

# RIVERDALE

## NEWS AND EVENTS



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### THE NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW LOOKS TO THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE



If you recently traveled the Newark-Pompton Turnpike in Riverdale, you may have noticed a lot of activity. Several older facilities have been getting a facelift and a new modern building has been built.



Residents are eager for the opening of the new Black Bull Steakhouse at the former location of the Golden Sakura.

The NJ Center of Physical Therapy will occupy a beautiful new modern building located at 69 Newark-Pompton Turnpike.



And the New Jersey National Guard Armory is in the process of upgrading and replacing the roof of the building.

***GOOD LUCK TO OUR NEW BUSINESSES !***

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## ***The Mayor's Report***

**My fellow Riverdale residents,**

We made it through the holidays, New Year's, Council Reorganizations, and now set our sights on another productive year in the Borough of Riverdale. As we begin our budget planning for 2017, I am happy to report that our strategies incorporated in 2016 have provided for a much better start this year.

In early January, the Tax Assessor certified the new Net Valuation of the Borough, increasing our ratables to \$777,254,900. This is an increase of **\$4,932,900**. Excellent news as the increased tax revenue will provide us with additional money in this years budget.

We also received more encouraging news from our Chief Financial Officer, Ken Sesholtz, who gave a preliminary projection that our current fund balance, or "surplus" will increase by over **\$300,000**. This is primarily due to the aggressive pursuit and receipt of outstanding grant receivables last year.

These two important developments will certainly create the foundation for our goal of keeping municipal taxes flat in 2017. Budget planning has already begun and we are also working on a new capital plan to support improvements to the Borough's infrastructure.

I will keep you posted on our progress as we move forward.

Happy Valentine's Day to all! See you all next month.

**Mayor Paul M. Carelli**



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**\*\*\* OPENING IN EARLY FEBRUARY! \*\*\***

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 Monday 10-8 Thursday 10-8  
 Tuesday 10-5 Friday 10-5  
 Wednesday 10-8 Saturday 10-4

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 www.riverdalelibrary.org to sign up!

# February



**The Bill of Rights and You** - The Riverdale Public Library is hosting *The Bill of Rights and You*, a new pop-up exhibition from the National Archives which commemorates the 225th anniversary of the ratification of this landmark document. On display now!

**Book Donations Accepted** - Book Donations Now Being Accepted – Gently used books, CD's and DVD's are being accepted for the annual Friends of the Riverdale Library book sale. Donations will be accepted through Saturday, March 4. Join us at the Friends sale March 24- 26. Great books, great prices (movies and music too!)

**Best Seller's Club** - Available for Riverdale Library card holders only. We will place an automatic hold for you on any of the following best-selling authors: David Baldacci, Mary Higgins Clark, Clive Cussler, Janet Evanovich, John Grisham, Debbie Macomber, James Patterson, Jodie Picoult, Ann Rice, Nicholas Sparks, Danielle Steel and Stuart Woods. Tell us if you are interested at your next visit to the library or call us to sign up.

**Adult Programs**

**Cabin Fever Coloring Group** - Wednesdays, February 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd, 7:00 p.m. Spend cold winter Wednesday evenings at the library creating coloring projects and enjoying good company.

**Valentine Decoupage Plates** - Saturday, February 4th, 1:00 p.m. Agnes Majewska-Sydoryk will lead us in a workshop to create a lovely serving plate for Valentine goodies.

**Heart Healthy Snacks** - Saturday, February 11th, 1:00 p.m. Danielle Columbo, registered dietician, will bring lots of healthy and delicious snacks to share and will discuss diet and heart health.

**Choosing Your Next Great Read** - Saturday, February 25th, 2:00 p.m. Love to read but not sure what to read next? Riverdale Reference Librarian Leann Lydon will give a brief presentation on tools you can use — both at home and here at the library — to help you select your next great book!

**Monthly**  
**Film, Food and Friends,**  
**Wednesday, February 15th, 7:00 p.m.**  
*The Light Between Oceans*, Rated PG-13.

**Adult Book Discussion Group**  
**Monday, February 27th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
*Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.

**Photography Club**  
**Monday, February 27th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
 For beginners to experts - share information and discuss tips and tricks. Meets the fourth Monday of each month.

**Gypsy Knitters**  
**Thursdays, 4:00-8:00 p.m.**  
 Experienced knitters are welcome every Thursday to nosh & knit. Newcomers welcomed!

