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Borough Council Report

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Council Hires Company to Manage Utilities Report On Atlantic City Trip

By Adeline Weiner

The firm of US Water, Inc. of Somerville, NJ was awarded a contract to manage and operate the Borough's water and wastewater plants starting March 21, 1994.

The choice, recommended by Finance Committee Chairman, David Donnelly, was made after many lengthy sessions, often directly with company representatives. Applied Wastewater, Inc. offered to do the job for \$101,500 with no extra overtime costs, while US Water offered their services for \$71,000, with overtime to be added.

Rose D. Murphy, Chairwoman of the Utilities Committee, gave a brief summary of the need for outside management. She cited the increasing complexity of environmental regulations, the technical expertise required to supervise the running of the new treatment plant equipment, the know-how necessary to interpret or even challenge new regulatory proposals and avoid the risk of fines for failure to meet prescribed tests and limits.

Background

Last November the Council put out a call for management proposals and received two viable responses. Mrs. Murphy reported that both companies offered the same services and conditions. Each would be available for 40 hours over seven days a week to undertake all operations, record-keep-

ing and testing. Both agreed to the same areas of liability. Each would be within a half-hour's call, with equipment alarms connected to their headquarters. Neither company included in its contract the purchase of chemicals, lab fees, machine parts, or the cost of sludge removal. Both would handle greywater processing if requested.

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Low Bid

The decision, reached only a half hour before the March 14 session, was based solely on the difference in the money amounts cited by the two firms. The committee estimated that based on last year's figures, something around \$15,000 could be expected in overtime/emergency hours next year. Adding that to US Water's \$71,000, the total cost would still be some \$15,000 below AWS's \$101,000. With all else being equal, US Water clearly was the low bidder.

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KINDERGARTEN SCREENING:
RPS CLASS OF 2001

It is time to screen children who will be five on or before November 15, 1994 for kindergarten entrance in September 1994. Screenings will be scheduled on selected dates between April 12 and April 20, 1994. To schedule an appointment, please call 448-2798 during school hours and ask for Helen Barth.

The primary purpose of the half-hour session is to administer a short developmental screening test. This test will give us information on general knowledge, reading and math readiness, fine motor skills, and expressive speech skills. The individually administered test has no "right" or "wrong" answers, and lasts approximately 20 minutes. During the appointment time, parents/guardians will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire.

For those parents of prospective kindergarten children who have not yet registered their children, it is necessary that you do so before screening. Please call Mrs. Barth and bring your child's official birth certificate and social security card to be photocopied for our records. Registration materials and a health form will be distributed at that time.

An informal afternoon orientation for parents and students of the 1994-95 kindergarten class will take place in the Kindergarten room on May 4, 1994 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Our PTA will provide refreshments.

KLEZMER BAND TO APPEAR
On May 1 at 5:00PM

Congregation Anshei Roosevelt will host an Israeli Independence Day celebration featuring the Odessa Klezmer Band.
 Refreshments will be served. All are invited.

The deadline for submissions of material to the Bulletin is the 15th of the month, except by prior arrangement with the Editor.

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Nursery School News

By Sandy Wolk, Head Teacher

It looks as if Spring has finally arrived and hopefully is here to stay. We are all looking forward to having lots of time to play on our new climbing equipment in our outdoor play area. The children will be following the progress of all our March plantings and will learn about our color of the month as they observe the trees and grass outdoors turning green again.

A number book and counting caterpillar will help us review the numbers 1-10. Projects with tracing, coloring, cutting, and matching will reinforce our lessons on shapes. Our yellow yarn painting will introduce the letter Y and our rainy day rhymes and egg carton rainbows will help us learn the letter R.

Our Science Topic this month will be our beautiful Earth. We will be taking a "Hunt and fence" walk around the school to collect many interesting things, some earth friendly such as seeds and twigs, and some not such as litter. I know the children will enjoy tasting our "rocks" made from sugar and water. By making our tree collages, the children will learn that our trees supply us with the paper we use everyday.

School Board News

East Windsor Contract for One Year Only Regionalization Study Due in May

By Joann San Nicola

The regular monthly meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education was called to order at 7:50 p.m. on March 17. Only one member was absent.

The first order of business was to amend the agenda so that several RPS students could make a second appeal to the Board to save their sweetgum tree from destruction. Various members again tried to explain that many restrictions prevented them from adding the new classroom in a different area.

All the children will be evaluated during the month of April and parent-teacher conferences will be held. It has been wonderful to see how the children have grown and adjusted to school I'm very proud of each and every one of them.

I would just like to thank all of the parents and children for being understanding during this very difficult winter. We all hope the bad weather is finally behind us, and we'll have only sunny days ahead.

Jamison Parker, Wesley John-Alder, Katy Hamilton, Nick Malkin, Leah Howse, Jessica Drewitz, and Shiri Yeager capably represented all of the RPS students in the plea. Ms. Peggy Malkin asked the Board to consider this appeal seriously, saying that the children, as well as many adults in town, were upset about the possible destruction of this wonderful old tree.

Policy about fund raisers and solicitation in the school was discussed.

The Board is working diligently to complete the school budget without causing a financial crunch for taxpayers.

Dr. Lobman reported that, for the first time, the District has signed a one year only contract with East Windsor, enabling Roosevelt to possibly change its options when the Regionalization Committee presents its findings. May 1 is the target date for a preliminary report.

The meeting went into closed session at 9:50.

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Lente, lente currite!

Letter From the CSA

Frances Lobman, Ed.D
Chief School Administrator-

April. Budget. School Board Elections. If you attended our March 18 budget workshop, you will have heard the information I am about to share with you. If you did not attend, or if you prefer reading to hearing, please read on.

