

RIVERDALE

NEWS AND EVENTS



NEWSLETTER EDITION NOVEMBER 2016



CELEBRATING OUR FINEST THE YOUTH OF RIVERDALE



First year Juniors earned their gardener patches by planting flowers at the library. For community service, they placed pink ribbons along Newark Pompton Turnpike for Breast Cancer Awareness.



Teen Volunteers from the Riverdale Library Summer Reading program were presented with certificates at a recent Council Meeting. Mayor Carelli, Councilman Clinton, and our Youth Services Librarian Kate Mahoney proudly stand with these fine young volunteers.



Another successful Fright Night at the Glenburn. Kids of all ages enjoyed the festivities. Thank you to the Recreation Department !



Pack 88 carved pumpkins for Halloween and then enjoyed a nighttime bonfire at the Glenburn.

SPECIAL EDITION

This month's issue contains a year to date summary of the challenges and accomplishments of the Mayor and Council. (check the inside center) ⇨

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November

The Mayor's Report

My fellow Riverdale residents,

We are now into November and closing in on the holidays and the end of 2016. It has been a very interesting and productive year in the Borough of Riverdale.

There were many challenges that needed to be addressed with my new administration. I believe we hit those challenges head on and put Riverdale in a much better position as we move forward. My main goal as I took office was to reassess the Borough and put a more professional operation in place.

In this issue of our Borough newsletter, I added a 2-page centerfold spread detailing the major accomplishments of the Mayor and Council this year. I urge you to take time to read about the unresolved issues left from the previous administration, the challenges we faced, the solutions we put in place to overcome them, and the strategies and vision for the future.

I am so proud of the Governing Body and their professional approach. Never blaming the past, only looking to the future. Now that we have addressed most of the past issues, we can now set our sites on the future and the vision we have for a better Riverdale.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, I believe we have so much to be thankful for. We live in a wonderful town with great people. We always work together and look out for each other. It's been an honor to be your Mayor this year.

Enjoy the holiday with your friends and family. And don't eat too much! See you all next month.

Mayor Paul M. Carelli



RIVERDALE CERT TEAM

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NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN !! GRAND OPENING

2W Hair Bar Saturday, November 12th



Stop in between **11am -4pm** for light refreshments, snacks, raffles, \$10 Men's Haircuts, \$20 Blow Out, Light Makeup Application.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET EVERYONE!

HOURS

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

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Adult Programs



History of New Netherland

and the Dutch Settlement of the Pompton Valley - Wednesday, November 2nd, 7:00 p.m. This presentation by local historian Tom Riley will trace the history of the Dutch Colony of New Netherland from the explorations of Henry Hudson in 1609 through the establishment of the village of New Amsterdam and the spread of the settlement to the west side of the Hudson (North) River. Mr. Riley will also discuss the purchase and settlement of the Pompton Valley and the takeover of the colony by the English in 1664.

Oldies but Goodies: Music of the Early 1960s - Saturday,

November 5th, 1:00 p.m. This walk down memory lane concentrates on the music of the beginning of a decade of massive cultural change prior to the "British Invasion." The discussion will include America's emphasis on youth through the music of The Beach Boys, Bob Dylan, James Brown, etc. Included are audio and video examples of the above mentioned artists plus early newsreels. Funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Holiday Wreath Making - Saturday, November 12th, 1:00 p.m.-

2:30 p.m. Create a festive wreath for the holidays with Agnes Majewska-Sydoryk. All materials will be provided.

Estate Planning - Monday, November 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Learn the basics about estate planning: wills, powers of attorney, advanced healthcare directives and fiduciaries. The different types and purposes of trusts will also be discussed. Presented by Linda Peterson, Esq. from the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Speakers Bureau.

Fall 2016 Computer Programs

Microsoft Word Part 2 - Saturday, November 5th, 11:00 a.m. -

12:30 p.m. Prerequisite: Word Part 1 or familiarity with Word. Learn to create columns, tables, headers and footers and page numbers, merge page borders and page breaks.

Introduction to Microsoft Word - Monday, November 7th, 6:00

p.m. -7:30 p.m. Prerequisite: comfortable using a computer, keyboard and mouse. Learn to type text in Word, edit, spell-check, save, and print documents.

