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Borough Gets \$33,000 Grant; Ordinances Introduced

Roosevelt Borough was awarded a \$33,000 Community Development Block Grant to improve the Borough Hall and its parking lot in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADT), and a \$68,000 grant from NJ Department of Transportation (DOT) to pay about 87% of the cost of reconstructing School Lane. The Council, at its September 11 meeting, introduced Ordinance #177 to provide \$77,600 with a bond for the School Lane project. Council President Rose D. Murphy thanked Mary Alfare and Rebecca Reuter, fellow members of the Citizens Participation Group, for their work in obtaining the grant for the ADA improvements. Other ordinances introduced at that meeting were 1) an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, to permit construction of rear additions to within half the required minimum distance to the side lot line


Borough Council Report
by Herb Johnson


if the average width of the existing side yard is not less than the required minimum width, and other exceptions and restrictions about side yards, and 2) an amendment to the Salary Ordinance to add "Tree Maintenance Specialist" at a maximum salary of \$25 per hour. Councilman George Vasseur voted against that second ordinance. Otherwise all five council members present approved of the four resolutions and other actions considered. The 90th resolution considered in 1995 was to approve the corrective action recommended by the auditor in the Annual Audit which was approved in July. Accordingly it approved of 1) canceling a purchase order in the amount of \$4,038 and, 2) closing Public Assistance Trust Fund #1, depositing its balance of \$2,152 in the Current Fund. Resolution #91 supported voting YES for this November's

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from the editors

We begin again. During the 1995-96 fiscal publishing year of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin, we expect to continue keeping our readers informed with news of the monthly meetings of the Council, Board of Education, Planning Board, Environmental and Historical Commissions as well as other items of interest, such as the PTA and nursery school news, Neighborhood Notes, Crumbs From My Table, Weather Almanac, letter from the CSA, letters to the editor and news of special events.

Tabulating the results of the questionnaires, we have received along with contributions for which we are grateful, we learn that almost every listed category is of interest to almost everyone. As usual, Crumbs From My Table by Rebecca Reuter is singled out most often for special praise. Thanks, Rebecca, and keep up the good work. We feel lucky to have such a popular writer among us!

As the year progresses, we will try to include items of interest such as profiles of some of our residents, more poetry, reports of special events and any other kinds of material that you, our readers either contribute or let us know you would like to see in our paper.

The Bulletin publishes nine monthly issues per year, from October through the following July, leaving out the months of January, August and September.

To repeat a well known fact: The publication of the Bulletin is made possible only by the generous grant we received from the Herman Goldman Foundation a few years ago and the continued matching annual support we have pledged from our readers. To those of you who have not yet made your contribution - please let us hear from you. We need you!

Rabies clinic

A rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, October 14, 1995, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the borough garage located to the rear of the municipal building. Again, Dr. Petranto, from the Twin Rivers Animal Hospital, will administer the vaccines. There is no charge for this service to any pet owner who participates.

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Residents' frustration with the continuing brown water situation is understandable. Since last fall, the following procedures have been completed: replacement of the filter media, removal of iron sludge from the settling tanks, cleaning of the aerator. Flushing of the water mains begun in the spring had to be interrupted due to the water shortage. In addition, residents in surrounding communities are reporting an increase in the iron content of their well water. It is possible that the same factor is increasing our problem. We will continue to work on solving this problem and appreciate your patience.

Also, residents' cooperation with water use restrictions is appreciated. As you probably know, the whole state is facing the possibility of mandatory water restrictions due to the protracted summer drought. We'll try to keep you informed. Meanwhile, all conservation efforts are important.

With our tight budget situation, grants have become an important tool in repairing and improving our infrastructure. Grants multiply up to tenfold the work accomplished by our tax dollars. In this regard we have some good news: Three new grants totaling over \$100,000.

First is the \$68,000 Department of Transportation grant for infrastructure and safety improvements to School Lane. This application was initiated by our Borough Engineer, James DeMuro, and authorized by the Council over the summer. Participation is being sought from all residents who will be affected. More



From the Mayor's Desk

By Lee Allen



information will follow as this moves forward.

Thanks to the diligent work of our Community Development Block Grant Citizens' Participation Advisory Group, we are slated to receive \$33,800 to fund mandated ADA improvements to the Borough Hall. Although final confirmation is still pending, Roosevelt's project has a high priority. Thanks go to: Len Sacharoff, Lynn Freidman, Cindy Cybert, Judy Nahmias, Scott Hartman (committee members), CDBG Representative Rose Murphy, Mary Alfare and Rebecca Reuter and to the video assistance of David Donnelly.

Last, but not least, the Environmental Commission received a \$1,000 grant for special Geographical Information System (GIS) software for the Borough. In cooperation with the Monmouth County Health Department we now have United States Geological Survey (USGS) satellite data and the results of Dr. Jean Marie

Hartman's Natural Resource Inventory on the borough's computers. We are being recognized as a resource within the county for expertise in GIS mapping and use. This is important because it gives us something to take to the table when we talk interlocal service agreements with our surrounding communities. I want to give a hearty thank you to all of the people responsible for helping us to receive more than \$100,000 in grant money this summer; you deserve our congratulations.

On an ongoing basis I have been working with the mayors of Allentown, Upper Freehold, Plumstead and Millstone so that opportunities for the sharing of services are identified and will be implemented. As most of you know, the bulk of our property taxes is school funding. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities School Finance Committee, of which I am a member, has been examining the onerous burden education is placing on the property owners of the state. As you read this, the staff at the League offices is working on a position statement and possible recommendations to be forwarded to the leadership at the State Legislature.

And after a summer hiatus, the League's Legislative Committee, on which I serve, will resume its rule of reviewing legislation. We must continue to express our concerns before the vote to help insure that legislation affecting the financial burdens of Roosevelt is in our best interests and made part of the official position of the League where appropriate.

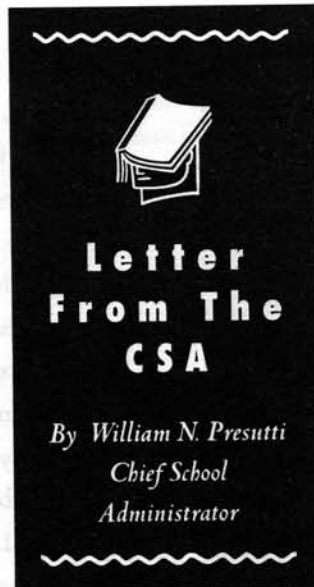


The school year has gotten off to an exciting start. I have enjoyed my first "official" start of the school year. The school has come alive once again. Five new staff members have joined the Roosevelt Public School Family including: Tracey DeRosa, Grade One; Jeffrey Santanello, Grade 4; Betsy McArdle, Grade 6; Rita Williams, Art and Wendy Brownstein, Music. WELCOME!

The Roosevelt Public School has the ingredients to be a model school...a strong staff...supportive parents and community at-large and an optimum learning environment. The education of our young people is an awesome responsibility filled with much promise. I can't think of anything more energizing.

Our After School Art and Music programs have had a wonderful response this year. We have added an extra day for After School Art to accommodate the enrollment.

A big thank you to the PTA for donating a new camcorder,



VCR recorder, 36 mm camera and CD player to the school. They will be put to very good use.

