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MyRiver Vale

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FIGHTING FIRES AND BREAKING BARRIERS



PHOTO/RVFD

Pictured is the 2016 RVFD Board of Fire Officers, from left to right, Eric Martin, Mike Koons, Mike Marcellari, Greg Goodell Sr., Kellie Goodell, Rick Herburger, Stephen Velthaus, Steven Cannata and Ron Manke.

Kellie Goodell, a lifelong resident of the township and 15-year veteran of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department, broke new ground earlier this year as she was installed as the first female fire chief in the department's history.

For Goodell, the journey to chief is familial, now being the fourth person in her family to hold the post. Her great-great-grandfather Leopold Herrmann had been a fireman in Hudson County before moving to the township to become its first ever fire chief in 1923. Great-grandfather William Blauvelt was a township fireman. Grandfather George Goodell, Jr. and father Greg Goodell, Sr. were township fire chiefs. And now

Kellie and her brother Greg Goodell, Jr. are the fifth generation in their family to get involved. Their mother Kathy is a member of the River Vale Ladies Auxiliary.

As soon as she was eligible, Goodell became a cadet in the department at age 13 and became an active member on her 18th birthday. She quickly rose the ranks, to lieutenant in 2012 and captain in 2014.

As the new chief, she devotes approximately 20-25 hours per week volunteering, which includes reporting to calls and handling paperwork. In addition, she works a full-time overnight-shift job as an emergency services dispatcher in Fort Lee.

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JUNIOR POLICE CADETS LEARN LAW ENFORCEMENT INS AND OUTS



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PHOTO/RIVER VALE POLICE

(Top) Young cadets listen intently to the proceedings at the River Vale Junior Police Academy graduation in December.

(Left) Cadets hear from two women from the Bergen County Jail's Drug Rehabilitation Center Program. The academy is an avenue through which students in the 7th and 8th grades can learn about both their local police department and the criminal justice system at large. Instructors of the River Vale Junior Police Academy include members of the River Vale Police Department as well as members of local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Each session's goal is to educate the students on the various facets of criminal law, procedure, and enforcement. The program runs each Fall and lasts approximately 10 weeks.

RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Now an easy way to dispose of prescription medications



The River Vale Police Department in cooperation with the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs and the DEA is a designated permanent drop-off site for "Project Medicine Drop" which allows individuals to dispose of unused and expired medications 24/7. With the abuse of prescription medications at epidemic proportions, the program helps to prevent the diversion of opioids and other types of prescription medications. Bergen County alone has one of the highest rates of abuse in the state. The Department also offers a portable drop box available to any group or organization wishing to utilize it at a special events or group meetings. Anyone seeking more information can contact the River Vale Police Department at 201-664-1111, ext. 1140.

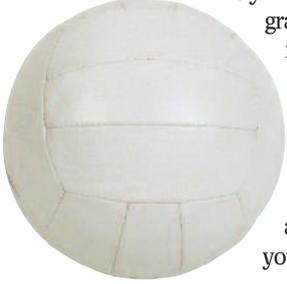
PHOTO COURTESY OF RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The permanent drop-off site for prescription meds is at the police department, while there is also a portable box available upon request.

MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

KIDS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Why not learn a new sport and join Pascack Valley High School girls' volleyball coach Andrew Lewis for an eight-week volleyball clinic. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, from April 5–May 31 at Roberge Gym. Kids in grades 3-5 will be at 6-7 p.m. and grades 6-8 from 7-8 p.m. Classes are open to non-residents. The fee is \$80 for the eight-week session, which will be collected on the first day of class either cash or check made payable to the Township of River Vale. A minimum of 10 students is needed to hold the class. Please visit www.rivervalenj.org and log onto Community Pass and select your preferred class by April 1.