Monthly

**Film, Food and Friends,
 Wednesday, November 16th 7:00 p.m.**
 Indignation, Rated R; 110 min.

**The Friends of the Riverdale Library Meeting
 Thursday, November 17th, 7:00 p.m.**

**Adult Book Discussion Group, Monday, November 28th,
 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
11/22/63 by Stephen King.

Photography Club - Monday, November 28th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Meets the fourth Monday of each month.

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

Excel - Wednesday, November 9th, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: familiarity with PC basics and Microsoft Word. Learn how to create a simple worksheet. You will input data, create simple formulas and use basic formatting techniques. We will discuss tips to view your worksheet, and how to print a presentable report.

iPad and Tablet Users Group - Friday, November 18th, 1:00

p.m.-2:00 p.m. New to using a tablet? Bring your device and learn the basics in this monthly workshop for tablet users looking to increase their skills and share knowledge and experience. Learn how to access public Wi-Fi, change settings, set up email, and install and remove apps. Attend once, or as many sessions as you need.

Powerpoint - Saturday, November 26th, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30

p.m. Prerequisite: familiarity with PC basics and Word. Design a PowerPoint presentation with text, clip art, and animation. You'll learn about formatting, the design options available, presentations views, and how to run a slide show.

NEW

Riverdale Public Library's newest service is "The Bestseller's Club".

Do you read James Patterson, Debbie Macomber or John Grisham? We will place the holds automatically for you for new releases. We have 10 authors we are doing this for, and we will automatically enroll you in "the club" of your choice for up to five authors. You don't have to think about it until you get the call or email that your book is in. Sign up in the library or call us for more information and to register. This service is available for Riverdale library cardholders only.

Support the Friends of the Riverdale Library with your holiday shopping. Use AmazonSmile to shop, and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to the Friends. Shop at smile.amazon.com (same content and prices as amazon.com), select the Friends of the Riverdale Library as your charity, and then shop as you normally would.

Linda Vogel's Recipes

Steak with Dijon Green Bean-Potato Salad

Ingredients:

- * 6 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil.
- * ¼ cup chopped parsley.
- * 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard.
- * 2 tsps. White wine vinegar.
- * 1 small shallot, minced.
- * 2 (1 pound) boneless strip or rib-eye steaks.
- * ½ pounds small red potatoes, unpeeled, halved.
- * 8 oz. green beans, trimmed and cut into 1 ½ inch.



Directions:

Bring 2 quarts water to boil in large saucepan over medium high heat. Add potatoes and 1 ½ tbsp. salt; return to boil and cook for 10 minutes. Add green beans and cook until both vegetables are tender, about 5 min. Drain. Whisk 5 tbsp. oil, parsley, mustard, vinegar, shallot and ½ tsp. pepper together in large bowl. Add hot vegetables to bowl with dressing and toss gently to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Pat steaks dry with paper towels and season with salt and pepper. Heat remaining 1 tbsp. oil in 12 inch skillet until just smoking. Cook steaks until well browned.

Cook's Country Magazine - Oct/Nov 2016 Issue.

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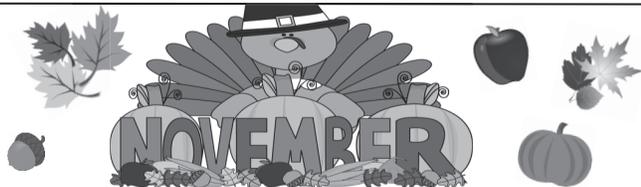
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Infant & Preschool Programs

Toddler Free Play - Friday, November 4th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Play inside when it gets chilly outside! Join us when we empty the program room of everything but favorite library toys, puppets, and noisemakers so your toddlers can play safely inside with their friends! For ages 1 to 5 years old.

Spanish Together with Senora Joyce - Tuesday, November 1st, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Bring your preschooler to learn basic, conversational Spanish with Senora Joyce! For ages 3-5.

Stuffed Animal Storytime - Tuesday, November 3rd, 5:30 –6:00 p.m. Bring a stuffed friend and wear your PJs at this special evening storytime. Then let your stuffed friend stay overnight at the library with Owliver The Library Owl! For ages 2-5.

