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First Aid Squad Installs Officers, Presents Awards

Joan & Jerry McMinn

New Offices

Chief Walter Gosson
Asst. Chief Carol Brautigan
Captain Dan Cottrell
Lieutenant Frank Marshall
Training Officer Millie Stires
Treasurer Walter Brautigan
Corresponding Secretary Shaun Phillippe
Recording Secretary Steve Galamb

Service Awards

Most Calls	Jerry McMinn	354
	Frank Dalton	313
	Shaun Phillippe	220
Most Hours	Dawn Morelli	1144
	Melissa Beshlian	1068
	Dawn Gosson	955
	Dan Cottrell	934

CPR Saves Frank Marshall - Rob Cole
Ed Crowley - Peter Forte - Frank Dalton
Jerry McMinn - Shaun Phillippe

First Aid Squad is always looking for new members: Drivers and EMTs. **Call 973-835-1403**

Help Wanted

If you are looking for a great way to meet your service commitment for scouting, church or school programs, we have the perfect opportunity. The Friends of the Riverdale Library need volunteers to help with the *5th Annual Book Sale*. Help set up the sale on Wednesday and Thursday, March 14 & 15, or help at the sale itself on the weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (especially Sunday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm). This is a wonderful opportunity for service groups or individuals. For more information, please call Abby at 973-835-5044. Thank you.

Riverdale PTA Beefsteak - February 10
$37.50 per person. Call 973-879-1640

Fire Chief Pat Cleary Receives Grants Award

NEWARK, N.J. (January 24, 2007) - Patrick Cleary of Riverdale, NJ, a systems director for Prudential Insurance, received a Prudential CARES Volunteer Grants Award of $1,000 for the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Company. Cleary served 475 hours in 2005 for the organization as fire chief, in which he was accountable for the overall operation of the fire department. He was chairman of the membership committee and administrator of the Length of Service Award Program. Cleary also presented eight fire prevention education sessions at the elementary school, and expanded the fire prevention program to the middle school. The mission of the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Company is to protect and save life and property by providing high quality fire and rescue services to the residents of Riverdale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Happy 9th Birthday to **Nicole Schrock** on January 22nd. Love Mom, Dad, Michael and Pina.

Joseph Soto of Halsey Avenue will celebrate his 8th Birthday on February 17! Happy 8th Birthday. Love Dad, Mom, Tyler, Ryan and Matthew.

Happy 1st Birthday to the **Regeling** twins **James Henry III** & **Julia Rhiannon** on February 28. We love you very much, Mommy, Daddy and your family!!

Congratulations to **Nancy Wall** who graduated from the Passaic County Police Academy on January 19. She is now working for the Morris County Sheriff's Department of Corrections.

Dust Anyone See It?
The Mayor and Council, working with the Riverdale Quarry in an attempt to reduce the amount of dust leaving the quarry site, are looking for observers. If anyone sees dust blowing off the site, please call the police so that they may record the incident. Thank you. Police Desk: **973-835-0034.**

Health Clinics

February 5th MONDAY - Blood Pressure Screening
9-11 am - Senior Center

February 15th THURSDAY - Blood Pressure Screening
9-11 am - Health Dept.

The Nurse's Station

Stacey Dakake, MSN, RN

Can You Catch a Cold from Being Cold?

The answer is no. While colds and the flu appear during the winter months, the truth is that they are not the result of being out in the cold. The American Lung Association believes these infections prevail because it is the time of year when viruses usually spread across the country. Viruses and infections spread when people stay indoors and are in close contact with each other. You should limit your time spent with sniffling friends and wash your hands frequently.

Washing your hands is one of the most effective ways of preventing colds. Wash hands and wrists for a good fifteen seconds, and then rinse them well.

DRIVE SAFELY ON THE ROAD THIS WINTER - PLEASE!

Recreation

June Carelli, Director 973-616-0288

Children's Karate Program - *Last Chance*
Starts: Saturday, February 24th (6 week Program)
10:15 am - 1 Hour Class • $40/child • ages 6-12
Porta's Karate, Pompton Lakes
Call to sign-up: June Carelli 973-616-0288

New Jersey Nets Basketball Game. *Last Chance.*
Meadowlands - Tuesday, Feb. 13th @ 7:30 pm
New Jersey Nets vs. San Antonio Spurs
$45/ticket (includes team jersey)
Center Court - 2nd Level. Provide own transportation.
Purchase tickets call June Carelli 973-616-0288

Adult Night-Out - Crazy Bowling

Saturday, March 17 @ 8:00 pm
Oakland Bowl
$20/person (incl. 2 games, Hot/Cold Buffet and soda)
Call Kristin Appel 831-8187 or Mary Wolbach 831-1383

Toddler Spring Sports Camp
Come play a little of everything! Kickball, T-ball, Soccer, relay-races, etc.
Starts April, 2007 • Ages: 2 to 5
Freedom Park and/or Riverdale School Fields
Registration Cost to be announced.
Sign up or for questions: Lori Clinton 973-616-4406

Men's Winter Basketball - Mondays - 7:00 pm
Riverdale School Gym. Runs throughout winter season. Show up and play! Call: Gary Pasquariello 973-616-0733

Municipal Alliance Committee. Next meeting is on Monday, February 26, 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building. If interested in participating or for more information, please call Councilwoman Donna Bush at 973-907-7480.

Important! When putting newspapers and cardboard out for pickup, please make sure the bundles are flat and tied up. On windy days, the papers tend to blow around, even when placed in paper bags. They should be tied.

