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Final Concert of the Summer has a Special Ending!

National Guard Presents Statue

Fireworks a Blast!



(L to R) Sgt. McCabe, Rebecca Dollaway, Sgt. Dollaway and Colonel Chimenti present the Riverdale Mayor & Council a 22" replica of the Minute Man statue commemorating the Battles of Lexington and Concord.



The base of the statue reads: *In appreciation for your dedication and support to the men and women of the Army National Guard who serve to defend*



Concert photos taken by Don Pruden, Riverdale C.E.R.T. member

The Third Annual Summer Concerts in the Park ended with a special presentation by the Riverdale Armory National Guard to the Mayor and Council in appreciation for the community support shown the Guard and their families. This year they raised nearly \$1000 through a 50/50 held on the concert night. **D.R.Horton, developer of The Grande on Route 23**, sponsored the concert series for the second year in a row. The total attendance this year was approximately 10,000 people! See you next year!

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS COMPLETE TRAINING COURSE



Michael VanRy - Anthony Budesheim - Ryan Cleary

Three new members of the Fire Department completed their three week (135 hours) Junior Firefighter 1 training at the Morris County Fire and Police Academy on August 18th. When they turn 18, in two years, they will be able to complete an additional 15 hours of training and receive their State Firefighter 1 certification.

Fire Department and First Aid Squad are always looking for new members. If interested, stop in their Headquarters or check their websites.

Borough & School Working Together!



Jim McCurran, Jason Casbarro, Rob Nichols and Jack Polhemus

The Borough DPW and the School Maintenance Staff worked this summer on the girls' locker room. Together they saved the taxpayers nearly \$60,000 in construction costs!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ashley Mackoul, 4th Grader at Riverdale School, was nominated by her 3rd Grade teacher, Ms. Lori Hecht, to represent Riverdale School in the National Young Scholars Program, conducted at the 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. Ashley was recognized as "an outstanding individual with strong leadership potential and high academic achievement." She seized the opportunity to be in both the Leadership strand as well as a special CSI unit showing several ways to solve crimes while learning the difference between inference and evidence. The six day program was held this summer. *Way to go, Ashley!*

Frieda Venza, became a great-grandmother for the second time. Andrew Jonathan Golas was born August 5, 2006 at about 9 pm. He was born to Jonathon and Jennifer Golas of Hewitt. At 7 lbs 3 oz and 19 inches, Baby Drew is Jon and Jen's first child. *Congratulations to all!*

Happy Birthday wishes sent out to **Kevin Appel** celebrating on September 4th! Love Mom, Dad, Christopher and Craig.

*Recreation Department is always open to new Volunteers.
Please call June Carelli 973-616-0288 or email: mrsjpmc@optonline.net*

Health Clinics

September 21st THURSDAY - Blood Pressure Screening
9-11 am - Health Dept.

September 25th MONDAY - Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD)
Collins Pavilion - Chilton Hosp. 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Pre-registration Required (50 years or older - with no history of PVD)

October 3rd TUESDAY - Osteoporosis Screening
Collins Pavilion 5:30 - 7:30 pm *Pre-registration Required*

The Nurse's Station

Stacey Dakake, MSN, RN



School will be starting soon, and we are still facing the problem of food allergies. About 327,000 people in New Jersey suffer from this. Nearly 100,000 of them are children.

- ❑ Food allergy is the leading cause of anaphylaxis, which is a sudden, severe potentially fatal, systemic allergic reaction.
- ❑ Doctors are reporting an increase in the number of food-allergic patients in the U.S. The number of children with a peanut allergy doubled in a 5 year period between 1997 and 2002.
- ❑ Eight foods account for 90% of allergic reactions: MILK, EGGS, PEANUTS, WHEAT, SOY, TREE NUTS, FISH, AND SHELLFISH.
- ❑ Symptoms of a reaction include a tingling sensation in the mouth; swelling of the lips, tongue, and throat; difficulty breathing; hives; vomiting; abdominal cramps; diarrhea; drop in blood pressure; loss of consciousness; and death. These symptoms may appear within seconds to hours after eating the food to which one is allergic.
- ❑ Epinephrine also called adrenaline is the prescribed drug to control severe reactions. It must be carried at all times by those at risk. **CALL 911 IN CASES OF SEVERE FOOD ALLERGY REACTIONS, EVEN IF EPINEPHRINE AND THE REACTION SEEMS TO BE UNDER CONTROL.**
- ❑ For more information about food allergy from the National Institutes of Health: www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/foodallergy.html.
- ❑ Parents Please notify your school nurse with any food allergies. The Riverdale Public School nurse is Karen Rapone, RN, MSN.