Curious George's Birthday Storytime - Monday, November 14th, 10:30 a.m. Join us to celebrate Curious George's 75th Birthday with stories, singing, and puppets with our guest librarian Ms. Kristine. For ages 3-6 with a caregiver.

Shake your Sillies Out - November 10th, 2:00-2:30 p.m.
(Formerly Music & Movement) Calling all wigglers and gigglers, singers and dancers! Join us for this special storytime involving singing, dancing, scarves, and parachute fun! For ages 2 and up.

Toddler Time - Tuesday mornings, November 15th - December 13th, 10:30-11:00 a.m. Complete with songs, picture books, and a craft, this storytime is designed to help your two-year old take the first steps towards early literacy. For toddlers ages 2-3 with a caregiver.

Preschool Pals - Tuesday afternoons, November 15th - December 13th, 1:30-2:15 a.m. Preschoolers 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 with a caregiver.

Wigglers & Giggles - Wednesday mornings, November 16th - December 14th, 10:00-10:30 a.m. Introducing a new storytime group, this is tailored specifically for not-quite-two year olds who benefit from simple books and more movement and play in the storytime experience. For toddlers ages 1-2 with a caregiver.

Baby & Me - Wednesday mornings, November 16th - December 14th, 11:00-11:30 a.m. Designed for infants who are not walking yet, this half hour of very simple books, songs, and play allows your little one to start becoming familiar with the library! For infants to 12 months with a caregiver.

Yoga Storytime with Ms. Michele - Monday, November 21st, 10:30 a.m. Come for stories and stretches with Ms. Michele! For ages 3-5.

Children's Programs

Drop-in Coloring Club - Mondays, November 7th - December 19th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Come warm up in the library & help us color another mural for the walls in the program room. No registration necessary, drop in when you can! For grades K-8.

Paws to Read: Tales to Tails - Wednesday, November 9th, 4:00 p.m. Readers of all levels get to practice reading to a friendly canine listener. For grades K-5.

Cooking for Kids - Thursday, November 10th, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Come in November to make Turkey Pretzel Rod Snacks and Gratitude Trees with Ms. Brigitte of *Real Food Real Simple NJ*. For ages 6-12.

Lego Lab - Wednesday, November 16th, 4:00-5:00p.m. Bring your imagination; we'll supply the LEGOs & a great story! For grades K-5.

Drop-in Jewelry Club - Thursday, November 17th, 4:00-5:00 Starting in November and meeting once a month on the third Thursday will be a new club for all jewelry enthusiasts. We'll provide the beads and string, you bring your creativity! No registration necessary. For ages 6 and up.

Tween & Teen Programs

Maker Mondays - Monday, November 28th, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Like to create and tinker? Then join us for Maker Mondays! We'll try our hands at marble mazes this month! For ages 8 and up.

Programs For All Ages

Star Wars Club - Friday, November 11th, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Love Star Wars? So does Ms. Kate! Join her to have fun with all things Star Wars from crafts to movie screenings. You'll love meeting other fans and getting to indulge in your favorite movies. Come join the fun and may the Force be with you!

Finding Dory Movie Party - Thursday, November 17th, 5:00 p.m. Come to make a fishy craft, enjoy freshly popped popcorn, and watch *Finding Dory* at the library! (PG, 105 minutes)

Drop-in After School Crafts - Tuesday, November 22nd, 3:00 p.m. Join us when we get crafty in prep for Turkey Day. No registration necessary!



Read 'Twas The Night Before Thanksgiving by Dav Pilkey in the J-Holiday section of the library.

In the absence of President Carelli, 1st Vice-president Loretta Lippens opened the October 3rd meeting and welcomed members. Chaplain Elaine Peacock then read a piece entitled "Autumn Leaves Fall Like Confetti" which was followed by the flag salute and singing of "My Country Tis of Thee". Secretary Annette Lucente and Treasurer Laura LaRosa gave their respective reports.

