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## School Lane Bond Ordinance Approved First Aid Squad Calls For Action Against Speeders

Pedestrian safety was a concern in two matters faced by the Borough Council in September. Five members of the Roosevelt First Aid Squad appealed to the Mayor and Council for action

to make the Borough's streets safer, while petition, signed by eleven residents of School Lane, opposed the plan to build a sidewalk from the school to Pine Drive. According to the petition, the proposed work "will create a hazard to children entering or leaving vehicles."

Council members Rose Murphy and George Vasseur were absent, but reports for their committees and others were made; seven members

of the public spoke during the first public portion of the meeting. The Council had the second readings and votes on adoption of three ordinances described in last month's Bulletin; an ordinance to amend the Salary Ordinance was introduced;

three resolutions were passed and other business was discussed by the Council and members of the public. The First Aid Squad members who pressed the Council for action to make the

streets on Roosevelt safer for pedestrians were Marilyn Magnes, Melissa Hecht, Kathy Hartman, Michael Stiles and Jeff Klein. They cited violations of the 25 mph speed limit observed on Homestead Lane, Farm Lane, Lake Drive, Pine Drive and Rochdale avenue, as well as failure to obey stop and yield signs. Nona Sherak said she had even seen a resident speed on the short stretch of Maple Court. Ginny Edwards used

lively language to describe "School Lane South" in her letter to the Council. She called it, "a road which attracts speedsters at strange hours, turning a stroll to the school into a NASCAR event." The Squad members have a particular interest in

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**Borough  
Council  
Report**

by Herb Johnson

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## Re-Real Estate Taxes

by Jeff Hunt

**State Senator Ray Lesniak (D/20th Dist.) is sponsoring a bill which would put a cap on the amount of real estate taxes a municipality may use to fund its school district. The amount above this cap would be funded by the State which, according to the Senator, has adequate funds to do so.**

**For more information, call Senator Ray Lesniak's office at 908-353-7722.**

## Holiday Brunch and Craft Show

by Karen Block

Hold open Sunday, December 3, for a Breakfast/Brunch followed by a Craft and Gift Show sponsored by the Sisterhood of Congregation Anshei Roosevelt at the synagogue on Homestead Lane.

Join your friends and neighbors for a brunch that includes bagels and cream cheese, fruit juice, assorted pastries, coffee and hot chocolate. The "all you can eat price": Adults - \$5; Senior Citizens - \$4; Children under 12 - \$3.

Please join us and enjoy a casual breakfast and/or a chance to browse through a variety of craft and gift items, just in time to purchase for the holidays.

Local crafters interested in participating may call Karen Block 609-426-1560 or Lynn Friedman 609-448-5186 for more information.

**Flu shots will be provided to residents on Friday, November 3, from 12:30 to 1:30, at the Borough Hall. There will be no charge for persons with Medicare cards. All others will be charged \$5.00.**



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Most of the Planning Board news for October occurred at the Borough Council's October 2 agenda meeting. The Board's Chairperson, Gail Hunton, and consultant, Alan Mallach, a former Chairman of the Planning Board, presented to the Council a draft of the long-awaited planned community development (PCD) ordinance proposed by the Board for 500 acres of northern farmlands. Ms. Hunton noted that she and Mr. Mallach received significant help with the lengthy and complicated project from Mayor Lee Allen, Peter Warren, Tax Assessor Michael Tickin and Bert Ellentuck. Messrs. Allen, Tickin and Ellentuck are members of the Planning Board. Ms. Hunton also praised Dr. David Listokin, a Rutgers professor, for his advice on the population impact of residential development. Mr. Ellentuck was present and participated in the discussion. Also, Council member Stuart Kaufman, who serves on the Planning Board, contributed to the dialogue.

Ms. Hunton said the proposed ordinance would achieve three main objectives: preserving open space in a natural environment, maintaining the historic community character, and helping the town to achieve economic sustainability. Mr. Mallach, noting that Calton Homes has made two informal presentations to the Planning Board for up to 172 houses on just 160 acres of the northern lands, emphasized that the Borough "can't keep its policy options open forever; it will have to make choices."

Warning that there were no guarantees, Mr. Mallach explained why he expected that the proposed PCD ordinance would help the Borough to lower its property tax

and water and sewer rates. He said it would allow approximately 114 housing units. Total residential development anticipated by the new PCD ordinance, a similar PCD ordinance covering the Notterman tract (east of North Valley Road and south of Eleanor Lane), and scattered building lots would amount to about 185 additional units, according to Mr. Mallach. He added that this would bring approximately 57 more pupils in the K-6 range into the Roosevelt Public School, a number that the underutilized facility could absorb without the need to expand its physical plant or divide grade levels into more than one class each. Mr. Mallach said this would result in an average class size of 20 students with a small likelihood that any given class would deviate more than five from the average in any given year.

The proposed ordinance would cluster buildings on either side of Nurko Road near the western border with Millstone Township and north of Oscar Drive near the eastern border with Millstone. The remaining land - mostly wetlands, view-

sheds or wooded areas - would be perpetually dedicated to open space. To gain the right to cluster homes in each of the two development areas on either side of Route 571, a developer would have to show that he controlled 75 percent of the surrounding land in each area and gave every landowner the opportunity to participate. This would allow owners of land in wetlands or viewsheds to reap some additional value for their property as a result of its contribution to the developer's ability to cluster construction. Each development cluster would have to connect to the Borough's water and sewer systems and provide access to the rest of the community through streets or rights of way other than Route 571 to the extent possible.

Mr. Mallach pointed out that, excluding land already built or beneath an electric transmission line, the ordinance would allow approximately one house for every four acres in the northern lands. Most of the area is currently zoned to permit the construction of houses on 10-acre lots, without clustering in order to preserve large tracts of open space. Mr. Mallach said that under the present ordinance he would guess that 20 to 25 dwellings could be scattered throughout the entire area - after reducing the developable space to accommodate lot dimensions, roads, wetlands, etc.

Both Mr. Mallach and Ms. Hunton defended the economic viability of the PCD concept. Mr. Mallach said it "makes a lot of sense" from a developer's viewpoint. He said that, notwithstanding the development going on in Millstone, the overall housing trend "is not with great big houses on 3-acre lots; small to medium

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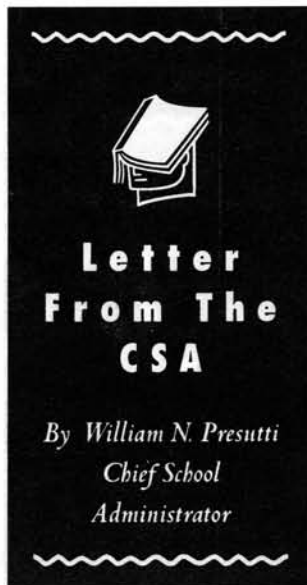


# School's Open! Don't Speed in Town!

Or  
anywhere  
else!

As I sit to write this letter, I can look out the window in my office and see the trees beginning to change color. The maple tree on the front lawn is truly a picture. Within a few short days, the tree has been transformed. This same miracle happens every day in school. As the CSA, I get to see time and time again how much the children grow and change over the school year. This is particularly evident in the kindergarten where just within the first six weeks of school, much like the maple tree, the students have flourished and displayed their unique colors that make each one so special.

Many exciting things are happening at the Roosevelt Public School. Thanks to John Rindt, the Roosevelt Fire Truck visited the school on Friday, October 13, 1995. Students in grades K-2 learned many interesting facts about fire safety. Students in grade three are completing an in-depth study of the monarch butterfly while the fourth graders are learning all about the State of New Jersey as part of their social studies curriculum. The fifth grade students have done a wonderful job organizing the operation of the school store and sales are at an all time high. Students determine profit margins, income and are keeping



track of the inventory - a great way to have math come alive. The sixth graders, as part of their integrated reading/language arts program, visited the Roosevelt cemetery to examine the tombstones as

a means to determine Roosevelt's history. The students' art work is making our hallways come to life, good "sportsmanship" and skill development are displayed in physical education and beautiful voices fill the halls with music every Monday and Friday. Indeed, learning is alive and well and living in Roosevelt.

