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Summer Water Restrictions Announced

At its June 12 meeting, the Borough Council passed a resolution to restrict the use of water every day from now until October 1, 1995 with two "whereas's" to explain their well-meaning encroachment on residents' right to use water to water lawns, wash cars and fill pools; WHEREAS in the past years the use of water at times exceeds the water treatment plant's ability to provide water to the community; and, WHEREAS restrictions in the past have been supported. Common knowledge in Roosevelt is that when severe dry spells occurred, restrictions were imposed and tolerated, even supported by most citizens. No documentation of the water plant's ability to provide water at other times was provided. The Council's decision provides that for the three "non-essential" uses of water named above (for lawns, cars and pools) these limits exist: water can be used only between

the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, houses with even street numbers may use water only on even-numbered dates, and, houses with odd street numbers may use water only on odd numbered dates. Residents who are away from home between 6:00 a.m. and noon or later are going to be severely restricted for 102 days. Roosevelt's Council has a record of being responsive to residents' ideas and needs, and it may revise the ordinance to apply only during dry spells and to permit water use for the restricted purposes on alternate dates until midnight or some other late hour, if residents request it. The Council also passed the 1995 salary ordinance (copy of which is included). The ordinance does not include the attorney's rate, but the 1995 Budget listed \$13,000 for all legal expenses. For those interested in reviewing all payments, the check reconciliation regis-


Borough Council Report
by Herb Johnson


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From The Editors

With this edition, we will have completed the nine issues of our 1994-95 publication year. The 1995-96 year will begin with the next issue which will appear at the beginning of October and continue each month thereafter, except for January, until July, 1996.

As always, we wish to point out that the Roosevelt *Borough Bulletin* is made possible by the generous grant we have received from the Herman Goldman Foundation as well as the individual annual contributions from many of our readers.

But that is actually only half of the picture. The other half consists of the more than generous contributions from those who give of their time and talent on a completely volunteer basis to put out the *Bulletin* every month. While most of their work lists their names in relation to the articles they write and they are therefore easily known to our readers, there are a few whose names appear only on the masthead and may escape recognition but not our gratitude.

Fletcher Grayson has designed our current format which has met with approval from almost everyone and who, with the help of his trusty computer, labors long and hard to lay out the paper each month and get it to the printer on time. He is indeed a hero! Then we wish to express our appreciation and pride for the wonderful artwork that Jonathan Shahn creates every month. What other local paper can boast of such an eminent artist?

Another unheralded person is Nancy Warnick who enters most of the disks that Fletcher uses for his layout. Our appreciation goes as well to all those who either contribute a regular monthly column or an occasional one. Also, we wish to offer a vote of thanks to the Solar Village volunteers including Helga Wisowaty, Thelma Thompson, Anna and Gonzales Quijano, Jean Ryan, Louise Aronowitz and Jane Kiersnowski along with Florence and Herb Johnson and Cynthia Imbrie who appear faithfully at the Borough Hall to collate the paper when it arrives from the printer in sheets.

Finally, a special vote of appreciation and love to Adeline Weiner for her many years of valuable service to the *Bulletin* who, until her recent illness was on the Board of Trustees and has been one of the moving spirits of our paper. Adeline is sorely missed.

All these efforts then, plus the financial support needed to physically produce the *Bulletin*, make it possible for us to offer our residents and those out-of-towners, who subscribe, a monthly publication which we are proud to present.

We look forward to beginning the new fiscal year in October with the help from both halves of the picture.

We will appreciate a return of the enclosed form to start off our annual fund drive with a bang! May we hear from you?

Construction Permit Requirements

A construction permit is required before beginning work on any new construction or improvements. This includes plumbing and ^{electrical} clerical work as well as structural work. A Construction permit is not required for ordinary repairs. When work requiring a permit is completed, it requires a certificate of occupancy or a certificate of approval.

In Roosevelt, the construction code is enforced by the Bureau of Local Code Enforcement of the Department of Community Affairs. The telephone number of that bureau is 609-530-3626. A representative of the bureau is generally at the Borough Hall on Monday afternoons.

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The Roosevelt Planning Board is continuing a cautious and lingering pace toward its goal of recommending to the Borough Council a Planned Community Development (PCD) ordinance for 500 acres of northern farmlands. Except for a small section zoned for industrial use near the northeast corner of Oscar Drive and North Rochdale Avenue, the property is currently zoned for 10-acre lots.

Over the years, and as recently as a couple of months ago, some landowners and would-be developers have urged the Council and Planning Board to favor rezoning the area to provide for many more houses than the amount that would be allowed by the PCD proposal. They claim this would: (1) allow landowners to obtain fair prices for their real estate; (2) provide adequate profits to developers; (3) reduce municipal taxes and utility rates; and, (4) preserve enough of the town's bucolic lifestyle. Many residents counter that such rezoning would: (1) allow agricultural landowners to reap unwarranted windfalls; (2) discourage creative site designs in keeping with the original town layout; (3) increase taxes and utility rates as the capacities of the school, water system and other services were exceeded; and, (4) ruin the community's small town ambience. In an effort to determine which view (or compromise view) is correct, Borough officials have commissioned demographic studies, looked at land values in surrounding towns, argued over the credibility of economic claims, and endlessly debated the aesthetics and financial status of Roosevelt.

The Planning Board's assessment of the issues will culminate on July 12 when the Board is expected to vote on the PCD ordinance that it will recommend to the Borough Council. Board Chairwoman Gail Hunton and *pro bono* consultant



Alan Mallach will present and explain the ordinance to the Council at its September meeting. The Council will also receive a fiscal impact study and engineering report.

At the Board's June 14 meeting, Ms. Hunton reported that Andrew Strauss, formerly of the Trust for Public Land, would try to put her in touch with developers of the type that would go along with the Board's draft plans. The Board unanimously supported her sending a letter to the Council requesting time beyond September to develop information supporting the viability of the PCD ordinance before the Council adopts any other ordinance that would permit more development.

In other action, the Board in June unanimously approved a side yard variance to allow Judith Trachtenberg to add a bedroom and bathroom to the first floor of her house on North Rochdale Avenue. The application had originally been submitted in May but was tabled for a month to allow time for Board members to review supporting documentation and to see the site for themselves. The Board agreed with Bert Ellentuck's persistent plea that members should receive details of applications sufficiently in advance of any meeting where they will be expected to make a decision.

In the case of Ms. Trachtenberg's application, Mr. Ellentuck noted that the extra time allowed him to conclude that the variance should be granted in order to preserve a mature sycamore tree in the rear yard.

On a six to three vote, the Board tabled the application by Jonathan Block for a side yard variance to screen in an existing deck. The Board had confirmed the former Zoning Officer's instructions to Mr. Block that a variance would be necessary even though the deck and screening were flush with the original house, which is 21 feet from the side property line instead of the 25 foot distance required by the zoning ordinance. The majority agreed with Harry Parker's motion that another month would allow Board members to study paperwork and view the site in keeping with the general policy sought by Mr. Ellentuck. It was also pointed out that there is no urgency since the screening had been constructed before receiving official approvals. Finally, Mr. Ellentuck said the Board should propose an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would eliminate the necessity for variance applications when residents merely seek to extend non-conforming uses in ways that do not intrude on their neighbors.

Board members stressed that any building requires zoning and construction official approvals. State inspectors perform construction inspections for the Borough and may be contacted on Mondays at the Borough Hall from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. Mr. Ellentuck is the Acting Zoning Officer. The Borough Council is working on a zoning officer job description with advice from the Planning Board. The Board also discussed the need for more stringent enforcement. Board member Michael Tickin said prompt notice to the state's Bureau of Local Code Enforcement should be given by Borough officials whenever anyone builds without obtaining proper approvals.



Library News

By Bess Tremper

The long awaited library at the Roosevelt Public School is about to become a reality. After the purchase and installation of book shelves which have been requested by the Monmouth County Library System and funds for which have been allocated by the Council, Our "mini-library", an outpost of the Monmouth County Library System, will begin to be set up for the children.