Loretta then up-dated us on the condition of ill members. October birthdays were then acknowledged and, as customary, those persons stood, received a "Happy Birthday" song and a sweet treat, and Loretta read a "birthday wishes" poem. She reminded us that hydrant flushing will take place on Wednesday, October 10th, and advised us that unused medications can be brought to the police station. She also thought it might be of interest to know that a new, lower priced restaurant has opened replacing Rosemary and Sage, called Brookside Bistro.

Gerry Mahler reported on some very interesting library programs for October that we might like. Kay Boucher informed us of a series of morning "Brunch and Shows" on the second Monday of the month at Studio 237 on Hamburg Tpke. in Pompton Lakes. Next week's theme is "Crooners and Co." Mimi Hertzog gave us our seating arrangements for the upcoming "Oktoberfest" Luncheon, Dancing and Entertainment at the Lakeside Manor in Hazlet, N.J. It's great to be informed of, and to have the opportunity to take part in these offerings!

In accordance with the rules of the Riverdale Senior Club, Loretta then again read the changes to the by-laws, which had been read and accepted at the last meeting. These changes were done at a previous meeting of all the officers. The meeting was closed and refreshments served.

At the second meeting of the month, October 10th, President Gloria Carelli, welcomed us on "this beautiful day with bathing suit weather". Elaine Peacock, prepared for a normally "Autumn Day", read a lovely piece which she wrote herself entitled "Smiling Pumpkins". Bert Santos led members in singing "America the Beautiful". Secretary and Treasurer reports were given. President Carelli then discussed our budget, regarding what monies we have spent on events and what is projected for the balance of programs for the year. She has also spent time cleaning out old files, and advised us of what was necessary to be kept or shredded, and asked for our input.

1st Vice-President, Loretta Lippens reported on ill members and welcomed back Antoinette Kajor. She reminded us of the dates of Fright Night, the closing of the Farmer's Market, and remarked about the "blue line" painted on the street to honor and support our Police Dept. 2nd Vice-President, Grace Chiesa, who acts as historian, reported on articles put into our scrapbook. Her other duty is to coordinate the members to supply the "cakes" for our next meeting.

President Carelli announced that she needed two members to volunteer to oversee our annual audit, which she received. She handed out a folder containing an updated member list, by-laws of the club, and an emergency contact list for us to complete and return. Gloria also asked for volunteers to decorate the Christmas Tree, which she hopes to replace with a much needed new one.

Gerry Mahler gave her library report which included an "Oldies But Goodies" program on Saturday, Nov. 5th at 1:00 p.m. Thank you Mimi and Mary Ann for coordinating the "Oktoberfest" luncheon and entertainment. We had a great time! Mimi brought up the possibility of an overnight trip next year, as she had several requests. Kay Boucher passed out sign-up sheets for our Christmas Party at the Paris Inn, and Barbara Stillwaggon will be collecting checks at the November meetings. Kay reported on several members who attended the "brunch and show" program at Studio 237 in Pompton Lakes. The next one will be on November 14th with "Rodgers and Hammerstein" show tunes. We are all really keeping our members busy!

The meeting was closed, raffle conducted, refreshments served and Bingo or social time followed.

Presented by Kay Boucher



Riverdale Woman's Club

The Riverdale Woman's Club held its general meeting on October 12th where they heard from Marie Grieco who has helped decorate the White House for Christmas several times. This year she has been invited to decorate the official residence of Vice President Joe Biden.

At the General meeting on November 9th Gloria Carelli will speak to us about the Riverdale Food Pantry. If you plan to join us please bring a donation of perishable food to contribute to the food pantry.

Fresh on the heels of their fun filled meeting to make "Halloween Cookies in a Mason Jar" the Arts Creative Department is meeting on November 14th to make "Mini Christmas Snow Globes". Call Dolores at 973-835-3449 if you would like to attend.

The members of our Home Life Department which meets each Tuesday are planning a lovely lunch out on November 8th at a place yet to be determined. Call Josephine at 973-835-7367 for more information.

This year why not have a reverse Advent Calendar? Instead of taking (and eating) piece of chocolate each day leading up to Christmas we suggest that you get a box and place a non-perishable food item it each day of Advent. After you've filled your box, donate it to the Riverdale Food Pantry. Isn't that a painless way to help others and keep the true spirit of the holidays?