Recreation

Movie Night

Saturday, Sept. 9, Starts at Dark, Freedom Park
Movie to be shown: **Highschool Musical**
Free Popcorn.
Candy & Drinks available for purchase. Bring your own chairs or blankets.
Call: June Carelli 973-616-0288

Personal Safety & Self-Defense Seminar

(Safety & Rape Education and Personal Safety)
FREE!!! - WOMEN ONLY!

Thursday, September 21, 7:00 pm, Riverdale Firehouse
One hour course. Dress comfortably for exercises.
Hands on Self-defense instructed and taught by certified TIGER SHULMAN INSTRUCTOR
To register please call ASAP:
Karen Spiridakis 973-283-6301

Fright Night

Sunday, October 29th, 6:00 pm
Look for popular events: Pumpkin Drop, Haunted Hayrides, D.J., Bonfire, Costume Parade, plus new events.
"Home Outdoor Halloween Decoration Contest."
Call: June Carelli 973-616-0288

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Men's Winter Basketball
Riverdale School Gymnasium
Begins 1st Monday in November at 7:00 pm
Runs throughout winter season.
Show up and play! No set teams. No cost.
Call: Gary Pasquariello 973-616-0733

Mountain Creek Ski/Snowboard Program
Registration to be held during October.
Information at Rec Booth at the Street Fair Oct. 9
Cindy Moratto 973-492-8568

New York City Theater Trip

Hairspray

Neil Simon Theater
Wed., March 22, 2007 7:00pm
Bus departs Riverdale 5:00 pm
\$75 ticket (Orch. or Front Mezz.)
Sign up by November 10.
Cindy Moratto 973-492-8568; June Carelli 973-616-0288



Wanted:

A regulation size pool table to be donated to the new Senior Community Center. Please call **Bor 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 mayer@riverdaleNJ.com

Fire Department

Twenty-four years ago **Poppa Joe Ezzo** made the extreme sacrifice while serving the Borough of Riverdale as a member of the Fire Department. Captain Joe Ezzo died in the line of duty while responding to a reported house fire on August 25, 1982. He is one of nine firefighters from Morris County who has died in the line of duty, and his name is inscribed on the memorial at the Fire and Police Academy.

During the Fire Department's monthly meeting, Chaplain Howard Ball lead the membership in a memorial dedication he had to the department.

Chaplain Ball also reminded the younger members of the great advances that have been made in training and equipment to make our jobs safer since that fateful day. He said, "Poppa Joe understood what it meant to be a fireman and it is something that we all need to remember, the *tradition and brotherhood.*"

The department has a series of fund raising events planned to help defray the costs of our **100th Anniversary** in 2007.

A **car wash** will be held on **Saturday, September 9** at the Firehouse from 9 am-2pm.

Tickets are still available for the Four Season Raffle, the four winners will be announced on September 25. On **Saturday, December 2**, the Fire Department will host a **Beefsteak** to be held at the Bloomingdale Fireman's Hall. Tickets are limited. Contact any firefighter for tickets or call **973-831-1584**.

Riverdale Police Pistol Team-Dalton Drive

Junior Program starts on Wed. Sept. 6 and runs from 7 - 9 pm. This is open to all kids over 8 years old. All equipment, including rifles, scopes, mats and targets, is supplied. They must first attend a safety orientation class and pass a test before shooting. The program is based on the NRA Junior .22 rifle qualification program. More information on website.