The Roosevelt Board of Education has worked hard to develop our 1994-95 budget. Evening after evening was devoted to thinking, re-thinking, cutting and cutting further. With hard work, the Board of Education has managed to keep the entire budget to within three percent of what it was in 1993-94. In some ways, we were fortunate. Despite increased enrollments, tuition costs decreased a bit. Thanks to the persistence of our business administrator, Debra Allen, we anticipate more jointures (joint routes with other districts who share the costs) for transportation and those costs should decrease as well.

Our overall budget rose modestly. In-district special education programs, salaries, retirement benefits and purchased professional services (e.g., for required right-to-know and bloodborne pathogens training, as well as for asbestos and handicapped accessibility surveys) account for a good portion of this rise. Most of the rest is

curriculum related. Our written music curriculum is new, replacing one that was new ten years ago with minor revisions in-between. We plan to purchase textbooks and audio materials to accompany the updated program, which links music to other subject areas. Critical thinking, technology, and modern artists who use the new technology will be emphasized. This curriculum represents the stuff of which quality education is made. In addition, we plan to modernize our geography program with the help of maps and globes that reflect new political realities in Europe and Asia and to purchase additional mathematics manipulatives and science materials. In an effort to limit spending, we plan to share these teaching tools among classrooms.

In the February and March *Bulletins*, I gave some details on our building project. If you missed the information and want an up-date, please give me a call. At this point, the Board of Education plans to formally accept bids from the low bidders soon. We need to re-examine two of the contracts and determine where costs can be modified. Since there will be changes, we will have to re-bid, but other work can begin before the final

contracts are settled.

With our facility up to State standards, we can continue to explore educational alternatives that include regionalization and sending/receiving relationships. Our Board of Educational Educational Alternatives Committee has met with similar committees from Monroe and East Windsor. We have visited the middle school and high school in both districts. In addition, we are expecting to have written results from our regionalization feasibility study with Upper Freehold, Plumsted and Millstone by our June meeting. At that time, when all the options are before us, we would like to form a community committee to visit the districts we are considering, examine both educational and financial data, and make recommendations for a final decision by October, 1994, in time for the beginning of the 1995-96 school year budget planning process. We invite you in advance to join the community committee.

Look for the letter inviting you to our public budget hearing.

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Planning Board News

By Bob Clark

At their March 9 meeting, Planning Board members welcomed new member Joseph Zahora to his first meeting and expressed appreciation for the years of service given by Deborah Metzger, who resigned for personal reasons. With no applications to handle, the Board spent most of the rest of the meeting receiving an update from Mayor Lee Allen on road repairs and proposals for the former Roosevelt Service Station and its surrounding property.

Mayor Allen said the road contractor would begin repaving Tamara Lane as soon as it finishes the work on Eleanor Lane. The curbs will be similar to those installed on Farm Lane. No curbs will be installed near the Empty Box Brook green belt, and the road will be slightly narrower where it crosses the stream. Board Chairwoman Gail Hunton expressed approval for the design goal of consistency in the type of curbing used.

Monmouth County officials required metal guard rails instead of wooden ones at the waterway, so the Borough will install prerusted ones with a brown tone that will blend in better than standard metal rails. The road will be widened at the curve near Elm Court to enhance safety.

Mayor Allen noted that extra grant money will allow additional paving of Tamara from Elm to South Rochdale and of South Rochdale from Route 571 to Brown Street. The additional paving would be accomplished as a change order to the existing contract. In answer to Board member Bert Ellentuck's concerns that the Board have an opportunity to review blueprints, Mayor Allen promised that they would be available for inspection prior to the April 13 Board meeting.

In response to Mr. Ellentuck's question, Mayor Allen explained that Spruce Lane work is a separate drainage and regrading project that will involve Borough operating funds rather than state block grant money. Borough funds should also be used for preventive maintenance to deal with "side-to-side" cracks that developed on Homestead Lane during the harsh winter, according to Mayor Allen. Regarding School Lane, Mayor Allen said the Borough is seeking funding so that it can make the road safer for children walking to school. Ms. Hunton added that a sidewalk was needed along School Lane approaching Roosevelt Public School. The Board also discussed whether weight limitations or some other solution should be proposed to deal with damage to Borough roads from heavy commercial vehicles being routinely parked in residential neighborhoods.

Turning to the service station, Mayor Allen advised that the Borough Council is proceeding cautiously with foreclosure of the property for failure to pay back taxes. There is soil contamination from leaking underground storage tanks, and the Borough needs to move carefully to avoid liability. Mayor Allen said grants or low interest loans might be available to handle clean up costs.

Mayor Allen added that the Board will eventually need to advise the Council about potential uses for the property. He said some "one-on-one" discussions among Council members had elicited ideas. The garage could be used by the First Aid Squad and Fire Company, according to Mayor Allen. He said the site also could store and receive into the Borough's sanitary sewer system "gray water" that would

be treated at the Borough's sewer plant to generate revenues. Mayor Allen acknowledged that such an operation was controversial, but he favored continued study because of the potential to reduce sewer rates. Board member Michael Ticktin cautioned that additional development allowed by current and projected zoning might use up any existing excess capacity at the sewer plant. Mr. Ellentuck noted that the system's capacity had already been exceeded in the last month. Mayor Allen replied that capacity has been exceeded only twice in the last three years, and then only in months with exceptionally wet weather. Board member Paul Henry warned that the Borough would be getting into a business that might fail and "can't afford to go out on a limb" without professional management, bonding and other precautions.

Lastly, Mayor Allen noted that 10-20 units of senior housing could be constructed on the site to help the Borough meet obligations imposed by the State Council on Affordable Housing.

Some Reminders

By Peter Warren

- Don't pour grease down the drain (especially when it's cold); it costs taxpayers money. Be psychic - don't park your car on the street when it's going to snow.
- Do clean leaves from the storm drains in front of your house so that they don't block rainwater.

Don't embarrass your dog in front of other dogs - get his/her 1994 license.

Don't embarrass your neighbors by driving over 25 mph in town.