Speaking of the Holiday Spirit, clubs of The New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs have donated hundreds of filled stockings to be sent to our service men and women for the past 8 years. The tradition continues this year. Members of the Riverdale Woman's Club have filled stockings and voted to make a monetary donation to help defray the expense of shipping the stocking overseas.

As you can see the Riverdale Woman's Club is an active group of volunteers who know how to have fun while helping to make a difference in the lives of others. We invite all women to come to a meeting and learn firsthand what we are all about. For more information or a membership application please call Jean at 973-835-3269.

BY AND LARGE

by Elaine Peacock

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR ?



As we head into November our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving. Take a moment and think very carefully of what you are thankful for, actually for most of us the answer is pretty easy our family and friends.

On the days when things are going wrong, days we may be feeling a bit down, when we hear or read about a tragedy in another part of the world or closer to home that is when finding something to be thankful for gets harder for us.

That is the time when we have to reach down deep into our memories and remember something that made our hearts glad. It could be something as small as a beautiful sunset, a long talk with a good friend or a few hours enjoying a fun event with a special person in your life.

As our thoughts turn once again to giving thanks, I'll bet you'll be able to remember enough blessings that your heart will over flow with joy. Happy Thanksgiving!



RECREATION NEWS



In order to register for any of the programs below, to ask any questions or looking to volunteer for any of the programs, you may call 973-835-4060 x232 or email riverdalerec@gmail.com

Holiday Gathering

TUESDAY, Dec. 6th

Immediately following the Riverdale School Lighting Ceremony



PICTURES WITH SANTA

Bring your own camera and take pictures with Santa and receive a small treat for the kids



LETTERS TO SANTA

Bring letters to Santa to be placed in Santa's mailbox



ENJOY THE HOT CHOCOLATE AND DESSERT TABLE



Santa will reply to letters received by 12/12.



If your child would like to receive a reply to his/her Santa letter, place their letter in Santa's Special Mailbox & be sure to include your return address.



Santa's Mailbox will be at the Holiday Gathering on 12/6 and in front of the Borough Hall after that.

Mt. Creek Ski & Boarding Passes

Adult All Access Season Pass:

\$339.99 if purchased by 10/31, \$389.99 if purchased by 11/23

Student (ages 7-18) All Access Season Pass: (this pass includes 6 lessons on Friday evenings at 4:30 or 5:30 starting on Jan. 6)

\$229.99 if purchased by 10/31, \$249.99 if purchased by 11/23

Adult Midweek plus weekend Twilight pass: \$299.99

Food Vouchers also available for purchase online.

Six trip, Helmet and Ski/Board/Boot rental - check online for pricing.

To Purchase - go to:

www.mountaincreek.com/membersignup

Log on: 5WGK70053

Password: rivrecski2015

You do not have to be a resident.



2016 - YTD Update



It's been over 10 months since I took office as your Mayor. I thought it would be a great time to update residents on the challenges and accomplishments this year. We all lead our busy lives and don't get a chance to see what's happening in our own community. We rely on what we hear in the street. The following is a brief summary in different areas of your government.

TRANSITION:

The first challenge of the year was to setup the Council Committees and prepare to govern. At our very first meeting, we updated the Council By-Laws that hadn't been updated in 35 years. The goal was to install a professional business approach going forward. We changed the format of our meetings to include a "Workshop", where agenda items are discussed in detail, and a "Regular" meeting, where we actually vote on the items we discussed. My major rule is that no item reaches the agenda (unless an emergency) without proper discussion and visibility, something very much missing in the past. This methodology has eliminated surprises, greatly enhanced our productivity, and removed unnecessary conflict. Council members greatly appreciate the respect.

TRANSPARENCY:

It was very important to make a commitment to total transparency. We now have all Council Meeting Agendas with ALL related backup information (resolutions, ordinances, etc.) posted to our website PRIOR to each meeting. This was never done in the past. In addition, all Council Meeting minutes for the past 12 years have been made available online. Our next goal is to videotape meetings and post them on the website for viewing as well. Please visit our website at www.Riverdalenj.gov to review any information regarding your local government.

