

# MyRiver Vale

THE NEWSLETTER EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE

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## RIVER VALE AMBULANCE CORPS

There's an illustration making the rounds of social networks, of the caduceus and EMS blue cross accompanied by a pithy Q&A: "Some people spend their whole life wondering, 'Did I make a difference?'" Some people don't need to wonder."

The members of the River Vale Volunteer Ambulance Corps don't wonder. We know we make a difference and we'd like you to, as well. The Corps needs members, both day and night.

We will provide training, uniforms and camaraderie. But most important, we offer an opportunity for you to make a difference, to assist your neighbors in time of need and, though it sounds corny, make the world just a little bit better.

For info, call the Corps at 201-664-7065. You will be glad you did.

## SAVE THE DATE

### River Vale Fire Prevention

The date for the annual open house has been changed to Thursday October 13 from 5-8 p.m. at the South Fire House.

## THANK YOU RIVER VALE WATERSHED CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS



PHOTO/TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE

On April 23 the Township of River Vale participated in the 4th Annual Bi-State Cleanup of the Hackensack River Watershed. Coordinated by the River Vale Green Team and the Pascack Valley DPW, the four-hour event included groups of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, local elementary, PV and NVOT students, families and individuals who removed over 1,800 pounds of trash from the watershed areas of Ranges Field, the River Vale Community Center property at 628 Rivervale Road, along the edge of Lake Tappan on Handweg Drive and Stanley Place. Thanks again to all who help protect our watershed.

## RIVER VALE GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey (GSNNJ) recently held their Annual Meeting & Adult Recognition Event.

Several members of River Vale Girl Scouts were recognized for their contributions to GSN-NJ. Tina Leppert who dedicated her time and expertise as treasurer for River Vale Girl Scouts was recognized as an outstanding service team member. Renee Berlamino, a 13-year troop leader, was recognized as a volunteer of excellence. Renee has led many Girl Scout events, including our Halloween carnival for many years and most recently our mother/daughter event, and is always available to help new leaders.

Joanna Athanas and Maria Arias were also recognized at Volunteers of Excellence. They have managed our wonderful Father/Daughter event for the last four years. Julie White, a leader of two Girl Scout troops and organizer of the 2015 Trunk or Treat was recognized as Rookie of the Year. In addition 23 of our town leaders were also recognized for their years of service to Girl Scouts. Thank you leaders and volunteers. Without your assistance, River Vale Girl Scouts would not be as wonderful. If you are interested in being a part of River Vale Girl Scouts, please contact us at [rvnjgirlscouts@gmail.com](mailto:rvnjgirlscouts@gmail.com).



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New Emergency Department, Fall 2016



# RIVER VALE SUMMER MARKET

TOWN HALL PARKING LOT  
406 RIVERVALE RD  
VISIT: [WWW.RIVERVALENJ.ORG](http://WWW.RIVERVALENJ.ORG)



**Thursdays 12-6PM**

**June 2 - October 27**

For more info or directions call 201-664-2346 x1006

Visit: [www.rivervalenj.org](http://www.rivervalenj.org)

for a list of our vendors and to sign up for our eblast

RIVER VALE  
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## River Vale Country Club



### WEEKLY GOLF CAMPS

River Vale Country Club weekly summer golf camps run from Monday, June 20 through the week of August 8. The camps are open to children of all abilities from the age of 7-15. All phases of the game are covered. More camp information and registration forms can be found on our website at [rivervalecc.com](http://rivervalecc.com).

### AL FRESCO DINING

Come enjoy some wonderful al fresco dining on our beautiful patio surrounding the clubhouse with the best views. The patio is a great place to grab a bite to eat while looking out over the golf course.

### MEN'S, LADIES AND JUNIOR LEAGUES

Our Tuesday night ladies 9 hole leagues and Thursday night men's 9 hole leagues are underway. The leagues are new this season and have received a nice response. For those of you that missed the registration, please call the pro shop for more information about being added to our sub list. River Vale Country Club has entered a team into the PGA Junior Golf League. The team will travel to various courses and compete in scramble format matches under the guidance of coach Matt Dunn, PGA.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DPW ON GARDEN DEBRIS

Garden debris collection takes place on Tuesdays from March 29-October 18, weather permitting.

Please place garden debris by the curb on Monday evening. Do not place garden debris in the roadway or blocking fire hydrants. Do not mix dirt, rocks, stones, asphalt or similar material with garden debris. All containers shall be removed by 8 p.m. on the collection day.

Garden debris branches must be less than two inches in diameter in approved containers. Brush and bushes should be cut to four feet in length and tied in bundles that are less than 50 pounds. Grass needs to be placed in approved containers.

Approved containers consist of trash cans, which are 32 gallons or less, not to exceed 75 pounds in weight, with handles and drain holes or cover(s). Also biodegradable paper bag(s) are not to exceed 50 pounds in weight, with the word "Bio-Degradable" printed on side. Plastic bags are not approved containers.

