

MyRiver Vale

THE NEWSLETTER EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE

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NEWS TO KNOW

TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE

Dog and cat license renewals

The Township Clerk would like to remind residents that dog and cat licenses should be applied for or renewed each year in January. Once issued, they are valid until Dec. 31 of that year. Please contact the clerk for additional information at 201-664-2346, ext. 1005 or clerk@rivervalenj.org.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

The Township's free senior citizen transportation is available every Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. for seniors needing a ride locally to a doctor or for weekly shopping or social events. Call 201-664-2346, ext. 1006 for more information.

RIVER VALE FOOD PANTRY

Donations - All food is

acceptable and all nonperishable items can be left in the bin outside the pantry door. All perishable items can be dropped during pantry hours. You can even drop off homemade pies and desserts. Toiletries are appreciated and unused coupons can also be donated. The Food Pantry also accepts gift cards to area food stores which will help us purchase our most needed items. Look for the Food Pantry Holiday Giving Trees at various locations, an easy way to help someone in need this holiday season. The Food Pantry is located behind the River Vale Police Department at 334 Rivervale Road and our hours of operation are Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon. Visit www.rivervalenj.org for more information.

RIVER VALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEETING THE NEEDS OF TODAY'S LIBRARY PATRONS

The Board of Trustees of the River Vale Public Library now has a Master Plan to meet the needs of the River Vale community.

Our evolving River Vale Public Library is and will remain, with enhancement and expansion:

- A place to experience the world of information through library collections, technology and programming.
- A center for early childhood development and after-school student study and project collaboration.
- A location where the local community can congregate and interact in a multifunctional space.

Our library is a popular destination for the local community. In addition to regularly scheduled programming the library regularly hosts over 60 middle-school students at the end of every school day. This creates overcrowding in the building and presents a challenge to other patrons who wish to use the library.

The public's increased use of the library has made it clear that we must continue our evolution, as many public libraries have done, by providing a more flexible setting that allows the concurrent use of the building by multiple user groups. The Board of Trustees has created a Master Plan that offers a redesign of the current footprint of the Community Room to coordinate with a modest 744-square-foot addition.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

- Increased seating and concurrent use - A moveable wall divider allows the new space to function as one large or two smaller rooms, creating increased seating capacity and public



use of the building.

- Technology for library and community use - The new space will include audio visual equipment for library and community sponsored educational and entertainment programming.
- The Library Café - a place to get together. The new design features vending machines so the public can enjoy food and beverages when visiting the library. This feature will be especially attractive to middle school students who frequent the building after school as well as those wishing to socialize while in the building.
- Exhibition space - The area adjacent to the Café includes space for school and local art exhibitions.

IMMEDIATE PLANNING GOALS

- Provide continual communication to township officials and seek their input and financial support.
- Increase public awareness and support for the Master Plan and provide timely information on our progress to the local community.
- Investigate funding sources to supplement the library's established capital fund for the project.



BIGGER, FASTER, BETTER+

NOW OPEN

New Emergency Department
250 Old Hook Road Westwood, NJ 07675

River Vale

Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa

Friday, December 2, 2016

The Christmas Tree lighting will take place in front of Town Hall at 6:30pm.

A party will follow at

Holdrum School Old Gym.

All are invited to enjoy the lighting of the tree, holiday music, hot chocolate and treats.

Take pictures with Santa (bring your cameras)



ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ON WINTER OPERATIONS

Our mission is to keep streets passable and reasonably safe during a snow storm and to clear the streets, curb to curb, within 8 hours after the storm has ended.

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO PLOW CURB TO CURB? 1.) To make sure the catch basins throughout town are clear to accept water, 2.) To maintain the travel width of the street. In a normal winter, the snow berms at the side of the street can gradually reduce the travel width of the street, and 3.) Access for emergency vehicles.

THE CATCH BASIN ON MY STREET IS COVERED WITH SNOW. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE TO CLEAR IT? The DPW, but any assistance by abutting property owners would help and be appreciated.