Senior Citizen Meeting and News

By Helga Wisowaty,
Secretary

At our meeting, our president, Jeanette Koffler, brought us the February 1994 issue of "Senior News Lines" which is provided by the Monmouth County Office on Aging. This, and all issues, gives us information that is important for us to know.

Many trips are on the agenda when the weather is better. Many "seniors" mentioned the difficulty they face when snow is piled up on driveways and walks. Is there any group that provides path clearing services?

We were saddened to hear of Esther Pogrebin's death. Ester was president of the Senior Citizens Club before moving to New York. Our condolences go to her family.

We enjoyed our luncheon at the Americana Restaurant on March 8th and also our trip to Quakerbridge Mall during the month of March.

Molly and Thelma were hostesses at our meeting. We all enjoyed everything.

Recycling Dates to Remember

April
6, 20

May
4, 18

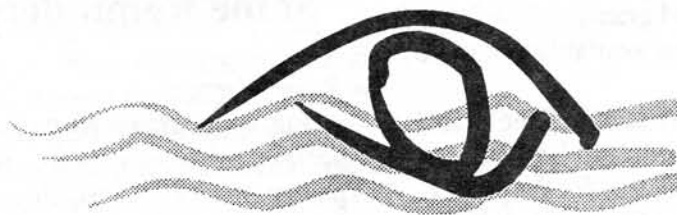
June
1, 15, 29

Roosevelt Litter Pickup & Plant Exchange

April 10, 10AM
Meet at Post Office

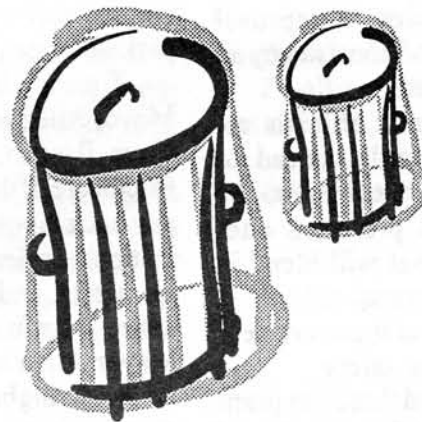
Stream Watch

April 11 and 12
Volunteers Needed
Call Kirk Rothfuss 448-3713



Contact Gayle Donnelly 426-1315

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Earth Day Assembly

April 22
RPS 9AM



Esther Pogrebin

By Louise Roskam and
Hortense Sochowitzky

Our friend and neighbor, Esther Pogrebin, who lived in Roosevelt from 1944 until six years ago, died of cancer on February 21st and was buried in the Roosevelt cemetery. She was 82.

As we remember Esther, the words that best describe her are "involved" and "irrepressible." She loved people and had a wide and varied group of friends. The breath of her interests and enthusiasms is reflected in her chosen activities.

In Roosevelt she sang in the choral group under Eve Hecht and later Clarence Moore. She took part in the local dramatic group directed by Adeline Weiner. She was the head teacher in the cooperative nursery school for many years in the 1950's. Several of her pupils, now adults, still talk of their happy days in that school. Esther also served several terms on the Borough Council. She was an early trustee of the Solar Village and she was head of the Senior Citizens Club until she moved to New York City in the mid 1980's.

After her husband, Abe, died in 1958, she continued these "outside" activities although it was necessary for her to work full time. She worked for an insurance broker and became a successful real estate salesperson. Upon moving to New York, she lived in a senior residence where she continued to be active. She organized, and headed, a most popular Jewish Forum, which meets monthly, with invited speakers and general discussion. She planned and chaired her last meeting only a short time before her death.

While she lived in New York, her insatiable appetite for living and learning led her to take advantage of every opportunity to develop her many interests- in museums, theater, etc.

Throughout her life Esther was a most generous and helpful friend and neighbor. She was an early feminist. She was involved in civil rights activities, working to insure fair treatment for all within her reach.

She is survived by her two sons, Bertrand and Mark, her daughter Marcia Sheinberg and five grandchildren.

The following poem was written by her granddaughter Robin Pogrebin:

Farewell, Esther

Grandma, I am memorizing you.
As you lie there fading
your glasses getting bigger
as your head gets smaller.
Even as you're speaking,
I am trying to store away those cutting lines
so that I can summon them later and laugh instead of cry.

Grandma, I am remembering you.
In your Roosevelt house
with the cool, musty sheets
and the colored doors.
In your backyard
with the black crow
and the clothesline, stretching into the trees.
I, as a child,
rifling through your tangled jewelry boxes within moments
of arrival

clipping down the hall in your high-heeled shoes.
You, teaching us to make collages out of pipe cleaners
bringing us butter crunch
singing Yiddish songs.

Grandma, I am missing you.
Even as you're with me
My family suddenly feels smaller
as the space you left grows larger.
Someone has been sucked away
a sharp mind, a strong spirit.

And I know that you were ready
and I'm glad that you are resting.
But I will not let you go.
I will be reaching for you always.

Borough Council Report

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Saving Money Overall

The overall economy to be had by engaging an outside company appears to lie in the difference between our last year's expenses, about \$120,000 (for salaries, AWS licensed operator, records and other paper work) as against the projected cost with US Water, of something like \$86,000 to \$90,000, a difference that might amount to over

\$30,000 for one year.

Whether this will mean cheaper water/sewer rates apparently remains to be seen. Mrs. Murphy pointed out in another connection that the borough soon faces a \$400,000 expense for a new well and a possible outlay for a larger water tower. Mayor Allen, however, mentioned the urgency of rate reduction stating that a \$.00 cut

in monthly charges equals a \$18,500 reduction of surplus.

Atlantic City Recap

Councilman Donnelly reported on the much discussed cost of attending the four day Atlantic City Convention in December. The final bill came to approximately \$1,400 of the original \$2,000 allocated. Three Council members attended for varying periods of time. The main expense was for a two room suite to provide meeting space, according to the Mayor Allen. No food or travel expenses were submitted by Borough delegates except for a formal luncheon given by the League of Municipalities. Councilman Donnelly noted that the delegation had kept expenses well below the allotted amount (about 30%). This figure was still \$196 per delegate over the cost of the 1992 visit which was \$1,086 for four delegates. He suggested that there be a sharp cutback next year.