On November 22, 1995, we will have our traditional Thanksgiving program. Students will sing songs, reflect on the meaning of Thanksgiving and display their work. In addition, students in grades four, five and six will join ranks to perform a play and our student council representatives will be installed. I know it will be a wonderful morning. The assembly will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please join us.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I would like to take this time to thank the community for making me feel so much a part of this special place we call Roosevelt. Your continued support, on behalf of the students, is very much appreciated. ❁

## Nursery School News



By Marsha Agress  
Head Teacher, RCNS

November is a very busy month for all of us at RCNS, as we eagerly await the Thanksgiving holiday. We will learn about the first Thanksgiving celebrated by the Pilgrims and Indians. The children will make Indian head-dresses, Indian Corn and Indian children dolls. We will conduct our own pow-wow and learn sign language. We will make cornucopias and discuss the things we should be thankful for. Thanksgiving place mats will be made and we will learn about some of the foods traditionally served this time of year such as turkey and corn. We will make butter by shaking cream in jars and eat it on corn muffins as part of our own mini feast.

For Election Day, we will vote for snack. We will learn first hand how a democracy

works. Medals will be made for Veteran's Day in honor of the men and women who have served in the armed forces to keep our country safe.

Our color for the month will be yellow, and we will continue to review numbers through 3.

We will learn about sharing

when we read "The Little Red Hen." For the letter B we will sponge paint brown bears.

At this time of year we all reflect on the things we have to be thankful for such as family and friends. We wish everyone a healthy, happy Thanksgiving. ❁

## Our Library

By Deirdre Sheean

On Monday, October 23, the Roosevelt Public School/Community Library became a reality! Opened from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. the library, which is part of the Monmouth County Library system, will serve not only the children of Roosevelt but also adults. A wide variety of books are stocked at the library and other books of interest can be ordered through the system - books are delivered and picked up on Thursdays and can be borrowed for two weeks.

Please remember the library is staffed by volunteers and its future success is dependent on them. Anyone who is interested in volunteering their time should call the school at 448-2798. Also, if you can't com-

mit yourself to a specific day, we are looking for people who can serve as alternates.

The library will also host, throughout the school year, a number of shows featuring the work of local artists, photographers, collectors, etc. We are very pleased to have Jacob Landau's work on view from November 15 through December 31. The new year will begin with a display of computer-generated illustrations by David Teich.

Anyone who has an interesting hobby or collection that they feel would be suitable for display please contact Robin Middleman at 426-4583 or call me, Deirdre Sheean at 443-5191. The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) is helping to support this effort. ❁

I'm sure by now election fever has reached a peak and so has all the campaign rhetoric. I'm not going to give you any more because it doesn't tell you anything about the person running for office.

By the time you read this column, it will only be a few days before the election. The excitement for me keeps building the closer we get to election day. We all expect a lot from the Mayor even though he's only one among seven. I guess we look upon the Mayor as the focal point of the Council and the person who in general represents the town. That's a big responsibility for someone to carry. You can understand why I feel excited. I'm running for Mayor because I enjoy being on the Council. That might sound a little crazy but everyone says "you've got to be a little crazy to be on the Council."

I've put a lot of time and energy in the past five years being on the Council and I feel as enthusiastic now as I did on my first day as a Councilman. The things that I have learned while on the Council are the same things you use in life: patience, listening and respect. Patience: not making quick decisions, waiting until all the

information is gathered and everyone has voiced their opinion (even if its more than once).

Listening: keeping an open ear and open mind to what others are saying (they might have the answer you've

been looking for). Never think your opinions are the only opinions (you could be wrong). Respect: treat others the same way you would like to be treated (sounds familiar, its the golden rule and its my number one rule).

I'm going to tell you the secret formula for a good Council, team work. I hope that who ever gets elected will remember that. And, when you are on Council, leave your ego at the door, you're here to make things better for everyone. Remember, be patient with your fellow Council members, listen to what they have to say, keep an open mind and give them the same respect you would expect yourselves.

I hope I've earned your vote and respect because after you've peeled away the superficial layers of an election, it's the only thing that matters. I would like to wish the other candidates running for the Mayor's office luck, but I'm not because it's the town that needs the luck in making the right choice. ❁



### View From A Council Seat

By Stu Kaufman

# Field Guide Wins Environmental Award

By Gayle Donnelly

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission has been awarded the 1995 New Jersey Environmental Achievement Award for our Field Guide. The award is given by The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) and was presented at the Woodrow Wilson School in Princeton on October

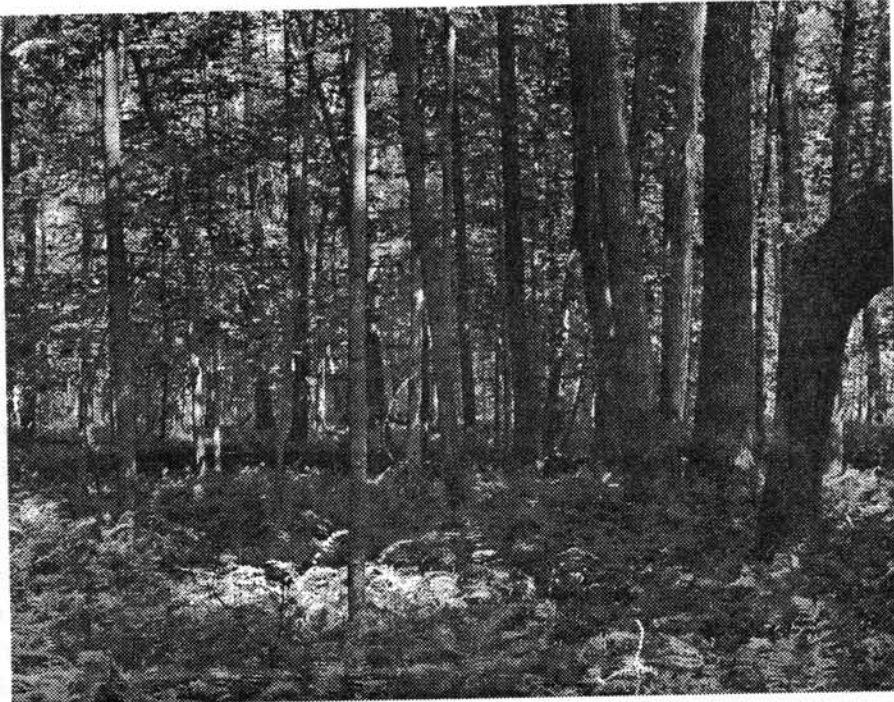
27. Wayne Cokeley wrote the Field Guide and Fletcher Grayson did the design, photographs and the illustrations.

Wayne writes, "This booklet is designed to be a guide to the natural history of Roosevelt. Our intent was to develop an easy to use pocket booklet which can be used and enjoyed on walks outdoors, around the bird feeder or on the nightstand. At the back

of this booklet you will find a checklist to all the plant and vertebrate animal species which have been observed within the boundaries of the town. I am sure that as the years pass this list will grow, but for now it serves to give the would-be naturalist a reference to work with and a place to keep notes on personal observations."

"Have fun with this booklet. Get out and see the natural wonders of our special little town. And, above all, treasure and care for them. The wild areas of Roosevelt are a rare and special resource to be cherished. It is the duty of all of us to see that they remain intact."

Field Guides can be purchased at the



Borough Hall for \$3.00 for residents and \$5.00 for non-residents.