TOWN PRIDE:

I believe that people want to feel good about their community. I created a Beautification Committee this year to assist in sprucing up the town. Our decorative lampposts have been rewired and repainted. Flower baskets and banners have been added with donations from our business community. We upgraded to LED lighting that will save 80% in energy costs and added plug-in receptacles for future decorations. Going forward, we plan to replace all "Welcome to Riverdale" signs and upgrade residential street signs to conform to new regulations regarding reflectivity. Borough Hall will also get an upgrade soon with the installation of a new digital sign, increasing our ability to communicate with our residents. You may have also noticed the new flowers and bushes planted around our War Memorial. I thank our Committee and the Girl Scouts. These little things add up, get noticed, and make us all proud to live in Riverdale.

TOWN CELEBRATIONS:

There is no better way to revive community spirit than with town events. To get those events publicized, we started the year with a new streamlined borough newsletter. The monthly publication was revamped to include only important information regarding Riverdale. Organizations from around town have a monthly venue for getting the word out about their latest news, upcoming events, and worthy accomplishments. This new format is more efficient and also much less expensive to publish. We continue our traditions of "Summer Concerts in the Park" and the annual "Labor Day Street Fair", giving the opportunity for residents to get out and see their neighbors. Our Memorial Day Parade was better than ever, and we all took time to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 with a memorial service at the 911 Artifact in front of the library. On a lighter note, we had the pleasure to join in the celebration with the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department on the delivery of their new "Rescue 33" rescue-pumper truck. The Riverdale Police Department and Riverdale Pistol Team never let us down with their annual "Fishing Tournament" at Independence Park! All in all, another great year in the Borough of Riverdale

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:

One of the major projects undertaken this year is the strategic planning of our Road Improvement initiatives. The Borough of Riverdale has not implemented a road improvement plan for years. Typically, roads are paved when grants are awarded. To that end, we completed a major project on Halsey Ave and Federal Place. Both streets were upgraded with new sidewalks and driveway aprons, belgian block curbing, milling and paving, and restriping. We have developed a priority list for our strategic plan going forward. The plan is being developed alongside our long awaited Sewer Expansion projects. The next projects on our list include Newbury Place, Brown Court, and Oak Street.

SEWER EXPANSION:

Our strategic sewer expansion plan is well underway. In October, our Phase 2 sewer plan was formally approved by the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewer Authority. The plan was resubmitted in 2016 after being deemed not complete when submitted last year. After years of a strained relationship, I recently attended the sewer authority meeting in Butler and communicated Riverdale's desire for improved communication and cooperation. For the first time in years, the authority has agreed to allow Riverdale to conduct an engineering investigation in their sewer lines. This is the first step in possibly identifying and resolving long standing sewer flow issues and billing concerns.

TILCON QUARRY:

At the conclusion of last year, Councilman Pellegrini proposed an advisory committee made up of council members and residents of the community. The goal of the committee was to identify and address concerns with regards to dust, blasting, and other issues. In the first 10 months, we have a renewed relationship. Tilcon has invested in dust control equipment, installed dust monitors at several locations in town, started street sweeping on roads surrounding the quarry, and reduced the amount of asphalt millings on the property by 75%. We have also started to post quarterly blasting reports on our website and will soon be adding our Borough Engineer inspection reports shortly. Our commitment is to work with Tilcon to ensure our important goal of improving the quality of life for our residents.

OUTSTANDING GRANTS / RECEIVABLES:

Much to my surprise when taking office, was the number of grant receivables that were not followed up on by the previous administration. I was contacted by Morris County Historic Preservation Trust and informed that grants awarded over the previous 5 years for the Glenburn did not have the proper documentation and may be forfeited. As a result, we quickly provided the detailed information and on March 31, 2016, the Borough received a wire transfer for **\$246,917**. In my dealings with the Green Acres Trust, I learned of another grant where documentation was never received for a property purchased by the Boro in 2012. After document submittal, we received a check for **\$77,312**. We also discovered a 2-year lease agreement for the Verizon building that had expired without payment. We quickly resolved the issue and obtained a check for **\$11,200**. Unfortunately, we were not successful with a 2014 Glenburn grant. Because of inaction by the previous administration, an **\$80,000** grant was taken back. However, the persistence and attention to detail of the new administration did result in almost **\$350,000** of unexpected revenue this year.