The Roosevelt School/Community library is falling into place. The shelves for the adult section from the Monmouth County library have been installed and books should be arriving within a few weeks. My appreciation to the Council for approving the purchase of the shelves. We are hoping to have the library open beginning October 1, 1995. Our goal would be to staff the library Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. In order for this to become a reality, volunteers are needed to staff the library, sign-

out books, take requests, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the school at 448-2798. In addition, the Roosevelt Art Project will also be displaying some of their art work in the library and have agreed to help with the staffing of the library. Deirdre Sheehan is coordinating the effort with RAP.

Every three years, the State Department of Education requires school districts to evaluate their special education program. Surveys will be sent to those directly involved with the school over the next few weeks. As a member of the community, if you would like to offer your input regarding the special education services offered at the school, please feel free to stop by the school or contact Helen Barth, the School Secretary, and a survey will be sent to your home.

On behalf of the students, I look forward to a wonderful school year.



Nursery School News



By Marsha Agress
Head Teacher, RCNS

The summer has flown by and another school year has begun. I'd like to welcome all our returning students and also all our new students. We have an exciting year planned.

September's focus will be on learning about ourselves and also how to get along with each other. We will learn that although we are similar in many ways, we are also unique. We are all people, but we all have different personalities and physical traits. We will learn about the fall season and the changes that will occur. The numbers 1, 2 and 3 will be reviewed as well as the shapes circle, square and triangle. Our color for the month will be red. We will also review the initial sound of the letter B when we make our birthday bears.

During the month of October we will learn about fire safety,

Columbus Day and Halloween. We are hopeful that we will have a visit from our friendly fire fighter, Mr. Rindt. We will also take a class trip to visit a pumpkin patch. Our annual Halloween parade will take

place at the end of October. The colors for the month will be orange and black.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe Halloween!



Roosevelt Public School Board Meeting

By Joann San Nicola

The meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 21st. It was called to order by President Mike Hamilton.

Mr. Presutti said that it was a very smooth school opening. He also reported that the Regionalization Report would be given on October 10th. Now it seems that East Windsor wants to meet with our board to discuss some sort of possible merger.

Carolyn Malinowski, the school Social Worker is hoping to institute a community service project with children in the fifth and sixth grades. When that is successfully off the ground, the program will filter down hopefully to even first grade and kindergarten.

The Finance Committee is exploring the feasibility and the cost of having a new phone system installed in the school.

Possible road improvements to School Lane were discussed. It's a narrow road and the traffic is heavy.

The Fourth of July Committee is donating a slide to the playground. It will be very welcome and the children will be thrilled. Mrs. Kathleen John-Alder has volunteered to draw up a landscape plan, so that future planting projects would blend and compliment each other. To this end Eileen Levine asked that a Butterfly Garden be incorporated into the plan.

The school has received three entitlements totaling \$842.00. Some of it is earmarked for professional development and some for anti-drug programs.

Mr. John-Alder suggested that the Board start actively pursuing tuition paying students. Our class size and warm personal atmosphere are very attractive.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17.



Two traditional fall events, the annual Spaghetti Dinner, and the Scholastic Book Fair start the Roosevelt PTA's 1995-1996 fund raising year.

First on Sunday, October 22nd from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall you can enjoy, at a very reasonable price, a homemade spaghetti dinner with marinara sauce and meatballs (meatballs are cooked separately and are optional for vegetarians), salad, roll, dessert and beverage. Eat in or take out but do come for a good meal and a good cause - all proceeds go to the Roosevelt Public School. For further infor-

mation call 448-7742.

The Scholastic Book Fair to be held at the school on October 25 and 26 from 9:00 to 12:00 and again on Thursday night from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. offers a wide selection of children's books, primarily for grades K-6th. Open to the general public, this event is not only a good way to support our school but also benefits the newly renovated library - points earned through the book sale can be applied to the purchase of books for the library. For further information call 448-5619.



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of each month.**



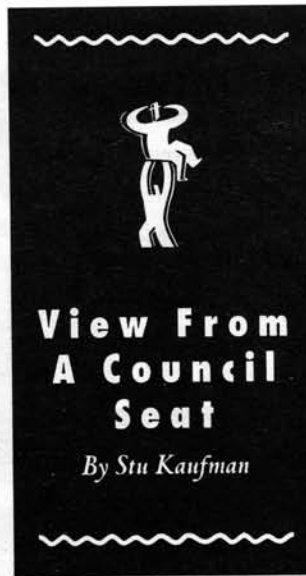
I thought it would be a good idea to let you, the taxpayer and ratepayer, know what's on the Council's agenda in the coming months.

Item 1: Council will start looking for long term operations and management of the water and sewer utilities with the emphasis on management. It is my opinion that strong management goes hand in hand with good operations of the municipal utilities.

Item 2: The on going battle with the brown or what now seems to be the yellow water circulating throughout the Borough's water lines.

Item 3: Reconstruction of School Lane. As of this writing copies of a rough draft have been sent to the Planning Board, the School Board, the Environmental Commission and residents of School Lane. No decision has been made and none will be made without input from everyone involved, especially the residents of School Lane. (Street reconstruction has been made possible by a 68 thousand dollar grant from the Department of Transportation, otherwise known as D.O.T.)

Item 4: Borough Hall ADA improvements; handicap accessible bathroom, enlarging doorways for wheelchairs, a permanent handicapped parking space, extension of sidewalk to the back of the borough building (I can't help snickering as of this writing,



we still don't have a sidewalk in front of the building) and the paving of the borough parking lot. (Again, all this has been made possible by a Community Development Block Grant for 38 thousand dollars, otherwise known as C.D.B.G.)

Item 5: Any and all things that usually come up out of the blue. (Otherwise known as OOPS.)

Item 6: Lastly and certainly not least, the P.C.D. II Ordinance, for those of us who don't know, that means Planned Community Development part 2, which deals with the northern open areas in Roosevelt. The Council will be getting a draft ordinance from the Planning Board to review and present to the public for discussion and input. We expect to hear a lot of questions being asked, opinions given (free of charge) and faces, your faces at the public meetings. I know you won't disappoint us. (For

this event leave your weapons home and let's do it peacefully, we have met the enemy and none of them are us.)

In the spirit of the coming election, the rest of my column will be turned over to my partner, "A View From a Candidates Seat".

I'm sure by now a lot of you have already made up your minds on who you are voting for; I know I have. For those who haven't or don't know me, it is my responsibility to convince you to vote for me, that's what an election is all about. I'm smart enough to know I don't know everything and I'm honest enough to tell you. That's it, that's my whole campaign speech. If you were expecting election promises, tales of my great accomplishments or how the town could not get along without me, sorry to disappoint you, I'm not a politician.

I recently received a telephone call from a lovely long time Rooseveltian who said to me, "What's all this nonsense about running as an independent mayor? A mayor should work with the council not independent of it." I said, "I agree, but what it really means is that I'm not running as Democrat or Republican, I'm running as a Rooseveltian." She said, "Oh, that makes sense, never mind."

In case you have forgotten, my name is Stuart Kaufman and I'm running for Mayor.



A developer urged the Planning Board on September 13 to favor a proposal to construct 172 homes on 160 acres of northern farmlands. That same night, the Board unanimously scheduled a presentation to the Borough Council of a long-proposed planned community development (PCD) ordinance that would allow 110 to 120 units on all 500 acres of the northern lands. On Monday, October 2, Board members and their consultant, Alan Mallach, a former Chairman of the Roosevelt Planning Board, will try to convince the Council that the proposed PCD ordinance provides the best framework for any future development of the area. Mayor Lee Allen and Council member Stuart Kaufman are also members of the Planning Board.