# RIVER VALE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Things heat up when it's summertime at the River Vale Public Library. Take our digital library with you on vacation.

- **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. All titles are always available.

- **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.

- **eBooks & eAudio Books** – An expanding collection of books for adults, young adults and children. Some reservations are required for popular new books.

- **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 through our library's website.

- **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 through our library's website.

Need help setting up your digital library? Contact our Tech Librarian, Diane, and arrange for an individual, 30-minute instructional session tailored to your needs. Diane will assist you in setting up your accounts to access our digital collections and help with any and all of your basic technology questions. Call the library to schedule your appointment.

## 2016 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Encourage the reading habit with a structured program featuring prizes, crafts and special events. The theme for 2016 is "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!" Ongoing, in-person registration begins Monday, June 20.

**Pre-readers** (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** (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.

**Young Adult Reading Club** (5th grade and up): Read books, earn prizes, and enjoy programs with your friends.

## 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.

**The River Vale Backyard Garden Club** meets Tuesday, June 21 at 7 p.m. Recycling and backyard composting will be presented by Angela Bonarno-Lynch, solid waste technical advisor of the Bergen County Utilities Authority.

**Movies – Movies – Movies.** Check our online calendar for upcoming showings for adults and children.

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 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**. Please give generously to the Friends during their 2016 Annual Fund Drive. 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. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

## DIFFICULTY READING?

Do you know someone who has difficulty reading because of a temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation?

- Visual handicaps including Macular Degeneration, Cataracts, Diabetic Retinopathy.
- Severe auditory impairments in combination with legal blindness.
- Physical handicaps which result in an inability to hold a book or turn pages.
- Children or teens that have difficulty reading standard print because of a physical impairment, a reading disability or vision impairment.

# RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESIDENTS NEED TO MIND THEIR OLD, EXPIRED MEDS



PHOTO COURTESY OF RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The drop box at police headquarters is one way to dispose of unwanted or unused medications. There is also a box that can be requested for special events and group meetings.

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 medication. 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 event or group meetings. Anyone seeking more information can contact the River Vale Police Department at 201-664-1111, ext. 1140.

Contact the library to learn more about a free service available through the NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center. The Center provides personal assistance to access a vast collection of more than 60,000 books and 42 periodicals available in Braille, cassette and digital formats. The library has "talking book machines" that you can try out in the library setting to see if they are appropriate for your special needs.



# 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**

## **June 26 Family Concert 4-5pm**

Jason Didner + the Jungle Gym Jam

## **July 26**

The Rat Pack Flashback featuring Dave DeLuca

## **August 25**

The BUZZ

# RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## RVPD DEBUTS NEW ADDITION TO ITS FLEET



PHOTO/RIVER VALE PD

On May 28, the River Vale Police Department (RVPD) debuted "RVPD H1" – a 2004 Humvee (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) – at the Township's annual Memorial Day parade. Invited along for the inaugural ride were members of the River Vale Junior Police Academy, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts.

RVPD acquired the vehicle at no cost to the Township through the LESO (Law Enforcement Support Office) 1033 Program. This initiative allows previously used military equipment to be repurposed for law enforcement use by police agencies. The Humvee was stripped and painted at a generously discounted price by Rich's Automotive of Emerson.

RVPD H1 will be used for emergencies, including transportation of equipment and high water rescue, as well as community policing initiatives. Several times in the recent past, River Vale has experienced significant flooding in different parts of the Township that required the evacuation of residents. During those times, RVPD was limited in its availability to respond to flood prone areas in order to assist residents. With the addition of H1 to the fleet, River Vale Police will be better able to respond during these and other extreme weather events in order to render aid to those in need.

## MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

### KIDS SUMMER TENNIS CLINIC

If your child is interested in learning how to play tennis or improve their skills, sign up for the 8-week Summer Kids Tennis Clinic. We are offering 8 consecutive Tuesdays, 8 consecutive Thursdays or twice a week lessons starting June 21 through August 11. Lessons will be held at the River Vale Tennis Courts, 406 Rivervale Road, from: 1-2 p.m. for 5-8 year olds; 2-3 p.m. for 9-up. All lessons will be instructed by the PVHS Tennis Team with a 4-child minimum and maximum of 12 per class. The cost for the 8-week session is \$85 for once a week or \$170 for twice a week. Payment can mailed or dropped off at Town Hall, cash or check payable to Township of River Vale by June 18. Classes are open to non-residents. Register by visiting [rivervalenj.org](http://rivervalenj.org) and log onto Community Pass, browse activities, select Mayors Wellness, verify all information and select the class for which you would like to register for by June 18. For any questions contact Anne Catalano at [wellness@rivervalenj.org](mailto:wellness@rivervalenj.org) or call 201-913-9514.