**Winter 2017 Computer Programs**

**Excel Part 2 - Monday, February 6th, 6:00 p.m.** *Prerequisite: Excel 1 or knowledge of Excel basics.* Topics covered include formatting data, freezing windows and hiding data, sorting, working with multiple sheets and creating a chart or graph from your data.

**PowerPoint - Thursday, February 16th, 11:00 a.m.** *Prerequisite: familiarity with PC basics and Word.* Design a PowerPoint presentation with text, clipart, and animation. You'll learn about formatting, the design options available, presentations views, and how to run a slide show.

**Device Advice - Friday, February 17th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** (Formally iPad and Tablet Users Group) Need some help using your iPad, iPhone, Kindle, laptop or other digital device? Drop in with your device and get some pointers on its use. Offered the third Friday of each month.

**Upcoming Adult Programs**

**Music of the 50's - Saturday, March 4th, 1:00 p.m.** Stephen F. Marcone, Professor of Music at The William Paterson University of New Jersey, will lead a discussion about the massive change in the listening tastes of America during the 1950's, as listeners' interests moved from popular songs by Nat "King" Cole, Perry Como, Doris Day and Pat Boone to the music of early rock and roll artists. Audio and video examples include the above mentioned artists plus the early pioneers of rock.

**Discovering Your Irish Roots - Saturday, March 11th, 1:00 p.m.** Join Judy Kenney, Past President of the Genealogical Society of Bergen County, as she discusses the best methods and resources to build your Irish family tree, including church and civil records available for Ireland, common problems in searching and tips to get accurate information. Ms. Kenney has done research for over 40 years and has had great fun and success tracing her Irish and French ancestors.

**Linda Vogel's Recipes**  
**Spaghetti with Sausage and Peppers**

**Ingredients:**

- ◆ Salt and Pepper.
- ◆ 1 lb. Spaghetti.
- ◆ 2 tbsp. olive oil.
- ◆ 1 can crushed tomatoes.
- ◆ Grated parmesan cheese.
- ◆ 3 garlic cloves, sliced thin.
- ◆ 1 red onion, halved and sliced thin.
- ◆ 1 lb. Italian sausage, casing removed.
- ◆ 2 red bell peppers, stemmed, seeded and sliced thin.

**Directions:**  
 Cook sausage, peppers and onion in nonstick skillet over medium heat, breaking up sausage with spoon, until lightly browned and cooked through, about 12 minutes. Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Stir in crushed tomatoes, 1tsp. of salt and ¼ tsp. of pepper; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, uncovered until sauce is slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Bring 4 quarts of water to a boil in large pot. Add pasta and 1tbsp. of salt and cook, stirring often, until al dente. Reserve ½ cup of cooking water, then drain pasta and return to pot. Add sauce and oil, toss to combine. Add grated parmesan when serving.  
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## February



### Regular Storytimes

#### **Toddler Time - Tuesdays, January 17th-March 7th, 10:30 a.m.**

Complete with songs, picture books, and a craft, this storytime is designed to help your two-year old take the first steps toward early learning literacy. For toddlers ages 2-3.

#### **Preschool Pals - Tuesdays, January 17th-March 7th, 11:30 a.m.**

Meeting at a new morning time in the New Year, preschoolers at this storytime can develop school readiness skills by listening to longer stories, making new friends, and creating a craft at this storytime. For preschoolers ages 3-5.

#### **Wigglers and Giggles - Wednesdays, January 18th-March 8th, 10:15 a.m.**

Not-quite-two-year olds will love this storytime filled with simple books and more movement and play in the storytime experience. For toddlers ages 1-2.

#### **Baby and Me - Wednesdays, January 18th-March 8th, 11:15 a.m.**

Designed for infants not walking yet, this lapsit storytime includes simple books, songs, and play that will allow your little one to start becoming familiar with the library! For infants to 12 months.

### Infant and Preschool Programs

#### **Stuffed Animal Storytime - Thursday, February 2nd, 5:30 p.m.**

Bring a stuffed friend and wear your PJs at this special evening storytime! For ages 2-5.

#### **Shake Your Sillies Out - Thursday, February 9th, 2:00 p.m.**

Calling all wigglers and giggles, singers and dancers! Join us for these special storytimes with singing, dancing, scarves, and parachute fun! For ages 2 and up.

