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Further Discussion of PCD II Proposal Study Shows Limited Contamination at Gas Station

The deliberations of the Mayor and Council at their regular meeting on February 12 were dominated by hour-long discussions of two reports by Schoor DePalma engineers: a nine page

"Recommendations for Additional Work at Roosevelt Auto and Truck 40 North Rochdale Avenue Site" and a six-page "Planning Review" of the proposed PCD II ordinance rezoning the northern part of the Borough. A few residents had come to the meeting after reading in the Examiner that developer Calton Homes would be submitting a proposal for a development in the northern area. I first learned of that builder's plan to submit a proposal at the council meeting as it was approaching its close. Planning Board members, present for the discussion of the PCD-II Ordinance, were leaving and Chairwoman Gail Hunton referred to Calton Homes as a "no-show." Alan Mallach, volunteer consultant to the

Planning Board, said Calton Homes would return again. ✨ Later in the meeting, Borough Attorney John Ross defended the

Mayor and Council's actions and inactions when I complained that nothing reasonable was done to comply with some Council members' requests that all property owners in Roosevelt be notified well in advance of when the PCD-II Zoning Ordinance would be discussed. I read from my notes of the previous month's Council meeting how Councilman David Donnelly wanted to be sure "that no one would feel that the Mayor and Council were trying to rush the ordinance through without hearing

all suggestions and objections, if there were any." ✨ Mr. Ross pointed out that no public hearing had yet been held on the ordinance. The PCD-II Ordinance had originally been introduced in December. The public hearing scheduled for January 8 was

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**Borough Council Report**

by Herb Johnson

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Get Ready For the 4th Of July!

by Ellen Silverman

Plans are being made for the annual 4th of July and this year is special, it is also the 60th Anniversary of Roosevelt. There are plans for a parade, picnic and run to celebrate the day. This day can only be special with your help. The next 4th of July planning meeting will be on Wednesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the

Borough Hall. Bring your dreams of the perfect July 4th/60th Anniversary Celebration and let's all work to make the best celebration ever. Hope to see you there.

ARE YOU LOST ON THE INFORMATION HIGHWAY?

If you can't even find the Information Highway because computers are a mystery to you, join the club. We are forming one to lead us into Cyberspace.

Call if you want to learn how to push the right buttons (you don't need to own a computer). For information please call Dolores Chasan at 448-2062 or Pearl Seligman at 448-2340.

COMMUNITY SING

by Bess Tremper

On Saturday night, February 10th, voices rang out in song in the Borough Hall and everyone had a great old time.

Event curator, Judith McNally, hosted this Roosevelt Arts Project which attracted a good sized group of residents who obviously like to sing. She did a fine job.

Song sheets for some 21 well known songs ranging widely from "Puff The Magic Dragon" to "Singin' In The Rain" were handed out so that everyone could sing along to Anita Cervantes' great

piano accompaniment. It was all brought together by David Brahinsky who expertly led the audience, standing up front at the mike, encouraging everyone to join in.

This was one evening when the audience changed their hats and became the program and they did themselves proud. In fact, at the end of the evening, people were signing a sheet with suggestions of what songs they'd like to sing at next year's Sing Along.

Roosevelt Arts Project Invites You to the

ARTS PROJECT BRUNCH

Sunday, March 31, 11:00 AM

All are welcome to share coffee, bagels, croissants and IDEAS for art events for the 1996-97 season. Singing, dancing, film... what would you like to see, hear or do?

The determination of some Planning Board members to severely restrict the development density allowed for Roosevelt's northern 500 acres seemed to waiver as the Board learned at its February 14 meeting that some Borough council members had expressed the desire to increase the number of residences allowed in the area from an average of one per four acres to one per three acres. The Board's proposed planned community development (PCD) ordinance must obtain Council approval before it becomes law. The area's current zoning allows houses to be constructed on 10-acre lots.

Jeffrey Hunt, the recently elected Council representative on the Planning Board, said certain members of the Council had to be convinced that the PCD ordinance would propose a "viable concept" for development. Board Attorney Michele Donato said the concept was viable because it would allow developers to build more units than the current zoning and to take advantage of clustering. She noted that the proposed ordinance would be "very compatible with your history." She added that by "putting the planning up front, you give yourself the greatest opportunity to get something you can live with."

Board member Michael Ticktin cautioned that the primary reason for limiting growth to one house per four acres in the northern lands was the Board's understanding that this and other developable areas would produce just enough students to increase class sizes in the Roosevelt Public School (RPS) to the optimum level. The Board's proposal would allow 114 units to be added to 54 units approved for the



Notterman tract by an existing PCD ordinance. Combined with buildable lots scattered around town, total residential growth in Roosevelt would then be limited to about 185 units. The Board had calculated that this would fill RPS to capacity without too often increasing class sizes to more than 25 students. The Board had figured that development which would bring in too many students would necessitate an expensive expansion of the school. This would negate the tax savings brought about by having more families to pay for RPS's fixed expenses.