The Environmental Commission also has been awarded a computer software grant by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The software is both a technological tool and digital data that will enable users to chart a wide variety of environmental

data using state-of-the-art computer mapping techniques. This will be a great tool for watershed planning, tracking water quality impacts, natural resource identification and analyzing wetlands.

Over 70 people picked up one ton of litter on October 1. Thank you to all the volunteers and especially to Jonathan

Shahn for designing the T-shirt and flyer and Michelle & Lenny Guye-Hillis for serving refreshments. The litter pick-up is done semi-annually and is sponsored by the Clean Communities Grant.

Virginia Lamb, Monmouth County Assistant Recycling Coordinator, visited Roosevelt on October 7 to inform residents about the methods and

techniques of backyard composting. About 20 people attended. Those who signed up in advance were pleased with the compost bins they received. We hope to repeat this seminar in the spring since there was lots of interest. ❁

# Musings Of A Town Historian

By Arthur Shapiro

I don't know how many Rooseveltians are aware of the big upsurge of interest in our town and it's unique history. In addition to the wonderful display on the town by the New Jersey State Museum, many articles and several theses have appeared, and I, as the town historian, have given ten slide presentations to varied groups like the Hadassah of Clearbrook on July 1, the Yiddish Club of Clearbrook on February 12, the Neptune Township Historical Society on February 28, the Ocean Grove Historical Society on April 28, a study tour group from Edison on May 16, a group from Philadelphia on June 30, the Renaissance Club of Temple Emmanuel in Westfield on September 20 and the 92nd Street Y that took a tour of the town on October 15. In addition, I am already booked to address the Brandeis Women's Club on December 13 and the American Association of University Women in April of 1996.

The 92nd Street Y (this is their second bus tour in as many years) were exposed to a wide variety of aspects of the town. In addition to my slide show, Peter Warren and Michael Ticktin spoke on different historical topics, Fran

Bard showed a private videotape made from old film clips of the constructing of the Jersey Homesteads, and individuals from the Rutgers Library, which houses the Roosevelt Collection, explained that it was available from their project.

Lee Drasin, an early settler of the town, drove from his home in Clearbrook to the 92nd Street Y in New York so that he could give a lecture about the town on the bus during the ride down. In addition to Peter, Michael, Fran and Lee, several other members of the Jersey Homesteads Historic Advisory Council were present to mingle and answer questions, including Jeanette Koffler, Louise Prezant and Dolores Chasan. The tour was also given a talk on the Ben Shahn Mural, a walk to the FDR Bust, an architectural tour of the town and a visit to the studios of some of the local artists. An article on our town and notice of the tour appeared in the Jewish newspaper (printed in English) the Forward on October 6th.

My talk to the Ocean Grove Historical Society was interesting. When they asked me to speak they wanted to know my exact topic. When I asked why, I was told that a local artist who

belongs to their Historical Society, always paints a poster of the meeting topic. The poster is then given as a gift to the speaker after presentation. I told them the exact topic of my presentation would be Roosevelt: The Town, Not the Man. As I drove down, I thought it was great that a town like Ocean Grove, which to me was the epitome of conservatism (they used to chain up the town on Sundays), was now interested in FDR, the New Deal, the WPA and a town started as a Jewish Cooperative. That is, I thought that until after my talk, when they presented me with a five foot poster of my talk with a huge picture of Teddy Roosevelt on his horse.

As the town historian, I get to meet a lot of marvelous people and sometimes the nicest things happen. I received a call from a Professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School that he and his wife (the Gormans) and friends (the Kleins) were very much interested in the history of Roosevelt. My trusty sidekick, Helen Barth, George Vasseur (always there when you need him - but then again, I've known him fifty-two years), Peter Warren and I welcomed them into the school. After the slide

show, a talk on the Shahn Mural, a walk to the bust and a trip around town including the cemetery, they asked if they could take Helen and me to lunch in Hightstown. During lunch at the Court Jester, I told them about a story I originally wrote for the Borough Bulletin, but later had published in a journal, about my friends and me cutting high school to go on American Bandstand where Marvin Block goosed me on national television. After I told the story, Lew Klein informed me that he was the Producer of American Bandstand. He asked if he could have a copy of my article, so I sent him one. Imagine my complete delight when I received a funny handwritten letter (on his personalized stationery) from Dick Clark telling how much he enjoyed the article.

The next meeting of the Jersey Homesteads Historic Advisory Council is on Wednesday night, November 29, at 7:30, at the Borough Hall. The following meetings will be every other month on the last Wednesday. Please try to come. Our meetings are interesting and we want your input.

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the problem because it is they who must get people to the hospital when there is an accident. They asked that the New Jersey State Police be asked to set up speed traps and issue summons for traffic violations on those streets. Some said they could give the exact times that some habitual violators regularly speed. Mayor Lee Allen agreed to request State Police enforcement on Borough streets.

Roosevelt's school principal, Dr. William Presutti, wrote Mayor Allen on September 15 that the Board of Education passed a resolution on September 7 about the "School Lane Improvement Project," which said, "In the interest of the school children's safety, the Board supports the provision of a safe pedestrian walkway on the school side (east) of School Lane." Last month's Bulletin reported that the Council, on September 11, introduced Ordinance #177 to provide \$77,600 for the School Lane project with a bond. The State is providing a \$68,000 grant.

The School Lane improvement proposal calls for new pavement 24 feet wide, from the school property to the north end of School Lane, and about 450 feet of 4 foot wide concrete sidewalk from Pine Drive to the school property line. The sidewalk would be four

feet from property lines of the four residences on the east side. The pavement would be eight feet from the property lines of all residences.

Thirteen residents of properties on School Lane signed a letter objecting to the School Lane proposal. They were: Freda and Albert Hepner, Judith and Ed Goetzmann, Judith and Ken McNally, Virginia Edwards Stout, Ferris Stout, Sylvia and Joseph Gale, Evan Meyers and Diane and Paul Bauman. Some of the reasons given for opposing the proposed changes were that the improvements would adversely affect the value, comfort and use of the properties because the size of the driveways would be significantly reduced; trees and shrubs which make School Lane a pleasant and attractive lane would be eliminated; the construction of a sidewalk would change the character of the street from semi-rural to urban; the widening of the street would encourage high speed traffic; children would be dropped off and picked up at the head of the proposed sidewalk, so cars would block traffic on Pine Drive, which, in turn would create a hazard to children entering or leaving vehicles. Writers also stated that the reasons offered for the project do not apply to School Lane from Pine Drive to its northern terminus and that the proposed widening of that

portion of the lane would inflict grievous damage to the properties in that area. They also stated that the proposed changes would result in substantial costs to the Borough over and above the amount of the grant and there would be no assurance that the amount estimated to be required from the Borough would be sufficient to complete the task.

Joseph Zahora, who lives on the west side of School Lane near the school wrote, "Installing a sidewalk not only does not address the root cause of the problem, but imposes hardships on the folks who live on the easterly side of the street." He favored repaving and widening the road to permit traffic to pass when cars park on both sides of the road. He suggested that the Borough could relocate any shrubbery that might be in the way of the widening, that a speed bump be installed - the Mayor said that is illegal - and that the drop-off and pick-up of students be on Rochdale Avenue rather than School Lane.

Ginny Edwards' letter favored a speed bump also. It began, "Forget the sidewalks. It's time the town bites the bullet and makes the school look like a school instead of an orphan building in an industrial park. Let's have a large semi-circular driveway on Rochdale in front of the school... Youngsters should enter and

leave the school through the Rochdale Avenue doors only." Candidate for council, Clifford Fischer, commented that the town needs serious tax relief, not more expenses.