Letters

This letter was presented to the Mayor and Council at the March 14th Council Meeting.

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

For several years now, this governing body has faced the arduous task of rebuilding our infrastructure while trying to minimize the financial impact on residents. As a whole you have demonstrated dedication, ingenuity, flexibility, and integrity in your long hours of unpaid work in pursuit of this goal.

For the past two years, however, one member of this body has deliberately worked to impugn the efforts and integrity of the other members, both individually and as a group, by disseminating false and distorted information through the media and covert communication. He has intentionally created roadblocks and "red herrings" meant to distract both the public and the Council itself from the work at hand.

I am not referring to honest disagreement which is part of the process of good decision making when expressed in the appropriate forum. This Councilman votes on issue after issue without explaining his convictions or concerns, even when directly asked. He then proceeds to spread misinformation and misrepresentations in an effort to enlist the support of well-meaning, concerned residents.

This Councilman claims to have been ostracized by this governing body. I have watched as each member of this body has, in turn, reached out to him only to be rebuffed when this Councilman's views are not accepted without question.

This same Councilman wrote a letter urging residents to run for office in the upcoming elections. He should not be surprised to hear that at least two have stated that they will not run because they don't want to become the "target of Peter Warren's poisoned pen."

Mr. Warren, as Chair of Community Relations, your job is to foster better relations between the community and its governing body. You did an excellent job during your first couple of years. As a member of this community and initially, one of your supporters, I am dismayed at how you have turned your energies in a destructive direction. This is not why you were elected.

Mr Warren, I urge you to begin again to be a constructive member of our Borough Government, or to resign immediately.

Mary Alfare

Budget Workshops Invitation

It appears, from recent Budget workshop sessions, that municipal taxes may remain flat, i.e. with no increase slated for this year, according to Mr. Donnelly. Future workshop sessions, he said, will welcome input from residents. He hopes that the budget ordinance will be ready for introduction in May and adoption in June.

Goodbye to Snow?

Expressing the hope that the snow plow could be put away at last, George Vasseur, Public Works Chairman, estimated that the price of snow removal this year will amount to about \$7,000. Council members agreed that it would have gone much higher but for the efforts of Mr. Vasseur and part-time public works employee, Ed Davis.

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In Search of Witches' Hollow

By Michael Ticktin

East of its intersection with North Valley Road, Oscar Drive becomes a dirt road that has become impassable for vehicles and, consequently, increasingly overgrown, due to fallen logs and water-filled pits containing building debris. When it crosses the border into Millstone, just under 1,000 feet up the hill on the north side - 1,240 feet further on the road on the south side, it becomes Witches' Hollow Road.

Witches' Hollow Road - the very name conjures up images of the Wizard of Oz, or of Salem in the 1690's. Who were our local witches? Where

was their hollow?

My search of the available reference works on local history revealed nothing of any real or imagined outbreaks of witchcraft in this area. The identity of the supposed witches, and what it was that they were alleged to have done, will remain a mystery until such time as more information is found. The location of their hollow, however, may not be so hard to figure out.

Both the road that is now Oscar Drive/Witches' Hollow Road and the road that is now Rochdale Avenue appear on the earliest extant maps of the area, which date from the first half

of the 19th century. On the maps of Jersey Homesteads, the road is called Perrineville Road.

The fact that the road was called both Witches' Hollow Road and Perrineville Road provides a clue as to the location of Witches' Hollow. This is so because roads connecting two places are often given the name of the two places and, in each of the places, called by the name of the other place. Thus, Windsor-Perrineville Road is called Perrineville Road in Washington Township and Windsor Road in Millstone and Roosevelt. If the road was called Perrineville Road at its Roosevelt end, and is called Witches' Hollow Road at its Perrineville end, this suggests that Witches' Hollow is in Roosevelt.

A hollow is a valley. Witches' Hollow Road crosses a ridge between Roosevelt and Perrineville - no valleys there. In Roosevelt, however, there is a ravine behind the Britton House that goes in a westerly direction from North Valley Road and passes through property now owned by Harry and Jo Anne Parker. It is close enough to the western end of Oscar Drive/Witches' Hollow Road for it to be the place once known as Witches' Hollow.

Clean up your act!
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Town-wide Garage Sale

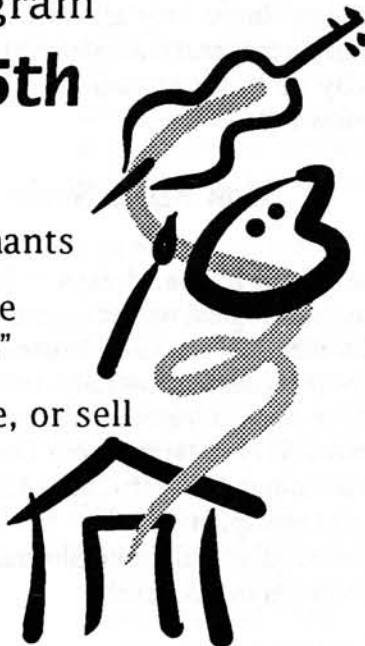
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May 14th and 15th

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Roosevelt Weather Almanac

By Ron Filepp

Coming out from our doorways on April evenings
 When tomorrow's sky is written on the slates
 We have discerned a little, we have learned
 More than the gossip that comes to us over our gates.
 - from "The Boy With A Cart" by Christopher Fry

In April the threat of significant snowfall diminishes. But more of the white stuff is still possible. The latest snow recorded at the Hightstown reporting station occurred on May 9, 1977. Only a trace was reported. April has had more significant snowfalls. A snowstorm dropped 6.5 inches in our area on April 13, 1875.