OFFICE STAFFING:

We have been able to greatly reduce the cost of running the day to day operations of the borough. At the close of 2015, we had the position of the former Mayor with a total compensation (salary and benefits) of approximately \$92,300. In addition, a bookkeeper position with a total compensation of \$62,665. In 2016, my position of Mayor was reduced to a stipend of \$12,000 with no benefits. By attrition, the bookkeeper position was eliminated and divided between a current employee and with the payroll portion being outsourced to a financial services consultant. In addition, we hired former 27-year Borough Clerk Carol Talerico as a part-time assistant to the Mayor. Carol's knowledge of Riverdale has been a tremendous asset and she has become a valuable mentor to the various office staff. This restructuring of the office has resulted in greater efficiency at a fraction of the cost, saving over \$100,000 per year. This business approach is a major development and will provide tax relief going forward.

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BUDGET AND TAXES:

In my first week in office, I was notified by our Tax Assessor that as a result of tax appeals and adjustments in 2015, the Borough lost over 23 million dollars in ratables. Not a great way to start my administration. Translated— with less tax money coming in, we all had to make up the difference. While this unfortunate news was not within our control, it is within our responsibility. To that end, we immediately initiated an Annual Reassessment Program which started in 2016. This will prevent these uncontrollable swings and provide for ratable stability from year to year. The program coordinated by our Tax Assessor, includes the complete examination of all commercial properties each year and 25% of residential properties. Some of you may have had a visit this year by our inspector. As we close in on the end of the year, the early indications are that we are stable going into 2017. This is great news and along with the savings and revenue outlined earlier in this report, we expect little to no tax increase for next year.

SUMMARY:

As you can see, the Mayor and Council has been very busy in just 10 short months. We believe that many of the outstanding issues of the past have been resolved and look forward to setting our sights completely on the future. I thank you for your confidence and trust. As always, I can report that the future of Riverdale is bright.

Mayor Paul M. Carelli



Fresh Cut

Glenburn

Christmas Trees at

211 Hamburg Turnpike
Thursdays - Sundays
From Thanksgiving to Christmas



*Or visit Glenwild in Bloomingdale for an even bigger selection of
Cut & Live Trees, Wreaths, Greens, Grave Blankets, Poinsettias, Lights,
Ornaments, Gifts, & more!*

RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



EMERGENCY: 911
Non-Emergency: (973) 831-1584

Fire Chief: Dan Sturm
Assistant Chief: Jim Regeling
Fire Administrator: Pat Cleary



Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.



- » Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- » Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- » Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- » Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- » Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- » Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- » Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- » Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- » Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.

EMMA "GRANDMA KNOX" CELEBRATES HER 105TH BIRTHDAY !



On September 19, 2016, Pompton Plains Resident Emma Knox, AKA Grandma Knox celebrated her 105th Birthday! She was born Emma McMullen in Harrison, NJ in the year 1911. That's right, 1911. Let's put this in perspective, Wyatt Erp was alive when she was born! Crazy Right? The things she has seen. electric, indoor plumbing, The Titanic, 2 World Wars, the Depression, and countless electronics advances (She is amazed by social media) She literally is a walking Historian! Emma is

the 7th of 9 siblings that she has out lived, she was happily married to Alexander M Knox Sr. who passed away in 1999. She gave birth to her only son Alexander M Knox Jr who recently celebrated his 82nd Birthday.

Emma was surprised on Sunday, September 18, by the Borough of Riverdale posting "Happy Birthday Grandma Knox. We Love U". How awesome is that! Her Son Al, Daughter-in-Law Carol DeYoung-Knox, Grandsons, Paul and Craig, Granddaughter Megan, Granddaughter-in-Law Swava, Grandson-in-Law Jay, and Soon to be Granddaughter-in-Law Karla all gathered in front of the town hall sign and took pictures to always remember this milestone.

Afterword's, the family returned to Grandma Knox's house to feast on dinner and celebrate by singing Happy Birthday with a cake full of candles that literally smoked up the entire house. This woman is Amazing!