**Yoga Storytime - Monday, February 13th, 10:30 a.m.** Come for stories and a stretches with Ms. Michele! For ages 3-5.

**Toddler Free Play - Friday, February 10th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Join us when we empty the program room of everything but favorite library toys, puppets, and noisemakers so your toddlers can play safely inside! For ages 1-5.

### Children's Programs

**Paws to Read: Tales to Tails - Wednesday, February 8th, 4:00 p.m.** Readers of all levels get to practice reading to a friendly canine listener. For grades K-5.

#### **LEGO Lab - Wednesday, February 15th, 4:00 p.m.**

Building with your friends has never been so fun! Bring your imagination; we'll supply the LEGOs and great story. For grades K-5.

**Nutritionist Visit: Eating for a Healthy Heart - Monday, February 13th, 3:00 p.m.** Ms. Danielle returns just in time before Valentine's Day and during Healthy Heart month to lead a hands-on nutrition lesson on healthy eating for your heart! Tasty snacks and fun guaranteed. For grades K-5.

**Reading with Local Author Maryanne Hanisch - Saturday February 18th, 11:00 a.m.** Come to meet real live, local author, Maryanne Hanisch, and hear her read from her series of picture books! Then enjoy completing a fun fossil puzzle. For grades 2-4.

### Tween and Teen Programs

**Chocolate Party - Saturday, February 18th, 2:00 p.m.** Let's celebrate all things chocolate with chocolate challenges, crafts, and snacks! For grades 5-8.

#### **Read & Watch Party - Thursday, February 23rd, 5:00 p.m.**

Pick up a copy of *The Queen of Katwe* and read it by Thursday the 23rd! Then come for pizza, popcorn, and a special screening of the movie based on the book. Bring your friends and warm up at this special book-based-movie event. Movie rated PG, 124 min. For grades 5-8.

**Maker Mondays - February 27th, 3:00 p.m.** Come to revisit paper circuits! For ages 8 and up.

### Programs For All Ages

#### **World Read Aloud Day - Thursday, February 16th, 4:00 p.m.**

Bring your favorite book and share it with other book lovers and readers by reading aloud your favorite parts or chapters at this special event. Come join the celebration!

### Upcoming Programs

**Night Sky Observing Session - Thursday, March 2nd, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Join us when we welcome Joe Molnar of the Morris Museum Astronomical Society to view the night sky. Come dressed in layers for an outdoor observing session with all the right telescopes and knowledge to get close up looks at the moon and stars. For families and kids in 1st grade and up.

**Teen Tech Week! -** Come in every day to participate in this celebration of technology, both old and new, and to be eligible for fun prizes! For grades 5-8.

- ◆ **Day 1: Sphero 101- Monday, March 6th, 4:00 p.m.** Learn how to program a Sphero SPRK robot!
- ◆ **Day 2: Stop Motion Animation - Wednesday, March 8th, 4:00 p.m.** Turn old technology into beautiful art projects.
- ◆ **Day 4: Library Tech Scavenger Hunt - Thursday, March 9th, 6:00 p.m.** Come for snacks and the chance to complete a technology scavenger hunt around the library. Leave your completed answer sheet with Ms. Kate to enter to win a prize!
- ◆ **Day 5: Shelfie Contest - Friday, March 10th, 4:00 p.m.** Find a favorite book, strike a pose, then snap a photo and email it to Ms. Kate to win a prize. Just be sure to send it by Monday, March 13th!

**Maker Day! - Saturday, March 25th, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** This all-day maker day for families, kids, and teens will involve tinkering with tech projects and new gadgets that Ms. Kate can't wait to share with you. Complete with various stations, this all-day maker fair will give you a chance to program a robot, tinker with a Makey Makey, wire a circuit or two, and more! For families and kids ages 4 and up.



The January 16th meeting of the Riverdale Senior Club, which was the only one this month due to the New Year's holiday, was conducted by Pres. Gloria Carelli. This will be a short meeting, as we have a guest entertainer. Chaplain Elaine Peacock led members in singing "Let There Be Peace On Earth". Loretta Lippens welcomed back several members, up-dated us on a few that are ill, and the sad passing of an old member. She also recognized the January birthdays. Loretta commended Police Officer Sgt. Kyle Parrill assisted by a Wanaque officer, for talking down a woman from jumping off an overpass on Route 287.