March came in like a lamb, not a lion. The 1st was a quiet day with partly to mostly cloudy skies. On March 2nd a sleepy lion woke. Snow started to fall at about 9:10am. By 11:50pm there was about 6.5 inches of snow and sleet deposited by the storm. It was very windy overnight with near hurricane force winds.

Would the winter weather ever end? Forecasters had been correct so many times with their predictions of winter storms that when they forecast another significant storm for the 9th we once again girded ourselves for the worst. This time the predictions were wrong. While there was a little snowfall on the morning of the 9th and some icing in the evening the storm did not bring as much precipitation as promised.

A forecast for snow on the 18th lead to a difference of opinion between two passersby in the Assunpink. "Good morning" said a woman on horseback to a walker. "Hello, good morning if there's no snow" was the reply. "Oh, there won't be any snow" said the woman. "Probably rain" said

the walker. Both were wrong. Although the temperature went up to 40 degrees early in the morning, by 10:40am the temperature had begun to fall and so did the snow. About 4 inches were left on the ground. Winter's last hurrah!

The last snow of the season is called a Robin Snow or an Onion Snow. The reason behind the name Robin Snow seems clear. It probably alludes to the popular belief that robins return to the area in late winter or early spring. This belief is widely held. Although we may not see robins in our back yards during the winter they do winter over in the area. They have been seen in great numbers in the Assunpink in early January. The name Onion Snow may allude to onions being a crop that is planted early. They may be in the ground when the last snow falls.

How Much Snow

Snow fell on 14 days in the three meteorological winter months of December, January and February. Twenty-six inches of snow fell in town those three months. Another 10.5 inches of snow fell in March. From December 1st through February 28th 14.57 inches of precipitation (snow and ice converted to a liquid state plus rain) was recorded in Roosevelt.

The Measure Of Weather

There are many instruments to measure weather phenomenon. Thermometers are so common that you can probably find one in almost every home. Barometers measure atmospheric pressure. The hygrometer shows the level of humidity and a rain gauge allows for the measurement of precipitation. A weather vane will tell you which way the wind blows and an anemometer measures wind speeds. If you have ever seen a television weather report you have seen radar imagery of areas of precipitation.

How does one get an accurate measure of evaporation? You could try using a pan and water, keeping track of the time it takes a measured amount of water to evaporate. This has been found to be unsatisfactory because it does not reflect the evaporation of water from soil and vegetation. What is the instrument that overcomes the limitation of the pan and water? It's the lysimeter.

It's unlikely the lysimeter will become as common as the thermometer. The expense is enough to keep it out of most homes or backyards. There is an even more compelling reason you probably will never own one. The lysimeter determines the rate of evaporation by measuring the weight of a piece of natural soil with vegetation similar to the immediate surroundings. How much soil is needed for an accurate measurement? Several tons.

We may see a new measurement offered in media weather reports soon. The National Weather Service and the Environmental Protection Agency have developed an indexing system that allows for forecasting the next

day's ultraviolet radiation levels. The amount of UV rays reaching the earth's surface varies with the amount of ozone in the atmosphere's ozone layer, which can change from day to day. It's an important measurement for those concerned about the effect of UV rays on the skin. Overexposure to these rays has been linked to skin cancer. The new measurement was to begin being provided daily to the media on April 1st.

Last April In Roosevelt

April of '93 started with heavy rainfall on the 1st. Over an inch of rain fell in about an hour starting at about 5:30am. There was thunder and lightning that continued into the evening. By the end of the storm we had 1.62 inches of precipitation.

Weather Word

Fulgurites are fragile tubes that can form when a bolt of lightning hits the beach melting sand into a glass tube. Source: "The Weather Wizard's 5-Year Weather Diary" compiled by Robert Alden Rubin

**ROOSEVELT WEATHER
TABLE
March 1994**

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Precip inches
1	40.0	18.5	29.3	0.00
2	32.0	22.5	27.3	0.00
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Crumbs From My Table

Leguminous Lament

By Rebecca Reuter

It is snowing again. It is now clear that spring is not coming back to Roosevelt, ever. I realized this morning that I'm going to have to make an effort to keep this bleak truth from my son, so I pulled out my seed packets and got ready to sprout things for the garden. Put on a good face and all.

If there was going to be a spring it would have been here by now. My collection of seasonal notes and reminders stirs to life, unaware that outside the season is not here. The pile rustles insistently. Odd notes burst from the top and take off like milkweed seeds on the wind. Time to haul manure, says a small slip of paper as it floats by on its way to the floor. Remove mulch from emerging daffodil foliage, says another, rising on a hot draft from the heater blower. A scrap desperate for notice edges off the side of a shelf, executes a triple twist and lands under the desk at my feet. A genuflection to the dark and dust recalls it. I smooth its furrows and pull away the little hairs stuck to its surface, peering down to find the message. March 17, it reads, Plant peas.

How could they know, inside watching the calendar, that there is snow on the ground out there and that under the snow is a six-inch layer of frozen earth just waiting to thaw into a six-inch layer of gloppy mud? A month's worth of mud at least. An eon before peas.

If I could plant peas, they would be Sugar Snaps. Sugar Snap is to green peas what Silver Queen is to sweet corn. The pinnacle. I don't bother with the field peas, delicious as they are, because there's just too much work involved in separating

the tiny crop from the huge amount of green detritus. Why would a gardener work for hours planting, hoeing, weeding, picking, and then shelling to be rewarded with a small heap of green peas and a bushel basket of green waste for the compost pile? No thanks, too Zen for me.

I choose the snap peas for eat-all impulsiveness. This "breakthrough" in pea technology brought us, back around 1979, a pea that didn't need help getting its zipper unstuck. The snap pea is like the succulent cousin of the snow pea. The snow pea is eaten when the pods are thin and the peas inside are immature. The snap peas have thick juicy pods and are ready to eat when the peas inside are fully formed and full of sugar.

