

MyRiver Vale

THE NEWSLETTER EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE

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Four decades of serving North Jersey's Girl Scouts

Rose Flynn of River Vale was recently honored by the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey (GSNNJ) as a Volunteer of Excellence. According to GSNNJ, a Volunteer of Excellence is described as providing outstanding service above and beyond the expectation of the position while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Rose has been involved in Girl Scouts for almost 40 years, and 34 of those years have been in River Vale. Her contributions to River Vale Girl Scouts include acting as a leader, service unit manager and most recently as a consultant for the town. She offers workshops to River Vale Girl Scouts that include meal preparation, outdoor cooking and hiking. River Vale Girl Scouts extends heartfelt congratulations to Rose on receiving this truly deserving award.

THE VERDICT IS IN - JUDGE GREENHALGH HONORED FOR 48 YEARS ON THE BENCH



PHOTO BY SHANNON SOLOTAR

The Hon. Richard B. Greenhalgh retired in April with 48 years on the bench under his belt. The tenure was a record-setter for a Bergen County municipal judge. Pictured, Greenhalgh was honored at a retirement reception at The Estate at Florentine Gardens.

On April 1, The Hon. Richard B. Greenhalgh retired after serving 48 years as the Township of River Vale's municipal court judge. Judge Greenhalgh is Bergen County's longest serving municipal court judge and he may also hold that record for the State of New Jersey.

Judge Greenhalgh was honored by Mayor Glen Jasionowski and the Township Council at a retirement reception on May 13th at The Estate at Florentine Gardens. The celebration officially began with the Bergen County Sheriff's Police Honor

Guard and Bagpiper, followed by the National Anthem, which was sung by Valery Berenschtein, a Pascack Valley High School student. The dinner was attended by various dignitaries including Congressman Garrett's representative, Andrew Whitehouse, Senator Gerry Cardinale and Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi.

Judge Greenhalgh enjoyed a long relationship with various Township departments over the years such as the Mayor and Council, Town Hall employees, the River

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WEIGHT LOSS THAT WORKS.

Introducing The Center for Bariatric Surgery at HackensackUMC at Pascack Valley.

To explore the benefits of Bariatric Surgery, please call **201-781-1380** or to attend an informational seminar, please visit www.hackensackumcpv.com/bariatric.





River Vale Summer Concert Series



7-9pm at the River Vale Amphitheater

(next to the River Vale Library)

**In case of rain the concerts will take place at the
River Vale Community Center at 628 Rivervale Rd**

July 23

The Waldwick Band

August 13

Joel Zelnik Trio, with vocalist Annette Sanders perform:

"Tony Bennett + Bill Evans: The Legendary recordings

September 17

Shakey Ground

RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID CONFLICTS WITH COYOTES

Coyotes have long been part of the New Jersey ecosystem. The first recorded coyote sighting in New Jersey was in Hunterdon County in 1939. The species spread slowly through the state, but numbers have increased significantly since 1980. Coyotes have now been documented in 400 towns from all 21 counties. As we develop open space we have been seeing more and more sightings of wild animals that people did not realize existed in the area (deer, coyotes, black bears). While residents should be cautious of wild animals, they should not be fearful of all sightings.

The coyote is a wild member of the dog family and closely resembles a small German shepherd with the exception of its long snout and bushy, black-tipped tail. Another key difference from a domestic dog is readily noticeable even from a distance: The coyote has a habit of holding its tail below a horizontal position while standing, walking and running.

Eastern coyotes differ from their western counterparts with a larger average size and various color phases, including blonde, red and black. Past interbreeding between wolves and coyotes may be responsible for the larger size and color variations in our eastern coyote. In New Jersey, adult coyotes range in weight from 20-50 lbs. and exceptionally large ones may be up to 55 lbs. Coyotes adjust well to their surroundings and can survive on whatever food is available. They prey on rabbits, mice, birds and other small animals, as well as young and weakened deer. They also consume carrion (decaying tissue). They are tolerant of human activities and rapidly adapt to changes in their environment.

Coyotes bear litters during April and May, with females delivering between three and nine pups. Conflicts between coyotes and humans are most likely to develop as adults forage for food for the pups in the spring and summer.