In addition, there will be an adult section which will be open either two weekday evenings a week or one weekday evening and a Saturday. Arrangements will be made so that residents will be able to reserve books and have them delivered from the main library to us on a weekly basis. The school estimates that by October, when volunteers have been recruited and all has been set up, the library will begin to function.

THE CRAFT FAIR AT THE MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY

The Friends Of The Monmouth County Library Association is sponsoring a Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, October 7th, 1995 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the headquarters branch at 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan which is frequently used by many Roosevelt residents. Anyone interested in exhibiting their own work such as knitting, ornaments, drawings, sketches, ceramics, woodwork and so forth is invited to take part.

Each exhibitor will be entitled to an 8 x 7 foot selling space for a fee of \$25. The exhibitors will be expected to bring their own tables and chairs and set themselves up. While this is a fund raising effort by the Friends Of The Library for the Library, the only money the Friends will realize will be the \$25 rental fee and refreshment table sales. Money from any sales that the exhibitors earn will be all theirs except for collection of NJ sales taxes.

Now that Roosevelt will become part of the Monmouth County Library System, we have an additional incentive to help make the Craft Fair as successful as last year's in which a number of our residents participated.

To become a "crafter", please contact Frances Donowitz, the president of the Friends Of The Library Association at 908-462-1939.

If you plan to participate, do so as soon as possible as we are told that spaces fill up quickly. Deadline for entry is September 1, 1995.

Letter From The CSA

By William N. Presutti
Chief School
Administrator

Summer is upon us. At the school, it is a time of planning, cleaning and painting as

we prepare for the new school year. September will bring many changes in the school...new staff members...a new kindergarten class and the sense of excitement that comes with a new school year. It will be very special for me since it will be the beginning of my first full year in Roosevelt.

Thanks to all who helped make graduation such a special day for the Class of 1995...the Board of Education, staff, parent, "the cake brigade", the PTA, Ralph Warnick for the dragons and the families who sponsored awards and gifts for our students. Congratulations...Class of 1995.

As the summer progresses, it is important to continue to reinforce what the students have

learned in school.

Encourage reading at home...it is a great summer

activity. It is also nice for parents to read aloud to their children...no matter what the age. On trips, have the children read the road signs, count how many cars of a particular color they see on the road or at the end of the vacation see if they can remember in sequence what they did from day to day. You'll be amazed at how much they remember. These are all great activities that incorporate learning into the child's everyday life.

During the summer months, please feel free to stop by if you have questions, comments or suggestions. Your input is most welcomed.

Together...we can make great things happen!!!!

Enjoy!



**Meeting with
East Windsor:
Regionalization
June 8, 1995 -
7:30 pm**

In Attendance:

Roosevelt: Michael Hamilton
William Presutti

East Windsor: Dr. David
Witmer, CSA
Randall Gottesman, Board
President
David Shafter, Business
Administrator

The meeting began with an overview of where both districts have been since the last discussion of regionalization in the late 80's.

East Windsor is predicting a significant increase in their student population due to development. A moratorium on building due to sewer capacity has been lifted so many new developments are due to be constructed. Therefore, East Windsor has a projected need for significant numbers of classrooms. Thus, their interest in Roosevelt.

Roosevelt can gain tax relief from forming a regionalization with East Windsor. Therefore, both entities have something to gain.

East Windsor has complet-

ed a major population growth study that was made public on June 12, 1995. We had a preview of the study. Population increase, based on projections could increase by 1,900 students by the 2003. They are not anticipating building new schools. Instead, they are proposing adding on to already existing buildings.

The East Windsor Business Administrator was given copies of our budget, tax equalization values, plans of our building and State Aide figures so they can "crunch" the numbers to

see what impact Roosevelt will have on their tax rate.

During the discussion, Dr. Witmar talked of the Roosevelt School as a K-5 building, with a Principal and Secretary(s). The largest projected development (Centrex) is located approximately 10-15 minutes from our school and would be a logical area from which to send students to our school.

Currently, East Windsor has a class ratio of approximately 1 teacher to 22 students. This varies somewhat from school to school.

The Business Administrator requested a detailed budget to work on the figures. A second meeting will be scheduled after the numbers have been "crunched."

Dr. Witmar raised the issue of further development in Roosevelt if the tax rate would go down and how this would effect enrollment. Mike Hamilton stated he would investigate how much land is available for development in Roosevelt.

This report was submitted to the Bulletin courtesy of the Board Of Education

Roosevelt Board Of Education News

By Joann San Nicola

The agenda meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hamilton on June 1st at 7:47 p.m. One member was absent.

Superintendent Presutti reported that the adult section of the library is ready to open and will be stocked with 500 books from the County Library System. The children's section will be ready in September. The town council has agreed to help with the cost of shelves. Mr. Persutti also reported that the sixth graders had a good orientation day at Krebs School.

There was a very preliminary meeting with the East Windsor school officials to discuss the possibilities of sharing buildings and services. Mr. Presutti and Mr. Hamilton represented our school district.

Other items of business included personnel interviews, approval of out of district placements for the years 1995-96 at a total cost of \$75,800.00, rehiring of the following: Mrs. Barth as Secretary, Mr. Vasseur as Maintenance/Custodian, Jane Freedman as part time Business Office Clerk, and approval of a 1995-96 contract between Roosevelt Board of Education and William Presutti as Chief School Administrator at an annual salary of \$67,000.

This agenda meeting was reported on in lieu of the action meeting which will be held too late for this edition.

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ters for the Current Fund and three other fund accounts are always posted on the bulletin board by the Borough Clerk before each Council meeting. The municipal disbursements are accounted for month by month.

One of the items of new business was the appointment of Debra Fischer as Dog Census Taker. Pam Mitchell, a Millstone resident, had also applied. That is a paid position, but not listed in the "Salary Ordinance" as it is not a salary but a fee paid for a service or contract.

The resolution to establish charges for the Roosevelt Community Summer Camp set the amount for children in grades K-5 at \$40/week for one child in a family; \$20 for a second; \$10 for any subsequent; and, for pre-K/Nursery Camp at \$30/week. Registration fee is \$15/household.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan designed by the Council was approved. It would modify the Municipal Building to accommodate disabled people in a three year plan. Year I goals are to include installing ADA complying door handles, lowering the kitchen counter, installing an ADA complying parking area, and replacing the front sidewalk with an ADA conforming sidewalk. Year 2 goals include installing an ADA

conforming public rest room and lowering service counters. Year 3 includes resurfacing the existing parking area and two other measures.

One of the committee reports referred to an estimate of the cost for paving the municipal parking lot by DeMuro Associates, a matter about which Diana Klein sent a scolding letter to the Council a few months ago. The estimate showed \$3,600 for "concrete sidewalk, ramp, railing" and \$2,800 for

200 feet of curbing; \$6,300 for storm drain pipe & inlet; and, \$7,600 for grading, compacting and asphalt overlay. Also shown was \$3,045 for contingency and \$2,436 for engineering, legal and auditor (for which amounts are already in the 1995 Budget) for a total of \$25,781. The Estimate shows that the cost would be "Say \$26,000." One resident said the Council will be asked to remind the engineer that it tries to save every dollar possi-

ble, and that the over \$6,000 for a storm drain may not be necessary considering that the rain water now flows well from the parking lot to the curb drain ditch and stream.

Council member Rose Murphy's resolution to award a contract to Water Resource Management for "not to exceed \$5,000 to find the causes of" rust colored water, which operators call "brown water," passed unanimously. All motions passed with all council

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Hunt Wins Democratic Nomination For Council Donnelly and Sabogal Tie For Second Slot, So Neither Wins Allen Wins Nomination For Mayor With No Opposition

By Michael Ticktin

In the June 6 Democratic primary, Council candidate Jeff Hunt was the top votegetter, with 94 votes, while Lee Allen, running unopposed for the Democratic nomination for re-election as Mayor, and incumbent Councilmen David Donnelly and Nestor Sabogal received 76 votes each. The consequence of the tie between Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Sabogal is that neither of them is deemed to have won the nomination for the second Council position. That nomination will now be made by the municipal Democratic committee, which consists of Mary Alfare and Bill Counterman.

