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Don't Miss This Important Date!

One of Riverdale's Family needs our help. Due to mounting medical bills, some residents have put together a Marathon Volleyball Game. See inside for details. Let's all pitch in for one of our own!

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Borough Groups Remember Our Veterans on Memorial Day

The Police and Fire Departments turned out in force to honor our Veterans, who served in the Armed Forces. The Boy Scouts, Troop 73, provided the color guard, taps and drummer for the moving ceremony, which was conducted by Mr. Jim McMichael and members of the VFW.



Academic scholarships were presented by the PTA, the Women's Club and the RBA!

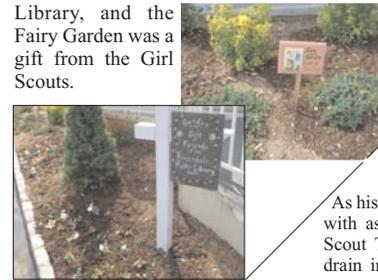
Second Graders Welcome Seniors at Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Riverdale School Second Grade had a "Welcome Tea" for the Senior Citizens right after the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Senior Community Center.



Riverdale Stars Shine Brightly!

The gardens in front of the Riverdale Library have been given a couple of boosts this season. The main garden was a donation from the Friends of the Library, and the Fairy Garden was a gift from the Girl Scouts.



Library Friends



Ian Parrill Scout & Student

As his Eagle Scout project, Life Scout **Ian Parrill**, with assistance from the other members of Boy Scout Troop 73, has begun marking each storm drain in town. Under new state regulations, all towns must do this.

The drains will either be painted or have a metal plaque applied indicating that the storm drains are not to be used for dumping, since they empty into the local river. Over 150 plaques were installed the first day. They still have more than half the drains in town to identify.

Two year old, **Samantha Dakake**, daughter of Riverdale's Borough Nurse, Stacey, took part in the recent Teddy Bear Clinic. The kids began by signing in themselves and their teddy, and tell a First Aid member what's wrong with their teddy.



Young Samantha went through the program with no fear. She let the First Aiders strap her on the board like a big girl. Way to go, Samantha!



Ian is in the Eighth Grade in Riverdale School. He was recently recognized at the Morris County Middle School Leadership Award Program, which recognizes outstanding students throughout Morris County who demonstrate leadership and volunteerism in their community.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ashley Talerico, granddaughter of Carol and Jim Talerico of 104 Newbury Place, celebrated her 1st Birthday on May 3. *Happy 1st Birthday, Ashley!*

Jason Harsley graduated May 8 from the University of Connecticut with a BS degree in Finance. *Congrats!*

Lauren Talerico of Newbury Place was married to **Christopher Lamoureux** of Pompton Plains on April 28. *Congratulations Lauren & Chris. May you have many years of happiness!*



Elaine and Donnie Wetzel are proud to announce that their daughter, **Jennifer Wetzel**, is a college graduate as of May 6. Jennifer graduated from Wesley College (in 4 years!), the ceremony was wonderful, the weather was beautiful and we could not be more proud.

Scouting for Toys games, puzzles & books



Girl Scouts from Troop 84 are working to complete their Silver Award project by collecting donations for underprivileged children in Paterson. Please help us by donating children's toys, such as books, puzzles or other small new or slightly used toys. You may drop off donations at the Riverdale Borough Hall. A box will be set up in the vestibule. Please have all donations in by the end of June. **Thank you!**



Health Clinics

June 5th - Blood Pressure Screening 9-11 am Senior Center
June 10th - SMAC Clinic - Municipal Bldg.
8:00 am - 10 am (Pre-registration Required)
June 22nd - Blood Pressure Screening 9-11 am Health Dept.

The Nurse's Station

Stacey Dakake, MSN, RN



Summer is just around the corner and that means we have to start thinking about pool safety for our children. A swimming pool in the yard can be very dangerous for children. If you have a pool, protect your children by:

- ◆ Never leave a child alone in or near the pool, even for a moment.
- ◆ Keep rescue equipment (such as a shepherd's hook or life preserver) and a telephone by the pool.
- ◆ ANYONE watching young children around a pool should learn CPR and be able to rescue a child if needed. Stay within an arms length of the child.
- ◆ Remove all toys from the pool after use so children are not tempted to reach for them.
- ◆ After the children are done swimming, secure the pool so they can't get back into it. www.aap.org/family/tippool

The New Jersey Construction Code requires that all pools have at least a four foot high wall or fence around the pool area. The gates providing access to the pool area must be self-closing, self-latching, opening out. For complete details on the type of fencing required, please contact the Riverdale Building Department at 973-835-4060.

Have a pleasant and safe summer!



School News & Events



On June 2 Riverdale School celebrated its 75th Anniversary!

Colleen Dougherty, 7th Grade, was nominated for the Raoul Wallenberg Honors Program, which recognizes students who exemplify courage and compassion in their word and action, demonstrating on a consistent basis the concept of "the power of one." Colleen will be recognized for her achievement at the June 14 Board of Education meeting.