Coyotes primarily hunt rodents and rabbits for food, but will take advantage of whatever is available, including garbage, pet food and domestic animals that are left unattended. Allowing coyotes access to human food and garbage is irresponsible and can lead to problems.

Coyotes, along with foxes, are sometimes afflicted with mange which can result in



THINKSTOCK

Coyote sightings are on the rise, but conflicts with humans are rare.

significant hair loss. The loss of fur can result in making identification of a coyote difficult, resulting in reports of a “mystery” animal, or even a cougar.

In suburban and urban areas, coyotes have occasionally attacked small pets. Although attacks on humans are extremely rare in eastern states, as with any predatory animal they can occur.

Coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem, helping to keep rodent populations under control. They are by nature wary of humans. However, coyote behavior changes if given access to human food and garbage. They lose caution and fear. They may cause property damage and threaten human safety, requiring euthanasia. Relocating a problem coyote is not an option because it only moves the problem to someone else's neighborhood.

COYOTE PRECAUTIONS

The following guidelines can help reduce the likelihood of conflicts with coyotes:

- Never feed a coyote. Deliberately feeding coyotes puts pets and other residents in the neighborhood at risk.
- Feeding pet cats and/or feral (wild) cats outdoors can attract coyotes. The coyotes feed on the pet food and also prey upon the cats.
- Put garbage in tightly closed containers that cannot be tipped over.

- Remove sources of water, especially in dry climates.

- Bring pets in at night.
- Put away bird feeders at night to avoid attracting rodents and other coyote prey.
- Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry, and other farm animals.
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles.

- Although extremely rare, coyotes have been known to attack humans. Parents should monitor their children, even in familiar surroundings, such as backyards.

- Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.

- Clear brush and dense weeds from around dwellings – this reduces protective cover for coyotes and makes the area less attractive to rodents and rabbits. Coyotes, as well as other predators, are attracted to areas where rodents are concentrated like woodpiles.

- If coyotes are present, make sure they know they're not welcome. Make loud noises, blast a canned air siren, throw rocks, or spray them with a garden hose.

If you observe coyotes in the daytime that show no fear of humans or if a coyote attacks a person, immediately contact your local police and the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 908-735-8793; outside of normal business hours call the DEP Hotline at 877-WARN-DEP.

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- eBooks & eAudio Books – An expanding collection of books for adults, young adults and children. Some reservations are required for popular new books (see the BCCLS catalog).

- Book Flix – eBooks and activities for Pre-K through 3rd grade. Build a love of reading and learning for your child by pairing fiction and non-fiction reading material. Book Flix provides engaging fictional storybooks paired with nonfiction eBooks to build background knowledge and content-area learning. All titles are always available (see “Kids” – Homework Help).

- True Flix – Non-fiction eBooks and activities for Grades 3-5. TrueFlix is an online resource which meets Common Core state standards by developing literacy skills along with content-area knowledge in science and social studies. All titles are always available (see “Kids” – Homework Help).

Need help with computer/digital issues? Contact our Tech Librarian, Diane, and arrange for an individual, 30-minute instructional session tailored to your needs. We can help with basic computer issues as well as assisting you in setting up your accounts to access our digital collections on your device. Call the library to schedule your appointment.

2015 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Encourage the reading habit with a structured program featuring prizes, crafts and entertainment. The theme for 2015 is “Every Hero Has a Story. On-going, in-person registration begins Monday, June 22.



Pre-readers: For children not yet reading independently – ages 3 and up, listen to 20 or more books and be invited to our reading party in August.

Summer reading club: For children who read independently, Read five or more books to be invited to our reading party in August. Read 10 or more books and earn a reading certificate and a special prize.

Pre-School furry friends storytime: Enjoy Furry Friends stories with our real library furry friends.

REGULAR PROGRAMMING:

The **Friends of the River Vale Library** Book Discussion Group usually meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Upcoming selections are listed on our website. Pick up next month's book at the Circulation Desk. Newcomers are always welcome.

