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2008 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Our new Mayor and Council certainly had their hands full in 2008.

The year began with a couple of power outages over the entire town. Continued on with a building collapse on Reid Street. Next you may remember that in an attempt to look at each decision from all angles, and present all the facts, a very large, very verbal group showed up to a presentation for an alternative to our current sanitation arrangements.

A few ordinances were found to be missing in the codification process done by the prior administration and corrected.

New ordinances were placed on the books in an effort to preserve the quality of life in South River including Nuisance and Unfit Buildings.

Bond ordinances were approved some including:

- ◆ Acquisition of a new street sweeper, dump truck, sanitation truck, police security cameras, sewage grinder pumps, computer upgrades, a road assessment plan and a road milling & paving program
- ◆ Water tower inspections for both Appleby Avenue and Ivan Way, with repairs and improvements
- ◆ Acquisition, repairs and upgrades to Electric Utility: various breakers, switches, cables, substation equipment and a new bucket truck
- ◆ Repairs and upgrades to Water Utility: improvement to distribution system and replacement of electric panels

- ◆ Improvements to JFK Park: construction of handicapped accessible playground equipment, walkways and other improvements

Unpaid invoices were followed up and unbilled, uncollected money due the Borough were calculated and billed bringing in desperately needed revenue.

The foundation was laid with the 2008 budget so that this year will again have a more fiscally responsible budget and removing our dependency on one time revenue.

A more detailed listing of the year in review will be available online at:

[2008: The Year in Review](#)

A NOTE FROM THE 2008 CANDIDATES

First, John and I both wish to thank everyone for their support during the campaign. We'd also like to thank all those who offered support after the election. don't know which warmed my heart more.

Running with the presidential theme I thought I'd take a quote from Lincoln to best express our feelings after the election.

In 1858, the Illinois legislature elected Stephen A. Douglass Senator instead of Lincoln. A sym-

pathetic friend asked Lincoln how he felt. "Like a boy who stubbed his toe; I am to big to cry and too badly hurt to laugh."

Obviously, you can see now, that this was a minor set back for Mr. Lincoln. And so it will be for the South River Republican party. Sometimes you get rolled over by history. Sometimes that just makes you work harder for the things you want.

~ Suzanne and John

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THE INTERNET

- [Borough of South River](#) (SouthRiverNJ.org)
- [Fact Check.org](#) (factcheck.org)
- [Young Republicans National Federation](#) (yrnf.com)
- [National Republican Organization](#) (gop.org)
- [Republican Party of New Jersey](#) (njgop.org)
- [Middlesex County Republican Organization](#) (mcronj.com)

“THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE OF A COMMITTEE PERSON IS WORKING TO GET THEIR CANDIDATES ELECTED”

WHAT IS A COMMITTEE PERSON?

A Committee Person is an elected local representative of either the Republican or Democratic party. In New Jersey, by law, each district may have one male and one female Committee Person from each party.

In South River we have 14 polling districts with an average of 350 registered households in each district to be represented.

The role of a Committee Person is to represent the interests of the residents in his/her local district. Find out and report to the Republican

Committee as a whole, what issues are most important to the residents their district. They participate in the selection of the candidates to run for the Borough Council.

The most important role of a Committee Person is working to get their candidates elected. This can include distributing literature, speaking with neighbors, and helping to provide new neighbors with information.

We provide training and materials to help our Committee Persons help the party.

What are the requirements to

become a Republican Committee Person?

- ◆ You must be 18 years of age or older.
- ◆ You must be a declared member the Republican Party
- ◆ You must be registered to vote in your local election district.

Interested in learning more? Please contact an officer or better yet, come to the next General Meeting and find out what you can do to help.

INSIDE OUR WEBSITE

Some of you have already found your way to our new website. For those who haven't please go check it out. Here is a list of some of the things you'll find and can do there:

- ◆ Current calendar of events that you can print or add your group's event
- ◆ Information on your elected officials locally all the way up to nationally
- ◆ Copies of newspaper articles pertaining to South River's government
- ◆ Information about local candidates for each election year
- ◆ Links to helpful websites

- ◆ Voter information including printable PDF files for Registration, Absentee Ballot Requests and Party Declaration
- ◆ Information and contact forms for volunteering within the SRGOP
- ◆ Coming Soon - Online payment for events and donations
- ◆ Coming Soon - Message Board system for discussion of issues and events
- ◆ Coming Soon - Young Republican section. If you're a registered Republican between the ages of 18 and 40 please sign up to be a part of this vital group

- ◆ Coming Soon - As a part of the fundraising effort, we'll be making available the option to purchase a "SouthRiverGOP.org" email address.

Some features, such as the message board, will require that you register and logon.

This isn't so we can track what your doing or sell your email to marketing groups. This is to ensure that we keep these sections free of spammers and those interested in disrupting the valuable resource we are creating.

We want to make the website a safe place to discuss issues and share ideas.



South River GOP Website

2009 FIRST ANNUAL RED AND WHITE BALL

We've decided to do things a bit differently this year and we're very excited!

The dinner dance is being held at the wonderful Portuguese Fisherman Restaurant in South River. The evening will begin with a cold buffet reception including soft drinks, wine, sangria and assorted beers. Following will be a hot soup served to the tables as a special guest or two say a few words. Our hot buffet to follow combines the best of meats, fish and Portuguese cuisine along with rice, vegetables and salad. The feast will end with a fruit and dessert table including mini pastries, coffee and tea.