Most of the northern 500 acres is currently zoned to allow the construction of houses on 10-acre lots. While the proposed ordinance would allow office or research development, most of its provisions address the more likely prospect of pressures for residential growth in the Borough. It would restrict building to clusters tied into the water and sewer systems. Wetlands and most woodlands would remain undeveloped. Open spaces would be located so as to make newly developed sites conform to the bucolic character of the rest of the community. The number of units allowed, when combined with potential units from other properties approved for residential development, would, according to the ordinance's proponents, bring the Roosevelt Public School (RPS) up to capacity. Development of the



Notterman tract, which lies east of North Valley Road and south of Eleanor Lane and is governed by its own PCD ordinance, would itself swell substantially the ranks of students. PCD supporters argue that as long as RPS's capacity were not exceeded, new houses would help to lower property tax rates and water and sewer utility fees.

Developers argue that they will stay away from a town that thusly curbs their profit potential, and landowners claim that the unit restrictions would deprive them of sufficient value for their land. At the September 13 Board meeting, attorney Thomas Hall argued on behalf of Calton Homes, Inc. that the firm's informal proposal to build 172 three and four-bedroom homes on quarter-acre lots on the Nurko, D'Amico and Brottman properties would reduce residents' tax and utility fee burdens while permanently preserving substantial acreage as open space. Hall said Calton would pay to reduce the debt incurred by the recent sewer system restoration project and help to build a new

water tower. He opined that the influx of students into RPS would generate state-aid that would help to pay the school's fixed costs without requiring a building expansion or more teachers per grade level. He acknowledged that some municipal costs would rise but argued that they would be more than offset by the increase in tax and rate payers.

Board members countered that other landowners would expect to be able to develop their land to a similar scale, and resulting development would dash all hopes of avoiding expensive school building additions and expansion of the number of classes per grade level. They also criticized the lack of dispersment of open space among building lots in the Calton Homes proposal.

Michael DiCairano told the Board that it would not be fair "to give the whole ball of wax to one builder." He spoke on behalf of his father-in-law, owner of the Cuzzolino tract, which lies between the Nurko and D'Amico properties that are included in the Calton Homes proposal. In April, Calton Homes presented to the Board a proposal for 167 homes on the Cuzzolino, Nurko and Brottman tracts. Since then, Mr. Cuzzolino withdrew from the group from which Calton had sought to purchase options and Mr. D'Amico joined the group. Planning Board members noted that in each of the two potential development areas covered by the proposed PCD ordinance - one west of Route 571 and the other east of the highway - builders may not achieve densities higher than the current zoning

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Public Question No. 3, the State Mandate/State Pay Amendment to the NJ Constitution. A copy is to be posted on the bulletin board as it would limit the imposition of unfunded State mandates on municipalities and school districts.

Resolution #92 supported a Constitutional amendment on the November ballot which allows dedication of some of the existing motor fuel tax for the Transportation Trust Fund. That fund has provided substantial aid to the Borough of Roosevelt in the past.

Resolution #93 authorized settlement of disputed claims regarding construction of Eleanor Lane, agreeing to pay \$6,600 to Straight Curb Corporation.

The Council approved of spending \$2,320 to install a blow-off hydrant on Maple Court, in an attempt to end the intense problem of rust in the drinking water at houses on that street. Nona Sherak has complained for more than a year about the severity of the problem, attending council meetings almost every month to do so.

The radio equipment which serves the Fire, First Aid and Borough Public Works departments is to be repaired. \$3,500 was authorized after two bids just under \$3,000 were reviewed by Councilman Vasseur. Increasing the height of the Borough Hall's antenna is included.

Ms Sherak complained in the

public portion of the meeting that a Stefan Martin drawing and another picture are missing from the walls on the meeting room: "It's a disgrace that an inventory and appraisal have not been made to permit insuring the art works which belong to the borough." In response, Council member David Donnelly moved that the Borough Clerks inventory all the pictures and other valuables in the Borough Hall. Council approved.

Big Pick-up Day will be October 23, a Monday, announced Councilman David Donnelly, Recycling Coordinator. Oil, paints and toxic materials will be collected on November 4 at the County's garage on Route 539, south of the Cream Ridge Golf Course in Upper Freehold Township. The community

litter pick-up day, with volunteers taking sections of Roosevelt's roads where no persons reside, will be Sunday, October 1.

Alan Mallach is to present information about the proposed Planned Community Development ordinance (PCD II) at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 2, for the Mayor, Council and members of the public in the Borough Hall following the Council's Agenda Meeting. Mayor Lee Allen said a notice for residents would be posted at the Post Office. The PCD II proposal relates to the possibility of up to two developments being built on parts of 500 acres adjoining Route 571 (North Rochdale Avenue). Mr. Mallach has been a volunteer consultant for Roosevelt's Planning Board. He and some members of the Planning Board

are to explain all the factors which were considered in drafting the PCD II proposal at the October 2 meeting.

In the public portion, Bert Ellentuck complimented Paul Hoogsteden for his ideas about refinancing the \$2,000,000 debt for utilities improvement mandated by the State, and he proposed reducing the monthly rate to the extent allowed by the utility funds surplus that has increased each year. The surplus is now about 60% of yearly collections, he said. Mr. Ellentuck also asked if results from testing for hazardous contamination at the gas station property are known yet. Councilman Donnelly said five wells were dug two months ago with the promise that results would begin in three months. Mayor Allen added that the owners of the property have given full cooperation for the testing.

Michael Ticktin asked if the Council initiated steps to remove a large dead tree on Borough property at 5 Homestead Lane. The answer was "No", but the Salary Ordinance amendment to add a maximum rate for a "Tree Maintenance Specialist" was introduced and approved at first reading later in the meeting.

Nona Sherak appealed for all families that have cable TV to call Comcast (655-1300) each time they get "snow" or other poor reception and request no charge for the day. She later donated a copy of the 1947 Zoning Map and

Vasseur Withdraws From Mayoral Race;

It's Now Kaufman v. Allen Again

By Michael Ticktin

Councilman George Vasseur has announced his withdrawal from the mayoralty race. Mayor Lee Allen, running on the Democratic line, and Councilman Stu Kaufman, running as an independent, are the remaining candidates.

In a letter published in this issue, Mr. Vasseur cited difficulties he has had in dealing with other council members and possible conflict with his employment by the Board of Education. He did not endorse either of the other candidates (see letters).

With Mr. Vasseur's withdrawal, the race for mayor has become a re-run of 1991, when Messers Allen and Kaufman were also the candidates. In that election, however, Mr. Kaufman ran as a Democrat and Mr. Allen ran as an independent.

Ordinance that had been among her late father's papers to the Borough.

In correspondence, Action Packaging Automation requested that Oscar Drive be restored as a two lane roadway. The June report of Applied Wastewater Services for operations and maintenance was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board. It reviewed the hydrant flushing and the iron sludge removal operations, claiming that "30,000 gallons of iron sludge slurry was removed from the sedimentation tank, approximately half of its volume." Then it stated, "The integrity of both vessels were documented by video tape." Both of those statements are being questioned for these reasons: 30,000 gallons is close to 80% of the sedimentation basin's volume by one calculation; Council member Rose Murphy reported, "There is a problem with slots", referring to a lack of integrity in the basin which allows water from the lower part of the basin, with much iron sludge in it, to be pumped into the filters, defeating the sedimentation basin's purpose.


