

July 2011

Riverdale News & Events

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Memorial Day



Grand Marshall Sal Montevago



Pastor Timothy Flynn leads in the benediction.



Fire and Police Departments Chaplain Howard Ball



Riverdale members of the Armed Forces celebrating Memorial Day. Pam Sylvestri introduces them.



Members of the family of former Police Chief Harry Ressler gather around the lamppost dedicated in his memory.



Resident Gordon Davis leads the attendees in *God Bless America*.



Former Fire Chief Jack Norton and his family gather around the lamppost in honor of his 50 years of service to the Fire Dept.



Resident Charlie Sheridan leads his Cub Scout Pack in the Memorial Day Parade.



Elaine Peacock reads her essay.



Grand Marshall Sal Montevago (World War II Veteran).



Police & Fire Departments



Placing of the Wreath



The 8th Annual Free Summer Concerts in the Park

Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20, 27

7:30 PM at Independence Park

DETAILS ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE WWW.RIVERDALENJ.GOV

Announcements



Happy 80th Birthday, **Bill Lawrence, Sr.**, on July 2!

Happy Anniversary to **Mary & Bill Lawrence, Sr.** on July 6!

Happy Birthday, **Anne Gould**, on July 18. Love, Reilly and Dave.

Happy 5th Birthday, **Emma Struble**, on July 12. We love you, Munchkin! Love, Mommy, Daddy and Erin.



Happy 5th Birthday, **Kevin Budesheim**, on July 2. His proud parents are Matthew and Sylvia; brothers Matt and Nick. Grandparents are Bill and Marian and Silvio and Myrna Gavilanes.

Happy 4th Birthday, **Jack Budesheim**, on July 8. Love, his proud parents Greg and Lisa; sisters Emma and Sara. Grandparents are Bill and Marian and Joe and Diane D'Imperio.



Welcome, **Sara Grace Budesheim**, on June 10. She joins siblings Jack and Emma. Parents are Greg and Lisa. Grandparents: Bill and Marian; Joe and Diane D'Imperio. Great-grandparents Elvira Budesheim, Eleanor Flynn, Anthony and Margaret Mento.



Happy July Police Birthdays to **Patrolman Travis Roemmele** (5th), **Detective John Barone** (10th).

Riverdale Senior Citizens are Special

The first meeting of the month was held on Monday, June 6. **President Irene Moehring** greeted everyone and welcomed the **Riverdale School Chorus** under the direction of Michelle Szwed. They performed their Spring Concert for our Senior group. What a joy these young people are with their sweet young voices. Following their concert and before our regular business meeting, we treated all them to pizza. Of course we couldn't let them eat alone, so we big kids all enjoyed pizza with them. Our regular business meeting was conducted by **President Irene Moehring**. **Chaplain Grace Chiesa** read "Dad's Are Special", followed by



the group singing "You're a Grand Old Flag". The Birthday Babies were acknowledged and sung to. **President Moehring** named the Seniors who marched in the Memorial Day Parade, those who rode, those watching along the curb and those waiting at the Municipal Building. * Quite a few members had special things happen in their lives, which they got to share with everyone. It's going on in each of our lives, and what better way to share things than with our Senior Friends. Keep the Food Pantry on your "to do" list.

The second meeting of the month was held on Monday, June 20. The

meeting was conducted by **President Irene Moehring**. She thanked all who brought items for the Food Pantry. **Chaplain Grace Chiesa** gave a reading called *Giving*. The group sang a peppy chorus of "You Are My Sunshine." **Sunshine Lady Dorothy Bowersox** reported that **John Moody** is recuperating from a serious operation and he is enjoying cards from our members. **Serafina Marinaccio** is recovering from eye surgery and was back at the meeting. Following the meeting we had speakers from the Zufall Health Center who spoke on Oral Cancer, and they also did oral exams. We ended our meeting with a bang, enjoying our Annual Barbecue, served by our fabulous chefs, **Bill Bowersox, Sam Adornetto and Bob Wolfe**. Thanks, guys. You're the Best! *Presented by Marion Davis*



Food Pantry Needs:
 ✓ **Food**
 ✓ **Workers**



Chapter 147-28 of the Code of the Borough of Riverdale states "...no person shall construct, erect or maintain any device, structure, equipment or other thing in or within 10 feet of the edge of any street..." Basketball hoops are not permitted within 10 feet of Borough streets. Our street sweeper and other vehicles are obstructed by them, making them dangerous to drivers. Also it is unsafe to encourage children to play in the streets.

RIVERDALE Public Library

93 Newark Pompton Turnpike • Riverdale, New Jersey 07457
Phone: 973-835-5044 • Fax: 973-835-2175
www.riverdalelibrary.org

Registration is required for all programs.
Call 973-835-5044 or e-mail riverdalelibrary@nac.net for adult programs and riverdalelibrarykids@nac.net for children's programs. You can also register online at www.riverdalelibrary.org!

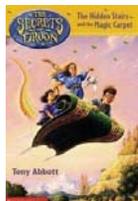
INFANT & PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Summer infant and pre-school programs run through the week of Aug 8. There will be no programs on Mon, July 4th
Baby Time — Up to 2 yrs w/ caregiver. Mon, 11:00–11:30 am
Totally Twos — 2 yr olds w/ caregiver. Mon, 10:15–10:45 am
Story Time — Ages 3-5 Tue, 10:15–11:00 am or 1:30–2:15 pm

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

39 Clues Treasure Hunt — On Wednesday, July 6 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. children entering grades 4 – 6 can uncover a secret treasure after performing many daring challenges.
Cultural Craft Thursdays — Children entering grades K – 5 are invited to join us every Thursday (July 7, 14, 21, 28) from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. during Summer Reading for a fun craft celebrating different cultures.
Puppy Pals Reading Club — Trained dogs will be at the library to listen to children entering grades K – 5 read. Join us on our new day, Wednesday, July 13 (2nd Wednesday of each month) from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
7 Wonders of the World Family Lego Competition — Join us either Saturday, July 16 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. or Wednesday, July 27 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. as families compete to build one of the 7 wonders of the world.

Breakfast Book Club — Book discussion for parents and children in grades 2 - 5 with craft and a potluck breakfast. Pick up your copy of *The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet (Secrets of Droon series)* by Tony Abbott at the circulation desk. Saturday, July 16 from 10:15 – 11:30 a.m.