There were no local Republican nominees. However, there are two independent candidates, Councilmen Stu Kaufman and George Vasseur, running for Mayor, and one independent candidate, Cliff Fischer, running for Council. In November, there will therefore be a three-way race for Mayor and another three-way race, involving Mr. Hunt, Mr. Fischer and a Democrat who is yet to be nominated, for the town open Council seats.

1995 Salary Ordinance

Salaries fixed and determined as of January 1, 1995.

Current Paid Position:

Borough Clerk	\$29,214.00
Deputy Borough Clerk	8,563.00
Registrar of Vital Statistics	2,472.00
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	1,597.00
Chief Financial Officer	5,175.00
Borough Treasurer	2,825.00
Purchasing Agent	15,791.00
Tax Collector	6,304.00
Tax Assessor	2,756.00
Zoning Officer	3,200.00
Risk Management	100.00

Water/Sewer Utility Positions:

Water/Sewer Collector	\$5,071.00
Chief Financial Officer	5,175.00
Borough Treasurer	2,825.00

Hourly Paid Positions:

Superintendent of Public Works	\$11.00/hr.
Laborer - Public Works	8.00/hr.
Laborer	5.05/hr.
Planning Board Secretary	9.90/hr.
Environmental Commission Secretary	9.90/hr.
Crossing Guard	10.00/hr.

Summer Camp Position:

Summer Camp Director	\$320.00/yr.
Nursery Counselor	15.00/hr.
Nursery Assistant	7.00/hr.
Art Counselor	12.50/hr.
Theater Counselor	12.50/hr.
Sports Counselor	12.50/hr.
Swimming Pool Lifeguard	7.00/hr.
Junior Counselor	5.05/hr.

All temporary employees shall be hired on an hourly basis. The hourly wage scale shall be in an amount of not less than current minimum wage in the State of New Jersey, and not in excess of \$12.00 per hour as determined by a resolution and except as provided above.

Note: More than one position may be held by the same person. The following positions are combined:

The positions of Borough Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics are held by Krystyna Olejnik.

Positions of Deputy Borough Clerk, Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics and Purchasing Agent are held by Nancy Warnick.

Positions of Chief Financial Officer and Borough Treasurer in both the Current and Water/Sewer areas are held by Edward Debevec.

Positions of Environmental Commission Secretary and Planning Board Secretary are held by Ann Kassahun.

**Be a good
Citizen!
Attend Borough
Council
Meetings the
second Monday
of each month.**



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members approval, except for Stuart Kaufman's motion to hire Petula Hazell at \$5.05/hr. to assist Public Works Superintendent Gayle Donnelly in part-time clean-up of the community or Borough Hall, and Abe Schlinski at \$8.00/hr. as reinstated part-time Public Works Laborer. David Donnelly and George Vasseur abstained after Mr. Vasseur praised Ms. Donnelly's abilities and success at cleaning the community, cutting the grass on roadsides and parks, and other public works projects. He indicated extra expense for added wages was not needed. He then said something quietly to Mr. Donnelly, seated next to him. Council member Nestor Sabogal, on his way for a cup of water, overheard and angrily criticized Mr. Vasseur for his complaints "when he does not know all the facts." One resident, was heard saying, after the meeting, that the job is hardly worth the occasional praise of a very few citizens and that the residents of this town should throw a great celebration party for the Mayor and Council members and present each with a gigantic trophy and medal of honor, or the Borough should pay them a least a token \$1,000 each for a year's service.

Mary Alfare gave a report of the Citizens Participation

Committee, recommending that the Borough request \$60,000 of Community Block Grant funds to make the Borough Hall property accessible to disabled persons as required by the Federally unfunded mandate.

Rossi's Deli liquor license was renewed, fee remaining at \$570.

Mrs. Murphy regretted that only one resident answered the request for volunteers to join Nona Sherak and John and Judi Cordo as Cable Advisors. Herb Johnson was warmly approved as an appointed member of the Cable Advisory Committee.

In the public portion, Cliff Fischer, an independent candidate for the Council, asked two questions: "Has a decision been made on finishing the sidewalk to the front door of the Borough Hall?" (Answer: No.); "Who priced the shelving for the library? \$1,500 won't buy many feet of library shelves." ("The school has much of the shelving needed. The municipal budget can help provide the balance.")

Arlene Stinson, whose residence is alongside the unpaved portion of Oscar Drive, asked if there were proposals to open that road which becomes Witches Hollow Road at the Millstone border. Mayor Allen replied that it is a legal road and Roosevelt may be responsible for damages due to neglect.

Mrs. Stinson suggested the Mayor have a sign erected to say that no thoroughfare is allowed. The Mayor said it would take a barricade to keep some drivers from trying to get through. Mrs. Stinson urged the Mayor to take action to help keep traffic out of the area, which Mr. Kaufman called a pristine trail ideal for safe strolling. Mrs. Stinson made it clear that she was just trying to find out if restoring the road would benefit the Borough and, if it is being considered, why borough officials have not announced it so citizens can have input? After Mr. Kaufman said "It's not on any committee's agenda," the Mayor said Emergency Management groups and the Mayor of Millstone have recommended that the road be repaired and paved. Minutes of the May 8th Council meeting, all 18 pages of which were posted on the bulletin board, revealed that Nona Sherak asked if a grant could be used to pay for opening Witches Hollow Road and Michael Tickin said that "if the Council considers opening the road, it should change the name of the unpaved portion to Witches Hollow Road to prevent confusion."



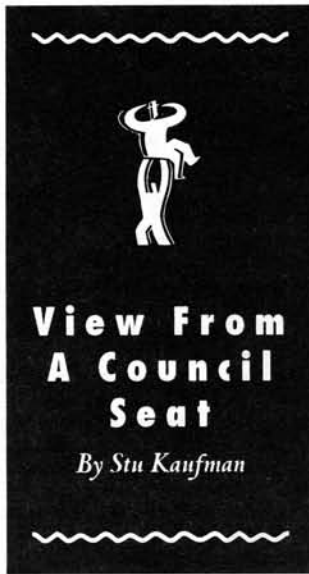
Notice

*By Kirk Rothfuss,
Stream Watch Coordinator*

The Roosevelt Stream Watch Project will be monitoring stream quality on the Assunpink Creek on three Sundays this summer - July 9, August 6 and September 10. Students, adults and children are all welcome to spend a few hours testing our local streams for various pollutants such as excess nitrogen and phosphorus, and to learn more about our local geography and environment.

The Stream Watch Project is sponsored by the Roosevelt Environmental Commission and supported with test equipment by the Monmouth County Planning Board. Monmouth County has initiated a county-wide program of volunteer stream testing to begin building a much needed data bank on stream quality. The county is divided into geographic areas by drainage basins which link us ecologically with our neighboring communities and volunteer groups. Roosevelt is part of the Panhandle Environmental Commission, which also includes volunteers from Allentown, Upper Freehold and Millstone.

I hope to see you at 8 AM at the starting point at our sewage treatment plant on Pine Drive on July 9, August 6 and September 10. Wear knee high boots, bring bug spray and wear clothing to protect you from poison ivy.



I would like to apologize for the condition, or should I say non-condition, of what should be a sidewalk in front of the Borough Hall. I know it's hard to imagine how anything as simple as replacing a sidewalk can become so damn complicated, but it has.

This relatively short project has been going on for so long, I've forgotten what a sidewalk looks like. Have no fear, after what seems to be years, I can promise this much - we will have a sidewalk before November.

While we're on the subject of things that go on and on, like the brown water circulating through out town, I can tell you this much, it's not getting worse but it will take more time to correct to everyone's satisfaction. If it makes you feel better, everyone on the Council gets their dose of brown water on a regular schedule, just like you. You are all lucky, you get to curse out everybody on the Council, I only get one, me.

There is a bright spot that I can talk about and that is Roosevelt. I know you've noticed, because many of you have commented on how nice the streets and public grounds (except for the sidewalk) look around town. You can thank our one person Public Works Dept., Gayle Donnelly. In a short period of time Gayle has realized what Public

Works is all about and how much effort and time it takes to do the job right. There are at least a zillion things that Gayle does, on Borough time as well as on her own time, to make Roosevelt a little nicer and this Rooseveltian thanks

you. (Don't be mad at me Gayle. You deserve some praise).

