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Winners of the Halloween Decorating Contest Named



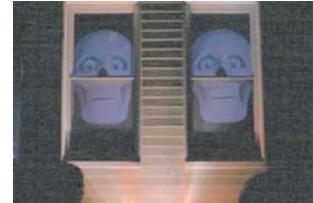
Spence and Paula Wootton and their daughter, Laura, receiving their prize for the "Most Creative" house decoration for Halloween.



Lydia and Glen Hartford, 61 Loy Avenue, won the "Most Festive" house decorations for Halloween.



Charles and Sandra Sheridan and family, 24 Morris Avenue, were the winners of the "Most Scary" house decoration



**Congratulations
to the Winners!**

To see the rest of the photos please visit our website at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/RiverdaleMayor/HalloweenContest>



Third Grade Girl Scout Troop planted all the Mums in front of the Community Center. Here they are after completing their worthwhile project. Thank you, girls!



Fright Night 2007
another success story!
Thanks to our
Recreation Committee!



Too see all the pix from
Fright Night 2007 go to:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/RiverdaleMayor/FrightNightOctober2007>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

November 7 - Happy Birthday, **Kelly McNair**. Love Carrie, Louie, Angelina & Reilly

Happy Birthday to **Pop and Carolyn May** who both celebrate their birthdays this month! Love Ron, Kristin and the Boys.

Happy 4th Birthday to **Christopher Lewis** on November 15. Love Mom, Dad and Sophia!

Happy 6th Birthday to **Kyle Clinton** on November 1. Love Mom, Dad, & Emily.

Happy 2nd Birthday to my Beautiful **S o n , Matthew Joseph Cirillo**, on November 23. Love Mommy.



Happy 9th Birthday to **Felicia Leaver** on November 24. WE LOVE YOU! Love Dad, Papa, Grandma, Spirit and Madison.



100 years ago Riverdale looked a lot different! A custom framed copy of the panoramic view of Riverdale circa 1907 (42" x 8.5") is available for \$125. Please contact the Library at 973-835-5044. All proceeds support the Riverdale History Collection.

Basketball Clinic - November 17th.

Don't miss our third annual clinic held at Riverdale School on Saturday, 11/17/07, from 10 am to 2 pm. The clinic, sponsored by the Riverdale Baptist Church, is held for children ages 8 - 12. They will be taught ball handling, shooting skills, defense training, passing drills, many more basketball skills and a Bible lesson as well. The clinic and lunch are free. You can register by calling 973-835-3275 or by email riverdalebaptist@yahoo.com.



A Heartfelt Thanks



My Family and I would like to thank Chief Pat Cleary of the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Cleary has not only served our town well, but also has worked hard to honor Riverdale's only fallen firefighter.

Joseph Ezzo, a life-long resident of Riverdale, had served his town for many years. "Papa Joe", as he was known to many in town, died 25 years ago in the line of duty.

My son and I were given the honor to accompany Chief Cleary and other fellow firefighters to the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland. On October 6, 2007 after Chief Cleary's research and dedication, Joseph "Papa Joe" Ezzo was listed as a fallen firefighter. It was a great tribute to a man who loved his hometown and serving the people of Riverdale.

Thank you for the donation of a memorial plaque on one of the lampposts in front of Riverdale School. The ceremony took place on August 25, 2007. A most appropriate date since the Fire Department also celebrated 100 years of service.

Our sincere thanks, *Jim Regeling Sr. and Family*

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

The Boro Nurse will be in the office on the third Thursday of every month.

Recreation

June Carelli, Director 973-616-0288

Winter Ski Program

Registration extended to November 28
Mountain Creek's prices have gone up \$100 but we can still offer you their discount till the end of the month. Info & Registration Forms available at Borough Hall.
NEW Mountain Creek 5 x 7 pass. (This allows you to ski or ride all day & night on weekdays and on weekend nights.)
Youth Pass \$179. Adult Pass \$199. Youth passes incl. 6 coaching clinics on Friday nights from Jan. 4 till Feb. 8.

In addition there are the **All Access Ski Passes** available.
Adult All Access Ski passes: \$349 Renewal, \$399 New Youth (ages 7-19) All Access: \$299 Renewal, \$349 New
Most passes offer 20% discount on food purchases.
Sign up and questions: call Rec Office 973-706-6471 or Diane Pezzuti 973-831-8870.

Attention Bingo Players *Customer Appreciation Bingo Night.* Friday, Nov. 16, 7:30PM, Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 for Browsing and Shopping. Play Bingo to win beautiful prizes from all your favorite Home Party Companies! *Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Creative Memories* and more. Enjoy Refreshments & shopping. **RSVP required!** No cost to attend. Call Rec Office: 973-706-6471, leave message.

Helpful Health Hints - An Alternative View

Garlic is a member of the onion family and is nature's most versatile medicinal plant. Garlic has been used all over the world for thousands of years for a wide range of conditions. It has been prized since the first records of civilization for its uses in treating wounds, infections, tumors, and intestinal parasites.

Modern scientists in numerous clinical trials have concluded that Garlic lowers cholesterol, lowers blood pressure, thins the blood (which reduces your risk of heart attack and stroke) and fights bacteria like an antibiotic.