TEEN PROGRAMS Grades 6 and up



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) — Thursday, July 7 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. hang out with friends and tell Ms. Rosie how you want *your* library to be.
Teen Book Discussion Group — Join us Wednesday, July 20 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. for pizza as we discuss *The Secret Hour (The Midnighters series)* by Scott Westerfeld.

Teen Art Workshop — Learn how to draw with Ms. Noa on Monday, July 11 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and start



DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



Join us for the second half of this special two-part program, "I Took the Shot...Now What?" with **Walter Choroszewski**.
Part II: Wed, July 13, 6:45-7:45 pm.

MONTHLY

Photography Club— 4th Mon. of each month. July 25, 7:00-8:00 pm. All Photographers welcome! Learn! Share!

Gypsy Knitters — Thursdays, 4:00-8:00 pm. For experienced knitters. Bring a project and join in!

HOURS

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

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Young children ages birth – five and children and teens entering grades K – 12 can still register for the Summer Reading Club where they can win prizes and books. Keep an eye on the website www.riverdalelibrary.org and the bulletin board in the lobby for all of our great summer events.

One World Many Stories

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us for a discussion the last Monday of every month from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Everyone is always welcome! Even if you haven't had a chance to finish the book, the discussion is great!

July 25 — The Reading Group by Elizabeth Noble

MATINEES @ THE LIBRARY

Join us for coffee, donuts, and exciting new releases!

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part I
Thursday, July 14
5:00-7:30 pm



Rango
Saturday, July 23
1:00-3:00 pm

"INTERNATIONAL SONGBOOK"

The **Traveling Stage Company** presents this lively music program that showcases songs from around the world.

Mon, July 18, 7:00-8:00 pm
at the Senior Community Center, 57 Loy Ave.



FREE COMPUTER CLASSES @ THE LIBRARY

Computer classes are back at the library. Our classes are small for maximum attention, and they are filling up quickly! Call 973-835-5044 for more information and to register today! All classes run for one and a half hours.



Excel: Fri, July 15, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Power Point: Mon, July 18, 6:00-7:30 pm

Email Basics: Thurs, July 28, 6:00-7:30 pm

Twitter: Wed, August 3, 6:00-7:30 pm

COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMS

Tot's Music Class

Fridays at 11 AM

Community Center Lower Level

\$8/class

Instructor: Miss Ildiko.

No signup required.

All Riverdale tots welcome to take part in a comprehensive preschool music program.

Summer Art Class

Bob Ross Wet-on-Wet Oil Painting Class

Thursday, July 14th

5:30pm (please try to arrive no later than 6:00pm)

Length of Class based on amount of time needed for you to complete your painting (Instructor will stay until you are fully completed)

\$35/Class

(Cost Incl's ALL Supplies. Instruction, Paint, Brushes, Canvas, Easel)

Instructor: Robert DiBenedetto

Call or E-Mail to sign-up: (973) 706-6471 Community Center Phone or jcarelli@riverdaleborough.com

(Community Center E-Mail)

Welcome to the joy of painting! All you need is the desire to make beautiful things happen on canvas. With the fantastic *Bob Ross Wet-on-Wet Technique*® and our class instruction, everyone goes home with a beautiful oil painting (many selections to pick from for your picture theme). What you never dreamed possible will flow from your brush.

Exercise Classes

NEW Summer Schedule

Tuesdays:

Zumba - Instructor: Mindy, 7:30 PM, \$5.00 per class or \$40/10 Class Pkg.

Wednesdays:

KettleBell WorkOut - Instructor: Cindy, 7:30pm, \$6.00 per class or \$20/4 class pkg. Bring your own KettleBell.

Thursdays:

Yoga - Instructor: Kathy, 7:30pm, \$6.00 per class (Classes wil temporarily stop starting July 21st due to vacation schedules. Look in August Newsletter for when classes will begin again.)

& NEW!

Zumba - Instructor: Mindy, 6:00pm, \$5.00 per class or \$40/10 Class Pkg.

Saturdays:

NEW!

KettleBell WorkOut - Instructor: Cindy, 9:00am, \$6.00 per class or \$20/4 class pkg. Bring your own KettleBell.

Adult Vision Screening

Wednesday, September 7th

3:00pm - 5:00pm

\$10.00 Fee

Kinnelon Ophthalmologist providing screening

Appointments required. Please call Pequannock Health Dept at 973-835-5700 x 127.

Available to anyone, any town.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Riverdale Co-Ed Adult Softball

Every Thursday this month, 6:00 PM (til' 8:00pm)

Fields in back of Riverdale School

Bring Glove (Bats & Balls provided but feel free to bring your own equipment)

FREE to play (There is a small fee, under \$20, for a team T-shirt for those who

did not receive shirt last year.)

Join the Riverdale Adult Softball Team - Men & Ladies!

This is for fun, not competitive.

Everyone had fun last year and met some great skilled players.

To play, contact 973-706-6471, email

jcarelli@riverdaleborough.com, or just show up to play.

Most Beautiful Yard Contest

Open to all residents. No registration required. This is in recognition of the hard work and pride exhibited by Riverdale residents. We are proud to

have those who strive to beautify their homes and neighborhoods. The judging is based on three categories:

Maintenance * Landscaping * Overall Appearance

The Recreation Department will be judging the week of July 11.

All Front Yards, Front Porches & Decks facing the Street are looked at!

Winner will be contacted the following week. One winner will be selected and announced in the August Newsletter. Good Luck everyone!

Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom

Now offering discounted tickets. All tickets will be purchased online. You pick the

date and the number of tickets. [Company ID: rrd1123]

Adult tickets (48" with shoes) \$31.99

Junior tickets (under 48" with shoes) \$22.00

Senior (62 years or older) \$22.00

<http://mygroup.dorneypark.com>

For more details call Rec Member-Anne 973-248-9663 or

Email: annegould@yahoo.com

Tiny Creature Battles Jersey Mosquitoes A new weapon is being unleashed this spring by the State in the ongoing battle against mosquitoes: **Macrocylops albidus**.