I've got a secret, so don't tell anyone. I'm very excited about this year's elections. It's been a while since we've had a contested election and I'm happy to report that this year we're going to have one. For those of us who don't know what that is, it's when there are three seats open on the Council and more than three people are running. The truth is, we all win when there are contested elections. Another reason I could be excited about this year's election is that I'm in it and I do love the thrill of competition and rivalry; Lee and George, you are worthy opponents. So, I guess this is goodbye until after the summer, unless you want to attend a Council meeting this summer where you can see me in living color (Nah, we've got better things to do).



Here Comes The Tomato Parade

Of the twenty-five or so tomato varieties that I've experimented with in the last five years, there are ten that I didn't bother planting this summer. Some were just yucky, like Husky Gold, a mealy, mushy, tasteless (but pretty) hybrid which I tried last year. Some were too susceptible to diseases, like Yellow Pear and Super Italian Paste. Others were just...plain. So I crossed them off my list.

That left fifteen varieties still on the list when seed-starting time arrived in the spring. Fifteen varieties at a six-pack each — ninety plants — about seventy more than could possibly fit into the space in my garden allotted to tomatoes. What can I say? The batteries were low in my calculator. It was March. I was hungry.

Now, there are some gardeners I know who are wooed by peppers, and grow an ever greater number of varieties each year. Some gardeners fall in love with herbs, and others devote precious space to heirloom beans or weird-looking squashes. We've all got our little quirks. But I do believe that almost *everyone* who gardens grows too many tomatoes.

What makes us do it? It's not just that they taste heavenly in July, or that most gardeners have imaginations much bigger than their stomachs. It's also because tomatoes are so gratifying to grow. We wait for the moment when the squash borers will topple the zucchini, and wonder how long the lettuce will last before it turns bitter and bolts in the heat of June. But somehow we know, deep in our bones, that given sun and water, tomatoes will always provide.

Much as we love our 'maters now, it wasn't always so. It was right here in Jersey, in fact, in 1820, that Robert Gibbon Johnson made a spectacle of himself by eating a tomato in front of the Salem courthouse, thereby to prove that the tomato was *not* a deadly poison, as was popularly believed.



Crumbs From My Table

By Rebecca Reuter

Not that there wasn't good reason to be cautious. The tomato is of the Solanaceae family, which includes tobacco, eggplant, belladonna, and potato, all of which are poisonous in parts and to varying degrees. So natural human cautions were at work during the three hundred-odd years between the time when tomatoes and potatoes, indigenous to the Andes, were imported from Mexico, and the time they became a widely accepted food item in Europe and European-settled America.

The poisonous part of the tomato, by the way, is the foliage, which is particularly dangerous to children, for whom a leaf or two can be toxic (I've read). Unlike antifreeze and animals, though, there is no special attraction between the two, and kids are not likely to go around the garden nibbling tomato leaves. Still, you can't be too careful with a stage of life that has been known to chew on cigarette butts, eat dirt, and stick bubblegum in its ears.

Botanically, tomatoes are fruits, despite the late 19th century Supreme Court decision to classify them, for taxation purposes, as vegetables. Like many fruits, they ripen more quickly in the presence of ethylene gas. Gassing tomatoes is not as ominous as it sounds, since the fruit itself produces ethylene gas in order to ripen. "Supermarket" tomatoes are harvested hard and green and then gassed after shipping to promote ripening. If you want to hurry up the full ripening of a not-quite-ready tomato (or any other fruit), you can gas it yourself by putting it in a closed paper bag with a ripe apple, which will emit ethylene and improve the fruit. Your tomato will be tastier than the store kind because you will have begun with a tomato nearer to maturity than the hard green commercially shipped ones (you *will*, won't you?).

I plan on leaving my 'maters to ripen up on the vine. There, in the presence of summer sun and warm soil, they will reach that

state of perfection which only a Jersey tomato can achieve. By mid-July, barring hail or crop failure, twenty plants will be calling out to me with red, yellow, pink, and purple fruits. Then I'll know I planted twice what I needed. I'll swear not to do it again.

I can't wait.

The Chilean poet Pablo Neruda wrote (in Spanish, in very short lines) about tomatoes in season: "the tomato / invades / the kitchen, / It enters at lunchtime, / takes / its ease / on countertops, / among glasses, / butter dishes, / blue saltcellars, / it sheds / its own light, / benign majesty."

I am cleaning the countertops in anticipation. I am exorcising the impure canned sauces from my larder. I am ready for that first drip of acid-sweet juice to plop, red and seedladen, onto the front of a white summer shirt.

TeeDee's No-Cook Tomato Sauce

Mix in a non-aluminum bowl:

6 large tomatoes, cored and chopped

6 cloves garlic, crushed and minced

Chop and add:

1 cup fresh basil leaves, loosely packed

Mix in:

1/4 cup good olive oil

freshly ground black pepper and salt, to taste

Let the mixture sit at room temperature for several hours.

Cook 1 pound penne or linguine, drain, and toss with the tomato mixture. Top with plenty of freshly grated parmesan or romano cheese.



Adeline Weiner 1914-1995

The Bulletin sadly joins in offering our condolences on the passing of our valued colleague. The following eulogies were spoken at the funeral service held for Adeline at the Roosevelt cemetery on Thursday, June 22.

MY WIFE

By Leslie Weiner

Here are a few facts about my late, dear wife, Adeline. She was born in Hartford, Connecticut, the first-born of poor Jewish working-class people. Her first speech was the language of her parents, a fine, broken Yiddish.

By the third grade she claimed English as her very own. She took to reading books while walking to school. Only after being hit by her third car did she become convinced this was not the way to do it.

Now the family, including a second daughter, moved to Ogden Avenue in the Bronx. Adeline continued to be an unstoppable reader but by now she had somehow anticipated the sound of approaching fenders. Her record of three nudges in the rear remained at three but from then on her method of getting to school was protected by an overbuilt subway system.

And of course, reading continued to be her thing. Next stop, Hunter College. Adeline grew to be the tallest in her class, in fact, grew to the tallest in her family's history. What do you do with such unnecessary growth? You do what others do

- go out for the women's basketball team.

But alas, the wonder, the excitement of reading always managed to supersede the lure of the round ball. Novels, plays, poems, essays - in these lines lay the true mystery of an inquisitive girl's nature. She found her way to a Bronx radio station over which, in a clear, deep voice, she recited the works of, among others, Edna St. Vincent Millay and Emily Dickinson.

With very little money at home, Adeline successively found employment as a seamstress, waitress, an usher in a movie palace, a part-time cook. But during most of the thirties, she cast her lot with the radical student movement. And with all that, she never stopped reading, reading - with an occasional lifting of her gaze to sidestep oncoming cars.

In 1944, Adeline's first husband was lost in a mysterious disappearance over the mountains of China, his plane was never recovered. I was more fortunate. My flying time was logged with a steady, experienced pilot.

Adeline and I had met in the spring of '49, she proclaimed herself ready for marriage. I had negative views on that enterprise, but slowly, slowly, she wore me down. It seemed she knew more about everything than I did. That was all right, I could accept that. She was able to read twice as fast as I. Returning to school at Douglass in New Brunswick, she made Phi Beta Kappa without strain.

What a great boon it turned out that

both our kids, Joe and Liz, turned out to possess Adeline's intellectual make-up - and even the grandchildren, Sofia and Gemma, have a certain quick-witted pizzazz! We've been very fortunate in that respect.

We came to this green wooded haven in 1952, 43 years ago - half a lifetime, if one is lucky. Yes, I think we can say we've been lucky. And now the dreaded scourge of our time, the dreaded cancer, has claimed my partner, my dear wife, my beautiful person. I must not be bitter about not having more time together. Thank you, friends, for helping me and my family pay tribute to our sweet Adeline Weiner.

REMARKS ON THE PROFESSIONAL LIFE OF ADELINE WEINER

By Gloria J. Borden

I speak for all Addie's colleagues from her professional career at Temple University - her fellow faculty, her graduate students, her friends...(in Roosevelt, you called her Adeline; at Temple we called her Addie).