Secretary, Treasurer and Library Reports were given. Mimi Hertzog gave us final details of our trip this month to the Sands Casino, as well as the forthcoming overnight trip to the Sight and Sound Theater to see "Jonah". Sounds great! There is still time to sign up! Kay Boucher compiled and read a "2016 Year in Review of the Senior Club's guest speakers, entertainers, trips, luncheons, and special activities".

Pres. Carelli then asked for a show of hands to only have one meeting this year in both July and September because of the holidays, and it was approved. She wished everyone a Happy New Year, and thanked those who took down the Christmas tree and gathered it together with other holiday decorations to be carried down to storage. Regarding "shredding", Riverdale cannot provide this service, but a member is inquiring about a local town which she believes will accommodate us. Also Gloria asked members to submit ideas for programs for 2017.

The meeting was closed, raffle conducted and jokes told.

Gloria introduced our guest, her son John Carelli who is a University Professor in Pa., and an opera singer. With his beautiful voice and professional orchestration equipment, he sang a few songs in Italian, as well as those in English made famous by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Michael Buble, Bobby Darin, and songs from Phantom of the Opera and Les Miserable – and received a standing ovation! Wow!

We then had a special treat of bagels, cream cheese and butter, along with our coffee and cookies. It was a wonderful morning!

**Presented by Kay Boucher**

## CERT MEETING



**Date: Tuesday 02/21/2017 @ 7pm.**

**Location: Riverdale Range, 2 Dalton Drive**

Please consider joining the team. Members are urgently needed. For more information contact Russ Hatzel  
[rwh077@msn.com](mailto:rwh077@msn.com)

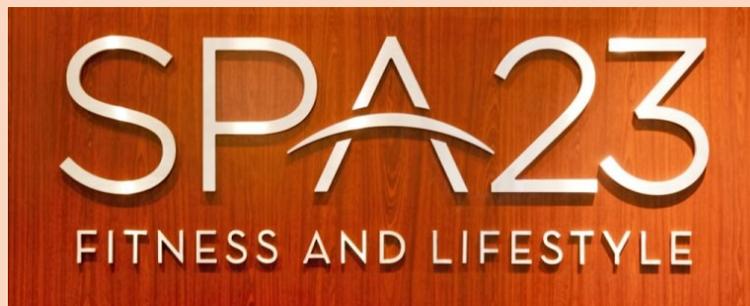
- JANUARY:** INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS
- FEBRUARY:** PRESENTATION BY SERGEANT PATRICK HARDEN, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DRUG-SNIFFING DOG – K9 ELZA
- MARCH:** POLICE CHIEF KEVIN SMITH SPOKE ON THE SUBJECT OF "SCAMS". BOB BENEDETTO GAVE AN OIL PAINTING DEMO. ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON AT GRASSHOPPER 2 IN NEWFOUNDLAND
- APRIL :** "HEART HEALTH FOR WOMEN" PROGRAM – A "LIGHT" HEALTHY LUNCH WAS PROVIDED. RIVERDALE SCHOOL BUDGET POWER-POINT PRESENTATION
- MAY:** MARY WALKER, A CERTIFIED YOGA INSTRUCTOR, GAVE US A "YOGA FOR SENIORS" DEMONSTRATION. TRIP TO A SHOW AND LUNCHEON AT THE HUNTERDON PLAYHOUSE. SENIORS MARCHED AND RODE IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
- JUNE :** SEVERAL SENIORS ATTENDED A FREE OIL PAINTING CLASS OFFERED BY BOB BENEDETTO THE SENIOR WALKING CLUB MET EVERY TUES. A.M. FOR 6 WEEKS
- JULY:** JULY 4TH CELEBRATION WITH A CATERED INDOOR PICNIC OF SALADS, WRAPS, COFFEE, TEA AND DESSERT. (ONLY ONE MEETING THIS MONTH). BROWNSTONE INN TRIP – LUNCHEON, ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING WITH JOE ZISA BAND AND UNCLE FLOYD COMEDY
- AUGUST:** LUNCHEON AT BELLA SERA RESTAURANT IN BLOOMINGDALE
- SEPTEMBER:** (ONLY ONE MEETING) DR. PAT BIONDI OF AUDIOLOGY AND HEARING AID SOLUTIONS OF POMPTON LAKES GAVE A POWER-POINT "HEARING HEALTH" PRESENTATION CALLED "THE PERFECT STORM". THEY PROVIDED REFRESHMENTS OF BAGELS, CREAM CHEESE AND BUTTER
- OCTOBER:** TRIP TO THE LAKESIDE MANOR IN HAZLET, NJ TO THEIR "OCTOBERFEST". WE ENJOYED GERMAN FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING, COMEDY IN A BEAUTIFUL VENUE. SEVERAL MEMBERS ATTENDED BRUNCH AND "CROONERS AND CO." SONG PRESENTATION AT STUDIO 237 IN POMPTON LAKES.
- NOVEMBER :** THANKSGIVING SOCIAL – GREG SANTOS GAVE A SHORT PRESENTATION ON THE REHAB SERVICES AT BLOOMINGDALE HEALTH CENTER. THEY PROVIDED US WITH A MORE THAN AMPLE CATERED LUNCHEON OF SANDWICHES, SALADS, DRINKS AND DESSERT. A PILGRIM (AKA BOB BOUCHER) GREETED EVERYONE. BERT SANTOS ENTERTAINED US WITH SING-A-LONG KAROKE. SEVERAL MEMBERS ATTENDED "BROADWAY SHOW TUNES" BRUNCH AND SHOW AT STUDIO 237.
- DECEMBER:** CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY RIVERDALE SCHOOL BAND AND CHORUS. PIZZA, COLD DRINKS FOR CHILDREN AND MEMBERS. CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE PARIS INN. LUNCHEON, MUSIC, DANCING AND ALL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN A FUN "12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" PRESENTATION. SEVERAL MEMBERS ATTENDED "CHRISTMAS SONGS" BRUNCH AND SHOW AT STUDIO 237.

