Halloween Home Decoration Contest

If you haven't started yet, then start decorating your house for the Fall & Halloween Season.

Your friendly Rec Department Ladies will be traveling the streets of Riverdale during the week of October 15.

This will be done in the evening hours to allow you to have your front yards active for us to enjoy!

Categories will be:
Most Scary
Most Festive
Most Creative

No Registration Required. All Riverdale Residences eligible.

Announcement of Winners will be Fright Night - Oct. 20.

Winners will receive a "Winner" lawn sign, prize, and picture and name in the November Newsletter.

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Fire Department - 100 Years Thank You & God Bless!

Dedication of lamp post to "Papa" Joe Ezzo on the anniversary of his *death in the line of duty*, August 25, 1982. His is family shown above.

A memorial for a fireman who died in the line of duty. A last call was sounded for Captain Joe Ezzo.

Dan Sturm, Jr. and family at the dedication of the lamp post in recognition of his Fifty Years of active service to the Fire Department.

Fire Department Chaplain Howard Ball and Fire Chief Pat Cleary begin the ceremony.

Butler Fire Department shared in celebration. Deputy Chiefs Jim Neil & Pete Barry, Chief Earl Dean, Riverdale Chief Pat Cleary.

Bear Trapped

Wednesday
September 26 around 5PM

Riverdale Police assisted state officers in tranquilizing a 271 lb. bear that was roaming through backyards and the school grounds. He was trapped behind 44 Post Lane. For more pictures go to RiverdaleNJ.gov.

Toddler Soccer Clinic

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Happy 40th Birthday to **Sal Poli** on October 20. Love Jackie, Samantha & Joey.

Happy 9th Birthday to **Danielle Shafer** on October 25. We Love You! Mom, Dad, Joey and Nana.

Happy 5th Birthday to **Samantha Carelli** on October 23. Love Mom, Dad, Michael, Tommy, Grandma Plescia, Grandma & Grandpa Carelli and Nauni!

Happy 14th Birthday to the best Goddaughter, **Chelsea Sylvestri**, on October 7! Love, Aunt Kris.

On November 8th **Andrea DiMarco** will be 19 years old. Happy Birthday and good luck at Montclair University. Love Ana, Daniella and Mom.

Happy Birthday to **Kevin Appel** who turned 13 on September 4th. Love Mom, Dad, Chris & Craig.

Happy Birthday to **Rich Wolbach** on October 31. Love Mary, Sean and Owen.

October Birthday wishes to the following borough officials and employees: **Sgt. Kevin Smith** on the 1st, **Dispatcher Tracy Stroe** the 4th, **Zoning Officer Linda Roetman** the 6th, **Councilman Ted Guis** the 12th, **Sgt. James MacIntosh** the 15th.

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 lesson are free. You can register by calling 973-835-3275 or by email riverdalebaptist@yahoo.com.

RIVERDALE FLU CLINIC

Monday, October 15
3:00 - 7:00 PM
Senior Community Center

Adults Only. Pregnant and lactating women ineligible.
Only inactivated influenza vaccine is administered at this clinic.

To Avoid the Flu

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Wash your hands often with warm water. Lather, scrub for 20 seconds, then rinse.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Fee for Flu shot is $15
No charge with Medicare Part B (with no HMO).
To ensure continuity of care, the best place to obtain a flu shot is your doctor's office.

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

NYC Winter Holiday Theater Trip

"Wintuk" an enchanting Winter Tale for All Ages
A Cirque du Soleil Production at the Theater at Madison Square Garden. Thurs., December 6 at 7:30 PM. Bus departs Riverdale 5:30 PM. $58 includes ticket & bus.
Tickets: Cindy Moratto - leave message at 973-492-8568.
Reservation Deadline: October 9th.

Winter Ski Program

Registration: Tuesday, October 23
7:00 - 8:30 PM in Community Center, Loy Avenue.
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.
All ski passes will include 6 coaching clinics on Friday nights. In addition there are the **6 Trip** or **All Access Ski Passes** available. Most passes offer 20% discount on food purchases.
Sign up and questions: call Rec Office 973-706-6471 or Diane Pezzuti 973-831-8870.

Fright Night Family Fun Festival

Mark your calendars for a family-fun Halloween event!
Saturday, October 20, 4:00 - 8:00 PM, Freedom Park
Costume Parade will start the event, beginning at the School.
Games, Neighborhood Hay Rides, a *new* Haunted Attraction, DJ, Balloon Clown, Pumpkin Patch & Pumpkin Painting activities, Annual Pumpkin Drop Competition between the Police & Fire Departments, plus a lot more.
Vendors will be selling refreshments.
Questions: call Rec Office at 973-706-6471.

Annual Halloween Masquerade Ball

Enjoy an evening with friends! Prizes for the Best Costumes!
Saturday, October 27, 8:00 PM to Midnight
Community Center. Adults Only & Costume Required.
$25.00 per person
Includes music, hors d'oeuvres, soda, 1st pitcher of beer per table, dessert & coffee. Cash bar available. Plenty tables for 6.
Advance Sign-up required. Rec Office: 973-706-6471.