The **Knit & Crochet Group** meets twice a month on Friday mornings. No matter what your skill level, join the group, make new friends and improve your craft. Visit our website or call the library for the monthly schedule.

First Friday with the Friends of the Library – Join the Friends on the first Friday of the month for entertaining and educational programming. Consult our website for upcoming programs.

River Vale Backyard Garden Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Join interested gardeners for lectures featuring practical information on improving your landscape.

Movies – Movies – Movies. We show afternoon movies for adults, after-school movies for young adults and family movies. Check our online calendar for upcoming showings.



English as a Second Language tutoring is offered at the library. Volunteer to assist members of your local community improve their English and learn about American culture. No experience is necessary as we make tutor training available through the Literacy Volunteers of Pascack Valley. Potential students and tutors should contact Dale Friedman at the library for more information.

Join the Friends of the River Vale Library. All of the library's programming is supported by the Friends who meet at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. We need new members who love the library. Join the group, make new friends and help to plan and support new endeavors for your library.

REMINDERS ABOUT POOL BARRIERS FROM THE RIVER VALE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

With the summer just about here, the Building Department wishes to remind River Vale residents about a few simple regulations regarding pools, spas and hot tub safety. Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing containing water over 24 inches deep requires a pool barrier that meets the requirements of the Uniform Construction Code in the State of New Jersey. Regardless of whether the structure is intended to be taken down or used on a temporary basis, all structures must be protected by a suitable barrier to protect against drowning by restricting access to swimming pools, spas and hot tubs. Here are some of the basic regulations:

1. The barrier shall be at least 48 inches above grade on the barrier side facing away from the swimming pool area.

2. No openings in the barrier shall allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter sphere.

3. Maximum opening in chain link fences or lattices are to be no larger than 1-1/4 inches.

4. Pedestrian access gates shall open outward away from the pool and shall be self-closing with a self-latching device.

5. The release mechanism of the self-latching device should be located not less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate.

These are basic requirements; however, feel free to contact our department for full regulations, or call us if you have a question at 201-664-2346, ext. 1000

THANK YOU RIVER VALE WATERSHED CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS

On April 18, the Township of River Vale participated in the 3rd Annual Bi-State Cleanup of the Hackensack River Watershed. For the third straight year, River Vale surpassed the year prior in number of participants and amount of debris collected. Coordinated by Township employees Joanne Allgor and Gail McIntyre, the four-hour event included groups of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Pascack Valley Rotary Club, families and indi-

viduals who removed trash from the watershed areas of Ranges Field, the River Vale Community Center property at 628 Rivervale Road and along the edge of Lake Tappan, just off Handweg Drive. This year, 96 participants collected 81 bags of debris weighing 2,330 pounds and 9 tires weighing 180 pounds. Since 2013, the cleanup has seen 203 participants collect 183 bags of debris weighing 4,045 pounds and 12 tires weighing 240 pounds.



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MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

MOZART TO MONET PRESENTS: THE BATMAN FOR KIDS

Bring out the artistic side of yourself and join Mozart to Monet for an afternoon of painting and learning about Bats on Friday, June 26 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the River Vale Community Center, located at 628 Rivervale Rd (behind the North Firehouse). You will be making your own masterpiece while learning about bats with Joe D'Angeli. Parents are welcome to join in. Register by visiting rivervalenj.org and log onto Community Pass by June 22. Payment will be collected on the day of the class. The cost is \$22 per child and \$5 per accompanying parent; cash or check made payable to Township of River Vale. Children under 6 must be accompanied by a parent. For further questions, email Anne Catalano at wellness@rivervalenj.org or call 201-913-9514.

SENIOR FITNESS



Low impact balance and strength training classes are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1 p.m. Pre-pay \$40 to the instructor for 8 sessions on the first day of class. All classes will be held at the River Vale Community Center,

located at 628 Rivervale Road. Classes are also open to non-residents. Pre-register for this class by e-mailing wellness@rivervalenj.org or call Anne at 201-913-9514.