I LIVE ON A CUL-DE-SAC AND I GET MORE SNOW IN MY DRIVEWAY AND ON MY PROPERTY THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN TOWN. WHY? Plowing cul-de-sacs is one of the most challenging operations during a snow storm. Most properties on cul-de-sacs have frontages which are narrower than lots on a straight street. Therefore, snow must be pushed into a smaller space. Cul-de-sacs without islands contain even more area which needs to be plowed and, as a result, even more snow has to be moved to the side.

WHY DO THE PLOW TRUCKS HAVE TO DRIVE SO FAST? The goal is to get the snow off the street. The speed of the truck is directly related to any combinations of the following factors: 1) The volume of snow on the street, 2) The consistency of the snow, and 3) The height of the berms on the side of the street. The plow truck must travel faster to throw heavier and/or deeper snow over higher berms.

WHEN WILL MY STREET BE PLOWED? Main streets and areas around schools (when they are in session) are plowed first and then residential streets. The reason are: 1.) The main streets carry the most traffic volume, and 2.) We want the ingress to and egress from the schools to be as safe as possible. It takes us up to 8 hours to completely clear a snow plow route. Unfortunately, someone on that route will be first and someone will be last.

WHY DO YOU PUT SNOW ON MY SIDEWALK AND IN MY DRIVEWAY? This is not done intentionally. Snow cast onto sidewalks and into driveways is an unfortunate byproduct of a very necessary service we provide. When we plow a street we are simply moving the snow that is in the street off to the side of the street. The greater the amount of snow, the more snow that is deposited on the side. A normal cast from the plow is up to 8 feet. Sidewalks and driveways are necessarily located in that cast zone.

IS IT ILLEGAL TO PLACE SNOW IN THE STREET? Yes. Property owners or their landscapers are required to place the snow from their sidewalks and driveway onto their property.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING THE HANDICAPPED SIDEWALK RAMP AT THE CORNER OF MY PROPERTY? Handicapped ramps are considered part of the sidewalk system and therefore, it is the responsibility of the abutting property owner to keep them clear.



DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN

On Westwood Avenue, snow is cleared from the sidewalk after a major winter storm. Property owners or their landscapers are required to place the snow from their sidewalks and driveway onto their property, not onto the public roadways.

WHO DETERMINES THE NEED TO PREPARE THE ROADS FOR A SNOW STORM?

DPW monitors the weather to determine the application brine system. The River Vale Police Department alerts the DPW of road conditions for salting and the Superintendent directs the plowing event.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO CLEAR MY SIDEWALK? 12 hours from the time the storm ends.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING THE FIRE HYDRANTS?

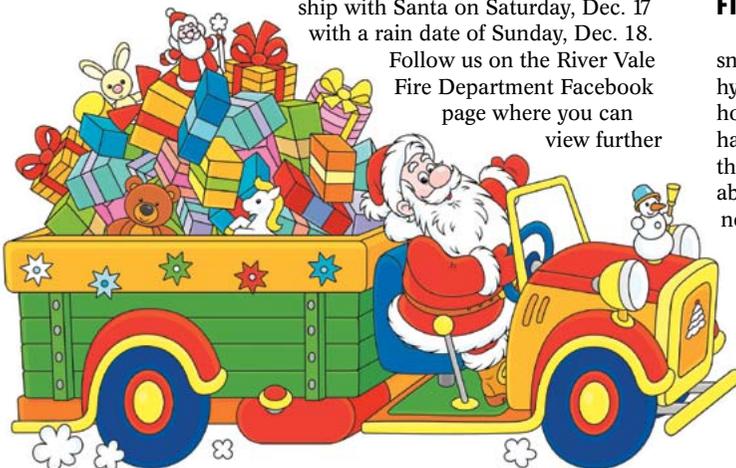
The Fire Department is responsible for fire hydrants except those which are part of private fire suppression systems, but any assistance by abutting property owners would help and be appreciated.