Council member Stuart Kaufman, who held the Council seat on the Planning Board before Mr. Hunt's election, advocated changing the existing PCD ordinance for the Notterman tract to reduce its allowable density from one unit per two acres on average to one unit per three acres and providing the same density for the northern lands. He called the Notterman tract PCD a plan to "gut" or "rape" the land there. He also said the Borough should not have to wait until the Nottermans were willing to sell their land to a developer. Mayor Lee Allen, also a member of the Planning Board,

added that the Nottermans were "holding us hostage" by not coming to an agreement with a developer. Mr. Hunt, however, stated that the Nottermans now appear to be interested in selling.

Board Chairwoman Gail Hunton said the density for the Notterman tract fit the terrain and the historical plan to make that tract the future residential growth area for Jersey Homesteads. Board member Bert Ellentuck added that the Notterman tract was contiguous with the rest of the developed community and easily connectable to the water and sewer systems. Mr. Hunt noted that a developer is looking at the Notterman tract.

Mr. Hunt said he would like to go on record as opposed to increasing the proposed density for development of the northern farmlands. Mr. Ellentuck stated that the Mayor and Council should present the Board with justifications for increasing the proposed PCD ordinance's density. Ms. Hunton said Alan Mallach, the Board's planning consultant, "thinks 114 units is economically feasible" for the northern lands. She noted that one problem was the landowners' unrealistic expectations of the value of their land.

Mayor Allen said that although "the Board has worked long and hard and diligently on the ordinance to develop a consensus," the Council "faces economic reality and complaints from tax and rate payers." He added, "Without taking risks (to give incentives for development), we may not be serving the town." Board member Joseph Zahora characterized Roosevelt as "the most attractive town in Monmouth

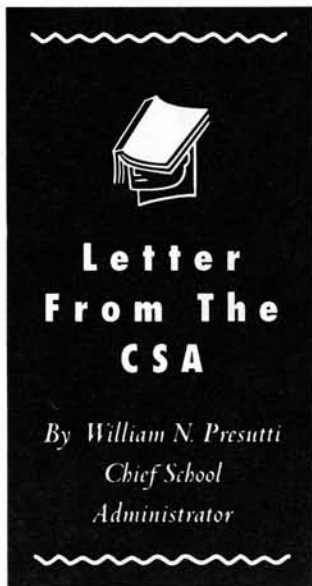
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Service Learning comes to the Roosevelt School.

This year, a service learning program has been initiated in the Sixth Grade by our school social worker, Carolyn Malinowski. The program is entitled "Project Eat." It is designed to educate our students about the problems of hunger and how they can help.

Each month, students in the school donate a specific type of food product (e.g., cereals). At the end of the collection cycle, representatives of the sixth grade class pack-up the donated food and bring the items to the Open Door Food Pantry in Freehold. The students are able stock the shelves of the pantry and see how the pantry operates. More importantly, the students see first hand how Project Eat helps others who are in need. The warm feeling one receives from this experience is an important lesson that will stay with them for life.

The sixth grade students welcome any donations that the community-at-large can make to Project Eat. The month of March will focus on paper and cleaning supplies (cleansers, napkins, bath soap, shampoo, etc.) but any canned goods or boxed non-perishable item will be most welcomed. The items are placed in a large green bucket in the lobby of the school until they are



wonderful to see how much creative energy is in our school.

As you know, a computer lab (Power Mac computers) will be established in the school within the next few weeks. We are waiting for the remainder of the equipment to be delivered so that the installation can begin. It is our goal to ultimately provide workshops for community members who want to expand their computer skills. This is currently in the planning process and will begin once the lab is running smoothly. If anyone is interested in facilitating a workshop, please contact me at the school so that I can begin to compile a list of possible workshops and workshop leaders.

Thank you for your continued support on behalf of the students of Roosevelt.

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

delivered by the students at the end of the month. Thank you for your support in this endeavor.

The Roosevelt Student Art Night is scheduled for March 21, 1996 beginning at 7:30 p.m. It will be a great evening. I hope to see you there. It is

Nursery School News



By Marsha Agress
Head Teacher, RCNS

Spring begins March 20th! All of us at RCNS are looking forward to warmer, brighter days! We will make "Welcome Spring" headbands to herald in the spring season.

This month we will focus on learning the letters G, H, I, J, K, L, M and N. Some of the projects we will make beginning with these sounds include a gum ball machine, green collage, healthy hearts, ice cream cones, a jack in the box, keys, kites, Kermit, a leopard, a mouse mask and decorating our names.

When we learn about magnets, we will discuss things that they attract to and repel from. The children will experiment first hand with different items to see what, if any effect they have on a magnet.

We will learn that our heart pumps blood throughout our bodies. We cannot see our

heart, but we can feel our heart beating. One way to keep our hearts healthy is by "exercising daily."