One other aspect of the problem was mentioned by Kim Dexheimer just before the Council had the second reading and gave final approval of the Bond Ordinance to finance improvements to School Lane. He noted that "The fire truck could not get through School Lane if a truck was parked on the road." All four council members present, David Donnelly, Paul Hoogsteden, Stuart Kaufman and Nestor Sabogal voted in favor of the bond ordinance after the Mayor commented that approval did not mean the bond actually be issued. There was still time for residents' views and possible alternatives to be considered.

Two other ordinances which had first readings in September were approved this month: the Salary Ordinance was amended to include the job of tree maintenance specialist at a maximum pay of \$25 per hour with an estimate that one would be needed about 16 hours a year in addition to emergency calls such as when storms knocked trees down along the roads; a zoning ordinance amendment was adopted that clarified sidewalk requirements for rear additions. Councilman Kaufman



abstaining after his amendment to liberalize height requirements for additions within 25 feet of the property line failed for lack of a second.

Another amendment to the Salary Ordinance was approved at first reading. Final approval is scheduled for next month. The amendment will permit part-time employees for snow plowing to be paid \$10 per hour. Resolution #95 was passed to refund overpayment of taxes to eight property owners, amounts ranging from \$6.85 to \$456. The resolution to extend the summer restrictions on water use until Governor Whitman lifts restrictions was approved.

Recycling Coordinator David Donnelly announced that hazardous waste such as acids, oil, paints could be disposed of on Saturday, November 4, at the Monmouth County Road Department yard in Upper Freehold Township, Route 539.

For the Community Development Committee, Mr. Donnelly reported that the Planning Board will soon present its proposed Planned Community Development Ordinance at a public hearing. The Mayor was authorized to execute the 1996 Municipal Shopping Contract for Senior Citizens with Monmouth County SCAT.

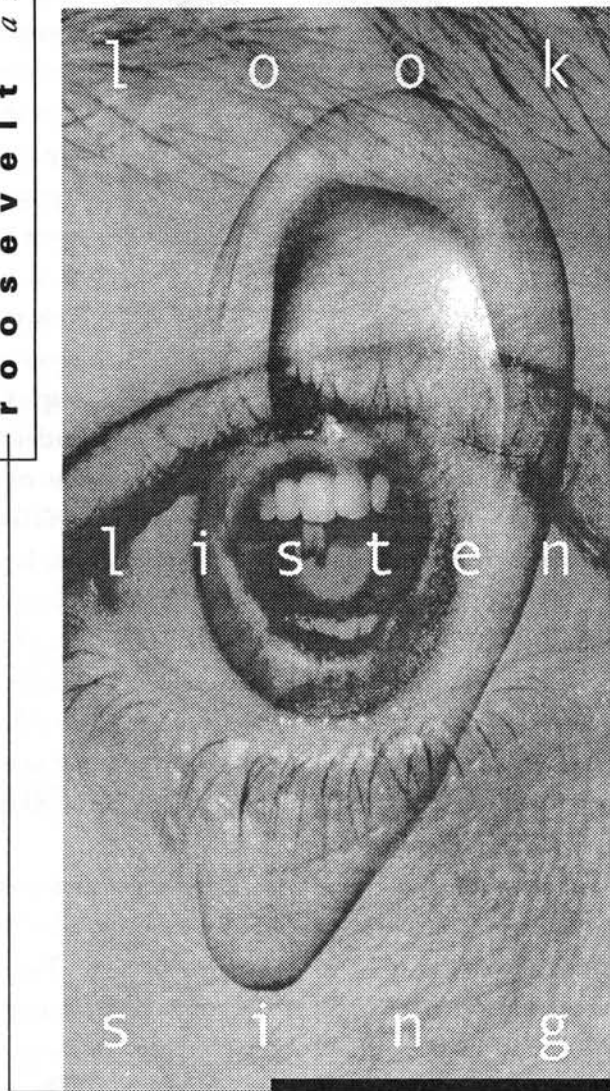


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The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 1994-1995 calendar of events, featuring art exhibits, the second annual fall folk music festival, a special evening of poetry and music, a community sing and the return of your favorite musicians and poets.

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.



We hope to see all of you at these exciting new performances and exhibits. For additional information, call Judith Trachtenberg at 426-8867 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.

- november 4, 1995  
7:00 p.m.  
Second Annual Fall Folk Music Festival  
Borough Hall
- december 2, 1995,  
8:00 p.m.  
Anita Cervantes, Pianist  
Pablo Medina, Poet and Writer  
Borough Hall
- january 27, 1996,  
8:00 p.m.  
Laurie Altman, Jazz  
Peddie School
- march 8, 1996  
and march 9, 1996,  
8:00 p.m.  
Roosevelt String Band. In Concert  
Borough Hall
- february 10, 1996,  
8:00 p.m.  
Community Sing-Along!  
Borough Hall
- april 13, 1996,  
8:00 p.m.  
Alan Mallach, Piano Recital  
Little Known Masterworks  
of the Romantic Era  
Borough Hall
- may 4, 1996,  
8:00 p.m.  
Poetry & Music  
Borough Hall
- may 20, 1996,  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Art at the Factory III  
Roosevelt Factory

# It's My Spud, Bud

The first time I grew potatoes, my entire harvest nestled nicely in a cereal bowl.

The largest specimen was as big as the first joint of my thumb, the smallest was half the size of my pinkie nail, and the whole of the crop weighed in at about a pound. This year was better. I pulled in some hefty red "sangre" potatoes from a garden bed that also sprouted a full crop of self-sown tomatillos. The dark red giants slept underground while in the sun above little green tomatillo fruits hung and swung in the breeze like paper lanterns on strings. Though the tomatillos were technically weeds in the potato bed, I couldn't bring myself to pull them, and both crops did as well as I'd have expected from either one alone.

We dug the potatoes one cool evening early in the fall. I had let the tops die off and disappear in the tangle of tomatillo vines, and without the plants to flag them it was hard to find the slumbering spuds. We crawled around in the dirt and dug with our hands so as not to cut into them accidentally. It began to get dark. The ground was dark, the potatoes were dark, we were grubbing in the soft earth like racoons, searching for their scent and their roundness in the loose dirt. That night we ate them fried with onions and fresh eggs, and I was amazed at their flavor, so new from the ground that they still tasted of minerals.

I do love potatoes almost as much as I love bread. There is a mystery in the deep earthy smell of them, and an aura of something ancient. Indigenous to the Peruvian Andes, they have been in cultivation for over 4000 years. Well before Europeans were finding their way to the New World, potatoes were included in the diet of peoples of South America, Central America, and the southern portions of North America. The Spanish conquistadores found them tasty, but the French and English refused to eat them for quite a while. This was not only culinary xenophobia, but a long held belief in Europe that potatoes were inedible. In fact, all parts of the potato plant except the tubers *are* poisonous. One of the earliest recorded tastings in England (or so the story goes) was of a cargo of potatoes that Sir Francis Drake



## Crumbs From My Table

By Rebecca Reuter

brought from Columbia in 1586, and which reached the kitchen of Queen Elizabeth. The Queen's cook dished up the potato *plant* and tossed the roots away. Perhaps it's only natural that they didn't become a popular treat soon after that. The English were cautious of tummy-ache, the French thought potatoes caused leprosy, and even forbade their cultivation in some areas.

Still, potatoes *are* good, and easy to grow (it only took me two tries), and do well in cool weather and poor soil, so they had become a staple food for the poor of England and Ireland within a hundred years. They were brought to

the North American colonies via Europe, and were called Irish potatoes, to differentiate them from the sweet potatoes which the colonists already knew. Sweet potatoes, by the way, are the roots of a plant belonging to the morning glory family. At any rate, by 1845, when a fungal disease known as "the blight" destroyed the potato crops for the first time, the Irish had become so dependent on the tuber that over a million people died of starvation within three years, and a million more emigrated. The population of Ireland has never again reached its pre-1840 numbers.