KIDS SPRING TENNIS CLINIC

If your child is interested in learning how to play tennis or improve their skills, sign up for the eight-week Spring Kids Tennis Clinic. We are offering eight consecutive Tuesdays, eight consecutive Thursdays or twice a week lessons starting April 12 and running through June 9 (no classes the week of April 25). Lessons will be held at the River Vale Tennis Courts located at 406 Rivervale Road, from: 3:30-4:30 p.m. for 5-8 year olds; 4:30-5:30 p.m. for 9 and up. All lessons will be instructed by the PVHS tennis team with a four child minimum and maximum of 12 per class. The cost for the eight-week session is \$85 for once a week or \$170 for twice a week. Payment can be made online through Community Pass or dropped off at Town Hall, cash or check payable to Township of River Vale by April 4. Classes are open to non-residents. Register online at rivervalenj.org and log onto Community Pass and select your preferred class by April 4.



ADULT TENNIS CLINIC

An Adult eight-week tennis clinic will take place on Thursdays from May 5 through June 23 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 10 per class. The cost for the eight-week session is \$85. Payment can be made online, dropped off or mailed to the Township of River Vale, 406 River Vale Road, River Vale N.J., 07675 by April 28, cash or check payable to Township of River Vale. Classes are open to non-residents. Register by visiting rivervalenj.org and log onto Community Pass and select your preferred class by April 20.

KIDS COOKING CLASS

If your child loves to cook, why not join the four-week kids "Battle of the Week" cooking class directed by Nina Reams from Chef It Up To Go. The four-week class runs on Fridays from May 6–May 27 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. or 4:45-5:45 p.m. for ages 5-13. Classes are held at the River Vale Community Center located at 628 Rivervale Road (behind the North Firehouse). Payment will be collected on the first day of class: \$55 cash or check made payable to Township of River Vale. A minimum of 12 children are required for each class. Register by visiting rivervalenj.org, selecting the appropriate event and log on to Community Pass. Class is open to non-residents.

SENIOR FITNESS

Low impact balance & strength training classes are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1 p.m. Prepay \$20 for four classes, which will be collected on the first day of the class, either cash or check made payable to Township of River Vale. 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 emailing wellness@rivervalenj.org or call Anne at 201-913-9514. Class is open to non-residents.

For questions on any of the classes listed, contact Anne Catalano at wellness@rivervalenj.org or call 201-913-9514.

Save the Dates

CALLING ALL MINI SLUGGERS TO THE PLATE

River Vale children who are entering Kindergarten in September will be eligible to take part in T-Ball in Spring, 2016.

Want to enrich your child's experience? Become a coach. No baseball/softball experience is necessary. Check the website for coaching requirements. Please contact Richard O'Donnell at athletics@rivervalenj.org with any questions.

There will be six sessions in 2016. They will take place Saturday afternoons from 4-5 p.m. on Roberge Field on May 7, 14, 21, June 4, 11, 18 (no sessions Memorial day weekend). The cost is \$35 per child and registration is via Community Pass at www.rivervale.org.

The goal of this program is to teach basic fundamentals of baseball and softball. Each session will have a maximum of 50 children. If more than 50 children sign up, a second session will be added. There are 5 stations per field. Children are in groups of 10 and rotated to each station with a minimum of two coaches per station.

1. Throwing - teaching children how to throw the ball properly.
2. Fielding ground balls - Using tennis balls, teach proper techniques for fielding ground balls.
3. Catching - Using tennis balls, teach how to catch a ball, without a glove (2 hands).

4. Hitting - Using the T, teach how to hold a bat, batting stance. Hit balls off the T.

5. Running - Teach how to run the bases.

The children will spend 10 minutes at each station, plus two water breaks. The first five sessions will consist of drills. The final session will be run in a game-like format. Children will need sneakers, but do not need cleats, bat or a baseball glove to participate.

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1 FOR SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Have Some Fun starts Monday June 27 and runs until Friday July 29 (no session on July 4). The camp is open to incoming first through seventh graders from River Vale and Hillsdale. Sessions are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Camp meets at Stonybrook Swim Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fun trips include movies, bowling, magic shows, etc.