### TEEN TENNIS CLINIC

A Teen 8-Week Tennis Clinic will start on Tuesdays, June 2 –August 9, from 7-8 p.m. at the River Vale Tennis Courts, 406 Rivervale Rd. There is a 4-person minimum and maximum of 12 per class. The cost for the 8-week session is \$85. Payment can be made online through Community Pass. Classes are open to non-residents. Register by visiting [www.rivervalenj.com](http://www.rivervalenj.com), log onto Community Pass, browse activities, select Mayors Wellness, verify all information and select the class for which you would like to register by June 18. For any questions contact Anne Catalano at [wellness@rivervalenj.org](mailto:wellness@rivervalenj.org) or call 201-913-9514.

### ADULT TENNIS CLINIC

An Adult 8-Week Tennis Clinic will start on Wednesdays, June 22–August 10, from 7-8 p.m. at the River Vale Tennis Courts, 406 Rivervale Rd. There is a 4-adult minimum and maximum of 12 per class. The cost for the 8-week session is \$85. Payment can be made online through Community Pass. Classes are open to non-residents. Register by visiting [www.rivervalenj.org](http://www.rivervalenj.org), log onto Community Pass, browse activities, select Mayors Wellness, verify all information and select the class for which you would like to register by June 18. For any questions contact Anne Catalano at [wellness@rivervalenj.org](mailto:wellness@rivervalenj.org) or call 201-913-9514.

### KIDS SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

Join our one week Tennis Camp at the River Vale Tennis Courts at 406 Rivervale Rd., from 9am-12pm on August 8th - August 12th, for ages 6-13. Your child will be introduced to basic tennis skills which they will then implement during match play. Camp will be adapted for beginners and advanced players. All sessions will be instructed by Joshua Kasper with a 4 child minimum and maximum of 12. In case of rain, sessions will be made-up on the following week. The cost for the one week camp is \$175. Classes are open to non-residents. Visit [www.rivervalenj.org](http://www.rivervalenj.org) and log onto Community Pass to register and make payment online by July 31st.

### SAFETY TOWN SUMMER CAMP

"SAFETY TOWN" is an early childhood education program designed to introduce children to all types of safety behavior through their own involvement. They do this by role-playing in simulated and actual life situations under the guidance of teachers, a police officer and student volunteers. Safety songs, poems, art projects, stories, movies and visits with Police and Fire Departments and First Aid Squads make this program a fun learning experience that children eagerly look forward to attending. This camp is open to River Vale students entering Kindergarten in September of 2016. The camp starts Monday August 1-Thursday August 11: Group 1 will meet from 9-10:30 a.m. and Group 2 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the River Vale Community Center, 628 Rivervale Rd. The fee for the camp is \$65 via credit card through Community Pass or by check made payable to the Township of River Vale. Register by visiting [www.rivervalenj.org](http://www.rivervalenj.org) and log onto Community Pass, browse activities, select Summer Camps, verify all information and select the camp which you would like to register for. Volunteer opportunities are also available, please contact camp director Tina Leppert at 201 370 2737 to apply.

### SENIOR FITNESS

Low impact balance and strength training classes are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-1 p.m. Prepay \$20 for 4 classes which will be collected on the first day of the class, cash or check made payable to Township of River Vale. All classes will be held at the River Vale Community Center, 628 Rivervale Rd. Classes are also open to non-residents. Pre-register for this class by emailing [wellness@rivervalenj.org](mailto:wellness@rivervalenj.org) or call Anne 201-913-9514.



**We Make Teams Happen!**

## SPORTS & TEAM SUMMER CAMP

Each day, the children play a mix of interesting sports challenges, standard sports games and team activities using our many games and challenges. Activities and instruction will include:

- Soccer**
- Basketball**
- Mini Golf**
- Baseball/Softball**
- Kickball**
- Football**
- Hockey**
- Frisbee games**

Additionally, the children will participate in a series of team building and leadership games that will increase their problem-solving and critical thinking

**The last day will include a Carnival where all the children will go home with prizes.**

- DATE:** August 22-26  
**TIME:** 9am-1pm  
**AGES:** 4-11  
**LOCATION:** River Vale Community Center  
628 Rivervale Rd  
(behind the North Firehouse)  
**COST:** \$195 open to non-residents  
**Registration begins April 1st**

Online registration through [www.rivervalenj.org](http://www.rivervalenj.org)

Click on the program registration link which will bring you to Community Pass, login, select browse activities, select Mayors Wellness, verify all the information, then select the appropriate class & checkout

Payment will be collected on the first day of class with either cash or check payable to:

**Township of River Vale**

Anne Catalano at [wellness@rivervalenj.org](mailto:wellness@rivervalenj.org)



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# 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@rivervaleni.org](mailto:dpw@rivervaleni.org)  
 Terri Buono, Administrative Assistant  
 201.664.2346 ext. 1400  
[dpwasst@rivervaleni.org](mailto:dpwasst@rivervaleni.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 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 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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