Peas, like sweet corn, begin to lose their flavor the moment they're plucked from the plant. Most of the sugars convert to starch within hours of the time the pea leaves the vine. So if you can't grow your own, the best and tastiest peas you can get will be the frozen kind. Peas in spring will sit for days in the supermarket produce department, but peas for freezing are stripped and processed right in the field to catch the best flavor. Sugar snaps, unfortunately, don't survive freezing as well as shell peas, because a lot of the pleasure in eating them is in the crunchy pod, and frozen snap peas just don't have it.

A local gardener mentioned last year that he liked to crawl through his Sugar Snaps patch on hands and knees, picking the pods with his mouth. I salute him for his willingness to try new approaches to vegetables and think his may be the finest recipe there is for fresh peas.

Since most of us in town don't have a chance to take this kind of walk on the wild side, I recommend getting a few bags of frozen peas and just making do. Personally, I like my peas with pasta. Boil up a pot of noodles, cheese ravioli, or other pasta, and add the frozen peas a minute before the pasta is done. Drain them together, toss with a little olive oil, parmesan, and chopped garlic, and eat right away. Or, while the pasta is cooking, saute a chopped onion in olive oil till soft, add about two cups of frozen peas and a couple tablespoons of water and cook 3 minutes. Add 1/4 pound of chopped prosciutto or ham and cook long enough to heat through. Spoon over the cooked pasta in bowls.

When the snap peas do come, try them steamed very lightly (3 minutes should turn them bright green but still crispy), mixed with sauteed cubed chicken, and sprinkled with lemon juice, white wine, and chopped parsley. Or try a vegetable dish I really love that depends on fresh snap peas for their sweetness. Heat a couple tablespoons olive oil in a large frying pan, add a handful of peeled pearl onions and a large carrot, cut in thick slices, or several small fresh carrots. Cook over medium flame for two minutes and add two cups of snap peas and a cubed zucchini squash. Cook, mixing, till the peas are bright green and the squash is tender. Mix in a tablespoon or more of chopped fresh dill and serve.

Plan now to grow some snap peas yourself, or encourage your neighbor with a garden to plant some, or go pick your own, come June, at Westhaven Farm on Route 524, just the other side of Assunpink. If we all pray for spring, peas will follow.

from "Laments of the Homeless Women"

By David Herrstrom

When I was nine, the horses ran off.
It wasn't my fault
but my father would not stop.
I held one side of my face like the moon
to the teacher all day, ashamed.

At thirteen I stood at the open gate.
The men shouted nice things from the pickup
and offered a ride into town.
We went so fast my hair streamed straight back
like a mane.
I pretended I was a horse.
The men laughed and touched me.
My mother was afraid.
When she heard my father slam the screen door,
she put her finger on my lips.

I got up early when I was sixteen
and went to the pasture.
The horses were standing to their flanks in fog
as though wading.
They turned their heads toward me.
They recognized me
as one of them, wild
my mother said,
even father's whippings can't tame me anymore.
Lowering their heads to graze,
they left their bodies
just bodies on the cloud field.

The horses kept calling me
and I got a lift at the gate.
Glistening heads
we galloped away,
at my side that lean hound
painted on the bus, reaching toward the city.

I'm older now but not so old
I don't remember horses smelled like luck.
They're gone now
but I know the wind in my hair
when the train plunges into the subway station.
All I want is food to eat,
to keep myself and my clothes clean.
It's not your fault,
but I'm asking for any change you can spare.
Or you can bow your head down
and I'll pass by because I know
how you could want
to leave your body behind.

The Oven Stuffer

By Zoe Czyzewski

The bubbling, gurgling oven stuffer appears on my plate
next to mashed potatoes
it tastes like Sunday
or something that has been in the oven for hours

The smell lingers on our clothes
like cigarettes at a New Year's Eve party

When dad lifts it
he carries it like a baby
then tears off the footless leg
for my brother

Everyone moves closer
as the stuffing is spooned out and given
like Christmas presents

Et Nos in Illis...We Change Too!...

By Peter Warren

New Kids on the Block. None this month.

Married...Moving Out...Moving In...Switching... No one this month.

Return of the Native... Petulia Hazell, from Minnesota.

On the Market... As of March 15: 13 houses for sale, one for rent, one lot for sale.

House Sales... July 1992 - June 1993, 12 houses, average value \$118,108.

Building Permits Issued... In 1993, 29 residential permits for \$200,000, compared to \$257,000 in 1992 and \$226,000 in 1991.

Last Snows... Still on the ground in mid-March.

First Crocuses... Blooming mid-March in our garden.

Licensed... As of March 15th, 139 canine companions.

Participating... In "Dog Days of Winter" at Manalapan Library, Gayle Donnelly, representing Canine Companions for Independence.

On Safari... To Acapulco, Paul Brotzman; to Cincinnati, Professor Brad Garton to advise the Conservatory of Music on computer harmony; To Sarasota, Marilyn Magnes and Peter Vince.

Visiting... Peter & Lillian Warren, Danielle Haeringer from St.-Roman-en-Die, France, erstwhile economic development colleague of Adidjan, Bangui and Libreville in the old days.

Awards... On the Honor Roll at Kreps School, Zoe Czyewski.

Starring... As Cornelius Hackl in the HHS production of "Hello Dolly!", Michael Cedar.

Opening... Rossi's popular D'Innanzi Restaurant, replacing their DiDietro Restaurant.

Accepted... Pastels by Judy Nahmias and Ellen Silverman and a painting by Sol Libsohn for the "Ellarslie Open" show at Trenton City Museum, opened March 19.

Graduating... Donna Rebecca Ernstein, double MA in Computer Sciences and Mathematics, from Drexel University.

Named... Honorary Research Associate at NY Botanical Gardens, Rod Tuloss.

Published... "Criminal Street Gangs", NJ Commission of Investigation report directed by Robert Clark; "Mascagni, Marat and Mussolini", essay by Alan Mallach in Opera Quarterly.