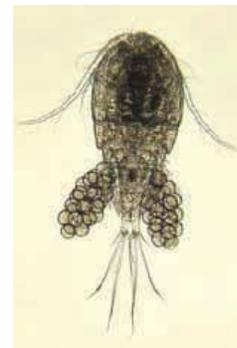
The tiny, shrimp-like crustacean, which is native to New Jersey and has a hearty appetite for mosquito larvae, is being grown in large numbers in a state Department of Agriculture laboratory and has been distributed to mosquito control authorities in certain counties.

“This is another environmentally friendly tool that can be used to battle mosquitoes, without having to resort to pesticides,” said Bob Kent, administrator of the DEP’s Office of Mosquito Control Coordination. “It is especially effective in small containers or pools of water, and is really good in dealing with the Asian tiger mosquito, which can breed in the tiniest of places - even a bottle cap.”



The DEP and Department of Agriculture have been exploring this new mosquito-battling tool for several year, doing field trials in Hunterdon, Morris, Monmouth, Ocean and Cumberland counties since 2006. The crustacean, which is used to deal with mosquitoes in warmer locales from New Orleans to Vietnam, was approved by state scientists for a full-fledged NJ rollout this spring to deal with an expected bumper crop of mosquitoes.

The Macrocylops albidus, which is a copepod, thrives in fresh water and is a valuable tool to battle mosquitoes in artificial containers, roadside ditches, small water pools, clogged downspouts and other, smaller wet areas that can breed plenty of mosquitoes.



Ritika Gandhi Joan Hain Alan Lazarus
July 9th to August 7th - 2011

Ritika Gandhi - Joan Hain - Alan Lazarus

Pattern
Process
Purpose

Meet the Artists on Saturday, July 9th, 2011
3 PM - 6 PM at Riverdale Art Center

2 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE
RIVERDALE, NEW JERSEY 07457
www.riverdaleartcenter.org
973 513 9250

Gallery Hours: Friday & Saturday 12 pm - 5 pm
Sunday 12 pm - 4 pm

Artist demo :
Joan Hain - July 17th - 1.30-3.00 pm
Ritika Gandhi - July 24th - 1.30-3.00 pm



 RIVERDALE ART CENTER GALLERY

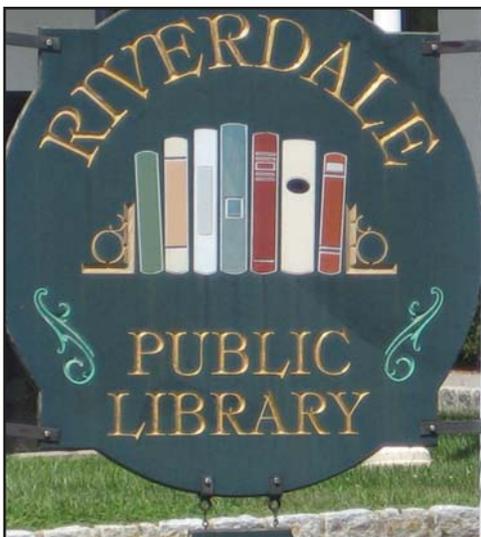
This year, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This happens once every 823 years.

This year we're going to experience four unusual dates: 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, 11/11/11.

Take the last two digits of the year in which you were born - now add the age you will be this year, the results will be 111 for everyone in whole world.

ON THE ROAD TO THE JERSEY SHORE

The next time you head on down to the Jersey Shore take this issue of the *Riverdale News & Events* with you. When you get there take a photo of you and your family and friends, making sure this issue of the



newsletter is in the photo with you. If you wish, you may write a brief description

of your visit along with the names of the people in the photo. Email your submission to RiverdaleLibrary@nac.net. These photos will be displayed in the Library Gallery during September and on the Library's website www.RiverdaleLibrary.org.

To register or for more information, please call the Library at 973-835-5044.

Vacation Bible School!

TREASURE QUEST-

Pursuing the Riches of Christ

JULY 11-15, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

ages 4-12



Riverdale Baptist Church
6 Newbury Place, Riverdale
(Next to Riverdale School)
Call for details or early registration
973-835-3275 or



email: riverdalebaptist@yahoo.com

Transportation available - Call for a free ride!

Visit our website at: riverdalebaptistchurch.org

The Incredible Riverdale Farmer's Market

Returns for its 4th Amazing Season!

Tuesdays

2:30 - 7:00 PM

The Glenburn Estate parking lot

211 Hamburg Turnpike

Sponsored by and for the benefit of the Riverdale Land Conservancy.



Do:

- Use a bathing cap, ear plugs or custom-filled swim molds to keep water out of ears.
- Dry ears thoroughly with a towel after swimming.
- Tilt head to each side to allow water to escape the ear canal.
- Pull the earlobe in different directions while the ear is faced down to help water drain.
- Talk with a healthcare provider before using ear drops after swimming.

Don't:

- Don't put objects in the ear canal (including cotton swabs, pencils, paperclips or fingers).
- Don't try to remove ear wax. Ear wax helps to protect the ear canal from infection.
- Symptoms of swimmer's ear usually appear within a few days of swimming and include itchy, flaky, swollen or painful ears, possibly with drainage from the infected ear.
- The goal of National Recreational Water Illness and Injury Prevention Week is to highlight the simple steps swimmers can take to avoid illness.
- The best way to prevent recreational water illnesses (RWIs) is to keep germs out of the water in the first place. Follow these healthy swimming steps:

For All Swimmers:

- Don't swim when you have diarrhea.
- Don't swallow pool water.
- Practice good hygiene. Shower with soap before swimming and wash hands after using the toilet or changing diapers. Germs on the body end up in the water.

For Parents of Young Children:

- Take children on bathroom breaks or check diapers often. All children who are not toilet-trained should wear tightly fitting rubber or plastic pants.
- Change diapers in a bathroom or a diaper-changing area and not poolside.
- Wash children thoroughly (especially the rear end) with soap and water before they go swimming.



Swimmer's Ear Costs US Whopping \$500M a Year

Recreational water illnesses can be caused by germs like Crypto (short for Cryptosporidium), Giardia, E coli and Shigella, and are spread by accidentally swallowing water that has been contaminated with fecal matter. Most germs are killed by chlorine, but some germs, like Crypto, are resistant to chlorine and can live in pools for days. That is why even the best maintained pools can spread illnesses.

Illnesses can also be caused by an improper chemical balance in the pools, and can be identified by burning eyes, nose and lungs.