Garlic is a potent antioxidant that has been found to inhibit tumor cell formation and is currently being studied by the National Cancer Institute. It may be effective in fighting stomach, skin and colon cancer.

Though it is best known as a culinary herb and vampire retardant, the medicinal benefits and claims for garlic have awarded it the name "Wonder Drug among all herbs".

Modern day research helps explain the broad applications of this "miracle" herb. Garlic bulbs contain the amino acid alliin. When crushed, alliin is released. This chemical element is the component that gives Garlic its strong odor and is responsible for the powerful pharmacological properties of the plant. One medium clove of Garlic can equal the antibacterial action equivalent to 1% penicillin. *To read the rest of the article go to <http://riverdalenj.com/herbs.php>.*

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



On Sunday October 7th the National Fallen Firefighters Annual Memorial Service was held in Emmitsburg Md. Riverdale firefighter Papa Joe Ezzo, who died in 1982, was one of the 91 firefighters honored at the ceremony. President George W. Bush gave the keynote address during the service, and then greeted the each of the family members of the 91 firefighters. Papa Joe's sister Filomena Franco, and her husband Nick, represented the Ezzo family.

On Sunday November 4th you set your clocks back to standard time. We hope you remembered to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. If not please do it today! If anyone needs a smoke detector, please contact the firehouse at 973-831-1584.

Our annual fund drive is in progress. You should have received a donation form in the mail. Please use the envelope provided to mail in your donation, or drop it off in the firehouse mailbox. Thank you for your support.

Anyone interested in learning about becoming a Riverdale firefighter, please stop by the firehouse any Monday night.

We have revamped our website. Visit www.riverdalefd.net and select the new website. There are photo albums that contain old pictures and news articles of fires, drills, fire apparatus and the firehouses. Also view the Incident Response Data for this year, and a graph of the responses back to 1930. Take some time to learn about the history of your fire department.

School News from Dr. Betty Ann Wyks

Our school year began with a smooth September opening along with some new staff members and students. Miss Erin Travers joined the district as a maternity leave replacement teacher in the second grade and Miss Elsa Baptista is also a maternity leave replacement, teaching fourth grade. Mrs. Zemaitis joins us as pre-school teacher. Additional new staff members to the district include: Ms. Krause and Mrs. Maher as resource center teachers and Miss Stensgard as fifth grade teacher. Mrs. Suzanne Ploch joins us as part time library media center teacher, complementing our existing staff. Together we look forward to continuing our commitment toward providing our students with a quality education.

Improvements have been made to our middle school program, affording students new learning opportunities through the following courses: Writing Lab, Problem Solving Applications in Math and "DBQ" (document based questions). It is our sincere hope that the addition of these courses will enhance our students' success in high school and beyond. Band and chorus will now join basketball and softball/baseball/drama club as an extracurricular activity.

We continue to celebrate the achievement of our students and congratulate the following students who will be inducted as members of the James F. Dodd Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society in December- **Peter Campbell, Gabrielle Revis, Haley Osborne, Caitlyn Takacs, and Hilal Ozdemir.**



Our school looks forward to continued partnerships with our community and appreciates your continued support

Ryan Chu, a student in Mrs. Beaver's 1st Grade shares his story with classmates as part of the first grade "Writer's Workshop" celebration.

Library News

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Baby Time Infants - 2 years
Mondays, November 5, 12, 19
11:00 to 11:30 am.

Saturday, November 17 10:30 to 11:00 am
It's baby time at the library. Designed especially for infants and active toddlers, it is a half hour of rhyme, song, movement, and shared reading.

Golden Stories Ages 2 - 5
Wednesdays, November 7, 14, 28
10:15-11:00 am or 1:30-2:15 pm

Saturday, November 20 11:15 am to noon.
Join us for both new and classic pre-school stories.

Game Day - Ages K - 5

Thursday, November 8 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Day off from School? Sounds like a good day for board games and snacks! Join us for some Scrabble, Clue Jr. and Mancala Tournaments. Use our games or bring a favorite of yours to share.

Thanks for Thanksgiving - Ages K - 5

Friday, November 16 - 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Gratitude is our theme today in story and song. Join us for some great tales of thanks and craft a decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Discussion Group Monday, November 26, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Lorna Landvik's unforgettable "Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons" is a work of friendship, trials and tribulations that we'll discuss. Copies of the book in both print and audio are available at the library. All are welcome.

Library Exhibit Beginning November 25, master photographer Theodore Carrozza's exhibit, *The Artist's Life Imagery*, features his most interesting and eclectic works. Carrozza believes "there is no delineation between me and my photography. I do not view image creation as a career, but rather an extension of my inner self."

We Want to Know What You Think! Your opinion counts. Please let us know how we're doing and what we can do better by returning the library survey that was included in last month's newsletter. Just drop it off at the library's book drop on the front steps. We have extra copies if you need one, or go to the homepage at www.RiverdaleNJ.gov to download a copy. Thank you.

For more information call: 973-835-5044 or www.riverdalelibrary.org

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE RIVERDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Join the Friends at our next meeting on Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 PM at the Library. We are beginning to plan the **2008 Book Sale**, which is scheduled for March 19 - 23, 2008.

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- Plymouth Rock weighs seven tons..
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