If you've got room in the garden and want to grow your own potatoes, you will find that they need only sun, soft ground, and regular watering. They are especially sensitive to drought when the plants are flowering, which they do at the same time that the spuds are forming underground. One unusual growing method involves setting the seed potatoes on a layer of rich dirt within a three foot high by three foot wide circle of strong perforated plastic fencing. As the plants grow, more soil is added to cover the potatoes. The idea is that you will plant a pound of potatoes on a very small patch of ground, the potato sprouts will grow through the holes and out the sides, and the spuds will form within the circle of earth. In this vision, you remove the fencing at the end of the season and the potatoes tumble out at your feet like puppies. This is the method I used last year to produce my

one-pound crop. Needless to say, I was not impressed, but I think now that the potato tower dried out too often and the stressed plants could not produce well. I might try it again, being more careful with the water.

Another method involves laying the seed potatoes on top of the ground early in the spring, then covering them with a thick layer of straw mulch. I imagine this method also requires careful watering, but it seems worth a try if you have no time for planting. Just watch out for mice and snakes when you stick your hand in to grabble for a potato.

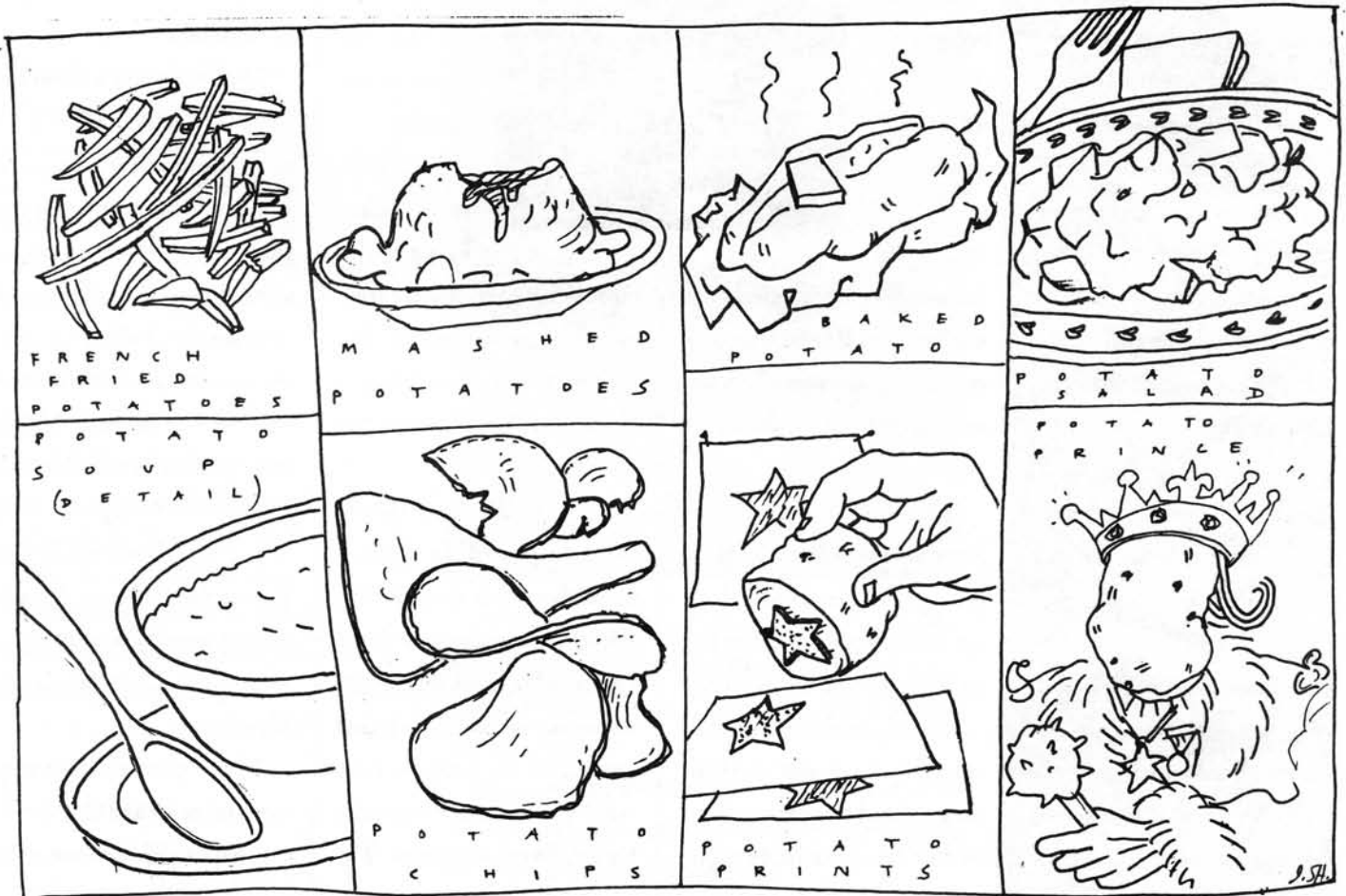
Under certain storage conditions, potatoes produce alkaloids which interfere with human metabolism and which are poisonous at high doses. The alkaloids are produced when a potato is exposed to light, or too cold or too warm conditions. Potatoes that are showing a green tint have produced chlorophyll in response to exposure to light, so use the green as an alkaloid warning. In the case of potatoes, green definitely means "stop." The only way to get rid of the alkaloids is by removing the affected

part of the potato. Cooking does not destroy them. Most of the alkaloids are found near the surface of the potato, and are particularly abundant in the sprouts, so always peel a potato with a green tinge very thoroughly, and dig out any eyes that have begun to sprout. Anything that has grown more than a small sprout should go directly into the compost pile.

Potato varieties are either one of two different types, having something to do with how their starch molecules stick together. They can be dry and mealy, which is what you want in a baking potato, like a russet; or moist and waxy, like most red potatoes. Waxy potatoes are best for boiling, for slicing and cubing into potato salads, and for sauteing.

I still like them best when they're fried. In New Mexico I ate fried potatoes dyed and flavored with achiote seeds. The seeds turn the potatoes a beautiful golden-red color. Many people parboil potatoes before frying them, but I am too impatient to cook a potato twice. Instead, I cut them into cubes, toss them in the hot oil in the pan, then cover the pan for ten minutes or

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# Talking Turkey



Don't dispose of the Thanksgiving turkey carcass this year until you check its breastbone for a winter forecast. "If the breastbone of the Thanksgiving goose (turkey) is red or has many red spots, expect a cold and stormy winter; but, if only a few spots are visible, we will have a mild winter."

If you're talking turkey outside at this time of year you can see your breath on cold days. What you're seeing is the condensation of water molecules on very small particles.

The first particles on which the water molecules condense are exhaled from the body, then condensation occurs on particles that were already in the air. In the summer, temperatures are high enough that the water molecules evaporate so quickly you can't see your breath.

Smokers may notice that they can see their breath at higher temperatures than nonsmokers. This is because the beginning particles on which the water molecules condense (the particles exhaled from their bodies) are larger than those

of nonsmokers. The presence of larger particles in a smoker's breath is probably the result of inhaling the larger particles while smoking.

## WEATHER SPEAK

Did you ever wonder what a weather forecaster means by

terms like "considerable cloudiness" and "fair?" While browsing through a media weather guide, I found the

following: "Cloudy" means the sky has 90 to 100% cloud cover. "Clear" or "sunny" means less than 10% of the sky is covered by clouds.

"Mostly clear" and "mostly sunny" mean the same thing, during daylight. Under these conditions the sky is cloud free to 20% covered with clouds.

"Mostly cloudy" and "considerable cloudiness" both indicate cloud cover from 70 to 90%. The seemingly vague

weather term "fair" means the sky has less than 40% cloud cover and that there are no extremes of visibility, winds or temperature.