After dinner our DJ Chett, has a selection

ranging from anyone's idea of "oldies" to today's hits and will be ready to take your requests into the night.

Invitations and tickets are available. Seating is limited so you want to respond as soon as possible.

We will once again have a program available to commemorate the evening. If you're a business owner, ads are available, as well as table sponsorships. Individuals can also purchase boosters with on line messages.

We want to make this event a fun filled success. Do you want to help? Let us know. There's plenty to do before February 21st!



Join us for fantastic evening of dinner and dancing!
February 21st

SOME PRESIDENTIAL FACTS

As we go into the new year and prepare to inaugurate a new president, I thought it would be fun and maybe a bit educational, to list some Presidential facts and remind everyone of our party's roots at the same time.

Franklin Pierce was the 14th President and the fourth Democrat to be President; Millard Fillmore was the 13th President and last Whig President. Every President since Pierce was inaugurated on March 4, 1853, has been either a Republican or Democrat.

Altogether 18 men from Lincoln to Bush have been Republican Presidents and 14 men from Jackson to Clinton have been Democratic Presidents. Ten men have been other parties. For the 1864 election the Republican party was re-named the Union party. Making Lincoln the only president to run under two parties simultaneously.

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| 1. Abraham Lincoln
1861-1865 | 10. Warren Harding
1921-1923 |
| 2. Ulysses Grant
1869-1877 | 11. Calvin Coolidge
1923-1929 |
| 3. Rutherford Hayes
1877-1881 | 12. Herbert Hoover
1929-1933 |
| 4. James Garfield
1881 | 13. Dwight D. Eisenhower
1953-1961 |
| 5. Chester Arthur
1881-1885 | 14. Richard Nixon
1969-1974 |
| 6. Benjamin Harrison
1889-1893 | 15. Gerald Ford
1974-1977 |
| 7. William McKinley
1897-1901 | 16. Ronald Reagan
1981-1989 |
| 8. Theodore Roosevelt
1901-1909 | 17. George Bush
1989-1993 |
| 9. William Taft
1909-1913 | 18. George W. Bush
2001-2009 |

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

This Newsletter is new for 2009. We've sent it to every registered Republican in South River. If you'd like to continue to receive this in the future, there are two ways to do so.

The preferred method saves money and trees, by signing up on the website to receive it by email in PDF form. We realize not everyone has a computer, so for those who don't, please call one of the officers listed in this issue or send us a

note via mail and we'll add you to the mailing list.

Do you have ideas for topics in the future? Would you like to get involved with the publication of the newsletter? Contact us via email: newsletter@southrivergop.org.

We are hoping to have this newsletter come out at least quarterly. So please, let us know what you think.

MEETING CALENDAR

- ◆ January 12 - Borough Council Meetings, 7pm & 8:30
Council Chambers, 61 Main Street
- ◆ January 15 - SRGOP General Meeting, 7:30pm
Belarusian Hall, Whitehead Avenue
- ◆ January 20 - Planning Board Meeting, 7pm
Council Chambers, 61 Main Street
- ◆ January 20 - Board of Education Business 7p m
Board Conference Room, 3 Montgomery Street
- ◆ January 22 - Board of Education Regular 7pm
High School Library, 3 Montgomery Street
- ◆ January 26 - Borough Council Meetings, 7pm & 8:30
- ◆ January 27 - Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:30pm
Council Chambers, 61 Main Street
- ◆ February 9 - Borough Council Meetings, 7pm & 8:30
- ◆ February 17 - Planning Board Meeting, 7pm
- ◆ February 19 - SRGOP General Meeting, 7:30pm
- ◆ February 23 - Borough Council Meetings, 7pm & 8:30
- ◆ February 23 - Board of Education Business, 7pm
- ◆ February 24 - Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:30pm
- ◆ February 26 - Board of Education Regular, 7pm
- ◆ March 9 - Borough Council Meetings, 7pm & 8:30
- ◆ March 17 - Planning Board Meeting, 7pm
- ◆ March 19 - SRGOP General Meeting, 7:30pm
- ◆ March 23 - Borough Council Meetings, 7pm & 8:30
- ◆ March 23 - Board of Education Business, 7pm
- ◆ March 24 - Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:30pm
- ◆ March 26 - Board of Education Regular, 7pm
- ◆ April 13 - Borough Council Meetings, 7pm & 8:30pm
- ◆ April 16 - SRGOP General Meeting, 7:30pm
- ◆ April 21 - School Board Elections
- ◆ April 21 - Planning Board Meeting, 7pm
- ◆ April 27 - Borough Council Meetings, 7pm & 8:30
- ◆ April 28 - Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:30pm

We're on the web!
www.SouthRiverGOP.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 14, 2008**
Middlesex County Republican Organization
Annual Party
8pm to 10pm
East Brunswick VFW Post 133 Hall
Cranbury Road & Evergreen Boulevard
East Brunswick
Cost is \$50.00 per person.
Information 732-634-2922 RSVP Required
- ◆ **Saturday, February 21, 2008**
South River Republican Organization
2009 Annual Red and White Ball
6pm Cocktail Hour
7pm Dinner followed by Dancing 'til 11pm
Portuguese Fisherman Banquet Hall
11 Jackson Street, South River.
Cost is \$50.00 per person, \$400.00 per table
Information see enclosed announcement
or call 732-254-3996 RSVP Required

Please check our website for current calendar listings and updates. You may submit your South River events for listing in the online calendar by sending email to:

calendar@southrivergop.org



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