The following are things you can look for to prevent illness:

- Clean and clear pool water; one should be able to clearly see any painted stripes and the bottom of the pool.
- Smooth pool sides; tiles should not be sticky or slippery.
- No odor; a well-chlorinated pool has little odor. A strong chemical smell indicates a maintenance problem.
- Pool equipment working; swimmers should hear pool pumps and filtration running and feel water coming into the pool from submerged inlets.
- Skimmers or gutters should not be flooded, but have a thin layer of water running over the edge.

For more information about recreational water illness prevention visit <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/swimmingpools.htm>.

The Italian Roots of Tango *submitted by Carolyn Masone*

Essence of Italy

The Italian roots of Tango. I confess; I never know there were any. I've always thought of Tango as a supremely Argentine creation, practiced in dark dance halls with low-ceilings filled with cigarette smoke and perspiration. It turns out this image isn't far from the truth, but I forgot one vital component: the effect of Italian immigration to Buenos Aires, the birthplace of Tango.



I had the pleasure of discussing this phenomenon with Eduardo Tami, master flautist and star of the international Tango scene (www.eduardotami.com.ar). He has recorded numerous Tango CD's and regularly tours the world with his own band or as a featured performer with other world-class musicians. Tami is a native of Buenos Aires, born of Italian immigrant parents. He has first-hand knowledge of Italian musical influences on Tango melodies and dance.

Large numbers of Italian immigrants reached South American shores in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Notes Tami, "Immigration was encouraged by South American countries who offered land to new arrivals. They wanted to attract professionals, artists and business people, but these people were comfortable in their own countries. Instead, the poor and undereducated answered the call." These immigrants arrived mainly in the ports of Buenos Aires and soon learned that the promises of land were empty. Too poor or hopeless to return home, they remained in city. Says Tami, "By 1905, there were about 3 million Italian immigrants in Buenos Aires."

This infusion of Italians, mostly from Naples and nearby areas, greatly impacted the development of Argentine Tango. Neapolitans brought their lyrical style of violin

and dancing across the ocean with them. They settled in the same poverty-stricken neighborhoods where Tango was already the music of heartache and longing. They sang and played, danced and blended their traditions with the local population and in so doing, altered the direction of an art form. Speaking of the Italian influence on Tango, iconic musician Jose Libertella observed, "Tango started in brothels and the poorest sections of town. It's the music of immigrants. It's of emotional people going through emotional times."

Libertella arrived in Buenos Aires from Italy in 1934 and became a maestro on the bandoneon, sometimes called the Argentine accordion. Legend says the first bandoneon was abandoned by a German sailor in an Argentine pawn shop. "The first time I heard it played it seemed magical to me." Libertella spun this magic on the Tango, and together with his Sexteto Mayor Orchestra, is credited with breathing life into the Tango Argentino.



But Libertella in turn credited many Italian artists with giving the definitive form to Tango. Ernesto Sabato, actress Tita Merello, lyricist Homero Manzi (changed from Manzoni) and the father of Tango, Carlos Gardel. Musicians like Carlos di Sarli, Alfredo DiAngelis and Rodolfo Biagi. Since Libertella's time, the magnificent composer and musician Astor Piazzolla continued to celebrate the tradition of Tango and evolve it into the future with musical experimentation.

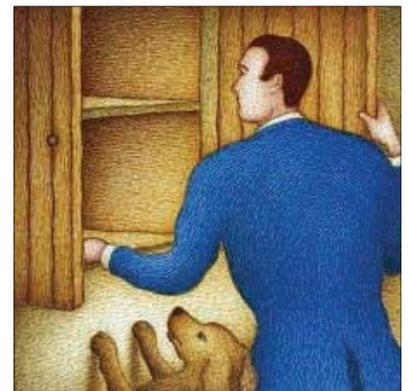
Visit Carolyn Masone's website for a photographic tour of Italy at www.EssenceofItaly.net

News Flash THE FOOD PANTRY IS BARE

We are in desperate need of the following items:

Cereal, canned vegetables, canned meat and fish, pasta & sauce, boxed rice and potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, detergents and paper products.

To request confidential Pantry Assistance or to help us in this worthy cause, call Linda Roetman at the Municipal Building (973) 835-4060 x6.



Allergies - Asthma - Sinusitis - Neck or Back Pain - Headaches

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- Eric B. - Migraine headaches daily with vomiting and dizziness. Since first adjustment, no more headaches, and it's been years.
- Gerri M. - Used to get bronchitis every year. Hasn't had it in 2 years.
- Debbie T. - Daughter had asthma since 1 year of age. At 9 1/2 years, she can finally run and play sports without an attack and without medication.

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High Blood Pressure - High Cholesterol - Migraine Headaches - Ear Infections

Ulcers
Irritable Bowel
Digestive Problems

Stress
Fatigue
Carpal Tunnel

Did You Know?

- A snail can sleep for three years.
- Only female mosquitoes bite.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- If you add up the numbers 1 - 100 (1+2+3+4 etc.) the total is 5050.
- Blue whales weigh as much as 30 elephants and are as long as 3 Greyhound buses.
- Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) was born on a day in 1835 when Haley's Comet came into view. When he died in 1910, Haley's Comet came into view again.
- A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.
- There is a word in the English language with only one vowel, which occurs six times: **indivisibility**.

CHILTON HOSPITAL

MANAGING YOUR ASTHMA Asthma is a chronic lung disease that can be life threatening. In older adults it is often under-diagnosed and under-treated. Learn the facts about asthma: symptoms, diagnosis and prognosis.

We will also discuss the latest treatment options and the importance of taking an active role in the management of your asthma. Breakfast provided by Llanfair House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. **THURSDAY, AUGUST 4; 10:00 AM at YM-YWHA OF NORTH JERSEY, 1 PIKE DRIVE, WAYNE, SENIOR LOUNGE. FREE.**

DISTRACTED DRIVING: IT'S NOT JUST OUR TEENAGE DRIVERS DISTRACTED America's distracted driving problem is not just texting teens. We spend much of our busy lives driving in the car. We all have so much to get done in a day, sometimes we try to multitask too much. Join us for an informative and eye-opening program on distracted driving and learn some ways to refocus and keep our eyes on the road. *Presenter: Lt. Paul Dring of the Wayne Community Police Dept.* **THURSDAY, JULY 21 at 7:00 PM at CHILTON HEALTH NETWORK, 242 WEST PARKWAY, POMPTON PLAINS. FREE**

DIABETES EDUCATION AND SUPPORT GROUP The first Wednesday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 am and the third Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Held at the Chilton Health Network, 242 West Parkway, Pompton Plains. For information call 973-831-5216.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP The second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Chilton Health Network, 242 West Parkway, Pompton Plains. For information call 973-831-5167 or 5175.