The June 14 Board meeting will be busy acknowledging so many individuals who make the school what it is. **Mary Lou Kammen** and **Steve Pricone** have been with our school for 25 years, as well as **Kathleen Dubbels**, who is retiring at the end of this school year. Accolades will be going out to Riverdale's Teacher of the Year, **Eileen Conn**, and Bergen County Teacher of the Year, Board member **Colleen Tambuscio**.

National Junior Honor Society - Riverdale
Newest members include 7th Graders: **Kim Guis**, **David Kearney** and **Mark Knopsnyder**. 6th Graders: **Jackie Dubrovich**, **Katie Cocilovo**, **Richa Patel**, **David Zwoboda** & **Alyssa Alheidt**. These students join the present members (7th Grade): **Danielle Allan**, **Danielle Morabito**, **Kathy Brynezka** & **Colleen Dougherty**; (8th Grade): **Amanda Makoul** & **Ian Parrill**. These students demonstrate both leadership and scholarship! **Congratulations to all.**

Eighth Grade Graduation Wednesday, June 21.
Thurs., June 27: last day of school for all students.

FOUND: in restroom at Riverdale School: Ladies Silver Ring with stone. If you believe it might be yours, please contact JoAnn Santino at 973-839-1300 x19.

Wanted:

A regulation size pool table to be donated to the new Senior Community Center. Please call Borough Hall at 973-835-4060

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 mayor@riverdaleNJ.com

Fire Department

Rev. Howard Ball, Chaplain of the Riverdale Fire and Police Departments was invited to participate in the National Day of Prayer on May 4th 2006. The ceremony was held on the Capital steps in Trenton. Chaplain Ball offered prayers for all Fire and EMS responders serving the State of New Jersey, as well as their families.

Rob Laflace completed his two years of service as a Junior firefighter, and is now a probationary firefighter. He will be attending Morris County Fire and Police Academy's 150 hour Firefighter 1 training class during June and July. Once he successfully completes the class, as well as his six months probation, he will be eligible for full membership. **Anyone wishing to join the fire department as a Junior Firefighter or Probationary member is encouraged to stop by the Firehouse on Post Lane any Monday at 7pm.**

Knowing what to do in the event you are trapped in a burning building and running out of air can mean the difference between life and death for a firefighter. Members of the Riverdale Fire Department are attending a 3 day *Mask Confidence Class* this month. The class is designed to build skills to have the confidence needed to operate an air mask (SCBA) in hazardous situations with limited air.

The state requirements for training and certification of firefighters and officers continue to increase each year. By December 2007 fire department officers must be certified in Incident Command Level 300. Five officers from Riverdale are ahead of the deadline by completing their training this month and they have applied for certification.

Thank you to all the residents who supported our Car Wash fund-raiser. The funds will be used for activities being planned to commemorate our 100th Anniversary in 2007.

Municipal Alliance Committee being Formed

Do you have an interest in becoming a member of a committee comprised of local leaders and citizens who want to be involved in preventing substance abuse problems in our community? Riverdale plans to join the other 35 Morris County towns, who are experiencing the benefits of belonging to the Alliance. Members representing private citizens of all ages including youth representatives and senior groups; community service, civic, social, and religious groups; law enforcement and court officials; school personnel and PTA representatives are all invited to become involved. The responsibilities of the members, who will be appointed by the governing body, will include conducting a needs assessment for Riverdale; developing programs to address our needs; applying for grants to fund the programs; monitoring the expenditures; and completing necessary reports and documentation. An informational meeting will be held this summer to explain the process in more detail, with the formal committee meetings and work scheduled to begin this fall. If you will consider volunteer service as a member of this committee, please contact Councilwoman Donna Bush at 973-907-7480 or wrbush@optonline.net or leave your contact information at the Borough Hall.

Riverdale Plans for Open Space

On May 15, the initial public **Monday, June 19** meeting on the Open Space Plan for the Borough was held. A **Municipal Building** brief presentation was made **8:00 pm** by the Passaic River Coalition (PRC). The presentation covered the role of the Plan in guiding preservation, development and funding.

Summer Toddler Gymnastics Program



3 - 5 years
Mondays
July 10th thru August 12
10:30 - 11:30 am
\$95 per child
(includes classes, t-shirt & trophy)
ENA Gymnastics, West Parkway,
Pompton Plains
Registration Night:
Last Chance to Sign Up
June 12
call Lori Clinton @ 973-616-4406

Volleyball Marathon Fundraiser

Fri. June 23 @ 6 pm
Ends: June 24 @ 6 pm
Riverdale School Gym
1/2 Hour Play Time is all that is required.
6 people per team.
\$10 per person cash at door.
For details call:
Rosemary Cramer 831-9590
Kristin Appel 831-8187
June Carelli 616-0288
Mary Wolbach 831-1383
Robin Guis 839-4008

Movie Night in the Park

Saturday, June 24 upon Nightfall
Rain date: Sunday, June 25

Movie Selection will be announced on the message board in front of Borough Hall.

Free Popcorn!

A small cash concession stand will be available for candy & drink.
Bring your own chairs or blankets



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.

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.

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. **Many class photos are on display - the oldest one is from the Class of 1929! See if your class is there; if not, why not send us a copy of your Class Photo so that the collection can be complete.**



- ◆ Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- ◆ If you are an average American, in your whole life you will spend approximately six months waiting at red lights.