Important Town Meeting
to discuss Corzine's elimination of all our state aid and the impact it will have on our Taxes.
Monday, April 7 @ 7:30
Senior Community Center

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The latest in all the news and photos about the wonderful people who make up our community. Legal information, tax maps, ordinances are all a part of our website. Subscribe to *Riverdale Happenings* at the bottom of each web page. We can then inform you of any changes or cancellations to any scheduled event by email. Try it, you'll be pleasantly surprised!

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Town Meeting

Special Meeting of the Mayor & Council to present the impact of Governor Corzine's Elimination of State Aid to Riverdale & the Effect it will have on our Tax Rate.

Monday, April 7 @ 7:30

Senior Community Center, 57 Loy Ave.

All Are Invited. Don't Miss It!

All are Urged to Attend!

Girl Scouts earned their Bronze Award. Their service project was to provide goods and services to the P.A.T.C.H. Cat Shelter. Great job by a great group of young ladies!

Peter Dampman, seen with his brother, was the Jelly Bean Contest Winner with 2560 out of 2691 beans.

Casey Flynn filled in for the Easter Bunny again this year. Thank you, Casey!

Easter Egg Hunt a Smash Hit!

For more photos go to:
http://picasaweb.google.com/RiverdaleMayor/EasterEggHunt

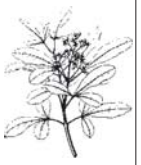
Two years ago, Edward's brother, Father Thaddeus Searles of Mississippi paid a visit to see his brother's memorial.

A Family Visit

Dan & Lucy Searles of Puerto Rico, visited the War Memorial at the Borough Hall. Mr. Searle's uncle, Edward died shortly after D-Day in World War II.

Phyllis Johnson of Kinnelon took advantage of the spring-like weather this past week to work on her oil painting in Appelt Park.

Tree City USA



Riverdale has been officially named a TREE CITY USA by the New Jersey Forest Service. Will be presented the award at the State Arbor Day Ceremony on April 25 tentatively by Governor Corzine (sic).

School Budget Vote & Board Elections.

Tuesday
April 15
2 - 9 PM
Boro Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Belated Happy Birthday to **Hughie McGee** on 3/26 from Barbara & Bill

Happy Anniversary to **Pat & Betty Lou** on April 8 from Aunt Barbara & Uncle Bill.

Happy Birthday to **Betty Lou** on April 27 from Aunt Barbara & Uncle Bill.

It was a Happy 9th Birthday on March 19 for **Sophie Gagliardi** from Mom, Dad, Laina and Abbie.

Happy 21st Birthday to **Victoria Revis** on April 3. Love, Mom & Dad

Happy 18th Birthday on April 19 to **Anthony Budesheim.**

Happy 45th Birthday on April 19 to **Cindy Gancher.** Love Veronica, Matthew, Joanne and Jenny!

Happy 7th Birthday on April 25 to **Michael Schrock**. Love, Mom, Dad, Nicole, Pina & Grandma.

Happy Birthday, **Lisa Wilson** on April 5. Love Reilly, Carrie & Louie.

Happy 9th Birthday on April 23 to **Emily Clinton**. Mom, Dad & Kyle love you very much.

Happy Birthday, **RJ Miller** April 24. Lucky #13. A teenager! We're in trouble now!. We love you very much. Mom, Ron, Kevin, Matthew & Kevin T.

Happy Birthdays to **Pam Ehrmann** on April 19 and to **Dennis Maxwell** on April 9. We love you! Dean, Pam, Dylan, Chelsea and Leo.

Happy Police Department Birthdays for April to the following: on the 7th, Dispatcher **James Nolan**, on the 10th **Officer Rob DiGirolamo**, on the 15th **Sergeant Greg Bogert.**

Congrats to **Leo Sylvestri** for placing 5th in the Bantam HW Division for the USA Wrestling N.J. Tournament. We are so proud of you. Love Mom, Day, Dylan & Chelsea.

Feds admit vaccine 'aggravated' autism.

The federal government continues to deny a link between vaccines and autism, but the U.S. Court of Federal Claims has ruled in favor of a child alleged to have regressed into autism as a result of vaccinations.