"Variable cloudiness" means that the amount of cloudiness in a certain area over a given time will vary greatly. When

a forecaster says there will be "partial clearing" he/she means that part of the sky will show some clearing.

Finally, the terms that bring the

most debate are "partly sunny" and "partly cloudy." Do they mean the same thing? I confess to confusion on the question.

If part of the sky is cloudy then isn't part of the sky sunny? If this is true shouldn't the two terms mean the same thing? On the other hand, if only part of the sky is cloudy then isn't most of the sky sunny, and vice versa? Then the two terms must have different meanings. The

media guide has the answer. The two terms mean the same thing. "Partly sunny" and "partly cloudy" both indicate 30 to 70% of the sky is covered by clouds.

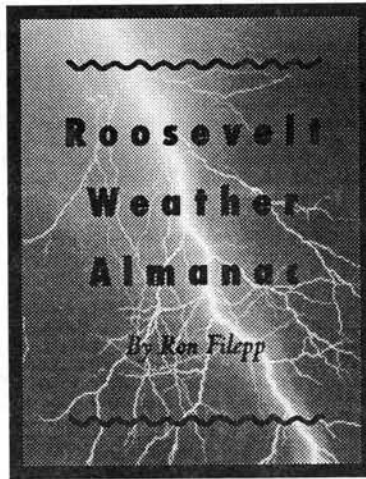
## WATER WATCH

The rainfall for September was 4.24 inches. That is a quarter of an inch above normal. All of the rain fell in the second half of the month. Remnants of Hurricane Opal brought much of the rainfall in September.

This hurricane season has been very active. There have been more named tropical storms and hurricanes this year than in any other year since storms were officially named.

In the first half of October we continued to have more rainfall than normal. Nearly three inches was recorded from October 1 through October 15. That left sixteen days to pick up the remaining .43 inches that would bring us up to normal rainfall levels for October.

The period between September 19 and October 17 is usually the driest time of the



year in New Jersey. This year 5.22 inches fell between September 19 and October 15 making it one of the wettest periods of 1995 to date.

Maybe we have reached the end of the year-long dry-spell that began in September 1994. (Note: In last month's Bulletin I mistakenly wrote that the dry spell began in October 1994.) We're still not out of the woods. From September 1994 through August 1995 we had 34.86 inches of precipitation. That is 9.53 inches below normal for the period.

#### NOVEMBER WEATHER IN HISTORY EVENT

On November 24, 1863 clouds obscured a battlefield on Lookout Mountain in Tennessee aiding a Union victory.

#### WEATHER WORD

*An "occluded front" is a front that occurs when a fast-moving cold front overtakes a warm front.*



### Weather Table

**Sept 15 - Oct. 15, 1995**

	High	Low	Avg.	Prec.
<b>15</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>1.45</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>0.13</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>0.97</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>0.05</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>0.40</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>0.57</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>0.07</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>1.15</b>

**Total Precip 6.80**

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so to let the potatoes steam over the heat, turning now and then. When they are half-cooked, I remove the cover and brown them with onions, peppers, and spices. If you prefer, you can parboil the potatoes, quartered or whole, drain and cool slightly, then dice them into the hot oil with the onion and pepper. Or use leftover boiled potatoes.

#### Red Potatoes Fried with Achiote

Achiote seeds are found with the spices in South American markets, or in the specialty section of some supermarkets. Get the whole seeds and avoid the prepared mixtures, which are very salty. Scrub, wash, and cut into  $\frac{1}{2}$ " dice

1  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of red potatoes, about 3 medium

Into a large frying pan, pour

2 tablespoons vegetable oil and 1 teaspoon achiote seeds

Cook over low heat, stirring, till the oil has been dyed red from the achiote.

Remove the achiote and discard it.

Add the potatoes, toss them with the oil, and cover the pan for about 10 minutes, turning the potatoes with a spatula occasionally to keep them from sticking.

Remove the cover, add

1 large onion, chopped

1 bell pepper (preferably red), chopped

1 minced clove of garlic

Cook over medium heat until the potatoes are browned. Sprinkle with

salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon dried oregano, and a pinch of cumin powder

Serve immediately as a side dish, or beat 6 eggs in a bowl and pour over the potatoes in the pan. Cook, stirring the eggs gently toward the center of the pan, until the eggs are set.

These potatoes are great for supper with a dish of greens lightly stir-fried with chunks of sausage.

#### Potato Casserole Dinner

Grease a baking dish and preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Parboil waxy potatoes, and slice them into rounds  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick.

Layer the potatoes in the baking dish with thinly sliced onions, chunks of canned tuna, sliced mozzarella or crumbled feta cheese, and a sprinkling of capers and black pepper.

Bake at 350 degrees until golden on top.

Serve with salad and bread.



**Welcome New Neighbors:**

☞ Reenah Petrics and her daughter Danielle, age 8, at 6 Pine Drive.

☞ Richard and Susan Orlen have returned to Roosevelt with their children, Joel (6 yrs.), Joshua (2 yrs.) and Jacob (4 mths.). They are living in the Craig house on Homestead Lane.

**Welcome Home:**

☞ Sol Libsohn and Bess Tremper from a summer visit to Paris, France.

**Moving Out:**

☞ M.L. and Jessie (Retired Life Member Roosevelt First Aid Squad) Norris are retiring to North Carolina. They do plan to return for visits and can be reached at P.O. Box 1122, West Jefferson, N.C. 28694.

☞ Susan Oxford (former First Aid Squad member) and Warren Craig (former Borough Council member) are relocating to the Washington, D.C. area with their two sons, Kyle (age 3) and Cory (age 1). They hope to return to their Homestead Lane home in the future.

**Best Wishes to the Newlyweds:**

☞ Kathleen Erin Murphy of North Valley Road and David Geber formerly of Tamara Drive were married on October 14.

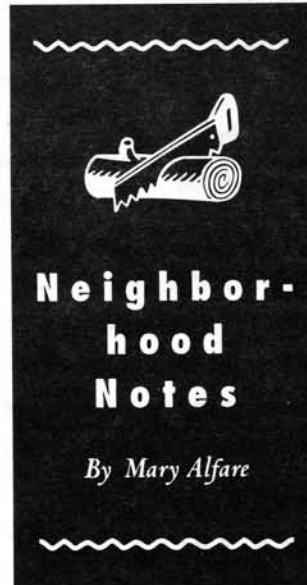
**Congratulations to the Family of:**

☞ Ellen Darden Rothfuss, born September 13 to Jane and Kirk Rothfuss and big brother, David (2 1/2 yrs.) of Tamara Drive. The proud grandparents are Ralph and Myrna Darden of Levittown, PA and Alfred and Gloria Rothfuss of West Long Branch.

☞ Timothy McCrea Imbrie, born October 13 to Jeanine and Timothy Imbrie, and big sister, Marissa (age 17 mths.) of Roosevelt Island, NYC. The proud grandparents are Cynthia Imbrie of Pine Drive and Frank and Ruth Murphy of Tennessee.

**Special Birthday Wishes to:**

☞ Gemma Adeline Weiner, granddaughter



of Leslie and Adeline Weiner of Homestead Lane, who will be 1 year old on October 29 and lives with her parents Joe and Carol Weiner in New York City.

**Congratulations to:**

☞ Roosevelt Purchasing Agent/Deputy Borough Clerk, Nancy Warnick, was chosen by the Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey to be a discussion moderator at the League of Municipalities in Atlantic City this November.

☞ Bill Leech of Cedar Court, has a showing of his large canvas abstract paintings at The Gallery at Mercer County Community College, October 4 through November 3. For more information call 609-586-4800 ext. 588.

☞ Sharlene A. Hunt Ellentuck of Pine Drive was appointed to serve as chair of the New Jersey Bar Association's Health and Hospital Law Section for 1995-96.

**Off to College:**

☞ Ali Kassahun of Lake Drive and Harris Kaufman of South Rochdale Ave. to the

University of Delaware.