Joel Ortiz, age 11, received four Gold Medals and three Silver Medals in the International Special Olympics of 1995, and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt presented Joel with a Resolution honoring him as an outstanding athlete (gymnast) and young citizen of Roosevelt. The Resolution was adopted in July and pre-

sented at the August meeting.

Jay Goldman and Jonathan Shahn were thanked for painting the Borough dump truck to save the Borough the expense and to make it dazzle for the July 4th parade. Kirk Rothfuss was approved as the Mayor's appointee as Alternate 2, for 2 years, on the Environmental

Commission, which is chaired by James Carnevale. Mark Roberts was appointed as the Alternate Member of the Planning Board until 12/31/96.

At the July meeting, the Council authorized the Borough Engineer to apply for funds from the NJ Transportation

Trust Program to improve North Valley Road, Lake Drive and Pine Drive. Correspondence referred to Saul Ernstein's application for the position of Zoning Officer. At present, Bert Ellentuck is serving as Acting Zoning Officer. 

Roosevelt Positive Action Committee Forms

By Herb Johnson

Chris Martin followed up on suggestions made by citizens of Roosevelt, at a few public meetings at the Borough Hall this spring, that new ideas on how to revitalize Roosevelt and cut property tax rates drastically be proposed, studied and implemented. He distributed notices of three meetings held this summer in the Roosevelt Public School for that purpose. At least eighteen residents attended one or more of the Roosevelt Positive Action Committee (RPAC) meetings: Wayne Cokeley, Kim Dexheimer, Louis Esakoff, Robin Filepp, Clifford Fischer, Michael Hamilton, Herbert Johnson, Howard and Stuart Kaufman, Sol Libsohn, Neil Marko, Chris Martin, Kevin McNally, Allen Newrath, Faye Nulman, Bernarda Shahn, Bess Tremper and Peter Warren.

The idea which evoked most discussion and follow-up was having an artists' mall built in the north end of town. It might include artists' studios, craft-work production shops, a coffee shop, sculpture garden and

an art gallery and frame shop. At the second meeting, on July 25, some people agreed to visit Peter's Valley by the Delaware River where an artists' mall exists, and to talk with a representative of the Geraldine Dodge Foundation for funding such a project. At the last meeting, on August 30, no report was ready.

Other proposals were considered. John Wojnicki of Action Packaging sent a letter offering a machine he developed for manufacturing reusable ice cubes if the town could and wanted to have a profit making business. The group believes a town cannot go into business. A mini-brewery might be set up as a tax paying business. The Borough could begin using solar energy and wind to generate its own electricity. Many manuals produced by the US Dept. of Energy were brought to the meeting in August to explain how that works.

Other ideas included the following: having an evening school program of art classes; forming a non-profit corpo-

ration to raise funds for school and borough projects; having weekly or monthly arts-crafts-flea market and renting table space; having concerts at the Roosevelt amphitheater and East Windsor Raceway (someone has a connection with Hooty and the Blowfish); sponsoring a bicycle race with the fee to benefit the borough; and, having a pitch and putt golf range were mentioned. Two people are to look into the feasibility of having regular flea markets. This will be discussed more at the next meeting, which is to be on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening early in October. More information on the prospects for the Dodge Foundation's funding an artists mall will be presented then also.


Some negative aspects of all ideas mentioned were discussed. No idea promised to be a source of a large tax reduction, but having a full scale Fourth of July community affair revived, and contributing in other ways to increase community mindedness are also goals of the Roosevelt Positive Action Committee. 

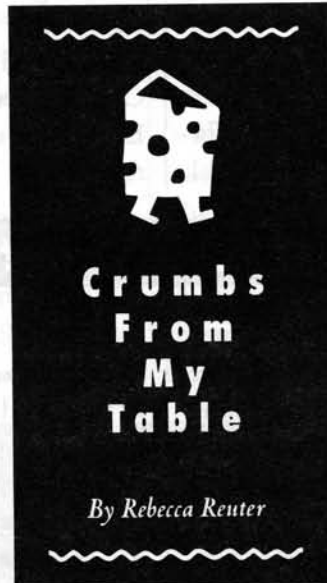
Fig Fancy

This morning it was all late summer and sparkly sun. At a call, I ran next door to gather fruit. Now eight plump figs loll like bored concubines on my plate, settling into various positions of repose. One reclines fully, one lists to the right; another rolls slowly and settles its delicate stem to the plate, nose down, round bottom up, in a graceful kowtow to the coming autumn.

I want to eat them all, right now. Fat and smooth, they are fuzzed all over as lightly as a horse's snout. Not with the bold bristly plush of a Jersey peach, but a mature, delicate velvet. Dog belly velvet, mouse ears, or mold. I am going to eat them, and then I'll get more.

There are several of these trees in town, besides my neighbor's, where I can beg for Brown Turkey figs. Though New Jersey is really north of their comfort zone, which ends around Washington, D.C., Brown Turkeys are among the hardiest of figs. Here in the Northeast, figs require putting to bed for the winter if they are to survive as trees. My father recalls that his grandfather had a fig tree in the backyard of his north Jersey home, and every winter he wrapped the tree in tar paper as protection against the cold. Others use burlap and dried leaves, and some bend the trees to the ground and bury them for the winter, resurrecting them early in the spring. I don't know any folks in our town who rouse themselves to these measures, though. Here we just plant the fig cuttings close to a white wall on the warmest side of the house, brush the dirt off our hands, and hope for the best. If winter is mild, the trees survive. In a colder year, they die back to their roots and regrow as multi-stemmed bushes. At the worst, they die altogether, and you either get another rooted cutting from a friend or rethink your role as a fig farmer.

Figs are often referred to as erotic fruits. Is it because of the association between fig leaves and that old story about you-know-who discovering their you-know-whats? Or all the statues and



illustrations that followed? More likely its reputation sprouts from the tactile and visual properties of the succulent fresh fruit. I invite you to explore this topic for yourself.

Regardless of anything they inspire in humans, most figs require no pollination. They are parthenocarpic, which is to say that they can develop fruits without fertilization. And by the way, the figs we eat are not really fruits. They are, in fact, syconia, "fleshy receptacles," according to *The Wise Garden Encyclopedia*, inside which the flowers, both male and female, and then the true fruits, which we think of as

the "seeds," develop. Sort of like an inside-out strawberry.

There is one notable exception to the parthenocarpy thing. The Smyrna (or Kalimyrna) fig does require fertilization to grow to a decent eating size. Unfortunately, the fleshy receptacles (i.e. figs) of the Smyrna types enclose only female flowers. They need pollen from an outside source, and they need a pollinator that can get to the flowers inside the fig. In a vegetative twist on stereotypical "deadly female" behavior, the Smyrna fig, like the black widow and the praying mantis, consumes its pollinator, which happens to be a small and very confused wasp.

The tiny wasp is born from an egg laid within the wild caprifig, which has both male and female flowers. Before the wasp matures and chews its way out, however, a human fig grower, following a horticultural practice several thousand years old, removes the infested fig from its tree and ties it to the limb of a Smyrna fig tree. The female wasp matures, exits her nursery caprifig, brushing past the pollen covered male flower on her way, and seeks out a fresh fig in which to lay her eggs. The Smyrna figs, those blind dates from hell, are all she sees. What's a wasp to do? She enters the little portal at the fat end of the fig, fertilizing the flower on her way through with the caprifig pollen. Unfortunately, there is no back door. The Smyrna fig is not a caprifig nursery and the doomed wasp can neither lay her eggs nor back out. Her

body is absorbed by the growing fig.