KIDS SUMMER TENNIS CLINIC

River Vale has a new 7-week Summer Kids Tennis Clinic. We are offering 7 consecutive Tuesday, 7 consecutive Wednesday, and 7 consecutive Thursday lessons starting July 7-August 20. Lessons will be held at the River Vale Tennis Courts, located at 406 Rivervale Road from 2-3 p.m. for 5-9-year-olds; 3-4 p.m. for 10-up. All lessons will be instructed by Zack Granat and Felipe Duran. There is a four-child minimum and maximum of 12 per class. The cost for the 7-week session is \$75 for once a week. Payment can be made online through Community Pass by April 17. Classes are open to non-residents. Register by visiting www.rivervalenj.org and log onto Community Pass and select the class which you'd like to register for by June 29. For any questions contact Anne Catalano at wellness@rivervalenj.org or call 201-913-9514.

ADULT TENNIS CLINIC

An adult 7-week tennis clinic will take place on Thursdays from July 9-August 20, from 7-8 p.m. at the River Vale Tennis Courts located at 406 Rivervale Road. There is a four-adult minimum and maximum of 12 per class. The cost for the 7-week session is \$75. Payment can be made online. Classes are open to non-residents. Register by visiting www.rivervalenj.org and log onto Community Pass and select the class which you'd like to register for by July 1. For any questions contact Anne Catalano at wellness@rivervalenj.org or call 201-913-9514.

TEAM MAKERS SPORTS & TEAM CAMP FOR KIDS

Team Makers will introduce your kids to a new sport each week while challenging them and helping them learn teamwork skills and good sportsmanship. The weeklong camp runs from August 17-21 from 9-1 p.m. for ages 4-10. All classes are open to non-residents. The fee is \$195 for one week (6-child minimum to hold a class). Payment can be dropped off or mailed to Town Hall, located 406 Rivervale Road, River Vale, N.J. 07675; either by cash or check made payable to the Township of River Vale. Please visit www.rivervalenj.org and log onto Community Pass and select the class which you'd like to register by August 8. For any questions, contact Anne Catalano at wellness@rivervalenj.org or call 201-913-9514.

KIDS MULTI-SPORTS SPRING CLASSES & CAMPS

The River Vale Mayors Wellness Campaign is sponsoring First Play Soccer Camp for ages 5-11 on June 24-26 from 9-4 p.m., 9-12:30 p.m., or 1-4 p.m. at Mark Lane Sports Complex. Total Sports Squirts for ages 3-5 will be held on Thursdays, June 25-August 6 from 9-10 a.m.; Total Sports Squirts- Parents & Me for ages 2-3 on Thursdays, June 25th-August 6th from 10:15-11:05 a.m.; Soccer Squirts for ages 3-5 on Thursdays, June 25th through August 6 at 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; all at Upper Grove Field. Total Sports Squirts for ages 3-5 will be held from August 24-27 at 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Mark Lane Sports Complex. To register, please visit www.rivervalenj.org or www.USsportsInstitute.com.

ONE-WEEK MULTI SPORTS CAMP BY US SPORTS INSTITUTE

If your kids love sports, come try a one-week multi sports camp which will expose your child to sports played all around the world. Camp is held at Mark Lane Sports Complex in River Vale off of Piermont Avenue from August 24-28 from either 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1-4 p.m. Camp is open to non-residents. To register please visit www.rivervalenj.org or www.USsportsInstitute.com.

RIVER VALE PAYS ITS RESPECTS TO OUR FALLEN



PHOTOS BY KEVIN J. RILEY



Residents lined the streets of River Vale on Saturday, May 23 to pay their respects to all the fallen servicemen and servicewomen that have bravely fought for the freedoms and liberties of the United States. (Above) The River Vale Fire Department Honor Guard marches down the parade route. (Right) Members of the River Vale and Tappan American Legion proudly walk in the procession in honor of their fellow comrades.



GOLF COURSE RESTORATION UPDATE

The primary focus for the 2015 season from a grounds perspective has been the bunkers, drainage and the continued efforts to restore the golf course to its original Orrin E. Smith, Donald Ross inspired design.