We will make green one color collages. We will learn that Pablo Picasso was the first artist to use this art form. The book

Green Eggs And Ham will be read, and we will cook green eggs in class.

Just a reminder: I hope to see all of you at the art auction on April 20th at the Roosevelt Public school! ☀

Board of Education News

by Joann San Nicola

The February meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Mike Hamilton at 7:45 on the 15th. Two members were absent.

Superintendent Presutti reported that approval had been given for the student's art work to be displayed at the municipal building. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and see what our young artists are up to. This will take place in March.

Mr. Presutti also reported that there is to be a new state panel to investigate regionalization state wide. At this time, the guide lines are very nebulous, so the Board is adopting a wait and see attitude.

The Board registered a protest vote on the upcoming school election. Elections will be held on April 16th at the municipal building, with polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is state mandated and voting machines will be used. Heretofore, the elections were held at the school with much shorter hours. The Board is concerned with the extra cost incurred for election personnel and voting machines.

Mr. Hatzfeld reported that a contractor has looked at the upper north wall, which needs to be re-stuccoed, and strongly suggested that the exterior be power washed to enable the building and grounds committee to assess other possible damage (cracks etc.) that the walls might have suffered.

He also reported that bids are being taken for window replacement in the gym and the roof over the classrooms.

When this reporter left, the Board was discussing the new school budget. The good news is - there will be no budget increase! The Board, and especially the Finance Committee, has devoted much time and effort to see that costs are held down.



Thanks go to all who helped at the Winter

Carnival. This event was a wonderful success, especially in the eyes of the kids. Thank you, Diana Moore, Shelley Hatzfield and Kathi Vasseur for all your help at the Valentine's Day Flower sale. The PTA sponsored assembly, "Geographic Gymnasium" took place on February 19th and coming soon, there will be the "Ozzie Assembly" so stay tuned for that date.

In March, there will be a Flower Bulb and Bio Mat Sale, thanks to the organization of Debbie Fischer. Bio Mats are thin, organic squares which hold seeds. The mats are placed on soil and

watered and plants develop. We will have ten dif-

ferent varieties such as herb gardens, tomatoes, wild flowers, ground cover and so on.

In addition, she has also arranged for a "School Spirit Sale" at which there will be sweat shirts and pants and T-shirts in the Roosevelt School colors.

Next PTA meeting will be Monday, March 18 at 7:30 in the school lobby.

Poems by Sixth Graders at RPS

(NJ State Council on the Arts Writers-in-the-schools program)

GETTING UP

by Jason Cokeley

A five year-old kid in pajamas
Walks into the bathroom
and picks up his electric toothbrush,
Turns on the water, takes
his toothpaste and squeezes the tube
and no toothpaste comes out
He yells to his mom,
"There is no toothpaste!!!!"

TANNER

by Shaun Conover

On a summer day
We got my dog Tanner.
On a summer day at the pound
In the city, we picked out my dog,
Tanner.

MY GRANDMOTHER

by Brandon Lugannani

My grandmother cooks and cooks,
She won't let anyone help,
She never sits down.

The spaghetti goes in to boil,
The sauce is done,
Everything's done and it smells like
real Italian spaghetti.

We start to eat and everyone loves it!
She cleans the dishes,
and goes to sleep.

THE MAD DOG

by Alicia Moore

The Mad Dog was...
Throwing the clothes from the basket,
Running into the walls like people running
into people like in football.

The Mad Dog running and jumping with
the clothes in his mouth.
The Mad Dog tearing, growling and
barking at the things he destroyed.

The Dog's owners hear the "clish, clash"
that comes from inside the house.
The Dog hears the turning of the door
handle and the cracking of the door opening.

The Dog stops DEAD—staring at his angry
owners.

THUNDERSTORM HAS BEGUN

by Josue Ortiz

A thunderstorm has begun
(Crackle, Splash, Caboom!)
Streams of lightning hit the tree
A big flash and the power goes out
Big black clouds all over the earth
Scaring babies

MUD

by Christine Rocchia

A man with muddy shoes
came into the house and listened to the
bang of the door as he slammed it shut.
Then the sound of the squish, splat as he walked around.
He walked up the stairs sounding like a
parade with marching soldiers.

from this year's WITS Program

POPCORN

by Molly Petrilla

Crackle, snap, crunch,
It quickly shoots like a shooting star,
Some are wrinkled and deformed,
Others are still smooth shiny kernels.
It slowly grows out of the popper,
With its sweet buttery scent.
Floating, flying, squeaking,
Out into the bowl—yellow and white pieces,
Ready to be eaten.

Crack and Chop
by Haley Reibold

The repeating chop, chop, chop
Of the ax shoveling deeper and deeper
into the huge brown oak.
The smell of fresh pine needles fills the
air.
The birds chatter and chirp at each other.
Trees standing taller and taller as the
woodsman looks on.