☞ Gabe Metzger of South Rochdale Ave. to the University of Arizona.

☞ Holli Conover of Lake Drive to William Paterson University.

☞ Tina Kaufman of Brown Street, recently earned her B.A. in History from Rutgers University and is now in the Masters Program at Rider.

**Fond Farewell:**

☞ Elizabeth M. Seliner, recent Tamara Drive resident, died September 26 at the age of 92. Condolences to her family and friends.

**Volunteers Needed:**

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

☞ For information on joining the Roosevelt Fire Department, contact Chief Kim Dexheimer at the Post Office or leave a message at the Borough Hall, 448-0539.

**Election Day:**

☞ November 7, Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Borough Hall.

**From RPS:**

☞ Our new Public Library opened at the school on October 23. It is tied into the Monmouth County Library System and is available to all residents. Hours are: Sundays 1 to 4 p.m.; Mondays 7 to 9 p.m.; and, Wednesdays 7 to 9 p.m.

☞ School Picture Day: Wednesday, November 8.

**From Hightstown High:**

☞ The HHS Marching Band took Third Place "Overall", of the eleven participants at the Lenape Competition on Saturday, October 14. Roosevelt members of this band include: Sarah DeSanto (grade 12); Katie Alfare, Jessica Hamilton and Shoshi Grunwald (Grade 9).

☞ Mike Cedar, HHS Junior, won an award for outstanding performance from the Bucks County Playhouse Annual High School Drama Festival.

**Special Holiday Shopping:**

☞ Saturday, December 2, Christman Bazaar at the Emleys Hill Methodist Church, 69 Emleys Hill Road, Cream Ridge, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes food, art, crafts, Christmas Trees and a White Elephant table. To participate with your own art/craft table call June Counterman at 448-4152.

☞ Sunday, December 3, Brunch/Craft and Gift Show sponsored by the Congregation Anshei Roosevelt Sisterhood at the synagogue on Homestead Lane, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Discount Entertainment:**

☞ Entertainment '96 Books (all editions now available). Contact Lynn at 448-5186 or Nona at 448-2797.

*To have items included in this column call Mary Alfare at 443-4243 or mail to Box 58, 08555. Please include contact name & phone number.*



(PLAN BD. from pg 3) units in cluster patterns is more the norm." Ms. Hunton added, "Housing surrounded by protected open space tends to retain value."

Council members asked a number of questions of Ms. Hunton and Mr. Mallach. Council member Rose Murphy wanted to know if houses in clustered development would receive home mail delivery and cause the Borough to lose its post office. Mr. Mallach said the number of additional houses would be well below the Postal Service's threshold for switching to home delivery, but it was certainly a factor that would warrant further inquiry. Mr. Ticktin noted that four houses on Nurko Road already receive mail delivery from the Robbinsville Post Office.

At the Planning Board's October II meeting, Ms. Hunton said additional demographic information from the 1990 census would be supplied to the Council in November. The ordinance could be introduced by the Council for a first reading as early as its November action meeting.

Ms. Hunton also reported that owners of the Notterman tract told her they are actively pursuing the sale of their land, and "those interested have voiced little concern about the PCD." Ms. Hunton said no one had expressed interest in

pursuing the senior or multi-family options for the Notterman tract. The PCD for the Notterman tract would allow about 54 units on just over 100 acres of land. Board member Harry Parker questioned why the proposed PCD ordinance would allow about one unit per four acres while the Notterman tract PCD permits about one dwelling per two acres. Ms. Hunton said the higher density for the Notterman tract derives from its closer proximity to the original town, differences in wetland configurations, and other factors. She called the two PCDs "relatively consistent."

In other business at the Council's agenda meeting, several residents expressed concerns about plans to use a \$68,000 Department of Transportation (DOT) grant for "improvements" to School Lane. Freda Hepner expressed concern that her driveway would be cut, the bushes beside the Bauman house would be destroyed and the Goetzmann's garden would be reduced, all without any improvement in the safety for students attending Roosevelt Public School (RPS). She suggested a semi-circular driveway for the front entrance to RPS on Rochdale Avenue.

Mr. Ellentuck, who is also the Borough's Acting Zoning Officer, agreed that not much could be gained by improve-

ments to School Lane north of Pine Drive, but he said, "There is a safety issue on the other side." He noted that cars parked on School Lane along grassy areas where students walk "make it difficult for walking children to be seen." He added that hedges and trees "do encroach on public property." He suggested some widening of the roadway, installing a walkway, and creating offsite parking for School Lane residents on Borough land on the west side of School Lane. Albert Hepner responded that children would refuse to use a sidewalk and people would make faster turns onto School Lane if it were widened. His suggestion that a speed bump be installed was said by Council members to be illegal under state law.

Kevin McNally said there are times, such as during soccer games, when outside cars would fill any offsite parking lot and leave School Lane residents with no convenient place to park. He also wondered why there had been no promised meeting with affected residents before anything was done. Council members Kaufman and Rose Murphy replied that it would take nine months to award any construction contract and that the sending of the engineer's plans to School Lane residents merely served as the starting point for discussions. Mr. Kaufman said: "There will be quite a few meetings before any-

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Five years ago when you elected me to serve on the Borough Council we faced formidable challenges. Fines were accumulating on a daily basis, and results were what we needed and wanted. The Mayor and Council at that time made me the Chair of the Utilities Committee and I accepted that challenge with determination and commitment. The following year after significant progress with engineers, the DEP, construction companies and meeting deadlines (and Leon's deciding not to run), I ran and was elected Mayor.

As your Mayor, I have endeavored to put forth the most positive image possible for our community. As the Lone Pine lawsuits moved forward I repeatedly traveled to Trenton to plead the case for the taxpayers of Roosevelt and fight back against the unreasonable demands of the polluters. We succeeded so well that today, as Superfund reauthorization moves forward, municipal solid waste has been exempted from liability thus saving us many tax dollars into the future. It is this success that prompted my involvement in the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. It is this success that got Roosevelt appointments on the League's Legislative, School Finance, and Resolution Committees which helps us to shape State policy and legislation and save us from even more taxes in the future. It is with your contin-

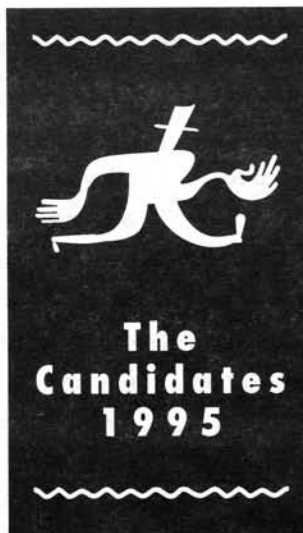
ued support that this will move forward and the Panhandle Mayors group including Millstone, Upper Freehold, Allentown, Plumstead and Roosevelt will seek out opportunities to save taxpayer dollars.

Now, our challenges are more difficult because they are not as obvious. We haven't waited until our options are severely limited and anticipating problems requires leaders with the will and the commitment to persevere and succeed. It is my sincere desire to continue with the proven successful combination of skills that are being offered to the people of Roosevelt and my hope that I can fulfill the needs and expectations of my neighbors. A vote for Lee Allen for Mayor on November 7 will allow me to continue these efforts on behalf of our community in the coming four years.

*Lee R. Allen*

To All Roosevelt Voters:

About four years ago, then Mayor Leon Barth asked me to join the Borough Council. I had served as Recycling Coordinator since 1990 and



was pretty well acquainted with borough affairs.

It seems like a long, long time ago. Lots has happened. But, I think the experience I have gained as a Council member and Recycling Coordinator can only be helpful to the residents

of Roosevelt.

Municipal taxes have been stabilized, necessary repairs to borough streets and utilities have proceeded without detrimental financial impact on taxpayers and we have managed a small decrease in water/sewer rates.