We have completed the first phase of our planned course restoration and bunker project. The bunkers on holes 4, 5, and 6 are finished and you will see a dramatic difference from the old bunkers to the new. We have also completed the drainage projects on holes 5 and 6 and you will now be allowed to drive golf carts on all holes except for the Par 3s and Hole 10. We have also reopened a bunker on Hole 10, which was original to the course but over the years had been closed due to the overgrowth of trees.

Due to time and budgetary constraints, the complete bunker proj-

ect of all 18 holes will take anywhere from 1-3 years. We will also be completing the repaving of the remaining cart paths on the back nine.

JUNIOR SUMMER GOLF CAMP

Matt Dunn, our PGA Professional is pleased to announce the return of the Junior Summer Golf Camp. Ages 7-16 of all abilities are welcome. All areas of the game will be covered – driving, short game, putting. The participants will also learn about the rules of golf and golf course etiquette. Students will also receive some on course instruction. Registration forms and more information is located on our website, rivervalecc.com under the lessons/camps/clinics tab. You can also call our pro shop at 201-391-2300. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

CHERRY BROOK BAR AND RESTAURANT

Join us in the bar, dining room or on the patio for a relaxed dining atmosphere that will accommodate all tastes. Our bar and restaurant are open seven days a week from 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. with extended service during events. The patio is a great place to have dinner or a drink while overlooking the scenic golf course.

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Vale Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the River Vale Police Department and the River Vale Fire Department, and was presented with various gifts as a token of their appreciation. On behalf of the entire Township, the Judge was also presented with a letter from the Hon. John G. Roberts Jr., Chief Justice of the United States of America, congratulating him on his many years of service. His family and many friends also attended and were highly entertained by the master of ceremonies, John DeVoe, a detective

sergeant with the River Vale Police Department. The Judge's culminating speech was the highlight of the night and the entire event was a fitting and thoughtful tribute to his long years of service and friendship to the Township.

As a result of the Hon. Richard Greenhalgh's retirement, our new municipal court judge is the Hon. Vincent Galasso, J.M.C. and E. Michael Garrett was appointed as the new prosecutor. Luis Martinez was appointed as the new public defender.

RECYCLING CALENDAR 2015

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Large Branch & Heavy Wood

Garden Debris

Holiday, Chipping will be on Tuesday these weeks

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 Rich Campanelli, Recycling Coordinator
 201.664.2346 ext. 1401
dpw@rivervalenj.org

Terri Buono, Administrative Assistant
 201.664.2346 ext. 1400
dpwasst@rivervalenj.org

SINGLE STREAM Glass, Aluminum,

WHITE GOODS - METAL ITEMS ONLY
 Call Terri Buono @ 201.664.2346 ext. 1400

****REMINDER** **REMINDER****
 There is no recycle pick up on the 5th Wednesday

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE DPW RECYCLE AREA CLEAN



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Glen Jasionowski

Administrator
Gennaro Rotella

Township Council
Mark Bromberg (President) **Paul J. Criscuolo** (Vice President)
John Donovan **Denise Sieg** **Ari Ben-Yishay**

KEY CONTACT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY (Police, Fire, Ambulance) ..911
 Police Department (non-emergency)201-664-1111
 Fire Department (non-emergency)201-664-2346 ext. 1200
 Animal Control201-843-4768
 Building Department201-664-2346 ext. 1000

Department of Public Works201-664-2346 ext. 1400
 Health Department201-664-2346 ext. 1409
 Library201-391-2323
 Social & Cultural Affairs201-664-2346 ext. 1011
 Township Clerk201-664-2346 ext. 1005
 Mayor/Township Administrator201-664-2346 ext. 1006

HackensackUMC at
Pascack Valley



WEIGHT LOSS THAT WORKS.

*Introducing The Center for Bariatric Surgery
at HackensackUMC at Pascack Valley.*

If you struggle with severe obesity that threatens your health, you've probably tried traditional weight loss methods like diet, weight loss pills and exercise. There is a way to achieve long-term weight loss that works. It's called bariatric surgery, available at **HackensackUMC at Pascack Valley**.

To explore the benefits of Bariatric Surgery, please call **201-781-1380** or to attend an informational seminar, please visit **www.hackensackumcpv.com/bariatric**.



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