FIX, FIX!

by Lauren Sabogal

My grandfather is fixing my rocking horse.
He's in the workshop hard at work.
Using tools from his black tool box,
He has a grin on his face
And is humming a song to himself.
His foot taps joyfully.

EXCITEMENT

by Sarah Skillman

Excitement
has purple glittery eyes
That always watch you
night in
night out
day in
day out
Untitled
by Matthew Marko

It is blue and made of plastic.
It smells like plastic covered in mildew
over the years.
It is a squeak toy that looks like a teddy
bear.
It has eyes and a mouth, and a star on its
tummy.
It was my first toy when I was an infant.

SMASHING BOWLING PINS

by William Edelstein

Glass pieces flying
with a rolling bowling ball
Exploding like dynamite
in a bowling alley on a Wednesday
afternoon
People running and yelling while they
depart
When night comes the sweepers pick up the pieces.

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

Or
anywhere
else!



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cancelled due to the blizzard. The ordinance was scheduled to be reintroduced by the new Council at the special January 15 meeting, but this was postponed to the February 12 meeting. However, the Borough Clerk was apparently directed to revise the February agenda to list the subject as "Ordinance #97-22 (PCD-2 Ordinance) - DISCUSSION." Ms. Hunton and Mr. Mallach had been invited to come to the meeting to explain provisions of the ordinance to the Council and the public.

Somehow, without formal authorization from the Council, Schoor-DePalma was directed to critically review every part of the proposed PCD-II Ordinance. The firm had Carolyn B. Neighbor, P.P., Associate, direct the study. She signed the report, which was addressed to Mayor Lee Allen. The copy of the report, which was posted on the bulletin board at the Council meeting for the public to examine, showed that it was received on Jan. 26, 1996 and copies were sent to John Ross and Gail Hunton. Ms. Hunton and some other members of the Planning Board studied it and dismissed it as unnecessary. Ms. Hunton said, "Schoor-DePalma is a professional engineering firm which has no experience with clustered zoning. It is rare in New Jersey but common in other eastern states." Ralph Seligman said, "Chesterfield Township has long had transfer of credits for

development. Nothing in the PCD-II is radical or illegal. It provides density of dwellings similar to Millstone Township, but in a more intelligent, advanced way."

Council member Rose Murphy, whose reappointment as Council President was contested at the January reorganization meeting and near the close of this regular meeting, had raised two objections or "questions," as she put it, to begin the hour long "discussion" of the PCD-2 ordinance. Her questions were how fifty-plus acres by Nurko Road and Route 571 can be restricted to be a "view-shed" area and why the ordinance restricts dwellings to one for each four acres when the PCD-I permits one dwelling for each two acres. At the agenda meeting the week before, Mrs. Murphy asked Ms. Hunton and Mr. Mallach, who were attending to explain the details of the PCD-2 proposal to the Mayor and Council, "Can't we make the Farm Lane extension project less dense, one dwelling per three acres, to keep more open space by the cemetery and reduce extra traffic on Farm Lane?" The PCD-I ordinance proposes that 54 dwelling units be built on the 109 acre "Notterman Tract", along an extension of Farm Lane. Mrs. Murphy, who lives on North Valley Road near Farm Lane, warned that "the new homes in the Notterman Tract will cause more traffic and danger to walkers on streets with no sidewalks." She persisted in the appeal to

revise the PCD-I ordinance, "and make the PCD-II area have a greater density allowed, to average out the density so we can end up with the same amount of total dwellings added to our Borough." Ms. Hunton had advised the Mayor and Council, "Be cautious; we have an owner who is negotiating with a developer at the one dwelling per two acres density rate. Leave it alone or it may cost the Borough a lot."

The Schoor-DePalma review of the "Ordinance for PCD-II overlay," prepared by Ms. Neighbor, is to be paid for as a result of a resolution passed later in the meeting, presented by Rose Murphy and Stuart Kaufman. Jeff Hunt and George Vasseur abstained from voting on it. Mr. Hunt questioned the legitimacy of the act, seeing as the review was done without the Council's approval. Mr. Kaufman explained to the new Council member that some members of the Council can order work done by agreement of a few. Borough Attorney Ross pointed out that the wording of the resolution should be changed to read instead of "authorizing Schoor-DePalma...", it is a resolution "ratifying the authorization of Schoor-DePalma..." The cost of the review was not revealed.

One of the items of correspondences referred to during the meetings, and posted for the public to read, was from William J. Mehr, Esq., attorney for Wallace and Wayne Wong, owners of the 30 acre

tract on the north side of Nurko Road along Route 571. They feared that the PCD-II ordinance would "adversely affect the value and use of their property." Mr. Mallach answered their objections, and Councilwoman Murphy's question about restricting property to be a "view-shed," at the same time. He explained, "This ordinance takes no rights from any present owner. The law provides for different density ratios, which are not only fair, but necessary at times. If a developer cannot prove that it made a good faith offer to every property owner of more than three acres, the Planning Board must deny the permit to proceed. "Good faith offer means offering in writing 90 days in advance, to buy the property for an amount 1) not less than an offer made to or accepted by anyone else, or 2) not less than fair market value." Planning Board member Bert Ellentuck asked Mrs. Murphy why she was still opposed to the PCD-II proposal when her two questions were answered clearly. She questioned what would happen with the "view-shed" area. Mr. Mallach responded by explaining that "Once someone sells his development rights to permit clustered dwellings elsewhere in the Planned Community zone, a development easement would be put on his property so that no buildings could be erected on it. It could be farmed."