I am running for reelection and am asking for your support. I hope to continue to work with Mayor Lee Allen and other council members to control municipal costs and look for tax relief opportunities. Election day is November 7. Get out and vote. Please remember to vote for me.

*David Donnelly*

To All Roosevelt Voters:

If you didn't see my letter of introduction a couple of issues back announcing my candidacy, I am running on the Democratic line for Councilman in the coming election. I am presently on the Planning Board

and First Aid Squad.

Although I am on the same Democratic line as the Mayor and the incumbent Councilman, I am not running with them as running-mates; rather, I feel as though I am running in spite of them since we have so many fundamental disagreements.

A synopsis of my views on the key issues faced by our town is as follows:

- I was, and remain, against the Nuclear waste site;
- I would prefer to preserve all undeveloped land wherever possible in Roosevelt but support passage of the PCD ordinance;
- I want to develop ways to lower taxes without altering the aesthetic or cooperative vision of this historic community;
- I believe school regionalization may be a valuable option if framed properly, and may come up sooner than we originally thought. It should be investigated fully;
- I have never favored closing the school due to its expense; however, I agree with certain school board members that there is a considerable amount of excess in the school budget which could be trimmed without consequence to the students; I think this claim warrants full investigation;
- The council needs to spend less, to be more accessible and more accountable to the residents, and to work more closely with, and with less apparent contempt for, the Planning Board;
- Conflicts of interest must be recognized and avoided by gov-



ernment officials;

- I disagree with Peter Warren on just about everything.

In reference to being elected in Roosevelt, Mayor Allen recently (10/12) told me of an "old adage in this town: 'If you win, you lose.'" I am aware of the level of commitment, time and effort I will need to put in if elected, but that is no loss in my estimation - in a true community, that is a civic duty and an honor.

Finally, as I stated in June: "While I don't claim to have all the answers to our problems, I do feel strongly about what some of the answers are not. I will work diligently to pursue options which will both enhance our fiscal situation and maintain, even improve, our quality of life....I hope you will vote for me and for intelligent government to preserve our very special and historic town."

*Jeff Hunt*

**TO THE EDITOR:**

We have been impressed by the dedication and the effective hard work of the two incumbent candidates, Mayor Lee Allen and Councilman David Donnelly. We encourage all the voters to show support for them and all the Democratic Candidates by giving them your votes on November 7.

*Mary Alfare & William Counterman  
Roosevelt Democratic Committee*

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thing happens. There are a lot of things we don't have to do. We can be creative. We got the money to use any way we want on School Lane."

Mayor Allen said the major need is maintenance. He said he personally believes that the use of School Lane as the main entrance to RPS "is not desirable." Mr. Ticktin asked whether the grant money could be used for a semi-circular drive in front of the school and was told that DOT would not fund improvements for school property but might look favorably on such a project if the property were transferred to the Borough. Mr. Ellentuck said it is "poor policy to ask for money without knowing what to do with it."

Council member George Vasseur said the question of a sidewalk "definitely needs to be addressed," since "a lot of kids walk to school." He added that "the original sidewalk needs to be put back in." He noted that the road need not be widened but "just brought back to its original width." He said the portion north of Pine Drive "looks good" as it is. Mayor Allen said although the plans showed a 40-foot right-of-way, he did not think they called for widening of School Lane north of Pine.

Scott Hartman agreed that "a sidewalk or some type of easement is needed." Joseph

Zahora said he supports reconstruction for better drainage but not necessarily a widening. He said "people drag race along there" as it is. He added, "Sidewalks are an answer but not necessarily the right one." Mayor Allen said further input would be received from the public, the Planning Board and the Environmental Commission.

In other action at the Council agenda meeting, Mr. Ellentuck said it would be necessary for the Council to engage a lawyer to pursue some of the zoning violations he has seen around town if residents do not give a proper response to his letter to households informing them of zoning requirements. At the Planning Board meeting there was an illustration of how contentious zoning issues can become as George Jackson asked the Board for guidance on a notice of violation he had received from Mr. Ellentuck for allegedly parking a seasonal vehicle (a 24-foot pull-behind camper) in his driveway on School Lane. His neighbor, Mr. Hartman, said he had raised concerns about safety and other issues with Mr. Ellentuck after being "unable to resolve the matter with personal communication."

Planning Board Chairwoman Hunton told Mr. Jackson that he would have to apply to the Board for a conditional use permit. She noted that such permits have been granted, cit-

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(PLAN BD. from pg. 17)  
ing a permit to park a school bus at a house on Tamara Drive. She noted that Mr. Jackson's situation was complicated by the fact that his joint driveway with Mr. Hartman allows each homeowner just one lane, and Mr. Jackson's only sideyard faces Pine Drive where any stored vehicle would be visible to the public.

In other action, Mr. Ticktin drafted an ordinance in response to Planning Board member Jeffrey Hunt's concerns about encroachments on Borough-owned land. The draft ordinance stated that, except as permitted by public bodies such as the Shade Tree Commission, no person "shall enclose, erect a structure upon, cut or remove any tree from, or otherwise exercise any manner of control over" public lands. The draft also would prohibit any person from carrying "any gun, bow or other weapon in or upon any lands owned by the" Borough. After discussing concerns that the draft might be too broad and go too far in addressing gun issues in addition to encroachment issues, the Board decided to ask Mr. Ticktin to make revisions or explanations before recommending the ordinance to the Borough Council.



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NOVEMBER



**wed 1** ♻️ Recycle  
8 PM Environmental Comm.-  
Jim Carnevale, Pres. 426-1728

**thur 2** 6:30 PM Yoga Class-  
Synagogue-Deborah Metzger,  
443-3759  
7:30 PM Board of Ed. Agenda  
Mtg.-RPS- Mike Hamilton,  
Pres. 443-5227

**sat 4** 7:30 PM 2nd Annual  
Folk Festival-Boro Hall

**sun 5** 8 AM Stream Watch  
(Volunteer Water Testing)-Kirk  
Rothfuss-448-3713

**mon 6** 7:30 PM Council  
Agenda Mtg.

**tue 7** Election Day  
6 PM Roosevelt Comm. TV  
Cable Ch 8  
7:30 PM First Aid Squad-  
Michael Stiles, Pres. 426-4185

**wed 8** Picture Day RPS  
8PM Family Picture Night  
8 PM Roosevelt PTA Mtg.-  
RPS-Adeena Yeger, Pres.  
443-5848  
8 PM Planning Bd. Mtg.-Gail  
Hunton, Chair, 426-4338

**thur 9** 6:30 PM Yoga Class-  
Synagogue-Deborah Metzger,  
443-3759

**sun 12** 4 to 7 PM PTA  
Spaghetti Dinner-Boro Hall-  
Adeena Yeger, Pres.,443-5848

**mon 13** American Education  
Week  
7:30 PM Council Action Mtg.

**tue 14** 1 PM Blood Pressure  
Check Boro Hall  
2 PM Roosevelt Senior Citizens  
Mtg.-Jeanette Koffler, 448-2259  
6 PM Roosevelt Comm. T.V.-  
Cable Ch. 8

**wed 15** ♻️ Recycle

**thur 16** 6:30 PM Yoga  
Class-Synagogue-Deborah  
Metzger, 443-3759  
7:30 PM Board of Ed.  
Action Mtg.

**mon 20** 7:30 PM Council  
Comm. Mtgs.  
8 PM Synagogue Board Mtg.,  
Michael Ticktin, 448-03636-

**tue 21** 6 PM Roosevelt  
Comm. TV Cable Ch 8

**thur 23** Thanksgiving

**mon 27** 7:30 PM Council  
Comm. Mtgs.

**wed 29** ♻️ Recycle

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3713 to put your organization's  
events on the calendar.*

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