RIVER VALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

SANTA VISIT

The River Vale Volunteer Fire Department will be visiting the Township with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 17 with a rain date of Sunday, Dec. 18.

Follow us on the River Vale Fire Department Facebook page where you can view further



information and updates as well as the Santa Tracker for your area.

FIRE HYDRANTS

During this upcoming winter and in the event of snow, the RVFD asks for your help making the fire hydrant in front of your house or in your neighborhood as accessible as possible. Hydrants should have an open space of at least 24 inches around the entire hydrant. It is also important to clear above it so that a person can stand straight up next to the hydrant. A lack of clearance around the hydrant only hampers our ability to access the water. Water is a priority asset to the fire department in our effort to extinguish a fire. The faster we locate and connect our Engine to the hydrant the sooner we can put water on the fire.





RIVER VALE MENORAH LIGHTING

Thursday, December 29th at 6:30pm

The Township and Valley Chabad will host a

Chanukah Menorah Lighting

in front of the Community Center located at

628 Rivervale Road.

Reception to follow inside the Community Center.

All are invited to enjoy

hot latkes, doughnuts,

chocolate Chanukah gelt and dreidels.



RIVER VALE DAY 2016 A HUGE SUCCESS



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE

The Township of River Vale recently hosted River Vale Day and it was a huge success. We would like to thank local vendors, dance/cheer teams, various school groups, the Boy and Girl Scouts and the many other groups for participating and making the day so enjoyable. Pictured: the Pioneers Robotics Team shows off some metal.

MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

KIDS INDOOR SOCCER CLASSES

The River Vale Mayors Wellness Campaign is sponsoring 6-week indoor soccer classes (no class on Feb. 20) instructed by US Sports Institute coaches. All classes will be held at the River Vale Community Center, located at 628 Rivervale Road. In case of snow or cancellation, you will be notified via email by US Sports Institute. All classes are \$125 with a late fee of \$150 after Jan. 7. To register, please visit rivervalenj.org or USsportsInstitute.com. Classes are open to non-residents.

- Soccer Squirts for ages 3-4 on Mondays, January 16-February 27 from 4-5 p.m.
- Soccer Squirts for ages 4-5 on Mondays, January 16-February 27 from 5-6 p.m.
- Soccer Senior Squirts class for ages 5-6 on Mondays, January 16-February 27 from 6-7 p.m.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WEBMASTER

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL BLASTS THROUGH WWW.RIVERVALENJ.ORG

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.

Visit our state-of-the-art website 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, making important information even easier to find. Check out MyDashboard and customize your own page at <http://www.rivervalenj.org/MyDashboard>.

FOUR EARN BOY SCOUTS HIGHEST RANK



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 206

The Township of River Vale was honored to recognize four members of local Boy Scout Troop 206 and present them with Certificates of Achievement in recognition of their attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. From left to right: Stephen Schnugg accepting on behalf of his brother Joseph; Justin Jung; Jerry Madden, Scout Master Tom Madden and Council President Mark Bromberg. Not pictured but also recognized, Eagle Scout Collin Reilly.

RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT CHUCK THOSE UNWANTED AND EXPIRED MEDICATIONS

The River Vale Police Department in cooperation with New Jersey Consumer Affairs offers the Project Medicine Drop box (permanent and mobile) which is available to any individual wishing to dispose of expired or unwanted medications. The box is available 24/7 at the River Vale Police Department, located at 334 Rivervale Road.

Project Medicine Drop is an important component of the New Jersey Attorney General's effort to stop the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs, including highly addictive opiate painkillers.

Through this initiative, the State Division of Consumer Affairs installs secure "prescription drug drop boxes" at police departments, sheriff's offices, and State Police barracks across New Jersey, allowing citizens to safely dispose of their unused, excess or expired prescription medications.