Other comments in support of the ordinance's approval were

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Let me first thank all of you who voted for me in the November election.

I will work hard to be worthy of the trust you have placed in me.

Although I had originally intended to resign from the Planning Board, I have been asked to keep a seat on the Board as the Council's representative there, and will do so gladly. I am particularly glad to be in this position now during discussions on the proposed PCD II ordinance in both bodies. This is perhaps the most important issue facing the town today, so I must take issue with recent statements by the Mayor regarding the ordinance.

The PCD II Ordinance ties limits of potential growth to the limitations of the present school facility so that we would not incur additional school construction or student sending costs. It has been suggested by the Mayor that we might now switch focus, tying the limits of new growth to the capacity of the "under-utilized" (i.e. over-built) sewage treatment plant. This is a little like deciding how many people you will invite to dinner based on how large your dishwasher is, and it would undermine years



of work the ordinance took to produce.

If all farmland in Roosevelt could be preserved, I could not be happier. The PCD II Ordinance is, therefore, a compromise for me. The ordinance is based on consensus and will probably satisfy some people, disappoint others, and is likely to thrill no one. But, for those who want to see development to relieve our local tax burden you will get some, though the jury's still out on what effect it will have. For those of you who want to preserve farmland and the way the town has looked for so long, you will get significant amounts of preserved open space with any additional housing regulated to be compatible with the existing town. For those concerned with fairness to the various owners of farmland, the PCD would encourage a cooperative effort on their parts,

and would, in fact, give them more options than they have now. What we will certainly not get is the kind of careless and disjointed construction that has increasingly surrounded our town.

The parameters set by this ordinance, based in part on the recent fiscal impact study, are careful to stay within limits which will not adversely affect the town's fiscal situation. The Mayor has now been pressing for a significant increase in overall housing density based not on sound research but on his desire to make things "more attractive to a potential developer." The ordinance is carefully constructed, well thought out and viable as is, and in my opinion it should not be tinkered with lightly and in the eleventh hour. Such an agenda assumes risks the Mayor is evidently willing to take on behalf of the town, stating at the last Planning Board meeting: "I'm willing to roll the dice..." To paraphrase Albert Einstein: God doesn't play Craps with the universe. The Mayor should certainly refrain from playing such games of chance with our town.



RAP Creates A "HOME PAGE"

by David Herrstrom

The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) proudly announces their Home Page on the Internet's World Wide Web (<http://woof.music.columbia.edu/~roosevlt/>). Thanks to Richard Lloyd, conceiver of the idea, and Brad Garton who have together taken on the responsibility of Webmaster, anyone in the world with a terminal and connection to the Internet will be able to view a drawing, photograph, or painting, read a poem or listen to a piece of music by a Roosevelt artist. They'll also be able to browse materials on our town's history and environment, such as archival photographs and articles and perhaps the Roosevelt Field Guide.

Thanks to RAP volunteers and the generosity of some academic institutions, which make possible the storage and access of our electronic files, our Home Page costs nothing. Its con-

tent is limited only by the time it takes to format material. We will focus first on putting up text and graphics, some of which are in place now, but we hope to incorporate sound soon, such as poetry readings and music.

Rabbit Hole

We aim to create a work of art in itself, not just a presentation of one thing after another. We don't force people to tediously page through these materials, but invite them to explore. We're constructing an interconnect-



ed assemblage of wonders and curiosities, whimsical instruction and imposing pedagogy, foolishness and facts. The RAP Home Page is a rabbit hole, and you know what happened to Alice.

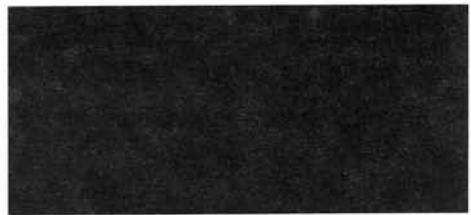
We can create such a world on the Web because all materials are formatted in a way that allow jumps. You can jump from one document to another, or from one part of a document to another, whether the "document" is plain text, a picture or music. This type of formatting, called "hypertext," enables you to find information efficiently that you might be interested in or to simply wander.

Invitation

RAP invites Roosevelt artists to join this adventure by submitting poems, stories or photographs (as works of art or as reproductions of painting or sculpture), etc., accompanied with a biographical sketch or summary. We'd also like historical materials. If you know HTML, we'd welcome works of hypertext art.