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Digital Photography Workshop

Don't miss this informative class!

Walter Choroszewski offers

Getting to Know Your Digital Camera

Thursday, July 13 - 6:45-7:45 PM

Register at the Riverdale Library or on the website www.riverdalelibrary.org



RIVERDALE ART CENTER

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ART MARKET

AT GLENBURN

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| TUESDAYS • 2PM TO 7PM |

Come visit the **Art Market** at the Glenburn

Every Tuesday from 2 to 7 pm held during the Riverdale Farmers' Market

Buy beautifully crafted items made by artists of the Riverdale Art Center (The RAC) and The Riverdale Artists' Cooperative.

The *Riverdale News and Events* is published on or about the first day of each month. We are interested in all the good news that is happening around town and in your families. We welcome all such announcements, including birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and any other special occasions you may want to share with your neighbors. The deadline for all insertions is the 3rd Wednesday of each month, which may be extended in certain circumstances. Please email your copy and photos to mayor@riverdalenj.gov and riverdalemayor@gmail.com. Photos should be in JPEG or TIFF formats and preferably at least 1MB in size.

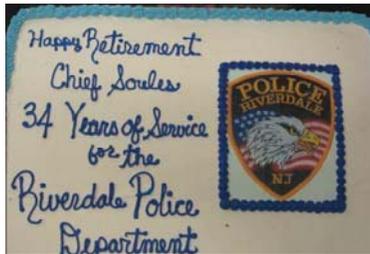
RIVERDALE



Leanne Weiss of Evans Road sang *God Bless America* during the seventh inning stretch at the Mets-Phillies game at CitiField on Sunday, May 29. It was played live on WPIX Channel 11 as part of the Mets Memorial Day Weekend tribute to America. Leanne has also sung at Madison Square Garden, the Prudential Center and Red Bull Stadium. She is a graduate of Riverdale School, Pompton Lakes High School and the Theater Department of Montclair State University. Congratulations, Leanne!



On June 14, **Jack Pezzuti** shipped out to the Great Lakes Naval Boot Camp as a Seaman Apprentice E2. We wish him well on his journey to becoming a Sailor. Mom, Dad, Jenn & Nana. *Best wishes, Jack!*



Chief Tom Soules retires on July 1 after 34 years on the Riverdale Police Department, the last 9 as chief.

When Chief Harry Ressler retired, we knew that no one would be able fill his shoes. So when Tommy Soules was appointed chief, we were just hoping for the best, and that is what he gave us - his best! We are so very grateful for his dedication to our community in general and our police department in particular. He will be missed. Enjoy your retirement, Chief. You deserve it!



Kathy DeJesus taught a free karma class one Sunday in June and **Jean Mastrangelo** was kind enough to invite all the yoga students to her home. The only requirement was to bring a donation for the Riverdale Food Pantry. Special thanks to Jean and family for opening their hearts and home, as well as to Kathy DeJesus for the continued service she provides to Riverdale.



Kathy and Jean

DAILY NEWS



Some new vendors at the Farmer's Market held each Tuesday at the Glenburn Estate.

CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT DEMONSTRATION

On the front lawn of the Riverdale School



Kelly Stanton preparing her studio for portrait day at the Community Center. She is discussing camera settings with her father Gary.



Travis Gale, from Wallaby Tales, gave an exciting and informative demonstration to nearly 55 youngsters at the Riverdale Library. He brought a Skunk, a Coatiundi, an African crested porcupine and a Wallaby. Watch for future shows by Travis and his organization, Wallaby Tales LLC. Here is his website for more information. www.eyeswild.com



Claudia Jablonski, recipient of the Morris County Middle School Leadership Award, is shown with Principal Cortright and her award.



Students in Ms. Shoblock and Ms. Fagan's kindergarten classes celebrated their kindergarten year through song and poetry at their Kindergarten Celebration.



The green team emerges victorious at Field Day.

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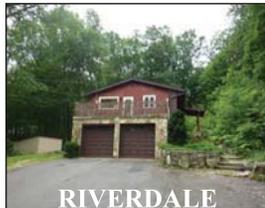
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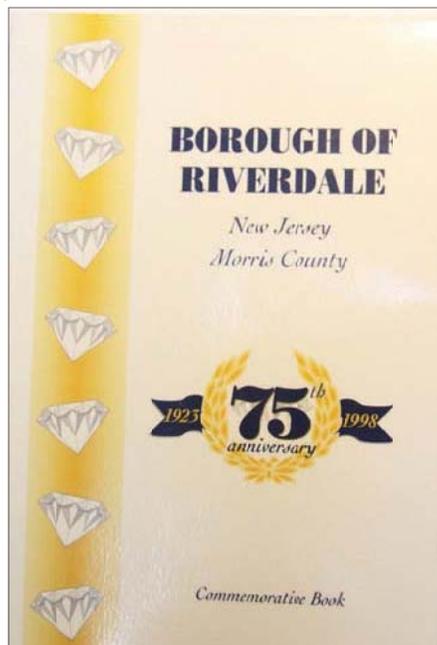
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To see the photos of many of the events taking place around town, go the Borough's Website at www.RiverdaleNJ.gov and click on Mayor's Photo Albums on the left hand side of the home page. There are nearly 120 albums on line. Also, every issue of the Riverdale News and Events are online going back to the initial issue in October 2005. On the homepage's left column click on "Newsletter, Etc."



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June at the Riverdale Library



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CONGRATULATIONS

Dylan DeKnight and Francesca Mickens for winning our bookmark contest! Come by the library to pick up one of their great bookmarks and to check out all of the other impressive entries that are on display in the children's and teen room!