Figs which have been "caprificated" are larger than parthenocarpic varieties, but whether it is a result of fertilization or the extra protein in their diets, I don't know and the books don't tell me. Anyway, the fig wasp is tiny and I have never yet found one stuck between my teeth, so I guess I'll go on eating those dried Kalimyrna figs that I like so much. Still, it's comforting to know that the brown turkey figs which I picked this morning need no wasp visitors, and I saw none. Only, here and there, a busy ant knocking at the door.

— YOUR FRESH FIGS must be ripe when you get them, because they will not ripen any further once they have been picked. They should be soft but not squishy, smell sweet, never sour, and be dark colored.

— DRIED FIGS should be malleable, not rock hard. You can

soften dried figs by soaking them in warm water for a few hours.

— A 3.5 OUNCE SERVING of dried figs provides: lots of calcium, more potassium than a banana, and about three times as much fiber as an apple (also— probably —more sugar than a bowl of Lucky Charms).

— FIGS WITH PROSCIUTTO- perfection on a plate : Get the best figs you can find, and the best prosciutto, sliced paper thin. Cut the figs in half and drape them with the prosciutto slices, or lay them over the prosciutto on a small plate. Grind on black pepper.

— DRIED FIGS WITH WALNUTS: Snip the hard stems from dried figs, slice the figs nearly in half, and put a walnut half in the middle of each one. Press the fig closed around the nut. Let the fruits soak for an hour or more in a dish of sweet wine, or in a heated mixture of 1/3 cup sugar, 1/4 cup lemon juice, and 1 cup water. Add cinnamon if you like.



January in July



The highest temperature in Roosevelt this year was 99.5 degrees. It occurred Saturday, July 15, the third consecutive day of 90 plus high temperatures. Everywhere in town air conditioners were humming - shielding Rooseveltians from atrocious heat and overwhelming humidity. Then at the hottest time of the hottest day the power went out.

For the next few hours thoughts of the Winter of '94 came to mind. During January 7 and 8, 1994 power was out for over twenty-three frigid hours in some sections of town. Now we shuttered ourselves against the heat as we had against the cold. Was JCP&L trying to show that we could boil as well as freeze without them? Before the end of the afternoon the power was back.

The average temperatures for June, July and August were above normal. The average temperature for all three months combined was 2.70 degrees above normal.

July was not only hot and humid it was wet. Over 5.68 inches of rain fell. Four and a third inches rainfall is normal for July. In contrast, June and August were dry. Only 2.50 inches fell

in June (three-quarters of an inch below normal). August brought only 3.03 inches (about an inch and seven tenths below normal).

Total rainfall for the three months was 11.21 inches. Normal for the period is 12.30 inches. For all of 1995 we were 4.61 inches below normal at the end of August.

WATER RUNS DRY

The numbers, however, don't tell the whole story. There were several heavy downpours

that brought much rain and much runoff. Most of the water did not get a chance to soak into the ground. The most extreme example of this occurred on August 5.

It was Saturday, just before 6:00pm when a thunderstorm hit Roosevelt. In forty-five minutes 2.10 inches of rain fell. At the Pine Drive triangle water collected and was about two feet deep near the storm drains. One source said Empty Box Brook was so swollen with water that the water in the street could

not drain any more quickly.

As the water gathered at the triangle people did too. Children with boots on and adults with and without boots came to see the great flood.

George Vasseur was standing in water up to his knees working to make sure the drains remained clear. Cars could not

pass through the water at it's deepest.

Ani Roskam's and Bill Leech's trip for ice cream to cool the spirit on the hot day was delayed. They stopped to talk to

neighbors and to let their son Jack play in the water. Little of this rainfall had a chance to soak into the ground.

The same storm brought high winds, lightning and thunder. For a few minutes pebble-sized hail fell. Then, for a couple of minutes, the hail was nearly golf ball size. You could hear it hitting the roof through the cement ceiling. Trees and branches were down and, yes, the power went out again.

Four power outages were observed from June through

August. The longest was on July 28 when a severe thunderstorm knocked out power for four hours and forty minutes starting at 2:20am.

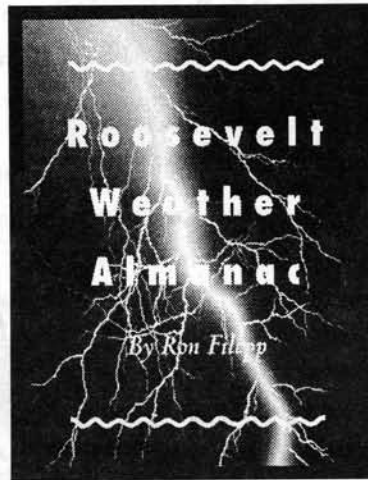
Here's a method for calculating the distance of lighting from a given point: Count the number of seconds between the time you see a flash and the time you hear thunder. Divide the number of seconds by five and that gives you the number of miles the lightning strike was from you.

On the 28th the lightning was seen and the thunder heard simultaneously over and over again. The lightning was striking very close. The explosions sounded like artillery fire.

HOW DRY WE ARE

The dry weather got its start last October and continued to be the big weather story for the entire northeast through September. Forecasters went out on a limb when they predicted showers for September 7, 8 and 9. Mother Nature was there to cut the limb off. No measurable rain fell in Roosevelt until just before midnight on the ninth.

We are now in what is normally the driest time of the year in New Jersey (September 19 to October 17). Here are some water conservation tips:



- > Don't water lawns
- > Don't wash vehicles
- > Don't use a hose as a broom
- > Wait until you have a full load before running clothes or dish washers
- > Repair leaky faucets
- > Don't let water run excessively while showering, shaving or brushing teeth
- > Install conservation showerheads and faucets

Some naturalists predicted a poor showing of Fall colors this year. They said that the dry weather may cause many leaves to turn directly from green to brown. Many trees were expected to die of stress caused by the drought.

The summer weather was not all bad. Clouds and moonlight combined on the night of August 8 to create a moon dog. A sun dog was seen on June 28. On clear dry nights the Milky Way was visible. The dry and cooler weather of August kept the need for air conditioning down.

WEATHER WORD

A Sun Dog is a splotch of light on one or both sides of the sun caused by the reflection of light off ice crystal clouds. Sometimes the splotch of light contains the colors of the rainbow.

Source: The Weather Book by Jack Williams



Weather Table

Aug 15 - Sep 15, 1995

	High	Low	Avg.	Prec.
15	88.0	70.0	79.0	0.00
16	88.0	69.0	78.5	0.00
17	88.0	77.0	82.5	0.00
18	89.5	68.0	78.8	0.00
19	80.0	62.5	71.3	0.00
20	82.0	53.5	67.8	0.00
21	89.0	56.0	72.5	0.00
22	88.0	64.0	76.0	0.00
23	82.0	55.0	68.5	0.00
24	91.0	61.0	76.0	0.00
25	78.0	58.0	68.0	0.00
26	81.0	54.0	67.5	0.00
27	87.0	67.5	77.3	0.00
28	80.0	68.0	74.0	0.06
29	82.0	56.0	69.0	0.00
30	81.0	60.0	70.5	0.00
31	88.0	59.0	73.5	0.00
1	87.0	60.0	73.5	0.00
2	81.0	65.0	73.0	0.00
3	81.0	56.0	68.5	0.00
4	84.0	56.0	70.0	0.00
5	88.0	62.0	75.0	0.00
6	87.0	60.5	73.8	0.00
7	88.0	67.0	77.5	0.00
8	84.0	64.0	74.0	0.00
9	81.0	64.0	72.5	0.00
10	73.0	57.0	65.0	0.05
11	70.5	42.5	56.5	0.00
12	79.5	46.0	62.8	0.00
13	85.0	43.0	64.0	0.00
14	87.0	64.0	75.5	0.38
15	78.0	54.0	66.0	0.00
Total Precip				0.49

(PLAN BD. from pg. 7)
 unless they enlist the cooperation of at least 75 percent of the landowners. The town could thusly anticipate that the area would develop more or less in accordance with a cohesive plan.