Members of the public are invited to visit the Project Medicine Drop sites and drop off any unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked. Most Project Medicine Drop sites make this service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

By giving New Jerseyans a safe and secure method to dispose of unneeded medications, Project Medicine Drop helps prevent the abuse of these drugs. This initiative also protects New Jersey's environment by keeping these drugs out of landfills and out of the water supply. More information about Project Medicine Drop, including the full list of Project Medicine Drop locations, can be found at www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop.

TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE ANNOUNCES AN IMPORTANT CHANGE TO OUR CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

DUAL STREAM RECYCLING BEGINS JAN. 1ST 2017

Due to the significant cost of maintaining the current Single Stream recycling process, Dual Stream Recycling will begin January 1, 2017. The recycling market has drastically changed, forcing contracted haulers to pass the cost onto municipalities across the State of New Jersey. If maintained at the current process, Township expenses would increase by 206%.

The curbside collection of designated recyclables will take place according to the new schedule and rules below. Some benefits of Dual Stream Recycling include; lower levels of contaminants; higher quality and more valuable recovered material and lower cost to process the collected recyclables.



COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES ONLY

Commingled Recyclables includes glass, aluminum, plastic and tin only.
Paper and Cardboard include boxes, phone books, books, newspapers, magazines and junk mail only.

1st Wednesday of the Month - Commingled Recyclables only
 2nd Wednesday of the Month - Paper and Cardboard only
 3rd Wednesday of the Month - Commingled Recyclables only
 4th Wednesday of the Month - Paper and Cardboard only
 5th Wednesday of the Month - No Pickup

No plastic bags, foam, dirty cardboard or dirty containers are accepted.



PAPER AND CARDBOARD ONLY

White Goods/Metals are picked up on Thursdays by appointment only. Electronics must be dropped off at the DPW Recycling Center at 320 Rivervale Road. Recyclables may still be dropped off at the Recycling center. Please note the new hours of operation: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 2:30pm, and the center is closed weekends and holidays. Please contact the DPW at 201 664 2346 ext. 1400 with any questions.

River Vale Country Club



2016 CONTINUING BUNKER IMPROVEMENTS

River Vale Country Club began our bunker renovation project in the winter of 2015 to return the course to its original 1931 Orrin Smith design. Under the guidance of the USGA, National Golf Foundation, Rutgers and Golf Course Architect Robert McNeil, River Vale Country Club has completed the front nine holes. Depending on weather, we will begin the work on a few of the back nine holes of the course in the winter.

In addition to the bunker improvements, we have identified more trees that will need to be removed to enhance the overall playability of the golf course and help with air flow and course conditions. Tree removal has been an ongoing and important part of the course maintenance.

FAMILY FORWARD TEES INSTALLED

In an effort to bring our younger or newer players from the clinic to the course, we have installed our new family friendly green tees on the front 9 of the course. The PGA had introduced the Play it Forward tee program which has been successful in getting newer players on the shorter course and allowing them to succeed and enjoy their golf experience. Please call our Pro Shop at 201-391-2300 or visit our website at www.rivervalecc.com for more information.

SPRING CLINIC REGISTRATION

River Vale Country Club will once again have Spring Ladies and Juniors Clinics. The clinics will be taught by our Head PGA Professional Matt Dunn and his staff. The clinics 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 will be available in the late winter on our website at www.rivervalecc.com.

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 www.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.

END OF SEASON INFO

We will be closing the golf course and restaurant on Dec. 31, weather permitting. We will reopen on March 1, 2017 as long as the course is clear of snow. The restaurant will reopen on March 1. During January and February our business office will be open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Terri Buono, Administrative Assistant
 201.664.2346 ext. 1400
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)
John Donovan

Paul J. Criscuolo (Vice President)
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



Your New ER is

BIGGER, FASTER, BETTER⁺

- Easy-Access Entrance
- 22,240 sq. ft. of Renovated New Space
- 26 All-Private Exam Rooms
- Fast-Track Rooms for More Efficient Care
- Pediatric-Friendly Exam and Treatment Rooms
- State-of-the-Art Equipment and Technology
- Beautiful and Comfortable Healing Environment

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