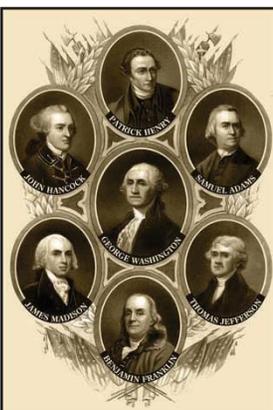
Why We Say...

The Whole Nine Yards. The term "the whole nine yards" came from World War II fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, they got "the whole nine yards."

In the Red (to be losing money). In medieval times the Church, being the only center of literacy and learning in the West, maintained meticulous accounting records. Ink was rare and expensive. When monasteries and far-flung churches had little money and they could not afford ink, domesticated animals were bled to provide a substitute in the ink wells. As a result, poor financial records were usually written "in the red."

Mind your P's and Q's (behave properly). Comes from the early pub days when beer and ale were served in pint and quart containers. The tab was kept on a chalkboard used to count the pints and quarts consumed. To watch your P's and Q's is to control your alcoholic intake and behavior.

Wisdom of our Fathers



Words of Wisdom given us by our Founding Fathers. Words our government should follow today. Enjoy. Ponder.

"I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever."
Thomas Jefferson

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."
Thomas Jefferson

"Man will ultimately be governed by God or by tyrants."
Benjamin Franklin

"With respect to the words *general welfare*, I have always regarded them as qualified by the detail of powers connected with them. To take them in a literal and unlimited sense would be a metamorphosis of the Constitution into a character which there is a host of proofs was not contemplated by its creators."
James Madison

"The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed."

Alexander Hamilton

Riverdale Woman's Club

Two Riverdale Woman's Club members



delivered 87 Mastectomy Pillows made by the Home Life Department of the Club. This is a yearly project that the women undertake as a way of giving back to our community.

The Riverdale Woman's Club is always ready to welcome new members. For membership information please call the Membership Chairman at 973-835-3269.



l-r: Club member **Vilma Waclawski**, **Lynn Case** from the Chilton Memorial Breast Center, Home Life Department Chairman **Josephine Spenillo**.



GETTING RID OF PLANT PESTS WITHOUT INSECTICIDES. Pesky aphids, mealy bugs, cabbage worms, spider mites and young scale can be removed from plants with a strong jet of water from your garden hose. Horseradish planted near potatoes will keep potato beetles away. Onions planted next to beets and carrots keep bugs away. Planting basil near tomatoes keep worms and flies away. ▪ Aphids and red spider mites will stay away if you use a rhubarb spray made by pouring two pints of boiling water over a pound of chopped rhubarb leaves. Let the mixture steep overnight; strain and add a tablespoon of detergent to the rhubarb "tea," then spray on vegetable plants. CAUTION: Rhubarb leaves contain oxalic acid. Do not spray within a week of harvesting and keep children and pets away. ▪ A mixture of one-half cup mild liquid dish-washing detergent to a pint of water can be used to spray both sides of plant leaves to kill insects. Wait an hour, then spray or hose down with clear water. **FURNITURE.** Paste shoe polish covers small scratches, marks or discolorations on furniture, cabinets, or wood paneling. Use dark brown on dark wood, tan on lighter wood. It works like magic and leaves a nice glow. To dust furniture with a double-barreled approach, dampen two old cotton gloves or socks with furniture polish, slip them on, and then dust with both hands.

Taken from *All-New hints from Heloise A Household Guide for the 90's*, Heloise, Perigee Books 1989.

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The collection containers are next to the Municipal Building.

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Natural Health

The belief that the body is fully capable of ridding itself of any and all disease. Practitioners and followers of Alternative health apply this belief by increasing the health of the body. *And God said, Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.* Genesis 1:29

GOLDEN SEAL is used as an herb specifically for the mucous membranes. It thus finds its use in the treatment of congestion and chronic inflammation of the respiratory and urogenital tracts, catarrhal affliction of the nose and chronic gastritis and enteritis. It has been used for catarrh of the bladder, hepatic congestion and has also been applied in conditions effecting eye inflammation.

Golden Seal was discovered and is found primarily in eastern North America. It is found most plentifully in the woods of Ohio, where the Cherokee Indians introduced it as a medicine for the treatment of ulcers and arrow wounds. It has been considered useful for arresting bleeding from the uterus and for profuse menstruation.

- The most active ingredient of Golden Seal, and the one that accounts for its chemical effectiveness, is hydrazine.
- Another constituent of Golden Seal is Berberine, which has been shown useful against a variety of microbes. It has demonstrated effectiveness as an immune-stimulator, as a result of increasing blood supply to the spleen. Also it has shown to activate macrophages and has tumor inhibitory action.
- Applied externally, it has been shown to be valuable for chronic inflammation of the mucous membranes. It is an effective treatment for cracks in the skin and fissures.
- Golden Seal acts as an antiseptic and can be used to cleanse boils, wounds and ulcers.
- It helps reduce sugar in the blood when used in combination with licorice. It also reduces swelling, when such is caused by high sugar levels. Golden Seal is useful in treating stress and anxiety resultant from high blood sugar.
- Golden Seal strengthens the immune system through its antibiotic and anti-bacterial properties.
- It helps promote good heart and respiratory function.
- More recently, it has been used to prevent morning sickness, for liver and stomach complaints, to check internal hemorrhage, to increase appetite and the secretion of bile, as a mouthwash and for urinary and uterine problems.
- Golden Seal is also said to help promote heart and respiratory functions, increasing their capacities, because of its ability to clean mucous membranes and counter infection.



Taken from The Little Herb Encyclopedia by Jack Ritchason, N.D.

Traditional Chinese Medicine

"The system of medicine (Chinese Herbology) is based on the most solid foundation of any system of medicine in the world. It is wholly based on natural laws. Man cannot pollute it; man cannot change it; man cannot improve upon it. Although it may be new in the Western world, one has to recognize that one-quarter of the world's population has been treated by this system for our four thousand years. If it was not valid, then it would have died thousands of years ago." J.R. Worsley.