Please submit all documents to David Herrstrom on a 3 1/2" diskette (preferably DOS, but we can convert just about anything). Text must be saved as plain DOS (ASCII) text (an option on all word processors). Graphics should be saved as GIF or JPEG files (but talk to us if you're confined to another format or you need something scanned into a file). Speech and music should be delivered as WAV or AU files. Please point us to published materials of interest, which we can scan in.

If you have any ideas, comments or questions, drop me a card (Box 219), send email (david.herrstrom@citi-corp.com), call (443-4421), or, yes it's still possible, drop by.



TRAILBUILDING

by Wieslaw Czyzewski

With long-handled shovels
pulling weeds out of wetlands
piling them sideways
to carry out to the brush pile
at the head of the trail

mounds of chipped wood
waiting to be spread
between the sewer plant
and FDR's hieratic head

the AmeriCorps man knows
the name of every plant around us
as does the science teacher
they lean on their shovels
debating the fine points
of raising water levels

my son and I just dig
and haul the stuff
that'll block the trail
it's like baby bamboo
those tuby things soldiers
breathe through when
they're hiding under water
in jungle war movies

they make a sucking sound
when you pull them out right

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made. Ralph Seligman, who served for many years as chairman of the Planning Board and who is a professional planner and community development consultant, called it "good planning, catching up to the 20th century." Jeff Hunt, five years a Planning Board member and now the Council's representative to the Planning Board, said, "The southern half of our town was planned to be residential, the northern half agricultural. This will preserve the agricultural aspect in the view of people approaching the historic community of Roosevelt. Fiscal impact studies have been made. They confirm the points Mayor Allen made. "I oppose any increase of the density ratio. I am dead set against the slightest increase." Mayor Allen had argued that he believed the Planning Board had studied the cost benefits carefully and he was convinced their projections were accurate. Besides protecting view-sheds and open spaces, the planned development would help the borough's public school be used more efficiently, lowering the tax rate. The sewer plant can accommodate the limited additional dwellings and utility rates would be reduced for everyone.

Later Kim Dexheimer, Roosevelt's fire chief, who resides in the eastern part of the north 500 acres, pressed the Mayor to back up his claims of reduced costs for present residents by revealing the dollar amounts of the cost benefits.

Mr. Dexheimer said protecting view-sheds may be important but relatively many residents are much more concerned about paying their bills each week, and taxes every three months. Kirk Rothfuss had come to the meeting, he said, to report for the Environmental Commission about their request to drain the Rochdale Avenue gas station's fuel tanks. Upon hearing some comments about the PCD-II proposal, he wondered about the "motives of persons" who want the ordinance to permit the building of dwellings at a higher rate than proposed.

A concluding comment of Alan Mallach's that brought sympathetic cheers of approval and good natured laughter was, "I base my support of the Planning Board's proposal on not only my experience in zoning work and as a professional community development planner but, in my modest way, as a builder... not that I made much money at building!" He then added, "This is a viable project for developers as well as for the Borough of Roosevelt."

There were 17 members of the public witnessing the Council's Regular Meeting, including the Planning Board's consultant and four of its members and two reporters. Replying to the Council's request, Schoor-DePalma sent two representatives to explain to the Council and the public the results of their \$54,000 site investigation of the Roosevelt Auto and Truck property, which was paid for by a State Hazardous Discharge

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Feeding the Flock on Shepherd's Pie

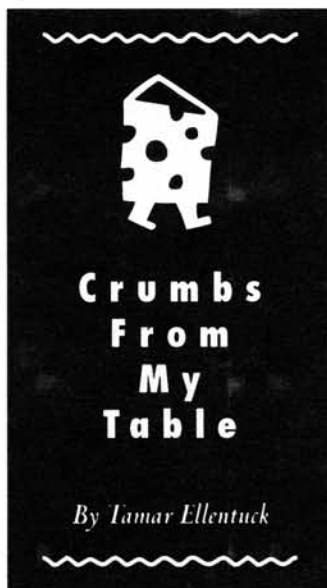
This month's column has been contributed by guest writer Tamar Ellentuck

When I was a little girl growing up next to the synagogue I used to fantasize about being a nun. I didn't realize that there was anything odd about this until much later when my grown girl friends confessed their childhood fantasies of handsome future husbands and charming children. Me, never even once.

For me nothing held greater fascination than nuns - on roller skates I reckoned, gliding effortlessly in heavy habits under colonnaded vaults. I imagined my little room, rock-hewn, elegant in its simplicity; a bed, a desk, a candle, a book. My favorite part about being a nun was that I didn't have to talk to anyone if I didn't want to. When imaginary visitors greeted me in the corridor I would offer a beatific smile and bring a single finger to my pursed lips, ssshhhh.

