 26 - Friday, July 28
Time: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. 5 week program.
Freedom Park. Riverdale School if raining.
Who: In 1st Grade by Sept. thru 8th Grade.



Fun Places to visit & new activities planned!
Registration in May. June Carelli 973-616-0288.

Help Wanted - Summer Recreation Counselors

Summer Rec is now accepting job applications for Counselor positions. Age: 16 years and up. Experience working with children preferred. Dates: Monday, June 26 thru Friday, July 28; 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Applications available at the Boro Hall Front Office. Return there when completed. Questions: June Carelli 973-616-0288.

Shade Tree Commission

If you have any questions in reference to tree removal, replacement or trimming, please call the Shade Tree Commission at 973-835-4060 ext. 6.

Building Department

If anyone is planning to construct anything, whether it be a fence, shed, additions, pool or so on, please call the Building Department to see if any permits are required.

Riverdale Business Association

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

RBA Plant Sale

April 14, 15, 16 at corner of Mathews Ave. and Hamburg Turnpike.



Recycling Tips: Cardboard must be flattened and tied together. Newspapers should be tied in bundles, not placed in bags.

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 mayer@riverdaleNJ.com

Superintendent Words - Dr. Betty Ann Wyks



Where would we be without the support of our local governing body and community volunteers? Thanks to the boro for assisting us in needed repairs, recently filling in the potholes behind the school. Thanks also goes to the PTA for hosting a forum on Adolescent Depression at its recent meeting.

Riverdale School celebrated *Read Across America Day* with guest readers from the community. Students from **Mr. Pricone's** Self Directed Learning group visited primary classrooms, making butter in one class, creating sock puppets in another and even making green eggs and ham! It was a special tribute to Dr. Seuss plus a great way to celebrate reading.

Congratulations to **Kaitlin Kober** who won the Morris County Communities Against Tobacco's anti-smoking essay contest and is the recipient of \$25 for her winning essay, "Why I want Someone I love to Quit Smoking." Kaitlin and her family will also attend an award dinner sponsored by the group.

Request forms for **absentee ballots** for the annual school election on **April 18th from 2 to 9pm**, are in the school office. On the ballot will be questions relating to the general fund for school operations plus candidates for the 3 board member vacancies for the 2006-07 school year. **Voting will take place at the Borough Hall. Absentee ballots must be received by the county Election Board no later than April 11 (if mailed) or April 17 (if hand delivered).**

DON'T FORGET!

Parents are reminded of the new "kiss and drop" morning procedure, effective March 27". Morning drop off for our K-4 students will now be at the back of the school. Parents are asked to enter the drive from Oak St and proceed through to the back of the school. Drop off will take place at the door preceding the gym. Staff members will be on hand to facilitate drop off. Our pre-K students will continue to be dropped off at their usual spot. Students who typically assemble in the front of the building will continue to do so, moving along the side of the building from the drop off point in the rear. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation as we continue to take steps to ensure the safety of our students.

Erratum

Alyssa N. Alheid, Grade 6, made the Superintendent's List for the 2nd Marking Period. *Congratulations, Alyssa!*

Important New Bike Law!

Effective March 1, 2006, N.J.'s Bicycle Helmet Law requires that anyone **under the age of 17** will be required to wear an approved helmet when cycling, roller skating, in-line skating or skateboarding.



What's happening at the Riverdale Public Library

973-835-5044

www.riverdalelibrary.org

Green Grass of Home

Thurs., April 6, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Is the grass always greener on the other side of the fence? Lawn care and landscaping authority, Pedro Perdamo, will give you the advice you need to grow healthy, lush grass. Make your neighbors green with envy!

The Perfect Vegetable Garden

Thurs., April 20, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

A vegetable garden provides the best of both worlds: a beautiful addition to your home, and healthy, delicious food for your table. Master Gardener Marla Jackson will talk about the supplies and information you need to grow your own greens!



Book Discussion Group: *Memoirs of a Geisha*, by Arthur Golden.

Monday, April 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Local reading enthusiasts will discuss the book and the film. Copies of the book are available at the library circulation desk.

Rascally Rabbits: *Special for the Children*

Thursday, April 13, 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

Trickster rabbits, cuddly rabbits, and dumb bunnies - we love them all. Join us for bunny stories, egg dyeing, a bunny treat (not carrots) and the bunny hop!



Library Exhibits

Riverdale School 75th Anniversary Exhibit

The Library in conjunction with the Riverdale School presents an exhibit celebrating the school's 75th Anniversary. Photographs, scrapbooks and records illustrating the school's fascinating history and development will be on display.



Internet Safety Exhibit



Artwork about how children can use the Internet safely is on display in the Children's Room. The drawings were created by Daisy Scouts and Brownies who participated in a hands-on workshop using PC's at the Library, led by Scout Leader Debra King.

Riverdale Armory Military Vehicle Show

The Military Transportation Association & the Guard will host an open house at the Armory on April 8 (8am - 6pm) & April 9 (8am - 2pm). Historic military vehicles from World War II, Korean & Vietnam Wars, & the Gulf Wars. More than 100 vendors will be selling military clothing, equipment, vehicle parts & accessories. Admission \$5.



Did You Know?

- Cape May holds the distinction of being the oldest seashore resort in the U.S. and one of the most unique.
- Atlantic City has the longest boardwalk in the world.