Winter League is scheduled to start with centerfire on Tues., Sept. 12. This league runs until April and consists of 3 separate leagues. Centerfire is in the Fall, .22 in the Winter and .45 in the Spring. The leagues are open to both members and non-members and follow the NRA short course format. More information on website: www.riverdalepistol.org under bullseye leagues.

A Word from the Superintendent - Dr. Betty Ann Wyks

School begins for all students, PreK - 8 on Thursday, September 7, 2006. We have spent the summer busily preparing for the return of our students. Our cafeteria received a face lift, with painting and installation of new lights, blinds and ceiling. Our gratitude goes to the Borough for their assistance with the girls locker room renovation and the removal of the dead tree outside the Kindergarten classroom. We are truly fortunate to live in one of the rare communities where a cooperative relationship between the schools and the governing body exists.

This year the district launches its inclusive preschool program. To date, we have seven children enrolled. There remains opportunities for 2 additional youngsters aged 3 - 4 to attend. If you are interested, please contact the school office for details.

Several new staff members have joined our district this year. **Ms. Erin Sylvia** is a highly qualified middle school math teacher. Erin received her B.S. from the U. of Delaware. **Mrs. Sara Smid** will be the teacher of our new preschool program. Sara holds a B.A. in Psychology, minoring in communication disorders and has received her post degree teaching certification through the College of New Jersey. **Ms. Emily Gaedecke** assumes the position of Resource Center teacher, via a B.S. in Education from the U. of Delaware. While Mrs. McNamee is on childcare leave, **Ms. Bridget Shoblock** will serve as full day kindergarten teacher. **Mrs. Lauren Calandriello** is our new Speech Language Therapist from the Passaic Educational Services Commission. **Mrs. Alyssa Radomski** will be teaching sections of 5th and 6th Grade this year. Alyssa previously served as an instructional coach in mathematics for the Paterson School District. We look forward to the continued implementation of our new middle school model and welcome community feedback regarding our progress.

Street Fair - Saturday, Oct. 7

Along Newark Pompton Turnpike
10am-5pm (set up time 7:30-9am)



- In 1845, President Andrew Jackson's pet parrot was removed from his funeral for swearing.
- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- In 1940, the Mars Company invented M&M's for soldiers going to World War II.

Library News

Family Program

Infant and Pre-School Story Times

BabyTime - Infants 2 years
Mondays, Sept. 11 through November 13 - 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, Sept. 11 through Nov.13 - 10:15-11:00 am or 1:30-2:15 pm
The leaves are changing, and its growing cooler. Let's hear wonderful stories that match the beauty of the season. Stories, rhyme and craft are included in the fun.

Bedtime Stories
Tuesday, September 19 - 7:00 - 7:45 pm
Join us for bedtime stories, cookies and milk. Younger patrons may want to wear their pajamas and bring teddy.

Book Discussion Group

Monday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to discuss the classic *Kim* by Rudyard Kipling. Copies of the book in both print and audio are available at the Library.

Library Exhibit

A new exhibit or art by **Ruth Trumper** opens in September. Ruth, winner of several prizes, works in a variety of media, including pastels, pen & ink, and acrylics.

Summer Reading Program a Success! - Much Fun Was Had by All!

The Summer Reading Clubs for both K-5 and for teens were each celebrated with an ice cream party at the end of August. Fifty-three children read a total of over 650 books in the course of the summer. Each week the children spun for prizes and selected a book to own. Eighteen teens entered Grades 7, 8 & 9 read many books. For each book review written, they could enter a raffle for prizes.

Friends of the Library - Book Drive

The Friends are now accepting donations of books, in good condition, at the Library during regular hours. The books should be in saleable condition. No torn, soiled, moldy or damaged books will be accepted. Final date to accept books is September 30, and the **Book Sale** will be on Saturday, October 7 from 10 - 5 at the Street Fair. Please support your Library!

For more information, call the library at (973) 835-5044 or visit our website at www.riverdalelibrary.org