Several of the vaccinations included the controversial mercury-based preservative thimerosal, points out the National Autism Association, which sees the ruling as confirmation of the claims of many parents.

"This case echoes the stories of thousands of children across the country," said NAA President Wendy Fournier. "With almost 5,000 similar cases pending in vaccine court, we are confident that this is just the first of many that will confirm what we have believed for so long – vaccines can and do cause children to regress into autism."

Fournier called on the Centers for Disease Control "to acknowledge that the current vaccine schedule is not safe for every child and as with the administration of any medicine, individual risks and susceptibilities must be considered for each patient."

Thimerosal in vaccines is suspected of causing brain damage and weakening the immune system, making some children susceptible later to infection from measles, mumps and rubella shots.

Kirby, writing for the Huffington Post, reported the government's written concession said the child had a pre-existing mitochondrial disorder that was "aggravated" by her shots and ultimately resulted in a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, or ASD.

"This statement is good news for the girl and her family, who will now be compensated for the lifetime of care she will require," Kirby writes. "But its implications for the larger vaccine-autism debate, and for public health policy in general, are not as certain."

The rest of the article is available at: http://www.worldnetdaily.com/index

Riverdale Business Association - RBA meets every 3rd Thursday, 7:00PM at Berta's Chateau, Wanaque. You may RSVP by calling 973-839-1716. www.rbanj.org

Recreation

June Carelli, Director 973-616-0288

Men's Adult Basketball

Monday Night Pick Up Games
7:00 PM till 10:00 PM at the School Gym
Enter through gymnasium doors located in back of school
Free to Play! Age 18 and older. No Sign-up Req'd.
Questions: June Carelli 973-706-6471

Adult Self-Defense

This is a useful & fun class to take! It will teach you self-defense skills enhanced with martial art techniques. Inst.: Chris Miller 4° Black Belt
Begins Tuesday, April 15 @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM (a 5 week Program)
$40 per person
(includes the 5 classes plus you may train at the instructor's facility in Kinnelon anytime during the program.) Wear Comfortable Clothing.
Advance Sign-up Requested: 973-706-6471

Toddler Spring Sports Clinic

Basketball, Kick Ball, Track & Field, Parachute Play & more.
Begins Saturday, May 3 thru June 7 @ 11:00 - 12:00
Riverdale School Back Field
$40 per child Ages: 2 thru 5
(includes sports instruction, t-shirt, medal & ball)
Registration Night: Wednesday, April 2 @ 7:00 - 8:00
Riverdale Senior Community Center
Deadline to Register: April 11 Call: Anne Gould 973-248-9663

Bike Safety Class - Saturday April 26

Hosted by the Riverdale Police Department and Recreation Department
Learn about bicycle safety! This is a great class for beginner cyclists.
Recommended for 3 - 6 year olds
Riverdale Senior Community Center Parking Lot.
Please bring your child's bike and helmet. More details to follow in next month's Newsletter. Save the date!
Call to register: Anne Gould 973-248-9663.

Jason Grecco did the Polar Bear Plunge on February 23. The air was 33 degrees and the water was 38! He raised over $400 for the Special Olympics of NJ with the help of family, friends and teachers. He was accompanied into the water with his aunt who does the plunge every year.

Jordan Testino was transformed into Betsy Ross during the 5th Grade's travel through time, emerging as famous historic figures, sharing their stories with an audience of parents.

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 Auxiliary to Hold 9th Annual All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday
April 26
4 - 7:30 PM

The dinner is to be held at the Firehouse, 56 Post Lane. The menu consists of Spaghetti with meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverages. Admission is $7.00 for Adults, $6.00 Seniors and $5.00 Kids under age 12.

Take out meals will be available at the firehouse and with advanced notice, orders for home delivery can be made. Advance reservations call: Jean 973-835-0137 or Lisa 973-831-2394. Tickets sold at the door.

This year's activity is up **60%** over last year. We have completed Right to Know, Vehicle Rescue, Elevator Rescue and *Petzel Training*. It is a personal escape system that allows a firefighter to escape from the upper floors of a building that is on fire. The Department would like to thank the **Pequannock Rotary** for the donation of three Petzel Systems to our department.

Congratulations to **Michael VanRy** who transitioned from a Junior Firefighter to a State Certified Firefighter in January!