Starting Up... In April, completion of Eleanor Drive paving; beginning of reconstruction of Brown Street, Elm Court, Tamara Drive; bid preparation for South Rochdale, Spruce Lane (drainage) and upper portion of Tamara Drive.

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Dear Residents:

The following is in support of Diana Monroe who is running for a position on the Board of Education.

I met Diana soon after we had both moved to Roosevelt in 1988. The following is Diana's background which speaks for itself. I believe she would be a real asset on our Board.

Diana spent her school years in Toms River, graduated in 1985 from Smith College in Massachusetts with a B.A. in Elementary Education and Child Development. She completed the certification program and received her K-6 teaching certification upon graduation.

Diana taught 2nd-4th grade at Constable School in Kendall Park, NJ in the South Brunswick school district from 1985-1990. In 1988, she received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching upon the recommendation of students and parents. Diana took a 1 1/2 year leave of absence to stay home with her daughter Dana, now 3 1/2. She also taught in the 4/5/6 grade levels at Indian Fields School in Dayton, NJ from 1992-1993. Diana is currently on a leave of absence again after her son Jake's arrival in September.

Chris, her husband, and Diana moved to Roosevelt in August, 1988. The small town, semi-rural location,

affordable housing, low taxes and high praises from a good friend and former resident, Andrea, prompted them to consider buying their first house here.

Diana's philosophy of education is to teach students the life skills and strategies needed to function in our ever changing world. She believes a school (teachers, parents, students, administration, goals & objectives, facilities, tools, etc.) is our society's way of accomplishing this. Sometimes it works well, sometimes it doesn't. Schools, like our world, need to reflect changes. Things that don't work well should be improved, changed, viewed with a fresh approach. Things that do work well should be praised, communicated to the public, and constantly refined so as not to become stagnant.

Diana wants to assure that our town's children get the best possible education, now and in the future. As an educator, parent and tax-paying citizen, Diana believes she can add insight, experience, concern, and an open mind. She is not for or against closing the school/regionalization, etc. but believes in the innovation, change, and improvement of Roosevelt's children's education.

Gayle A. Donnelly

Many Thanks!

We would like to publicly thank the Roosevelt First Aid Squad for their assistance, expertise and neighborly helping hands. One night in February our 6 month old son had difficulty breathing and required emergency treatment. After such an experience, one truly realizes what a valuable service they "donate" to Roosevelt. Any donation we can give is a small price to pay for the peace of mind that they are just around the corner.

Many thanks also to our special friends and neighbors. We appreciate your concern and neighborly support!

Chris and Diana Monroe

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Pictures At An Exhibition - A Corridor Of Art

By Bess Tremper

On Sunday, March 13 from 5 to 7 p.m., the Roosevelt Arts Project presented their 5th "performance" of the 1993-94 season in, of all places, the original Roosevelt factory building. All residents who are involved in either two or three dimensional visual art forms were invited to exhibit one or two pieces of their work and there were 46 pieces on display from the following artists: Josette Altman, June Counterman, Gary Edelstein, Tamara Galimidi, Jay Goldman, Fletcher Grayson, Bob Husth, Jacob Landau, Bill Leech, Theresa Lepore, Sol Libsohn, Stefan Martin, Robin Middleman Filepp, Bob Mueller, Judy Nahmias, Elizabeth Prestopino, Ani Rosskam, Edwin Rosskam, Louise Rosskam, Ed Schlinski, Bernarda Shahn, Jasper Shahn, Ellen Silverstein and Tony Wisowaty.

The result was a truly democratic representation of our town's residents and gave us an unusual opportunity to see the scope and beauty of our neighbors' artistic endeavors in painting, drawing, wood sculpture and furniture.

The pieces, shown in the long corridor inside the building in a space approximately 100 feet long were hung effectively on the walls on either side of this unusual "gallery", along with hand crafted wooden pieces that were displayed on the floor at strategic points.

Credit for this unusual and successful event must be given first, to the Roosevelt Arts Project which conceived the idea, but even more to those who brought it to fruition. Ellen Silverman, the chairperson, is to be

wholeheartedly commended for her undertaking and directing this difficult task, aided and abetted by Fletcher Grayson, David Herrstrom, Bob Husth, Bill Leech, Terry Lipore, Richard Lloyd, Robin Middleman, Judy Nahmias, Judy Trachtenberg and Tony Wisowaty, who managed to turn a drab hallway into an unusual and professional appearing gallery that evoked cries of delight and surprise from the many people who attended.

Perhaps the only criticism that can be made is that the work involved in preparing the show and then in "striking the set" warranted longer than two hours of viewing opportunities as well as the fact that many who might have

attended may have found the time period too inflexible.

The Roosevelt Arts Project continues to encourage and tap the wonderful reservoirs of talent our town has to offer with these events that have been held not only in our Borough Hall, but also at the Peddie School in Hightstown. One hopes that the "Factory Gallery" might become another venue. Perhaps it would be possible to persuade the factory owners to consider an installation of a more permanent lighting system that could foster more frequent use of what turned out to be an excellent weekend exhibiting space to give us all the opportunity to share in more of our "embarrassment of riches."



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At all events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$5.00, only \$3.00 for students and seniors. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and the Bulletin for additional details.

Saturday April 16, 1994 at 8:00 p.m.
Peddie School

Roosevelt String Band -
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Saturday May 7, 1994 at 8:00 p.m.
Borough Hall

Revised Schedule
Coffee House at the Borough Hall
"Open Mike" also,
some planned events

We hope to see all of you at these exciting new performances and exhibits. For additional information, call David Herrstrom, RAP President at 443-4421 or any of the RAP trustees or artists.

The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible in part by your support and a generous grant from the Herman Goldman Foundation.



View of Factory hallway converted into a gallery.

Borough Council Report

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What About Greywater?

In public discussion, Bert Ellentuck questioned the status of the greywater processing project. The reply by Mrs. Murphy and the Mayor indicated that, other than receiving an outline from AWS on requirements for conducting a short-term trial period, nothing further has been done. Mrs. Murphy maintained that DEPE must first lift the sewer ban for which she said necessary data and documents have been submitted by the Borough.