She still has all her wits about her. Ask her anything, She'll give you the answer! She walks around on her own, still makes breakfast, lunch and dinner along side of her son Al, gets her hair done every Thursday, and is an active member of the local senior center. She is definitely a ROCK STAR!

We Love U Grandma Knox! Here's to many more birthday's to come!

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Class of 2018 Beer Tasting Fundraiser

Friday, December 2, 2016

7pm – 10pm

\$40.00 per person

(includes food, 3 drink tickets and free glass to first 100 people)

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RIVERDALE SCHOOL NEWS **November 2016**

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

November has “fallen” in our laps already, so let us remind you that our school will have a number of scheduled early dismissals and/or closures as noted on the calendar. Three of those days are scheduled for the important parent-teacher conferences that we certainly hope you will be able to participate in. Should you have any questions for the classroom teachers before or after the conference, please know that you can always reach out to them. Whenever we have an in-service day, please note that our teachers are here learning as much as they can to support the learning needs in the classroom for a positive impact on classroom instruction!

October was certainly a very busy month at Riverdale School. The Riverdale Fire Department visited to provide special programs for all of our children on fire safety. We thank them greatly and are sure that you saw the beaming faces of our younger children when they wore their special hats provided by the fire department. We also celebrated the Week of Respect that included messages in which students were reminded to show respect every day! Some information in our school bulletin indicated that respect “shows when you listen to others, play fair, use good manners, and wait your turn.” Violence Awareness Week was also highlighted for students and staff and included Lt. James McIntosh from the Riverdale Police Department speaking to our staff regarding school safety and security updates.

Again this year, there were two student leadership groups that had special activities. Our student council under the advisorship of Ms. Kristen Caufield and Ms. Jennifer Corbett provided a forum for the students to speak with regard to their capabilities of being elected officers. The students elected following wonderfully written speeches to the middle school student body were as follows: President, Mary Duong; Vice President, Samantha Carelli; Treasurer, Francesca Errera; Secretary, Christina Sheridan and Historian, Jacolyn Venezia. On Tuesday, October 25th, the James F. Dodd Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society had their induction ceremony, inducting the following new members: Destiny Benway, Dyanna Bremer, Adam Campbell, Ashley Davis, Reilly Desai, Francesca Errera, Anvita Gadiraju, Adrianna Nicoll, Jay Patel, Zachary Senyk and Jacolyn Venezia. Students are selected for membership based on scholarship, citizenship, character, leadership, and service. Under the advisorship of Mrs. Meghan O’Hara these fine young men and women are wonderful examples of what lies ahead for us.

In closing, please continue to be part of our school in any way that you are able; there are certain dates indicated on our calendar which may be possibilities for you to attend. As former president Lyndon B. Johnson had once said, “Education is not a problem. Education is an opportunity.” You are welcome to be an active part of our educational opportunities!

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS AND REMINDERS:

Basketball Tryouts (Boys and Girls)	November 1, 2, 3	Gym
School Board Workshop Meeting	November 2 – 7:30	Library
Veteran’s Day Celebration	November 9 – 9:45	Gym
NJEA Teacher’s Convention	November 10 and 11	SCHOOL CLOSED
Early Dismissal – Conferences	November 14	As scheduled
Early Dismissal - Conferences	November 15	As scheduled
Early Dismissal - Conferences	November 16	As scheduled
School Board Meeting	November 16 – 7:30	Library
Picture Retakes	November 17	As scheduled
PTA Meeting	November 17	7:30 - Cafeteria
Report Cards Available	November 23	Parent Portal
Day Before Thanksgiving - Early Dismissal	November 23	EARLY DISMISSAL
Thanksgiving Break	November 24 and 25	SCHOOL CLOSED

BASKETBALL CLINIC

Riverdale Public School Gym

Saturday, November 12

10am - 2pm

Boys and Girls Ages 6 - 12

No Charge * Lunch Served

Program Includes:

Ball Handling * Shooting Skills

Passing Drills * Defense Training

Give and Gos * Scrimmage Game

Lesson on "Basketball and the Bible"

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Food Pantry Needs

RIVERDALE FOOD PANTRY

Items needed are: pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter & jelly, mac 'n cheese, potato flakes, rice, soup, string beans, tuna, peas as well as paper products and detergents.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



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