During her 13 years at Temple, Addie designed and developed a creative and highly effective treatment for stuttering. She was passionate about her work. She shaped her program for stutterers through trial and error and constant evaluation - always

improving it - always fine tuning it to fit each person. She read widely, she synthesized what she read, she conducted laboratory experiments on the physiology of stuttering, she published in professional journals, and she was widely recognized for her theories and for her approach to stuttering. Imagine the gratitude that all of those people who stuttered felt, to get relief from their crippling blocks that so impede communication.

Addie's influence will never diminish over time, but rather, it will continue, expanding ever wider - as the Temple graduate students that she taught over the years teach others, who, in turn, teach others her original program for the treatment of stuttering.

Addie was a gifted teacher and clinician. She was a highly respected colleague, and she was a good and loyal friend. She could be enthusiastic and amusing. She could also be stubborn as a goat. Lori Russell reminded me last night of how, at faculty meetings, when it was Addie's turn to take notes, she'd say "Oh, alright, but I'm only going to write down the things I agree with!"

I speak for all her friends and colleagues at Temple. We'll miss her terribly.

A FRIEND'S THOUGHTS ABOUT
ADELINE WEINER

By Virginia Edwards Stout

Adeline Weiner was about 37 years old and I 27 when we met 43 years ago, both with knobby personal histories poking into our backs, both misfits in the 50s.



ADELINE WEINER WITH SOFIA

In important ways, we saved each other's sanity.

In a decade of clear pastel and primary color attitudes, Ad was all deeps and darks, glints and unexpected glows. She was willful and won'tful, excitingly intelligent and analytical, politically passionate, fiercely self-disciplined and independent—and physically, very beautiful. None of that changed.

Together we tried to sort out our children's real needs from the glutinous childrearing commandments of the 50s. To this day, some of the sun-soaked memo-

ries of those early years of largely shared child care double as Big Medicine in our families. Certainly in mine.

Others will describe Ad's accomplishments—the rigorous training at Actor's Studio and the painful conclusion that an acting career couldn't be reconciled to the calendar; the return to college and triumphant emergence, Phi Beta Kappa, with a master's in speech/language pathology; her valuable work in that field as a Professor, researcher and clinician at Temple University.

After retirement she focused on community and area needs; taught reading to actual prisoners; used her expertise to help many imprisoned by reading and communications problems—and became a trusted reporter of Council news for the *Boro Bulletin* as well as a founder of Roosevelt's annual commemoration of Hiroshima Day.

I'm trying to hold on to the wonder of the woman herself. My walking buddy was a challenger and a nurturer, a non-stop learner and lover of languages. She was competent at anything she did and lovable in spite of it. She was leashed to a voracious mind ceaselessly straining for more stimulation. There weren't enough books, music, museum shows, movies to fill her need to know, experience and expand.

Adeline worked for causes and devoured courses, yet she would adroitly turn herself into chicken soup when one of us needed her. She was never less than generous and supportive to other women,

(cont. on pg. 16)

Roosevelt
Weather
Almanac



By Ron Filepp

**PEOPLE
 PERSPIRE
 WHEN HEAT
 AND HUMIDITY
 CONSPIRE**

Some Vegetables do well in hot weather, as long as they get enough water. Tomatoes and peppers thrive during the hot and humid days and warm, humid nights of summer.

Some people are like tomatoes and some aren't. Law enforcement agencies have observed when the temperature

rises above eight-five degrees riots are more likely to occur. Let's hope the brown water situation in town is under control before the summer heat and humidity set in.

Anyone that labors in hot weather without air conditioning can attest that work suffers in the sweltering days of summer. The government had to do a study to prove the point. The study shows military radar operators make more mistakes as temperature and humidity rise.

A MEASURE OF DISCONTENT

"Apparent temperature" is a measure that suggests how temperature and humidity work together on the human body. At low humidity levels temperatures in the mid eighties could make physical activity seem more fatiguing than usual. Under these conditions, the apparent temperature is in the upper eighties.

If the temperature is ninety and the relative humidity reaches 70 percent, the apparent temperature is over 105 degrees. Heatstroke, heat cramps and heat exhaustion are all possible results of prolonged exposure.

INSECT-O-METER

Some insects act as fairly accurate thermometers. Crickets chirp at a rate determined in large part by the temperature.

Count the number of chirps in fourteen seconds and add forty. This will give you the current temperature.

Weather Table

May 15 - June 15, 1995

	High	Low	Avg.	Prec.
15	74.0	45.0	59.5	0.40
16	77.0	45.0	61.0	0.00
17	70.5	54.0	62.3	0.00
18	82.0	64.0	73.0	0.13
19	62.0	58.0	60.0	0.25
20	74.0	47.5	60.8	0.05
21	83.0	50.0	66.5	0.00
22	76.0	52.0	64.0	0.00
23	79.0	47.0	63.0	0.00
24	87.0	59.0	73.0	0.00
25	82.0	64.0	73.0	0.07
26	66.0	58.0	62.0	0.47
27	76.0	52.0	64.0	0.04
28	66.0	50.0	58.0	0.00
29	81.0	60.0	70.5	0.15
30	74.0	60.0	67.0	1.37
31	83.0	50.5	66.8	0.00
1	84.0	54.5	69.3	0.00
2	86.0	62.0	74.0	0.00
3	86.0	70.0	78.0	0.13
4	78.0	63.5	70.8	0.16
5	82.5	57.0	69.8	0.00
6	82.0	55.0	68.5	0.00
7	86.0	68.0	77.0	0.15
8	86.0	65.5	75.8	0.00
9	80.0	60.0	70.0	0.00
10	74.0	64.0	69.0	0.00
11	85.0	64.0	74.5	0.00
12	80.0	70.0	75.0	0.00
13	71.0	60.0	65.5	0.60
14	74.0	60.0	67.0	0.16
15	77.5	52.0	64.8	0.14

Total Precipitation 4.27

Katydids increase the length of their song with a rise in the temperature. If a katydid sings "Kay-tee-did-it" the temperature is seventy-eight. If the song is "Kay-tee-did" it's seventy. "Kay-tee" indicates sixty-two degrees, "Kate" fifty-eight.

EVERY DOG STAR HAS HIS/HER DAYS

The "dog days" of summer start around July third and end around August eleventh. It's at this time that Sirius, the Dog Star, travels across the sky in conjunction with the sun. The Romans believed that heat from Sirius combined with heat from the sun to create the hottest days of the year.

It was also believed to be a time of year when dogs had spells of madness. The weather during the dog days was thought to be unhealthy.

Don't let the dog days take a bite out of you. Here are some Hot Weather Tips:

☞ Dress in light-colored, loose clothing

☞ Drink plenty of liquids, avoiding sweet drinks and drinks containing alcohol and caffeine

☞ Limit exposure to direct sunlight

☞ Reduce strenuous activity

☞ Limit strenuous activity to early morning and evening

☞ Get a doctor's advice concerning the possible harmful

side effects medications may have during a heat wave

⚡ Avoid sunburn, which makes it more difficult for the body to get rid of heat

⚡ Use fans and air conditioners when necessary

⚡ Make sure pets have plenty of fresh water

⚡ Never leave pets in closed cars

⚡ If your car overheats, turn the air-conditioner off and turn the heater on as high as possible, if that doesn't immediately help, pull over and turn the engine off. Do not touch anything under the hood while the car is hot.

JULY FOURTH

According to a proverb, good weather on the fourth of July makes for more than a good parade. "If Bullion's Day (St. Martin Bullion's Day, the fourth of July) be dry there will be a good harvest."

PRECIPITATION

DEFICIT DECLINES

At the end of April, the precipitation deficit for the year in Roosevelt was 4.65 inches. A wet May (4.71 inches of precipitation) reduced the deficit to 3.52 inches for the year. The period between June 1 and June 15 had a little less than average rainfall.

WEATHER FACT

The next time you take a flight during the summer, you may notice that the jet travels further on the runway before take-off than it would in cooler months. Air is thinner in hot weather. Planes need to build up more speed to obtain the same lift achieved at lower speeds during cooler weather.