In other business, Board member Jeffrey Hunt said he was concerned about encroachments, such as fences and trash deposits, on common lands. He suggested that a group be formed to survey encroachments and report to the Board. Board member Michael Ticktin said an ordinance should be written that would specify what can and cannot be done on common land. Bert Ellentuck, a Board member and acting Zoning Officer, said he planned to send a letter to all households addressing violations, such as improper parking of cars and recreational vehicles and the encroachments on common lands, that people may correct with minimal effort.

The Board held no meeting in August. Most of the July 12 meeting consisted of a discussion between the Board and School Board President Michael Hamilton and Chief School Administrator William Presutti. The two school officials briefed the planners on regionalization possibilities. Discussions with East Windsor Regional

School District have taken a serious turn because that district is growing rapidly and would rather not have to build additional schools. Nonetheless, under present law, voters in East Windsor, Hightstown and Roosevelt would have to approve regionalization. Even a slight rise in their tax rates might discourage the regional district's voters from voting to combine with Roosevelt. Meanwhile, if development in Roosevelt alone were to fill RPS, the school would be unable to provide a place for East Windsor students to attend, unless the school's grade levels were reduced or its building were expanded. Mr. Mallach said the Borough was "between a rock and a hard place." He explained that if the school district regionalizes with East Windsor in order to fill the school's excess capacity with East Windsor pupils, it may have no space for new students generated by further development in Roosevelt. On the other hand, if the town plans for new residences that will fill RPS, it may stifle regionalization.



Welcome New Neighbors:

☞ Robert and Donna Provost moved into the former Lawson house on Farm Lane with their daughters, Michelle (2 1/2 yrs.) and Nicole (6 mths).

☞ Tony Stakiwicz and Sue Raufer (former RPS School Board member) have returned to their Lake Drive home with their children, Andrew (age 12), Tyler (7) and Laura (1).

☞ Vicky Kohanek and her son, Brian (age 9), have moved into the former Melvin house on North Rochdale.

Welcome Home:

☞ Elizabeth Dauber Prestopino from a summer visit to New Hampshire.

☞ Michele Hillis-Guye from a two week visit with family in Neuchatel, Switzerland.

Moving In/Moving Out:

☞ Jean Ryan from the Solar Village to be near her family in North Carolina. New Address: 6305 Hackberry Drive, Hope Mills, North Carolina, 28348.

☞ Joaquin and Josefina Rebollo from the Solar Village to their native Puerto Rico.

☞ Michael and Laurie Quinn and family from Lake Drive to the Jackson area.

Best Wishes To The Newlyweds:

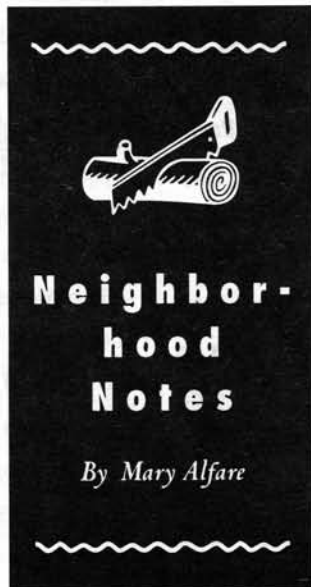
☞ Mary E. MacKenzie and Gerald G. Watlington II of Lake Drive, married June 17 in Bermuda.

☞ Diedra Przychochi of North Rochdale and Peter Pizzarelli, married June 24. The couple will reside in Washington Township.

☞ Christine Hermann of Eleanor Drive and Thomas Wiczowski, married August 26. They are moving to East Windsor.

Congratulations To The Families Of:

☞ Kevin John Lenart, born July 7, to Debra and John Lenart and big brother, Justin, of Elm Court. The proud grandparents are: Mel and Lynn Friedman of Pine Drive



and Bob and Mary Kruedl of Freehold.

☞ Caitlin Rebecca Rips, born July 15, to Janice and Darius Rips of Hopewell. The proud grandparents are: Erv Rips formerly of Roosevelt, and Gladys Nadler of Pine Drive, and Jim and Lyle Kennedy of Hopewell.

☞ Gladys is also proud of her first grandchild, Eliana Rips, who will be 2 years old on November 11. Eliana lives with her parents Avram and Linda Rips in Baltimore.

☞ Brandon Michael Block, born July 16, to Amy and Jon Block of Lake Drive. The proud grandparents are: Marvin and Karen Block of Elm Court and Armondo Sylvester and Marcia Hirshorn of Cranbury.

☞ Daniel Edward List, born September 11 in Colombia, S.A., to Fabiana Valdeveno and Benjamin List. The proud grandmother is Margaret Schlinski of South Rochdale Avenue.

Special Birthday Wishes:

☞ Augusta Chasen of Farm Lane - 93 years on September 11.

Congratulations To:

☞ Helena "Tess" List received her B.S. Degree in International Studies from Rutgers University this August.

☞ Joel Ortiz of Tamara Drive won 4 gold and 3 silver medals in gymnastics at the Special Olympic World Games in Connecticut this July. He was the youngest of the 450 gymnasts competing in the Level 4 (most advanced) division. Joel's mother, Sandra Ortiz, thanks "the whole town for their support."

☞ Christina Henderson of Farm Lane took second place in Equestrian Training Level II with the impressive score of 61.76% at the Los Alamos Dressage in Freehold this summer.

☞ Jessica Hermann of Eleanor Lane, Hightstown High Junior, who was elected Co-Captain of the Varsity Cheerleading Team.

Fond Farewell:

☞ Sylvia Nadler, longtime resident of Pine Drive, died July 25 at the age of 95.

☞ Hyman Krane, formerly of Cedar Court, died July 31 at the age of 85.

☞ Adam Jenny, 10 year old former Farm Lane resident, died August 17 from injuries sustained when he was struck by a car two days earlier.

☞ Ray Henderson of Farm Lane died August 25 at the age of 62.

☞ Julius Levin, long time resident on South Rochdale, died September 17 at the age of 86.

Condolences to their families 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 Fire Department, contact Chief Kim Dexheimer at the Post Office or leave a message at the Borough Hall, 448-0539.

Deadline For Voter Registration:

☞ To vote in the November 7 General Election, you must register by October 10. For information call the Borough Hall at 448-0539.

Two New Grants Total \$101,800:

☞ \$68,000 from the Department of Transportation for safety improvements and repairs to School Lane.

☞ \$33,800 CDBG grant for required ADA improvements to the Borough Hall.