The Auxiliary is currently putting together a cookbook as a fund raising project. We are trying to make this a true *Riverdale* effort. Please send us your hand-written or typed recipes to the firehouse or by email to darkqueen7@gmail.com. Deadline for recipe submission is **May 30th.** Thank you!

Liz Harsley Goes Under the Knife for a Stranger

When Liz Harsley got the call telling her she was the perfect bone marrow match for a young girl in desperate need of a transplant, she didn't hesitate. "I absolutely knew I wanted to do it," said Harsley, a 4th-semester biology major and avid crew team member.

Harsley, who was Carlee Wines' roommate her freshman year, said Wines encouraged her to attend the on-campus bone marrow drive held on Nov. 29, 2006 in the Student Union Ballroom. Wines was killed two months later in a hit-and-run accident on campus. "The only reason I came to the drive was because she convinced me to," Harsley said. "I probably wouldn't have even known about it."

Harsley received the call telling her she was a match just two days before the one-year anniversary of Wines' death. After various doctors' appointments and blood tests, she underwent surgery on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Harsley - who has aspirations of becoming a veterinarian - said she wasn't too fazed by the two-hour surgery, which consisted of doctors making 200 small holes into the bone of her lower-back. She only has four visible marks on her skin, because the skin was moved with the needles when puncturing the bone. She won't have any scars.

Harsley was on general anesthesia for the entirety of the surgery, but awoke to a great deal of pain - which she compared to the feeling of a broken bone. While in the hospital, she was put on morphine.

In accordance with the foundation's policies, Harsley isn't allowed to know the name of the 15-year-old patient who received her bone marrow. However, in three months she will be given an update on how the patient is doing. In a year, if both parties agree, the two may be able to meet. During her stay in the hospital, Harsley was allowed to write an anonymous letter to the girl - their only means of communication at this time. The recipient has aplastic anemia, a rare blood disorder in which the body doesn't produce enough new blood cells.

Excerpted from The Daily Campus *March 4, 2008. Brittany Dorn, Reporter*

Library News

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Baby Time Infants - 2 years
Saturday, April 19 @ 10:30 AM
Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 11:00 - 11:30
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.

Mother Goose Stories Ages 2 - 5
Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
10:15-11:00 am **or** 1:30-2:15 pm
Saturday, April 19 @ 11:15 AM
Stories, rhyme & crafts are included in the fun.

Bedtime Stories
Thursday, April 17 @ 7:00 PM
Get ready for slumber with bedtime stories, cookies and milk. Younger patrons may want to wear pajamas and bring teddy.

What's Happening at Riverdale School?

Mr. Pircone's science students showcased their projects at the Riverdale School Science Fair on March 27.

Congratulations to Mrs. Alyssa Radomski, who teaches sixth and seventh grade Language Arts at Riverdale School. Mrs. Radomski is named **Riverdale's Teacher of the Year!**

The following students were named to the **Superintendent's List** for academic excellence in Riverdale School. Congratulations to all!

Jacqueline Dubrovich	Christopher Senyk	Karlee Eggenberger
Richa Patel	Meghean Dougherty	Catherine Fierro
David Zwoboda	Kristen Sautner	Chelsea Phillip
Chase Turner	Peter Campbell	Tyler Soto
Claudia Jablonski	Shauna McSpirit	Sarah Redferan
Lorian Gish	Gabrielle Revis	Christina Ilacqua

Fire Department has openings in all Companies: Engine, Ladder & Rescue. Training is included. If interested call 973-831-1584 x 1.

Think Green. De-clutter your house as well as the planet: Be rid of unwanted magazines to avoid recycling. Go to www.catalogchoice.org and enter the catalog codes from the address labels and they will cancel your name from the mailing lists. Suggestion came from Susan Magennis. Thank you!

A "BIG" Thank You to the Riverdale Police Department and the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale First Aid Squad for all their help on March 24,2008. With much appreciation and gratitude. **The Pirolo Family**

Shade Tree Commission

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

Did You Know?

- The bride wears red in China.
- A female African elephant can be pregnant for almost two years.
- An ear of corn almost always has an even number of rows, usually in rows of 12, 14 or 16 .