Kindergarten Camp starts Monday June 27 and runs until Friday July 15 (no session July 4). The camp is open to children entering kindergarten in September 2016. Sessions are Monday through Friday from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Registration for both camps opens up on April 1. Visit rivervalenj.com and log onto Community Pass to register for the appropriate camp.

RIVER VALE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

412 Rivervale Road • 201-391-2323 • rivervalelibrary.org

Welcome to River Vale's digital library.

• **Hoopla** is a digital collection of streaming and downloadable movies, TV shows, music, and audio books that you can access on your computer or download to a portable device. You can borrow up to eight titles per month. All titles are always available. (See the BCCLS Catalog.)

• **Zinio** is a digital newsstand. You can borrow over 250 magazines and read them on your computer or download them to portable devices. All titles are always available. (See the BCCLS Catalog.)

• **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.

REGULAR ADULT PROGRAMS

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.

Join the **Friends on the first Friday** on the first Friday of the month for entertaining and educational programming. Consult our website for upcoming programs.

The **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.

The library offers **English as a Second Language (ESL)** tutoring. Volunteer to assist members of your local community improve their English and learn about American culture. No experience is neces-

sary 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.

Winter Story Time registration begins early January. Consult the library's website for the full schedule as well as winter programming for preschool, elementary and middle school students.

All of the library's programming is supported by the **Friends of the Library**, which meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. 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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Check the library's website at rivervalelibrary.org for regularly scheduled afterschool programs for children and middle school students. Regularly scheduled programs include crafts, Wii competitions, movies and more.

Meet our new Youth Services Librarian Karen Pankovcin. Karen has instituted some fun and educational techniques in our Story Times for pre-school children.

The spring Story Time schedule is as follows:

- **Rhyme Time** – one-year-olds with parent/caregiver. Traditional nursery rhymes, songs, and stories with active parent participation. Tuesdays, April 12 – May 24.
- **Toddler Time & Craft** – two-year-olds with parent/caregiver. Stories, songs, play and a theme-based craft with active parent participation. Wednesdays, April 13 – May 25.
- **Story Time & Craft** – Three- and four-year-olds. Stories, songs and a theme-based craft. Mondays, April 11 – May 23.



MAKING THE MOST OF WINTER STORM JONAS



PHOTO BY KEVIN WEXLER/NJMG

The Buzzelli family of River Vale created this snow Snoopy on Rivervale Road Sunday, January 24. The day before, the tri-state was walloped with Winter Storm Jonas, effectively ending a near snowless winter. The blizzard dumped over 20 inches on the ground, leaving a winter wonderland for kids who went sledding and has snowball fights. It created a headache for anyone with a shovel in hand.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WEBMASTER

Sign up for email blasts through our new website.

We encourage our residents to sign up for River Vale’s email blasts to stay informed on upcoming events, news, programs and the River Vale Farmers’ Market. While the River Vale email blast system is primarily used for non-emergency issues, there are also emergency notification services available from the River Vale Police Department. Please click on “Notify Me” on the home page of www.rivervalenj.org for details on the notification and social media services available and how to register.

The Township Of River Vale is also pleased to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website at www.rivervalenj.org. Visit today to experience interactive new features including an event and meeting calendar, online facilities reservations, a citizen request tracker function, an expanded business directory and much more.

By clicking “Sign In” on the MyDashboard bar at the top of the screen, users may create a login for the site or use their Facebook profile to access MyDashboard. Once logged in, visitors can choose the modules, features and keywords that they’d like to see most often, including calendars, news items and emergency alerts.

Site users can also save favorite pages within MyDashboard, mak-

ing important information even easier to find, Check out MyDashboard and customize your own page at <http://www.rivervalenj.org/MyDashboard>.

THE RIVER VALE FOOD PANTRY

The River Vale Food Pantry needs your help and is seeking donations. All food is acceptable – nonperishable items can be left in the bin outside the Food Pantry door and perishable items can be given to Stephanie Muska. We accept homemade dinners or desserts. Toiletries are also accepted – personal products, toilet paper or consider donating cleaning products and paper towels.