Welcome New Personnel at RPS:

☞ 1st Grade - Ms Tracey Derosa; 4th grade - Mr. Jeffrey Santanello; 6th Grade - Ms Elizabeth McArdle; Art - Ms Rita Williams; and, Music - Ms Wendy Brownstein.

☞ Kindergarten teacher, Miss Kim Wolf, is now Mrs. Schwartz. Best wishes on her August wedding.

☞ The new Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary is Ms Karen Minutolo; Donna Kaufman, the new business office clerk.

Discount Entertainment: Entertainment

'96 Books (all editions now available). Cost: \$40.00.

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.



Composting - Birds - Vegetation Hunting - Stream Testing

By David Schwendeman

The agenda of the September 6th meeting of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission included information about testing streams for water quality, hunting in or near Roosevelt boundaries, identification of more native plants, the widening of School Lane, bird watching and a master compostor program.

Yes, there is a special training program to become a master at composting. More than 25% of the waste in Monmouth County landfills is from organic refuse. Composting is an excellent way to help reduce municipal waste, extend the life of landfills and help fertilize our gardens. More information is available at the Borough Hall, or call Virginia Lamb, Assistant Recycling Coordinator, at 908-431-7460.

The Cooperative Monmouth County Stream Testing Program is continuing. Several different watershed systems are being monitored for certain chemicals, water temperature, etc. This will provide us and the county with baseline data so that changes can be noted and assessed for possible action.

The public is invited to "test the waters" with Kirk Rothfuss on the first Sunday after each regular REC meeting. Please contact him for details.

The hunting season has begun again and there has been discussion of the pluses and minuses of allowing the discharge of firearms within the boundaries of Roosevelt. The commission plans to invite a representative from the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife to clarify the implications of repealing or continuing the existing ordinance.

Maps of the School Lane widening project were distributed for review. The monies have been allocated and the work will soon be underway. There are no significantly unusual environmental modifications expected. However, any suggestions would be welcomed.

Have you read your Roosevelt Environmental Commission field guide yet? The vegetation list may soon have to be updated. Wayne Cokeley has been busy this summer identifying various grasses and other tiny plants which may swell the total list of different plant species to nearly 200! This indicates that we live in a very diverse community and like they say, "variety is the spice of life." It's a good thing.

NOTEWORTHY NATURE NEWS: Keep your eyes and ears open for hawks and other birds. The fall migration has started and we're lucky to be in the path of a busy flyway. Cormorants have been spotted at Ely's Corner.

Has anyone else noticed all the wasps and yellow jackets? It seems that the population of these species was up while mosquitos were fewer and reports of ticks way down.

AND another wood turtle was spotted in town this spring. This individual can be easily recognized since it has only three legs. Reporting unusual animals (and plants) is very important for our Natural Resource Inventory.

I hope you all had a great summer and, as always, please inform your environmental commission about any relevant ecological considerations or interesting close encounters of the WILD kind!

TO THE EDITOR

I wish to thank our family, friends and neighbors for the many cards, gifts and flowers received at the time of our loss. It is an invaluable source of comfort to know how others care.

Also, a very special "thank you" to Frieda Anish, Joy Marko and Tess List for their concern and many kindnesses when it was most needed.

Toby Levin

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor and to all of my friends and supporters: It is with some regret that I have to inform you of my decision to withdraw my name from the November ballot for Mayor.

I do not feel that I could function effectively as mayor with the current council were I to win the election. I also feel that it could, at some point, become a conflict of interest with my job at the Roosevelt Public School.

I believe my efforts would be better spent remaining a council person, as this gives me a vote. The mayor only votes in the event of a tie.

I hope I can look forward to your support next year when my current seat on the coun-

cil comes up for re-election. I would also like to thank everyone who supported me in my campaign for mayor. Please feel free to continue to contact me with your concerns.

George Vasseur

TO THE EDITOR

After an education in economics, history and government, 40 years experience in business and government in many societies in different parts of the world, and, not least, 28 years' residence (albeit about ten absentee) and four years on Borough Council, I would like to share some thoughts with you.

One symptom of our problem (an economic problem) is that we pay more than neighboring communities in property taxes and water/sewer bills - more than is necessary and probably high enough to depress property values. The high cost of public services is, I believe, a symptom not a cause; one has to address causes, not symptoms, to solve problems.



We have a social characteristic which I see as the root cause of our economic problem; the low level of public participation, and even interest, in municipal affairs. I see many secondary reasons

(which I don't intend to define here) for this abstinence, some of them peculiar to Roosevelt.

My point is that town government doesn't work well for us on the economic level and perhaps on other levels as well. Why doesn't it? How can it be made to work better?

It takes about six percent of our adult population to run our basic town government which I define to include: Borough Council, Board of Education, Planning Board, Emergency Management and Environmental Commission. Why are so few people willing to participate, and so few others willing to make the effort to be informed?

Going back into the history of the town, I see three factors inhibiting people from participating - paternalism, under estimation and factionalism.

For the first forty years of its life, the town government was managed first by the Federal Government and then by the

Borough Clerk and the Treasurer. During this period - more than two-thirds of the town's existence - the Borough Council played a secondary role in decision making.

Therefore, residents traditionally underestimated the importance of town government in management and decision making; furthermore, the burden on town government has mushroomed since 1978. The town has not been able to create the institutions to keep up. It is so easy, anyone can do it, they thought.

A third factor has been a continuing spirit of factionalism which has led to hostility between residents and town government, on one hand, and among individual residents, on the other, making it difficult and sometimes impossible to work together toward mutually beneficial goals. Factionalism has kept some people from being useful, and many more from wanting to be useful.

As a result, the town has stumbled through no fewer than six crises since 1978, by my count, with most people unaware of any of them, each crisis representing a lost opportunity to alleviate the symptoms I mention above.

There will be more crises and they will continue until residents as a whole are willing to work together toward a radi-

cal reform in the direction of greater participation in government and understanding of the town.

I would suggest the following ideas.

If they have not already done so, present and prospective members of the council should take the Rutgers seminars on municipal government and should study the last five years of council minutes; planning board members should take the Rutgers seminars on planning and zoning and should study the last five years of planning board minutes.

Council members should ask three friends to go through their weekly mail and comment on it for their guidance. From time to time, they should consult ad hoc committees made up of residents with a specialized knowledge of, for example, finance and water/sewer operation.

Residents should make up block committees of, say, twenty families each, who would take turns attending council meetings and planning board meetings and reporting back to the block. Residents should take advantage of the Bulletin and Roosevelt TV to express their opinions on town affairs.

This may make a difference.

Peter B. Warren



Adam Jenny

By Robert A. Axel

As you may know, Adam Jenney, a 10-year-old boy, died last week. He was hit by a car as he played at his Millstone home. He was our neighbor on Farm Lane for over 8 years and a friend to many school children in town. I wrote this and gave it to his family. And, they asked me to read it in church as a eulogy. It may help the grieving process for others, in town, who shared his brief life with him.

There are echoes of a boy running,
 running a skipping kinda' run, graceful, like a deer.
 Echoes of a boy moving fast,
 faster through life than the average boy you would know
 and that was pretty darn fast.

There is this boy running like a deer, skipping in leaps and jumps,
 gracefully leaping into my swimming pool, shooting hoops in my yard
 looking over a tall fence and calling out to play.

Echoes of a boy moving fast, like a deer, playing catch, learning to hit a ball,
 like he ran so fast he had to have it all, fast and now.