Attention Bingo Players Customer Appreciation Bingo Night. Friday, Nov. 16, 7:00PM, Community Center. 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.

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

Fire Prevention week begins Sunday, October 7. This year theme is *Plan and practice your home escape Plan.* We will be teaming up with the Riverdale School to help each student create their own escape plan. Then on Monday October 8th between the hours of 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm the Fire Department will be driving around town to collect a copy of your escape plan. If for some reason you miss us on Monday, please bring a copy of your plan to the Open House on Friday, October 12 at 7pm. **Remember to check your smoke detectors monthly, and change your batteries when you change the time on your clocks (2:00 AM, Sunday, Nov. 4).**

Please look out our annual fund drive mailing. Just a reminder that we will not be coming around to collect them. Use the return envelope to send in your donation, or drop the envelope in the firehouse mailbox on Post Lane. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Helpful Health Hints - An Alternative View

Many people want to be proactive to reduce their risk of getting the flu. It is fall, the time of year when many people are making the decision about whether to receive the flu shot. However, the general public is expressing concern about the reported risks from flu shot vaccines. In the Washington Free Press (Nov/Dec 2004) the headlines of an article by D. Miller, M.D. read *Want to Avoid Alzheimer's?...then forget the flu vaccine.* Why? A statement in the 1998 issue of John Hopkins Newsletter affirmed this increase in Alzheimer's by stating that it is expected to quadruple. At the NVIC International Vaccine Conference in Arlington, VA, September 1997, Hugh Fudenburg, M.D. stated that if an individual has had five consecutive flu shots, his/her chance of developing Alzheimer's Disease is 10 times greater than if they had one, two, or no shots (based on ten-year study..1970-1980) When asked why, he said that it is due to the mercury and aluminum that is in the flu shot and in almost all childhood vaccinations. This accumulation in the brain causes cognitive dysfunction. Dr. Fundenburg is the world's leading immunogeneticist and 13th most quoted biologist of our time, and author of nearly 850 papers in peer reviewed journals.
Each individual must decide for him or herself and make an informed decision with regard to their options and risks associated with vaccines. They are drugs and come with side effects that can impact your health now and in the future. Many informed consumers are choosing more natural ways to develop the strongest possible immune system to help prevent sickness.

NOTE: **This is not meant to discourage or dissuade anyone from taking advantage of the Riverdale Flu Shot Clinic.** This article is merely to present another viewpoint regarding the efficacy of vaccines.

WANTED: Senior Community Center is looking for good quality recreational equipment. Will be used in the Center's lower-level for children/teens to use. Such as: *Basketball Hoops (on wheels), Pool Table, Air Hockey Table, Pin Ball Machine, etc.*

Library News

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Baby Time Infants - 2 years
Mondays, October 1, 15, 22, 29
11:00 to 11:30 am.
Saturday, October 20 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, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
10:15-11:00 am **or** 1:30-2:15 pm
Saturday, October 20 11:15 am to noon.
Join us for both new and classic pre-school stories.

Spooky Stories Ages 5 and up - Families Welcome
Thursday, October 18 - 7:00 to 7:45PM
For a night of spooky stories, riddles, poems and song. The stories won't be scary. Well, okay, a little scary. But we'll have lots of fun. Refreshments will be served.

Mad Science Potions! Join the Mad Scientist in the world of witches and wizards, and learn to conjure up explosive bubbling potions on Monday, October 29 from 5:00 - 5:45 PM. Sign up early, registration is limited.

Drop in Crafts for children in Grades K-5 on Thursdays, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

October 4	Stamp Art Stationary
October 11	Foliage Friends - From Leaf to Creature
October 18	Sew a Halloween Treat Bag
October 25	Paper Bag Trees with Salt Dough Ghosts

ADULT PROGRAMS

Scare You Silly! Adults and Teens ages 12 and up
Thursday October 25, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Story telling is an ancient folk art for grownups too! This is a night of spine-tingling tales of terror told by spooky storytellers. Refreshments!

Book Discussion Group Monday, October 29, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Yann Martel's imaginative and unforgettable *Life of Pi* is a magical reading experience that we'll be discussing. Copies of book in both print and audio are available at the library.

Library Exhibit A new photography exhibit entitled *Candid Portraits* by Rob Kerwin opens the first week of October and runs thru November 15. Kerwin a self-taught photographer, has won numerous prizes and awards. This is his third exhibit at Riverdale Public Library.

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

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE RIVERDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Every year the Friends of the Riverdale Public Library support the annual summer programs for children and teens. Thanks to them we have special performances, great summer reading programs, activities and crafts. New members are welcome! Call Library for the next meeting date.

Did You Know?

- It takes 8 minutes for light to travel from the sun to earth.
- A cow can give 100 quarts of milk per week.
- The only mobile U.S. National Monument is San Francisco's cable cars.