HONEYSUCKLE FLOWER (Jin Yin Hua) Honeysuckle is one of a group of herbs that clear Heat: this includes febrile conditions and any illnesses with Heat signs, such as fever, inflammation, red eyes, aversion to heat, and hot skin eruptions. It has a strong effect against many pathogenic bacteria. It is especially useful against Salmonella and is effective against many streptococcus or staphylococcus infections. It is good for painful, hot swellings, particularly of the breast (mastitis), throat (viral or bacterial tonsillitis), or eyes (conjunctivitis). It is also used in "summer-heat diseases," where the hot weather produces fevers, sweating, and thirst. It is used for bad dysentery and bacterial urinary tract infections. *In accordance with FDA regulation, we do not make any therapeutic claims for any dietary supplements in accordance with the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.*



Riverdale Photography Club

Meets on the 4th Monday each month at the Library from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

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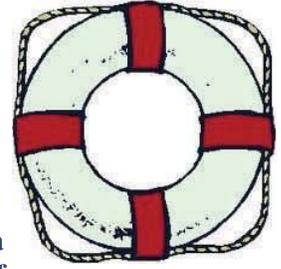
NJSA 27:5-9 prohibits the placing of signs (political or otherwise) on public utility poles. A sign may not be painted, drawn, erected or maintained upon trees, rocks, other natural features or public utility poles.

NJSA 27:5-23: It shall be the duty of all departments of State or local government...to assist in the enforcement of the provisions of this act...and the Chief of Police of any municipality is authorized and charged under the direction of the commissioner to enforce these provisions.

Section 27:5-16 prescribes penalties ranging from \$50 to \$500 for each offense. Each day of the violation may be deemed a separate offense.

These signs pose a safety hazard to utility workers. Not only do the signs often prevent them from being able to physically climb the pole; but nails, staples, etc. could cause injury to utility workers or could jeopardize the integrity of safety equipment (gloves) that may be punctured.

Safe Swimming Tips



Teaching your child how to swim does not mean your child is safe in water. If you have a pool, protect your children by supervising them at all times and being prepared in case of an emergency - and by following these pool safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics:



- Make sure adults are trained in life-saving techniques and CPR so they can rescue a child if necessary.
- Surround your pool on all four sides with a sturdy five-foot fence (NJ law requires at least 48 inches).
- Make sure the gates self-close, self-latch and opening-out with the locking device at least 52 inches high.
- Keep rescue equipment (a shepherd's hook - a long pole with a hook on the end, and a life preserver) and a portable telephone near the pool.
- Avoid inflatable swimming aids such as "floaties." They are not a substitute for approved life vests and can give children a false sense of security.
- Children are not developmentally ready for swim lessons until after their fourth birthday. Swim programs for children under four should not be seen as a way to decrease the risk of drowning.
- Whenever infants or toddlers are in or around water, an adult should be within arm's length, providing "touch supervision."



- Never leave children alone and make sure older children always swim with a friend about the same age or with an adult.
- Always make sure that children swim in approved designated areas in oceans, lakes and rivers. Always check the depth of the water before swimming or diving. If swimming in the ocean, check the current and under-tow.

Be sure every child wears a proper fitting life jacket when on a boat or near water. Air-filled swimming aids, such as "water wings," are not safe substitutes for life jackets. Never rely on a life jacket alone to protect your child.

Swim in safe areas only. It's a good idea to swim only in places that are supervised by a lifeguard. No one can anticipate changing ocean currents, riptides, sudden storms, or other hidden dangers. In the event that something does go wrong, lifeguards are trained in rescue techniques.



Swimming in an open body of water (like a river, lake, or ocean) is different from swimming in a pool. You need more energy to handle the currents and other conditions in the open water.

If you do find yourself caught in a current, don't panic and don't fight the current. Swim with the current, gradually trying to make your way back to shore as you do so. Even a very good swimmer who tries to swim against a strong current will get worn out. If you're going to be swimming in an open body of water, it's a great idea to take swimming lessons that provide you with tips on handling unexpected hazards. Some areas with extremely strong currents are off limits when it comes to swimming. Do your research so you know where not to swim.



What's a Riptide?

Actually, it's a current that has nothing to do with the tides. A rip current happens as water that's built up onshore returns to the open water (all those waves need to go somewhere!). Rip currents are often found near fixed objects, like piers and reefs, which is why these are "no swimming" areas. If you swim into a rip current (you'll feel it pulling you out to sea), don't panic. Swim parallel to shore until you feel the pull stop. You can then swim back to shore.

Fundraiser for the Troops. Mary Kay, Avon, At Home

America, Tastefully Simple or anything that you make or sell that is in good taste. The cost is \$20 a table and a canned food donation or snacks would be appreciated. Please send an email to Pam at helpourtroops@optonline.net first come, first serve. There will be no duplication of vendors. The date of the show is **Sunday, December 11** from 11:00 to 5:00 at the Community Center.



From the Desk of Dr. Betty Ann Wyks, Superintendent

Why Riverdale is Such a Great Community

The eighth grade awards dinner took place June 10. While the event was to be held at the Regency House, an electrical fire in the basement posed us with quite a challenge. When the fire alarm went off for the third time, and with it so did the lights, we had a feeling things wouldn't be going as planned. A true sense of community prevailed. Luckily, the "after party" had been planned by the eighth grade parents for later that evening. That gave us the luxury of a venue, and one that was decorated at that. With established "connections" at Bella Casa and Chili's, food was arranged and delivered. Staff and board members managed to salvage the yearbooks and most of the awards, not to mention some balloons. Another board member made an emergency stop at the local food store, gathering a variety of soda; the borough delivered ice; and councilmen came to set up the sound system. The DJ set up the music on the stage of the Community Center and - voila! We had a party! I continue to be impressed with the resilience of our eighth graders who "rose to the occasion" and had a great time, creating many fond memories. I feel truly fortunate to be part of such a caring community, which bands together to help one another.

Pre-Schoolers Celebrate the End of the Year With a Beach Party

Riverdale's youngest students, our three and four year olds, brought sunshine indoors with an indoor picnic to celebrate the end of school. Beach blankets and games and watermelon made their picnic complete.



Spring Concert Dedicated in the Memory of Delores Sarf

Riverdale School's band and chorus performed their spring concert earlier this month, dedicating the entire performance in the memory of Mrs. Delores Sarf, our former piano accompanist, who recently passed away. Donations to her memorial fund in the amount of \$2000 were utilized to purchase a baritone for the band. The baritone was presented during the concert and was played by D.J. Shuck, to the delight of the Sarf family, who was in attendance. Chorus members also performed for the senior citizens at their monthly meeting this past Monday.