Mr. Ellentuck proposed that a study of the business aspects of the project be undertaken promptly to determine if "there really is a market out there" and what profit, if any, can be made after the costs of holding tanks, transport arrangements, pumps and safe-guards are considered. Mayor Allen stated that, in time, steps will be taken to determine scientifically the needs and aims of the greywater project and that the public will be consulted throughout.

Other actions Taken

The Council agreed on a 30 foot width for South Rochdale Avenue, but there was a difference in perception among some Council members as to the kind of curbing desired by residents along that street. Those who have a problem with motorists making a U-turn on their lawns demand a straight curb to discourage such drivers while others prefer mountable curbs like those on Farm Lane. A consensus will be sought, said Councilman Stuart Kaufman.

Purchase of six hand held radios was approved for new members of the First Aid Squad. The cost is \$1,851.30, to be drawn from a budget line item.

Mr. Kaufman was voted Safety Coordinator as required by county Joint Insurance Fund regulations. At

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Lighting strikes. Someone's got to run for borough council - why not me? (You say.)

Why not, indeed? You are (as the Personals ads say) experienced in your profession, bien dans ta peau, able to make decisions, able to cooperate with a team. You love Roosevelt and you like to work your butt off. You can cope with the unexpected and the unfamiliar. Go for it! Hopefully you are not the only one.

The first step is the easiest, you get a form from Kryz down at the Borough Hall, and you send it in to Freehold before April 14th. Of course, you have to be a registered voter of one or the other political parties.

You can just sit back and wait to be voted in at the June primary and the November final election. Or, you can campaign. I recommend you campaign. As follows:

Don't (1) tell the world that your opponent is a dirty dog - this cheapens you and wins him the dirty dog vote; (2) Don't promise to solve all the town's problems: you don't even know what they are; (3) Don't run on a platform of saving the whale or banning the Bomb; these issues are not within the scope of town government.

a special meeting on February 28, Mr. Sam Adlerman was appointed as the Borough Fund Commissioner.

A bond ordinance was passed for \$115,000.00 to cover the cost of road repair on South Rochdale Avenue, Spruce Lane and Tamara Drive. These funds are provided for, in part, by a County Community Block Grant of \$85,000.00, with the remainder to be

Do meet as many people as you can. Listen to them. Let them size you up as a person. Maybe even hold a town meeting. This will take you until the June primary. You could also profitably sit in on meetings of the Council and the other boards so you could learn how the town functions.

So you win the June primary. Congratulations! Now you continue haunting meetings and you read through Council minutes - say, for the last 10 years. *Quantula sapentis mundus regitur!* you exclaim to yourself. You go on meeting people.

On November 8th, you are swept into office. Do you sit back until you are sworn in on January's reorganization meeting? No Siree Jack/Jill! You sign up for the course of five Rutgers seminars on municipal government that starts in December. You get to know the Borough Clerk and learn what her duties are. Ditto, the Purchasing Agent.

Finally, you are ready to take your seat on the Council.

Peter Warren

funded out of the municipal budget.

Correction:

The signs ordered last month were indeed for the purpose of discouraging hunters from improper inroads onto borough land, but not all of them were to be posted, as reported, at the cemetery. Distribution is to be widespread.

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3 EASTER SUNDAY DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (SPRING AHEAD)	4 7:30 PM - COUNCIL AGENDA MEETIN' BOROUGH HALL - L. ALLEN, MAYOR 448-6978	5 1 PM BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK - BORO HALL 2 PM SENIOR CITIZENS - BORO HALL - J. KOFFLER 448-2259 6 PM - ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY TV CABLE - CH. 8 7:30 PM - 1ST AID SQUAD - BORO HALL SUSAN OXFORD, PRES. - 443-8525	6 RECYCLABLES 7 PM YOGA CLASS. SYNAGOG - D. METZGER 443-3759 8 PM ENVIRONMENTAL COMM. - BORO HALL J. CARNEVALE, PRES 426-1728	7 7:30 PM. BOARD OF ED. AGENDA MTG. R. P. S. MIKE HAMILTON, PRESIDENT 443-5227	8	9
10 LITTER PICK-UP - POST OFFICE PARKING LOT 10:00 AM	11 7:30 PM COUNCIL ACTION MTG. BORO HALL LEE ALLEN 448-6978	12 6 P.M. ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY T.V. CABLE CH. 8	13 7 PM - YOGA CLASS SYNAGOG - DEBORAH METZGER 443 3759 8 PM - PLANNING BD. MEETING - BORO HALL - GAIL HUNTON, CHAIR 426-4338 8 PM - P.T.A. MTG. R. P. S. - ADEENA. YEGER, PRES, 4435848	14	15	16 ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT. PEDDIE SCHOOL THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND 8:00 PM.
17	18 7:30 PM COUNCIL COMMITTEE MTGS. BOROUGH HALL L. ALLEN - MAIRE 448-6978 8 PM - SYNAGOGUE BOARD MEETING MICHAEL TICKTIN 448-0363	19 6 PM ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY TELEVISION CABLE CHANNEL 8	20 RECYCLABLES 7 PM YOGA CLASS - SYNAGOGUE D. METZGER. 4433759	21 7:30 PM BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION MTG. MIKE HAMILTON PRESIDENT 443-5227	22 EARTH DAY EARTH DAY ASSEMBLY 9:AM R.P.S.	23 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM P.T.A. WINTER CARNIVAL - R. P. S.
24	25 7:30 PM - COUNCIL COMMITTEE MTGS. BORO HALL - L. ALLEN, MAYOR 448-6978 7 PM ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL - BORO HALL	26 6 P.M. ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY T.V. CABLE CHANNEL 8	27 7 P.M. YOGA CLASS SYNAGOGUE D. METZGER 443-3759	28	29 ARBOR DAY	30