I didn't bother myself with the finer points of Catholic theology, mind you, and the logical question - What's a nice Jewish girl like you doing in a place like this? - never entered my mind. Like my marriage-dreaming girlfriends, it turns out, there were other more mundane concerns I neglected to consider. For example: Who does the cooking?

Well, I never did develop any real interest in the Holy Trinity, except as it figured in some very nice paintings, but egads! I suddenly find myself enthralled by the finer points of Buddhist philosophy. So, this month I leave to begin a six month stay at a Buddhist Abbey in Nova Scotia. Yes, there are Buddhist nuns and yes, they do demand their dinner. I'll be cooking it for them



since everyone who lives in the Abbey works in the Abbey and my job is to cook. So, never mind that nagging question about Jewish girls - I have a more pressing problem: What do you feed a hungry nun?

In some ways life at a Buddhist Abbey in Nova Scotia isn't that much different than life in

Roosevelt. So what to feed people who really look forward to their grub but don't do much of any thing to work it off? At this time of year, its awfully cold and wet, not the sort of weather for a lot of outdoor sport. The daily schedule's pretty much the same in both places: sit, eat, sit, eat, sit, do the laundry, eat, sit, take a walk, go to bed. Think about it: whether driving the car, practicing the piano, writing a novel, or contemplating the universe in a Buddhist meditation hall, it's still sitting. Then there's eating; an activity to which most of us look forward in inverse proportion to our physical need for sustenance. Sitting and thinking, or sitting and not thinking, it seems to make people awfully hungry either way.

Just in case you were assuming that an Abbey houses only nuns, you should know that monks live there too. Living in community with the ordained monastics there are also men and women who, like me, have an interest in experiencing a monastic lifestyle for a period of time. While in residence everyone, ordained or lay, is required to observe the monastic vows; no killing, no lying, no stealing, no sexual activity. All the more reason to add some extra spice to the stew - just hold the Spanish fly.

Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie (6 servings)

from Jane Brody's Good Food Book

Make the topping:

Boil until soft in lightly salted water to cover:

2 pounds all-purpose potatoes, scrubbed, un-peeled

Drain, cool slightly, remove the skins, and mash in a bowl with:

1 tablespoon margarine or butter
1/4 cup milk

Mix in:

1 teaspoon soy sauce
1 clove garlic, crushed
1/3 cup grated cheddar (or other) cheese
Set aside.

Make the filling:

In a large skillet saute until soft

1 large onion, chopped in 1 teaspoon oil

Add:

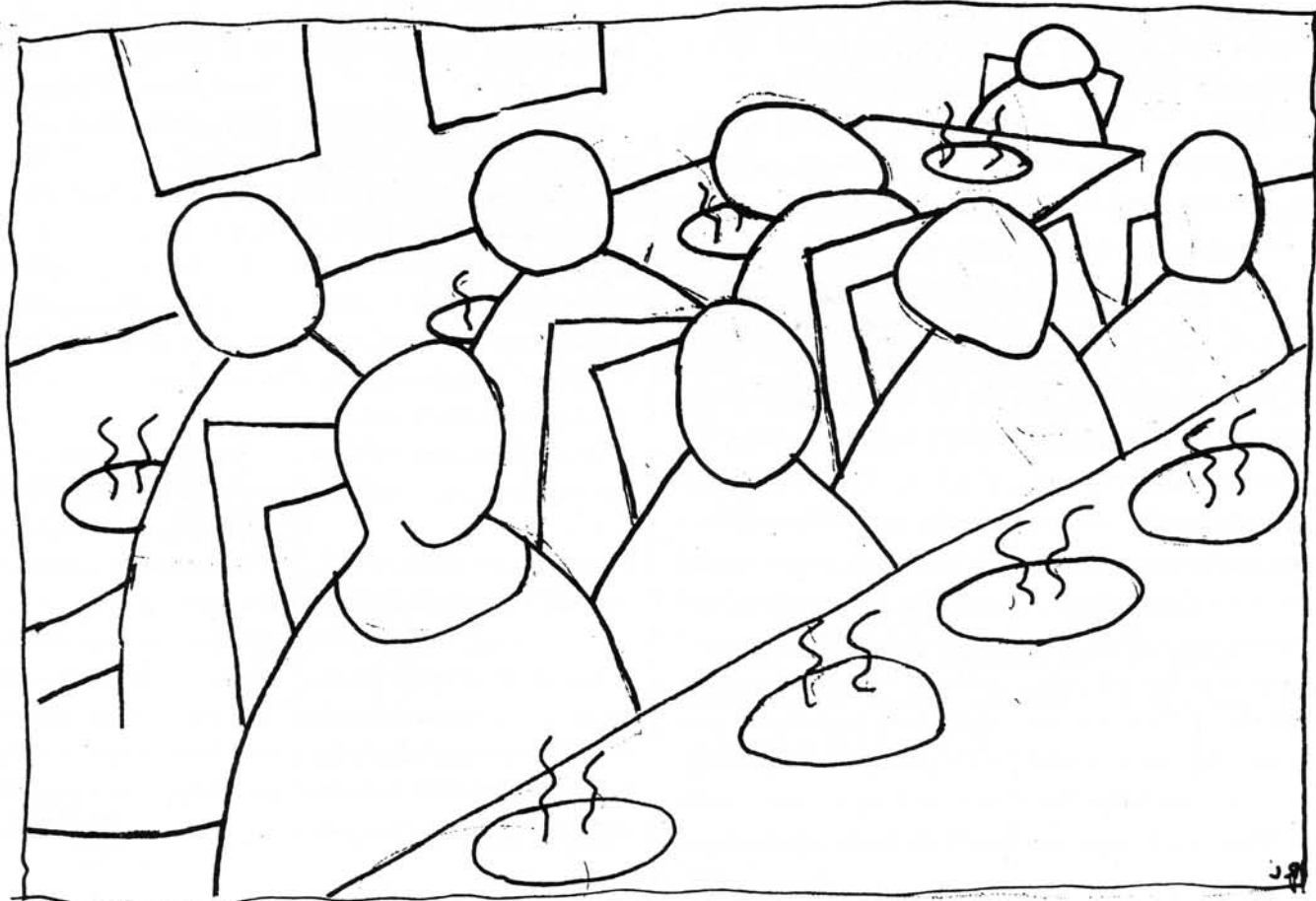
1 35 oz. can tomatoes, coarsely chopped, with their juice
(or 5 fresh tomatoes)