School Secretary Retires

Mrs. Mary Lou Kammen, longtime fixture of Riverdale School retired from her position as school secretary after 31 years. Having met hundreds of children and families throughout her years, we know she has touched the lives of many. We thank Mrs. Kammen for many great memories and wish her much happiness as she enjoys her retirement in the company of family and friends.



Riverdale School - Class of 2011

The Board of Education and Administration of Riverdale School proudly announce the graduation of the Riverdale School Class of 2011. The achievements of these youngsters were celebrated at their formal graduation ceremony on June 22, 2011, in the company of family, friends and the community. Lorian Gish sang our National Anthem. Of the twenty seven graduates, twenty students will continue their education at Pompton Lakes High School, four will attend the Morris County Academies and three youngsters are moving. We wish them success as they continue their academic careers!



The Graduates



Lauren Allan
 Tyler Allan
 Ryan Aungst
 Jackson Brizell
 Lorian Gish
 Carly Graf
 James Huber
 Claudia Jablonski
 Caroline King
 Ashley Mackoul
 Frank Magyar
 John Moran
 Stephen Moran
 Salvatore Negri

Hannah Nicklas
 Brandon Olivo
 Richard Osborne
 Ceyda Ozdemir
 Chelsea Phillip
 Christopher Polhemus
 Gerardo Quiles
 Daniel Ramirez
 Taylor Rodgers
 Leticia Rodriguez
 Christopher Senyk
 Tyler Soto
 Jordan Testino

Other School News: Student summer reading packet information and middle school math is located on the website <http://WWW.RPSNJ.ORG>. Please check for updates throughout the summer!

On behalf of the students, administration, staff and Board of Education, I thank the community for its continued support of our school. Best wishes for a wonderful summer! *Dr. Betty Ann Wyks*

Graduation Awards Presented

Art Award	Lorian Gish
Physical Education Award - Boy	Salvatore Negrini
Physical Education Award - Girl	Lauren Allan
World Language Award	Leticia Rodriguez
Technology Award	Taylor Rodgers
Instrumental Music Award	Caroline King
Vocal Music Award	Lorian Gish
2010 REA Holocaust Essay Award in Memory of Eileen Guerra ..	Lorian Gish
REA All Around Student Award	Chelsea Phillip
Pequanock Valley Rotary Volunteerism Award	Chelsea Phillip
Morris County Middle School Leadership Award	Claudia Jablonski
Rotary Award	Jordan Testino
Raoul Wallenberg Award	D.J. Shuck
President's Award for Educational Excellence	Claudia Jablonski Taylor Rodgers Tyler Soto
Carolyn Espie Art Award	1st Chelsea Phillip, 2nd Ceyda Ozdemir, 3rd Tyler Soto
Dorothea Walker Writing Award	1st Chelsea Phillip 2nd Ashley Mackoul 3rd Claudia Jablonksi
Third Ranked Student Award	Ashley Mackoul
Second Ranked Student Award	Claudia Jablonski
First Ranked Student Award	Lorian Gish



To the Students of Pompton Lakes High School Class of 2011

We congratulate all of you for your hard work and dedication.
We would like to wish the following people the best in their military careers:



Bryan Norton, USAF
Sean Battles, USMC
Jason Henderson, USN
Alec Hoben, USMC
Adam Nunez, USAF

Anthony Pellegrini, USMC
Carlos Piscoya, USMC
Nicholas Roberts, USMC
Karlie Sonne, USAF

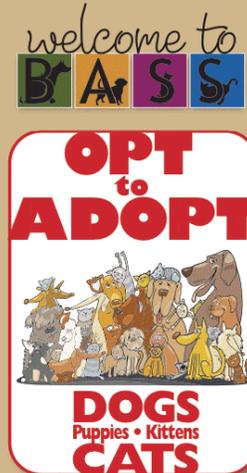
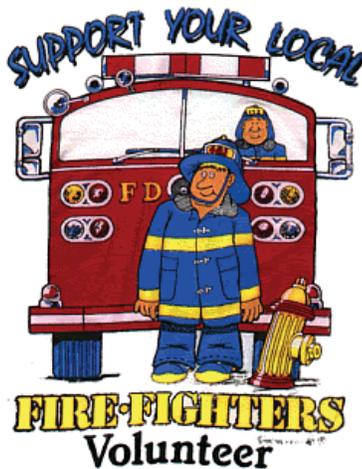


Best wishes from the military families of Riverdale.



The Borough of Riverdale is again able to accept **computer monitors** and **televisions** as part of our recycling program. Drop off your computers, monitors and televisions at the Municipal Building.

(Projection TVs not accepted.)



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Fireworks are Dangerous and Illegal

The law states that the sale or possession of fireworks, with intent to sell, is a crime of the fourth degree. Any person found guilty of possessing fireworks with the intention of selling them, can be fined up to \$7,500 and/or imprisoned up to 18 months. Any person found using fireworks illegally can be fined up to \$500 and/or imprisoned up to 30 days.

Each year emergency rooms are full of patients who are injured by illegal fireworks while fire departments are kept busy during the fireworks season. Since 2003, there have been almost 10,000 fireworks related injuries annually, half of which occurred to children 14 years old and younger. In each of the past three years, more than 2,000 structure fire have been attributed to fireworks causing in excess of \$20 million in damages. In any given year, the State Police confiscate between 500 and 1,000 cases of illegal fireworks or approximately six to eight tons of illegal explosives.

New Jersey News Flashes from 2010. Wallington. A firefighter (25) who lit a firework that shot through an apartment window and set fire to a baby's room called the incident stupid and blamed the mishap on the illegal explosive, which he said malfunctioned.

Newark. Just after midnight, the "use of illegal fireworks" caused a one-alarm blaze, displacing 19 residents from the three-story home.

Bogota. Juveniles playing with fireworks set fire to debris along the side of the house. The resulting fire damaged the external siding, and the inside of the home had some smoke and water damage.

South Brunswick. A 4-year-old girl suffered burns and bruises when she was struck in the chest by fireworks set off at a wedding celebration. The father told police the fireworks were being set off in the rear parking lot but one shot across the lot instead of up in the air.

Mays Landing. A July 4th house fire was started by illegal fireworks, police said in a news release.