His eyes, blue and clear and the gentle wind billowing through his soul; he moves rapidly chasing rabbits and hiding under tree branches in games with my boys.

Adam Jenney, impelled with a sparkler-like intensity, his own drum beating, his loyalty to friendship; this boy who moved quickly is also steadfast like a brother to my sons. Moving in the world, grabbing life as quickly as he can, playing real hard, this boy Adam is reflected in my sons's souls, their lives from the day he came to now and for ever. This running Adam Jenney, like a deer leaping knows the language of children and will remain speaking to the children wherever he runs now.

There are echoes of Adam Jenney in my home, my yard, my heart, my life and with my family. Echoes of him ringing the bell, removing his shoes as he enters our home, playing with his brother Andrew and my sons, Adam and Avery, not eating, not eating ... running too fast to pause to take a bite ... needing to live it all quickly, faster than a rabbit loose from the pen ... like he knew his time here was like a sparkler in the night; flashing bright as the sun and burning with a short fuse. Left with echoes and reflections the sparks bursting before the eyes of boys bowling, boys shooting hoops, kicking soccer balls, swimming, roller-blading, bike riding ... the sparks of this boy's innocence ... in running.

Wherever Adam Jenney runs now like a deer leaping in the sun; wherever he runs he will have the wind behind him and the love and friendship of a lifetime of solid memories in my home ...with my sons ... with his family ... he is with us as he runs.

And, his boyhood friends will miss him. And I, who have watched him grow, will let him run like a deer, kinda' graceful like ... a boy ... moving fast.

Adam Jenney. The Axel Family will hold you in our hearts and remember you as part of our lives forever. Your loving parents, Red and Linda, your loyal brother Andrew, your wonderful grandparents, your caring aunts and uncles, your cousins and each of your friends will remember the good times you shared with them.



Senior Citizen News

By Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

We start the new season - happy to be back together again but with a feeling of sadness because of the loss of some members.

Manny Koffler died several months ago. Manny was a friend and we looked forward to seeing him, as he had a great sense of humor and was a pleasure to be with.

Jean Ryan, who lived at the

Solar Village for a few years, has moved to North Carolina to be with her family. While here, Jean was involved with many organizations among which is MADD, visiting homes and telephoning many who live alone. We enjoyed her presence at our club meetings. Good luck, Jean.

Among others in the Borough who are moving are M.L. and Jessie Norris. They have many friends in Roosevelt and have been our (Tony's and my) neighbors for thirty six years. Nicer neighbors we couldn't have had. We wish them happiness in their new home in North Carolina. Our loss of Jean Ryan and M.L. and Jessie Norris is North Carolina's gain.

Fay Libove is now a resident in the Greenwood House in Trenton.

Ilus Lobl and Ellie Bermowitz are in the Jackson Health Care Center in Jackson. Fay, Ilus and Ellie were long time members - we miss them.

Some members have been hospitalized but are now back at home. We are happy that Thelma is doing well. Our wishes are that Lily has regained good health.

We now have plans for the future. One trip will be to Rova Farm's Russian Flea Market for shopping and lunch.

'til next month.



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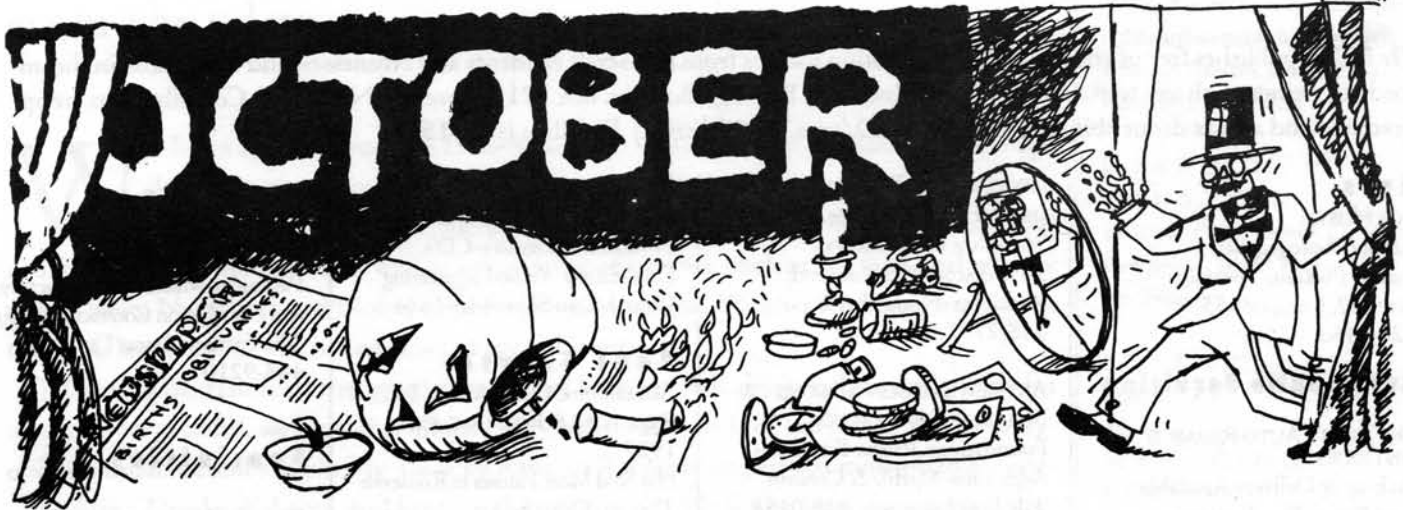
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sun 1 Clean Communities
Litter Pickup- Gayle Donnelly,
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mon 2 7:30 PM Council
Agenda Mtg.

tue 3 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
7:30 PM First Aid Squad-
Michael Stiles, Pres. 426-4185

wed 4 ♻️ Recycle
8 PM Environmental Comm.-
Jim Carnevale, Pres. 426-1728

thur 5 7:30 PM Board of Ed.
Agenda Mtg.-RPS- Mike
Hamilton, Pres. 443-5227

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

mon 9 Columbus Day
7:30 PM Council Action Mtg.

tue 10 6 PM Roosevelt
Comm. TV Cable Ch 8

wed 10 7:30 PM Roosevelt
PTA Mtg.-RPS-Adeena Yeger,
Pres.,443-5848
8 PM Planning Bd. Mtg.-Gail
Hunton, Chair, 426-4338

sat 14 Rabies Clinic-Boro
Hall-448-0539

mon 16 7:30 PM Council
Comm. Mtgs.
8 PM Synagogue Board Mtg.,
Michael Ticktin, 448-03636-

tue 17 6 PM Roosevelt
Comm. TV Cable Ch 8

wed 18 ♻️ Recycle

thur 19 7:30 PM Board of
Ed. Regular Mtg.

sun 22 4 - 7 PM - PTA
Spaghetti Dinner, Adeene Yeger,
Pres. , 443-5848

mon 23 Large Garbage Pick-
Up- 448-0539
7:30 PM Council Comm. Mtgs.

tue 24 6 PM Roosevelt
Comm. TV Cable Ch 8

wed 18 PTA Scholastic
Book Fair, RPS, School Hrs. &
6:30 - 8 PM, Adeena Yeger,
Pres.,443-5848
7 PM Yoga Class-Synagogue

thur 26 PTA Scholastic
Book Fair, RPS, School Hrs. &
6:30 - 8 PM

sun 29 Daylight Savings
Time Ends (Subtract 1 Hour
From Clock)

tues 31 Halloween

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