Food Pantry Director Stephanie Muska can be contacted at 201-280-0721.

All donations are extremely appreciated. The Pantry is located at 334 Rivervale Road, behind the police department.

RIVER VALE COUNTRY CLUB

COURSE RENOVATIONS TAKE SHAPE

After recommendations from the USGA, National Golf Foundation and Rutgers and under the guidance of Golf Course Architect Robert McNeil, the River Vale Country Club began our ambitious planned golf course renovations and the progress has been astounding. During the spring of the 2015 season, we completed the renovations to the bunkers and drainage on Holes 4, 5 and 6. In the latter part of the season we were able to complete the greenside bunker on hole 2, and the bunkers on holes 3, 7 and 9.

New tee boxes were installed on the blue and white tees for Hole 11 and on the forward tee for holes number 5 and 8. The renovated tee boxes were stripped, leveled and re-sodded.



Phase 3 of the golf cart repaving project was also finalized this fall. All of the cart paths have now been repaved.

We also continued to remove the dead and diseased trees along with the stumps to enhance play and air circulation on the golf course.

SPRING CLINICS AND SUMMER CAMPS

River Vale Country Club will once again have Spring Ladies and Juniors Clinics as well as our popular Junior Summer Camps. The clinics and camps are taught by our Head PGA Professional Matt Dunn and his staff. The clinics and camps will cover all phases of the game. All abilities are welcome. Clubs are available for use if you do

not own your own. The clinics are limited in size and registration is taken on a first come first served basis. Registration forms and detailed information as to dates, times and cost are available on our website at www.rivervalecc.com.



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ALL NEW FOR THE 2016 SEASON - MEN'S AND LADIES LEAGUES AT RVCC

River Vale Country Club will be hosting a Ladies League on Tuesday evening and a Men's League on Thursday evening. The leagues will be 9-hole play and will begin in May. Please visit our website for registration and detailed information.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH CLUB HAPPENINGS

Stay up to date with all of the happenings at River Vale Country Club. Join our email database where you will be kept in the loop on our Clinics, Camps, Tee Time Specials, up to date course information and much more. To join, visit our website at rivervalecc.com and click on the link in the upper left hand corner "Join e-club". You can also like River Vale Country Club on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @RiverValeCC or on Instagram at River Vale Country Club.



RIVER VALE GIRL SCOUTS

With over 300 girls from kindergarten through high school, River Vale Girl Scouts is going strong.

River Vale Girl Scouts is very active in our community and completes several service projects each year.

- This past October, RVGS held our 30th annual town wide Halloween event. This year it was a trunk or treat. Games, prizes and treats were available for every age.

- During the town's annual Fall Festival, we held a coat and blanket drive. This past year we were able to donate hundreds of coats to local shelters.

- In November the Girl Scouts provided over 20 Thanksgiving meals to River Vale families in need.

If you would like more information on joining River Vale Girl Scouts, please contact us at rvnjgirlscouts@gmail.com.

RIVER VALE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

The River Vale Volunteer Ambulance Corps is looking for a few good men...and women.

The Corps is particularly anxious to sign up people who can give time every week to serve our community. In return, you'll receive important, potentially life-saving training and the tremendous sense of satisfaction that comes with being a first responder.

All training, uniforms, camaraderie and positive vibes are provided by the Corps. Call 201-664-1289 or email rvvac@yahoo.com if you're interested. Members are at the building on our Business Meeting and Drill nights, the first and third Thursday of every month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and will be happy to speak with you. Call and inquire.

RECYCLING CALENDAR 2016

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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



Mayor
Glen Jasonowski

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 Control	201-843-4768
Building Department	201-664-2346 ext. 1000
Department of Public Works	201-664-2346 ext. 1400
Health Department	201-664-2346 ext. 1409
Library	201-391-2323
Social & Cultural Affairs	201-664-2346 ext. 1011
Township Clerk	201-664-2346 ext. 1005
Mayor/Township Administrator	201-664-2346 ext. 1006

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