NEW JERSEY WEATHER EVENTS

Hail that fell in Burlington on July 29, 1925 remained on the ground for three days.

A heavy rainfall dropped 6.15 inches at College Farm in New Brunswick on August 16, 1909. Events source: The New Jersey Weather Book by David M. Ludlum

WEATHER WORD

A "supercell" is a fierce thunderstorm that usually lasts several hours, often spinning out strong tornadoes. Source: The Weather Book by Jack Williams



passing thoughts

By Faye Nulman

The year is halfway through;
 so what's a Boro to do?
 Boro taxes up/School down,
 are rising taxes comin' round?
 Water's a yucky shade of brown
 how many times can this go 'round?
 People running on campaign-oh my goodness-
 that time of year again?!
 Primary's over-it's not all roses and clover.
 Votes are tied for three on the same side.
 Time for change?
 Lots of things to think and do all the summer days through.
 May be good to have some answers clear, before Election
 Day is near.

What's a Boro to do?



(ADELINE from pg 13)

could never remain silent when something needed to be said. Bravery was the pilot light of her personality.

Here was a woman who was not afraid of anything except the possibility that something could happen to her children. She was impervious to the minor cowardices that web and bind the rest of us. She discounted a mugging as "one of those things." Accidents suffered when travelling alone never interfered with the planning of the next solitary expedition. She didn't regard aging as an excuse or liability but rather as an uninteresting detail that had to be dealt with on the practical level. She exercised hard at the gym twice a week for years, right up to the day when illness disrupted the sacrosanct schedule, and she was so strong and fit that she had a hard time dying even when she was ready to do so.

Ad and I did not always commune as saints; we annoyed each other plenty. She got tired of coping with Laverne and Shirley in one body and deplored my tolerance of disorder. I had a hard time with her scatter-shot impatience. Love won out again and again and always. Who could resist that

world class smile, the warm and genuine concern that melted troubles into manageability. That concern, by the way, was typically accompanied by hands-on, mind-on involvement and relentless follow-through.

Before her last hospitalization, she summoned me to her bedroom and commanded me to perform a back exercise she had taught me years before. I sprawled on the floor, sweating, on a sliding coil of oxygen tubing while she leaned out of bed and directed the traffic of my extremities. You bet I did it right.

When acquaintances, apprehensive of random violence, began to make excuses not to venture into the Apple, Ad at 80 continued to be a user of subways and a walker in the city. Any city. Here and abroad, she usually traveled alone. No familiar arm to nudge or grasp, no protective cordon of tour guides. She lived on her own in many different cities, appliqueing herself onto the national fabric, attending school, developing a network of friends. Young people have always been attracted to compelling, magnetic Adeline and these connections made in far away places were not su-

perficial but continuing and satisfying.

While agemates bemoaned their shrinking circle of friends, Adeline's kept expanding.

At home or abroad, weather was not regarded as a justification for postponing or cancelling plans or resorting to such sissy arrangements as cabs. Just before she got sick, she insisted that we march 14 blocks in downtown Manhattan through rain pounding down so hard it hurt. When we arrived at our destination, we were the only women in the ladies' room wringing out our bras, a rite repeated at the other end of the outing.

Being Adeline Weiner — proud, perfectionist, indomitable—could be a lonely business at times. She knew that she intimidated some people and sometimes speculated that she might be more suffered than liked.

After last Sept. 29, the day she was hit by the tractor trailer leukemia, she found that she was liked —and more. She was respected and loved and for the next eight and a half months a procession of visitors found dozens of ways to show her how they felt. Some crossed seas, sky and continents to be with her again, not for

florid goodbye scenes but for a few more ordinary hours with an extraordinary human being.

Finally, she showed us the way to go home. She applied the same dispassionate intelligence and self-knowledge that characterized her general approach to life to dying, and her unexpected longevity contributed to medical history at Princeton Hospital. She lived and departed with great style, dignified, intact, loving to the last.

Friendship with Ad was fraught with a sense of danger, for she had the heroic qualities which, off the page and off the stage, can disconcert the unprepared. As family, friends, colleagues and neighbors, we've been spoiled. We've known the best.

The observation in *Hamlet* "To thine own self be true and it must follow as the day the night, thou canst not then be false to any man" is an apt description of Adeline Weiner's way. She was not false.



Remembering Manny

By Peggy Malkin

Manny Koffler was the first person I met when I walked up the driveway to my house the very first time. Sam and Gigi, his ever present canine companions, came running and barking their heads off - partly to welcome - partly to warn. Manny was right on their heels assuring me that they were all noise and actually very nice dogs. This was the beginning of a twenty year relationship - in which this kind, gentle, humorous man was like a father to me, a grandfather to my son, and a general watcher-over of me and my home.

When I first met Manny, I knew that he worked as purchaser at Fort Dix. I remember thinking he was the first ordinary person I had met in a town full of artists and craftsmen. Imagine my surprise when I learned that he was a renowned and prominent musician with a degree from Julliard!

And, Manny was anything but ordinary. Each day he would return home from Fort Dix with his pockets loaded with cow joints and knees and knuckles, all leftovers from work. His dogs and mine would jump up on him in a frenzy of barking and tail wagging, waiting for the delicious handout. These huge disgusting bones would be all over my floors. I got used to them, but guests would always say "Eew, what are these?" To which I'd respond, "Oh, they're treats from Manny." In the summer, Manny would often drive all our dogs to Dairy Queen for a nice cool dish of ice-cream. What a

picture of them all in the car! And, who can forget the sight of Sam and Gigi strolling over to the synagogue at 11:45 every Saturday, waiting patiently for services to end at noon. They performed this ritual for years, much to the amazement and entertainment of us all.

After Manny lost his vision, he encompassed a much smaller world. He could no longer drive, read books, or his beloved music. But, he made a new world. He made Rossi's his daily haunt; you could set your clock by him walking there each morning. No matter when I offered him a ride, he would say "No, I'll walk, it's good for me." His jokes became cornier, although sometimes he was actually funny!



He also had more time to ponder about my life! No subject was taboo to him - he concerned himself with every aspect! But, always it was done lovingly, and because I knew he cared about me.

After the birth of my son, Nick, I really came to rely on Manny. He did everything from babysit to teaching him far more about Judaism than I know. Once, when Nick was three, he asked Manny to read him a story. Manny told him he couldn't read, not explaining it was due to poor vision. Nick just said, "It's okay, Uncle Manny, don't worry, I'll read to you instead." And, he did. Manny got a real kick out of that and laughed for days.

Last summer when Jeanette was away, Manny, Nick, Johnny Rindt and I all went for pizza and ice-cream. I thought he might be bored - the kids were reenacting Power Rangers - and our soft ice-cream was melting faster than we could eat it - what a mess! But, he stood there smiling and beaming and I realized he was happy just to be with us.

I still look for Manny at the triangle walking his dog - it's too new to remember he's gone. When I'm in Jeanette's, I wait for him to come over to me. Nick's first words when I told him Uncle Manny died were, "Now he won't be at my Bar Mitzvah, Mom, and he wanted to be so much." And, that is true. But, as corny and hackneyed as this sounds, Manny will never leave my heart. He was Roosevelt to me.



Our Children's Voices

Note: We continue to publish samples of RPS's participation in the Writing Workshop Program. The following were done by 4th grade students.

"NATURE"

The wind blows strong,
the sun shines bright,
the little bird hatches out of
its egg with all its might.
Trees grow, birds sing,
even the chimes outside go
cling-clang-clang,
frogs croak and waterbugs stroke,
all the animals sing!
And you might ask...
What is this wonderful thing?.....