Friends of the Library

The Friends will be accepting book donations for the upcoming book sale in March. Books should be in good condition, no torn, musty or water-damaged books will be accepted. Watch for the sign in front of the Library for the drop-off dates. Anyone interested in joining the Friends please leave your name and number at the Library.

No Overnight Parking on Boro Streets from Dec. 1 through March 31. Nor is parking permitted when streets are snow covered any time of the day, for efficient snow plowing.

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

Glancing Back - Looking Forward

February 25, 2007 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Pompton Volunteer Fire Department, later renamed as the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department. The first chief, E.R. Richards, lead the first group of volunteers as they built the fire department from scratch by raising funds to rent a meeting space, purchase equipment and to acquire the first fire house. That building is still located on Hamburg Turnpike and is currently occupied by TriCounty Industrial Supply. Before the current Muncipal Building was constructed in 1959 the second floor housed the borough offices. The current members and the community owe a debt of gratitude to the commitment and dedication of our founding members, and we strive to keep their dream of a volunteer fire department alive.

There will be various celebrations throughout the year to commemorate *A Century of Service,* starting with a small private ceremony on the morning of February 25. Our 100th annual installation dinner will be held on March 3, and all past members of the department have been invited, as well as various dignitaries. We are in the process of creating an Ad Journal that will reflect the tradition of the department and we are looking for sponsors to be a part of this historical publication.

The public celebration will be on August 25. It will start with a somber ceremony 25 years to the day that Papa Joe Ezzo made the ultimate sacrifice to Riverdale and died in the line of duty. Later that day there will be a "wetdown" at the firehouse, followed by a concert and fireworks in the park. There will be commemorative T-shirts and mugs for sale throughout the year. We hope all residents can join us in celebrating this significant milestone.

REMINDER. No overnight parking on Borough streets during December 1 through March 31, from 12 midnight until 6 a.m. There is no parking on any street when the streets are snow covered.

ANOTHER REMINDER. There is a drop box available 24/7 in the lobby of the Municipal Building for tax, sewer and water payments. Separate checks should be made out for the taxes and each utility.

JUST ONE MORE. Nominating petitions for the Board of Education must be filed with the Board Secretary on or before Monday, February 26 - 4 PM.

Dogs and Cats must be licensed for 2007. After Feb. 28, there will be a $5.00 late fee added on. Your pet must have rabies vaccination that is good through Nov.1, 2007 in order to be licensed. If you have any questions please call Linda at 973-835-4060 Ext 6.

Library News

For more information, call (973) 835-5044 www. riverdalelibrary.org
LIBRARY CLOSED MONDAY FEBRUARY 19TH - PRESIDENT'S DAY

Infant and Pre-School Story Times

Baby Time - Infants 2 years
Mondays, February 5, 12 and 26 @ 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Snowflake Stories - Ages 2 - 5
Mondays, February 5, 12 and 26 @ 10:15-11:00 am **or** 1:30-2:15 pm

Bedtime Stories - Join us for bedtime stories, cookies and milk
Tuesday, February 27 - 7:00 @ 7:45 pm. Younger kids may want to wear their PJ's.

Chinese New Year - Grades K - 5. The Year of the Pig.
Tuesday, February 20 @ 1 - 2 pm. Chinese folktales, fortune cookies and de-caf tea will be served. You'll make a Chinese zodiac wreath to take home.

Not Just Books at the Library! PCs to access the Internet, email and for Microsoft Office applications. We will give you a hand if you need the help. *Wireless network. You can access the Internet from your laptop.* Copier and Scanner - 15 cents per page for B&W, and 50 cents per page for Color. *The online Encyclopedia Britannica - access it from home or the library!*

The Knitting Group meets alternate Thursdays from 4 - 6 pm. Call Abby at 973-835-5044 for more information.

Riverdale School 973-839-1300

Safety Still a Priority. Please follow the "kiss and drop" morning procedure. Drop off for the **K-8 students** is at the back of the school, near the shed area. Parents should enter the drive from Oak Street and proceed through to the back of the school. Drop off will take place on the passenger side of the car, near the gym door area. Students are then directed in through the building. Staff members are on duty to assist with procedures. **Pre-K** students are to be dropped off by the side doors on Oak Street. Please be advised that violating parking ordinances, such as double parking or stopping to drop off students on Oak Street are liable to be ticketed by the police.

Kindergarten Registration& Preschool Open House. Children who have turned 5 years of age on or before October 1, 2007 are eligible for admittance into our kindergarten program for the 2007-2008 school year. Registration is Feb. 6 (last names A-M) and Feb. 7 (N-Z). Please call school for details.

An overview of our preschool program will be presented to all interested parties on Wednesday, Feb. 7 @ 7pm. The program is limited.

Congratulations. Eighth grader, **Robert Leet**, won the geography bee held recently at school. We are also pleased to announce that seventh grader, **Richa Patel**, emerged as champion of our spelling bee.

4th Graders Hit the Books. Mrs. Sweet's class will partake in a special reading program sponsored by the NJ Jackals baseball team. Reading logs will be charted and prizes awarded for each achievement level. When students reach the final level, a home run, they will receive two complimentary tickets to a Jackals baseball game. Mrs. Sweet's class is hoping to score a lot of home runs!

Did You Know?

- President John Tyler had the most children - 15.
- A be Lincoln was the tallest President - 6'4";
- James Madison, the shortest - 5'4".
- William H. Taft was the first President to own a car.