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## RIVERDALE SCHOOL NEWS February 2017

From the desks of Riverdale School Superintendent,  
Mrs. Vicki Pede, and Principal, Mr. Sean Bowe:

In addition to all you have on your calendars for family reasons, February brings with it numerous Riverdale school and district events! Currently, we are working on budget preparations for the 2017-2018 school year. At the January 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting, the Riverdale Board voted to move the election to November; as such, there will be no election this coming April. Budget presentations will still occur at the Senior Center and at a public board meeting in April for any information you may wish to hear. As stated previously, this is especially important for our educational planning. We have addressed many of the issues that you have alerted us of, including the sound at performances and some programming offerings throughout our school. We certainly continue to welcome your involvement in the process.

Riverdale School participated in the Educator of the Year and Support Professional of the Year sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education. Our staff members were publicly recognized and honored at the January 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting. The quote noted on the selection letters by William Butler Yeats certainly echoes the sentiments that these individuals live by, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

Our Educator of the Year is Mrs. Marianne McCarthy. Mrs. McCarthy instructs our students with special needs and our students needing basic skills instruction. She works diligently to continue to hone her skills, especially in the area of literacy education, as well as dyslexia. Her passion and goal is to help students access the code for their reading success. Mrs. McCarthy holds a BS from the State University of New York and a MS from Long Island University; she has been in the Riverdale School District since 1999. She has received numerous accolades from staff and parents regarding her work with students. Some of these accolades appear in her selection letter and state that Mrs. McCarthy "...strives to exercise best practice in all that she does...strives to be the best reading teacher she can be...always makes time to go over [student] progress [and] we love her...consistently goes above and beyond...will do anything to help anybody...tireless in her efforts to improve the reading ability of the students...volunteers to teach reading to children in inner city settings...very knowledgeable...very deserving." She and her husband Frank reside in Wayne, New Jersey.



Our Support Professional of the Year is Mrs. Diane O'Brien. She is a graduate of William Paterson University and has a BA in Communication Disorders. She and her husband Bill are the proud parents of two children: Lindsay, a Lehigh University graduate and Billy, a Rutgers University graduate. Mrs. O'Brien has been employed by the Riverdale Board of Education since 2007 when she was hired as a personal aide. In her current responsibilities, she works with children with special needs in a number of capacities, and also monitors the lunch room. She has also received accolades from her peers, some of which were noted in her selection letter. These read, in part, as quoted "...a life saver-literally...valuable assistant in the classroom...easily transitions from kindergarten to assisting in middle school...one of her best qualities is her flexibility...help[s] out in a pinch...exemplifies leadership, dedication and respect from colleagues and the students of Riverdale School..." We are proud to have both Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. O'Brien as part of our Riverdale staff.

### UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS AND REMINDERS:

Third Marking Period Begins	February 1	Student Schedules
School Board Meeting	February 1 – 7:30	Library
Book Fair	February 1, 2, 3	Student Schedules
Evening Book Fair	February 2: 6:00 – 8:30	Primary Hallway
Report Cards Available	February 7	Online
Administration of NAEP	February 7	Grade 8 Classes
PTA Founder's Day Meeting	February 9 – 7:00	Cafeteria
Valentine's Day Dance	February 10 – 7:00	Gym
School Board Meeting	February 15 – 7:30	Library
Winter Recess	February 20, 21	SCHOOL CLOSED
Kindergarten Registration	February 23: 9:00 – 11:00	Main Entrance
Kindergarten Registration	February 24: 2:00 – 4:00	Main Entrance



**IT'S TIME TO GET CREATIVE AGAIN!!  
THE RIVERDALE WOMAN'S CLUB IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ITS  
6th ANNUAL SCRAPBOOK FUNDRAISER**

DATE: SATURDAY – March 18, 2017  
TIME: 10 AM TO 10 PM  
PLACE: RIVERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER – 57 LOY AVENUE  
COST: \$45 IF PAID BEFORE February 25th ..... \$50 IF PAID AFTER.

LUNCH, DINNER AND SNACKS INCLUDED! LOTS OF CROPPING SPACE AND EVERY SEAT IS AN ASILE SEAT!

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***MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO - RIVERDALE WOMAN'S CLUB***

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to fund the various scholarships and awards the Woman's Club presents to High School and 8th grade students.

## **BY AND LARGE**

*by Elaine Peacock*



### **LOVE TAPS**

February is here, the shortest month of the year, but don't get too excited winter is far from over. When I look back at my pictures from years ago every one of the pictures with lots of snow has valentine decorations in the window.

Now don't let that put a damper on your valentine plans just think of all the cozy fun you can have after spending a day in the snow – like large cups of hot chocolate with whipped cream in front of a warm fire. Valentine's Day is the perfect time to share God's love taps. A hug, a smile, a phone call, dropping card they are all ways to share love with the people you care about or maybe someone you know that is going through a particularly hard time right now – what a great way to lift their spirits and let them know they are not alone.

So my wish for you this Valentine's Day is may you receive and give away lots and lots of Love Taps. Happy Valentine's Day!!

# Sound Off! Military & Veterans

by Councilman Paul Purcell

*Sound Off is the newest edition to the Riverdale Newsletter designed to provide information and event details about and for our Military and Veterans. If you have information that we should consider sharing here, please email Councilman Purcell at [ppurcell@riverdalenj.gov](mailto:ppurcell@riverdalenj.gov)*

## **Home Town Hero Salutes!**

Army Sergeant Justin Lamoreaux: Sgt Lamoreaux has recently deployed to Afghanistan and is expected to return in August 2017. We thank you and your family, and wish you a safe return home!

## **Morris County Veteran ID Cards - Operation Give Back**

Morris County Operation Give Back provides a Veteran ID card (pictured below) with proof of county residency and a DD214. These ID cards not only provide another form of identification but also records your DD214 in County files and provides several discounts at many local businesses throughout Morris County. For more information, please call 973-285-6122 or visit the county website at

<http://morriscountyclerk.org/index.php/services/veterans/>

**Note:** In the upcoming months we will be working with Morris County and their Mobile Unit to come onsite to Riverdale and issue cards, possibly passports as well on another date. Dates to be determined and published here in the future



## **NJ Motor Vehicle Veteran Endorsement**

As of July 1, 2016 the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission has also updated the NJ license to include a blue star followed by the word "Veteran". For more information visit your local MVC or go to

<http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/vet.htm>



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## RIVERDALE FOOD PANTRY



Items needed are: coffee, tea, pancake mix and syrup, soup, tuna fish, peanut butter and jelly, rice, boxed potatoes and laundry detergent.

To request confidential Pantry assistance, please call Linda Roetman, at the Riverdale Borough Hall (973) 835-4060.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



## Riverdale Borough Hall Directory

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