NATURE.

by Nick Malkin

"B-BALL"

I'm on the court.
I'm playing one on one.
One more point and I win.
I fake, then spin,
I do a layup and win!!

by Nathaniel Kostar

"THE BEACH"

I'm at the beach.
I'm at the beach.
I'm having lots of fun.
I'm swimming in the water.
I'm making a big clutter,
and then I see a big bird go wee!
and dive into the water.

by Nathaniel Kostar

"CHINESE NEW YEAR"

I love Chinese New Year, where all
the Chinese celebrate...firecrackers
everywhere and rockets...park dragons
dance to bring good luck in the
smoke filled air...if you listen carefully
you can hear a drum cart's beat
followed by a band of flags to bring
up all the cheer...but that's not all
on every cause you'll get money
everywhere so come on down and join
the fest...it's the best.

by Chris Wong

"MY BAT MITZVAH"

It's my celebration since I'm thirteen
I feel like I want to run
I am having so much fun!
I love dancing so much
I am in such a rush
I love my beautiful cake
My mother had to make it
I love all the presents that I got
A lot of people bought.

by Shiri Yeger

☞ Special Teaching Awards:
Professor of Chemistry, Carlo Alfare, received the Distinguished Teacher Award at the Mercer County Community College Graduation on May 24.

Adeenah Yeger received the Fabian Award for Teaching Excellence at the Jewish Center in Princeton on June 4.

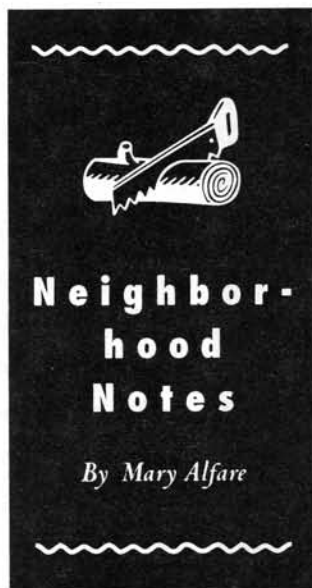
☞ Graduation Awards:

RPS on June 17 - Adam Axel received the Nathan Bard Social Studies Award; Naomi Cayne received the Graham Nisnevitz Mathematics Award; Billy Jackson was recipient of the Oscar Nisnevitz Citizenship Award; and, the Dominic J. Rossi Academic Achievement Award went to Hannah Stinson.

Kreps Middle School on June 15 - Kathleen Alfare and Jessica Hamilton were recipients of the President's Award for Educational Excellence. Susan Skillman received the Kreps School PTA Award. Additionally, Kathleen Alfare received the Kreps School Language Arts Award and Jessica Hamilton received the Kreps School science Award.

Hightstown High School - Holli Conover was recipient of the Robert L. Flammer Award for Environmental Studies.

☞ Other School awards from:
Kreps Middle School - Jeanette



Castro was Student of the Month for June; Kate Freedman: Excellence in Reading and in Language Arts; Cassie Hatzfeld: Excellence in Language and Reading; Elizabeth Carroll: Excellence in Language Arts and in LA Reading; Joanna Giordano: Excellence in Language Arts, Reading Studio and Social Studies; and, Dylana Possiel; Outstanding Academic Performance.

Hightstown High School - Three Roosevelt students were nominated for various "Rosie" Awards for their achievements in the School's TV Production Class. Chris Lepore was nominated for his pictorial essays and a video production. Jessica Hague was nominated for Best Short News Report. Michael Cedar was nominated for Best Field Reporting, Best RAM

Report Promo and a video production project. Mike won a Special Achievement award for a public service announcement. He also won an Acting Workshop Award from Bucks County Playhouse.

☞ Fond Farewell:

Manny Koffler, longtime Homestead Lane resident, died May 27 at the age of 85.

Jon Kapstein, former North Valley resident, died June 12 at the age of 42.

Adeline Weiner, Homestead Lane resident, former Trustee and reporter for the *Bulletin*, died on June 19, at the age of 80.

☞ Attention Seniors:

Nutritional Lunch Program will continue Mondays and Thursdays through the summer. For information call Rose Van Wyck at 259-7816.

☞ Volunteers Needed for:

First Aid Squad, especially to cover weekday, daytime hours. The squad pays for training. For information, call Captain Beth Battel at 448-7701 or Mike Stiles at 426-4185.

Fire Department. Contact Chief Kim Dexheimer at the post office or leave a message at the Borough Hall, 448-0539.



Announcement

Just before she died on Monday, June 19th, Adeline Weiner asked Herb Johnson to be sure to see to it that the Roosevelt Committee For Nuclear Disarmament of which she had been the chair person for many years, would arrange for our annual Hiroshima Day Commemoration observance.

Be sure to save August 5 or 6 (we're not sure yet of the exact date) from 7:30 to 9 pm for this fiftieth anniversary of Hiroshima Day. Exact information will be publicized.

Please call Herb at 443-1947 if you wish to be part of the arrangements committee or for more information.



TO THE EDITOR

I and others may be critical of some things done by our town's Mayor, Council, Board of Education members and other residents of Roosevelt. However, I and others I've spoken with admire greatly the overall dedication, sincerity, honesty and skills shown by those volunteer officials; and, those residents who participate in arguing, complaining, questioning, making suggestions for solutions, offering to help and in other ways improve our town. We have a wonderful community to live in except for getting stuck with a \$2 million loan to pay off for improving our antiquated water and sewer system, and having such a small number of homes that our school is inefficient.

The main thing is that even though I value residents challenging our elected volunteer officials at meetings and at the polls, I appreciate what the people in office, doing their jobs as best they can and taking the heat from the public and from each other at times, do for our

town through the years. I agree with the suggestion we should throw them a big party, and pay the municipal office holders \$1,000 a year. (Law forbids paying Board of Education members.)

Herbert M. Johnson

TO THE EDITOR

The candidates' letters in the *June Bulletin* merit comment.

The Mayor takes credit for the accomplishments of others.

He writes, "We were successful in getting DEP to forgive \$512,000... in penalties." Nonsense. The contracts let, before Mr. Allen joined the Council, brought the sewer plant up to DEP standards, so the penalties were lifted automatically.

"We have successfully obtained more than half a million

dollars in grant dollars."

It was Mr. Allen's predecessor, Mayor Barth, who instituted the policy of applying for grant dollars. In 1988, Mayor Barth asked me (as a private citizen) to contact

Virginia Edwards, head of the Community Development Block Grant Program, for him. In 1989, the Council applied for the DOT grant for Nurko Road to correct a serious erosion problem, received the grant in 1990 and did the work in 1991.

The Council applied for the Eleanor Drive, Farm Lane and Tamara Drive grants in 1991 while Barth was still Mayor and Donnelly and Sabogal were not yet on the Council. Some gratitude is also due the Borough Engineer for his competence in preparing the applications. The only grant applied for and received while Allen was Mayor was for South Rochdale; and, the work was not done (as you can see) and the grant returned to the Block Grant Program.

Allen distorts fiscal reality when he writes, "...most of our

tax dollars go to the school..."

In fact, since 1991, about \$7 million in taxes, grants and loans have been spent by the Council whose responsibility covers both the municipal budget and the water/sewer budget. These two budgets come very close to costing residents each year about as much as the school costs them.

Allen has spent several thousand dollars on self-promotion, including hotel suites, at various meetings on the pretext of helping the town but he cannot point to any specific benefits.

In their letters, his running mates, Donnelly and Sabogal, on the other hand, do not run on their record: they don't claim a single accomplishment to show for their two and a half years on the Council.

Donnelly's sense of responsibility may be called into question when he writes about "our contentious neighbors in Millstone," claims that opposition to nuclear waste storage in Roosevelt came "mostly from a group of out-of-towners." and "No one can say how many (Roosevelt only) residents were at least in favor of taking a fur-

ther look..." An examination of the petitions circulated at the time and available at the Borough Hall would have told him.

Jeff Hunt ran as cavalier seul in a quixotic effort: once elected to the Council, he would risk frustration by being immediately marginalized, as I, Howard Prezant, George Vasseur and Paul Hoogsteden have been.

I couldn't agree more with his statement that "the Council needs to be more accessible and accountable" but I am concerned with his lack of awareness of what has been done in this direction.

When I was elected to the Council in 1991, I made accessibility my area of responsibility. With, of course, the support of the Council and the participation of a number of residents, some of whose arms still hurt from my twisting, I think that I may reasonably take a certain amount of credit for bringing into being the Clean Communities program (with Gayle Donnelly), Environmental Commission (Jim Carnevale et al), Emergency Management Committee (Ed Miller), Historic Council (Art Shapiro et al), Home Repair Program, Roosevelt TV (Margaret Schlinski), tourist group visits (Arts Project) and the Youth

Work Program (Diana Moore).

I also instituted the annual New Year's community get-together at the Borough Hall, registered newcomers to vote, issued a roster of all organizations in town, encouraged local newspapers to write about the town, started meetings with the Millstone Township Committee, invited our State representatives to meet with the Council and residents, and kept up-to-date a file of the names and addresses of all residents for the use of the phone book, First Aid and others...

The Council was more accessible when I left it than when I was sworn in even without support from the Mayor and his sycophants. Mr. Hunt and other residents may not be aware of these efforts to improve community relations.

As Finance Committee Chairman, Howard Prezant improved financial reporting and instituted the reconciliation of actual capital expenditures with authorizations, a work now carried on by Paul Hoogsteden.

Mr. Hunt and other residents may not be aware of how much more financial information is available now, compared with the situation five years ago.

Like Jeff, I deplore the "end run" (actually, continuous end runs) by the "Mayor and

Council" but I have to remind him that the Council is not monolithic and that these end runs were directed against dissident Council members as well against other boards and the community as a whole. Embattled dissident Council members would have appreciated his support at the time.

Mr. Hunt is unduly dogmatic about the Nurko Drive and Lake Drive projects that he criticizes. He does not present the pros and cons for these decisions or even seem to be aware of why the Council approved them.

Also, without substantiating his statement, he claims that the Mayor and Council have ignored the Planning Board. Since the Mayor and one Council member are ex officio members of the Planning Board, this would be difficult. Can he give an example?

Instead of Mr. Hunt, I would prefer a candidate who is less dogmatic and negative, with more knowledge about local government, more constructive ideas and who is more modest than Mr. Hunt. A vote for him, he writes, is a vote for intelligent government. But, is it?

Peter B. Warren

TO THE EDITOR

Who are they serving?

I'll keep this brief. I went to a Council meeting last evening. My husband and I went because we hadn't been in a while. We had a few questions to ask and we both feel that it's important to attend, though we don't get to go as often as we'd like. There were three others who had also come and two more arrived as the meeting went on. The full Council and the Mayor were present. At about nine o'clock, the meeting was adjourned.

Several resolutions were offered and voted on. Mr. Hoogsteden seemed very thorough about finances, and the borough attorney engaged in a dialogue, primarily with Mr. Allen, laying the groundwork to head off some future problems. Mr. Vasseur was clearly attempting to be thrifty.

I respect public service. Something is wrong, though, here in Roosevelt. When Mr. Vasseur suggested that Mr. Donnelly resign from his council seat because he faces a conflict of interest since his wife, Gayle, became a Borough employee, Mr. Donnelly replied, "Drop dead." A few moments later Mr. Sabogal, returning to his chair with a glass of water, interrupted the meeting to lam-

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baste Mr. Vasseur for picking on Mr. Donnelly. Mr. Sabogal said something about being sick of Mr. Vasseur's behavior, and while he was sorry to embarrass Mr. Vasseur at a public meeting, he could no longer contain himself.

I'm not clear why Mr. Vasseur should have been embarrassed. I did find it odd that neither Mr. Sabogal nor Mr. Donnelly were embarrassed. I felt embarrassed. Mr. Allen said nothing. No one said anything. I guess they are used to that sort of thing.

My husband says, "Paid or not, they are there to serve." The business of the Borough was handled last night, I suppose, but it's hard to say anymore whose being served.

Arlene Stinson



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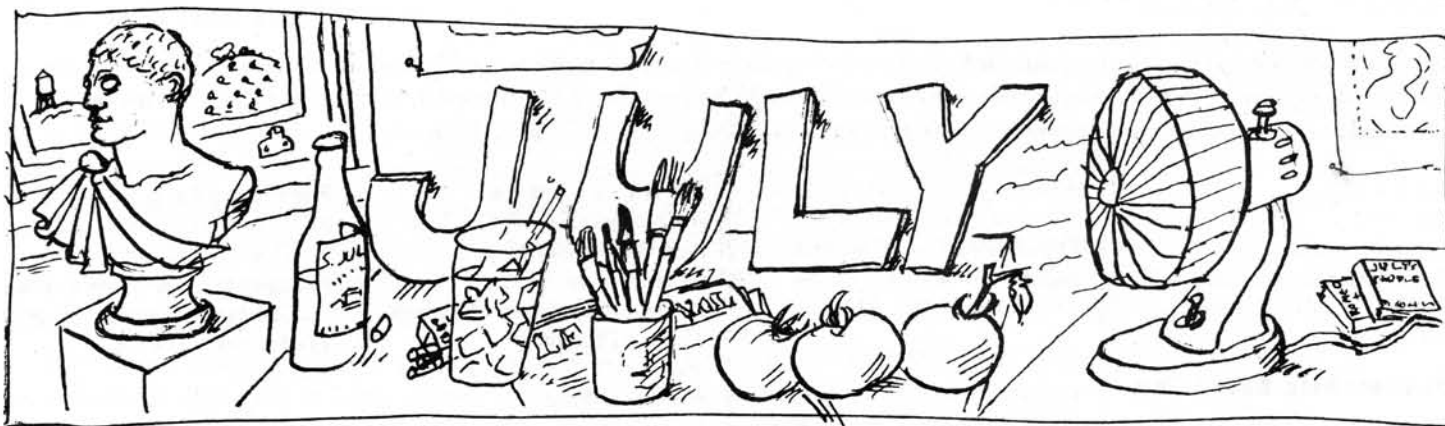
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Agenda Mtg.
tue 4 Fourth Of July - 9 AM
Balloon Float Workshop-RPS-
Ellen Silverman, 490-0557
IIAM Fourth Of July Parade-
Meet At Tamara & Rt. 571
6 PM Roosevelt Comm. T.V.-
Cable Ch. 8
1 PM Blood Pressure Check Boro Hall

wed 5 8 PM Environmental
Comm.- Jim Carnevale, Pres. 426-
1728
thur 6 7:30 PM Board of
Ed. Agenda Mtg.-RPS- Mike
Hamilton, Pres. 443-5227
sun 9 8 AM Stream Watch
(Volunteer Water Testing)-Kirk
Rothfuss-448-3713

mon 10 7:30 PM Council
Action Mtg.
tue 11 6 PM Roosevelt
Comm. TV Cable Ch 8
wed 12 ♻️ Recycle
8 PM Planning Bd. Mtg.-Gail
Hunton, Chair, 426-4338
mon 17 7:30 PM Council
Comm. Mtgs.
8 PM Synagogue Board Mtg.,
Michael Ticktin, 448-0363
tue 18 6 PM Roosevelt
Comm. TV Cable Ch 8
thur 20 7:30 PM Board of
Ed. Regular Mtg.-RPS- Mike
Hamilton, Pres. 443-5227
mon 24 7:30 PM Council
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tue 25 6 PM Roosevelt
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calendar.*

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September

thur 3 7:30 PM Board of
Ed. Agenda Mtg.-RPS
sun 6 8 AM Stream Watch
(Volunteer Water Testing)-Kirk
Rothfuss-448-3713
mon 7 7:30 PM Council
Agenda Mtg.
wed 9 ♻️ Recycle
mon 14 7:30 PM Council
Action Mtg.
thur 17 7:30 PM Board of
Ed. Regular Mtg.-RPS
mon 21 7:30 PM Council
Comm. Mtgs.
wed 23 ♻️ Recycle
mon 28 7:30 PM Council
Comm. Mtgs.

mon 5 7:30 PM Council
Agenda Mtg.
wed 6 ♻️ Recycle
thur 7 7:30 PM Board of
Ed. Agenda Mtg.-RPS
sun 10 8 AM Stream Watch
(Volunteer Water Testing)-Kirk
Rothfuss-448-3713
mon 11 7:30 PM Council
Action Mtg.
tue 12 1 PM Blood Pressure
Check Boro Hall
2 PM Senior Cit. Mtg. Boro Hall
mon 18 7:30 PM Council
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