1 pound carrots, sliced
1 green pepper, seeded and sliced
1 _ cups shredded cabbage
1 head of cauliflower or broccoli, cut into bite-size chunks
1 bay leaf
1 tablespoon dried basil
Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer 20 minutes.

Add:

2 cups chopped greens (spinach, kale, or chard)
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1 clove garlic, minced
Simmer 5 minutes. Remove and discard the bay leaf.
Transfer vegetable mixture to a 3 or 4 quart casserole
and spread the mashed potatoes over the top. Sprinkle on 1/3
cup grated cheddar (or other) cheese
paprika for garnish
several light sprinkles of cayenne

Bake the pie in a preheated 350 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes,
till heated through and lightly browned on top. Call in the flock.



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County and New Jersey," but said he didn't know "if it is desirable to lock something in based on a classroom size of a particular facility." He said he could support one per three density in the northern lands "if it would encourage development" but noted that he has not "seen figures as to whether you can increase the density while maintaining the character" of Roosevelt. Board member Harry Parker said that although the size of classrooms "is an economic reality," one per three density "doesn't impact me so dramatically." Board alternate member Mark Roberts said the decision makers should arrive at an optimum number that is "feasible for all parties concerned," and perhaps "a middle ground" should be established.

Planning Board members David Leff and Paul Henry were not present. In past meetings, both have strongly supported the Board's proposed ordinance.

Ms. Hunton pointed out that the proposed ordinance limits the placement of new units to certain confined areas. She said that this, along with lot regulations, may make increased density "somewhat academic." Noting that one per three density would allow 44 more units, she said she was "not sure" so many additional units would "squeeze in." She added that "maybe that is the incentive that

the right kind of developer needs." She suggested that the Board "investigate having someone do some conceptual layouts" to determine the feasibility of a higher density. She added that she could already conclude that a one per two acre density in the northern area would be a "disaster for the school."

Mayor Allen noted that although Calton Homes, a developer with options to buy a number of tracts in the northern lands, did not make a presentation at the council's February meeting, he expected them to do so in the future. Nonetheless, he said the Council could wait a month, as requested by Ms. Hunton, before introducing the ordinance in order to give the Planning Board time to prepare its conceptual layouts.

Earlier in the evening, Attorney Donato, described the proposed ordinance as an "innovative step" that would serve "as a tool to effectuate savings so far as the environment is concerned" by allowing the Borough to "compel clustering and preserve open space." Ralph Seligman, a former Board Chairman, said he preferred simple reversion of the open spaces to municipal ownership. He advised the Board not to complicate the ordinance with transfer of development rights and conservation easement provisions. The Wongs, who own several acres in the northern lands, expressed con-

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At 4:32 a.m. February 4, Roosevelt and Clarksburg Vol. Fire Companies responded to a structure fire on

Rochdale Ave. to find a fully involved garage fire. Five vehicles and 22 fire-fighters brought the fire under control a short time later. The contents of the garage were completely destroyed. The fire did not extend into the living quarters or to the neighboring house.

I'd like to give a special thanks to Bill Henderson for alerting the occupants and calling 911.

Roosevelt First Aid Squad and Millstone First Aid were also standing by at the location throughout the incident. Clarksburg's Auxiliary responded and supplied hot refreshments.

Do you have a smoke detector installed? Is it in working order?

ADOPT A HYDRANT

During and after the last few snow storms it has, at times, been hard to quickly find a fire hydrant. As responders, we are aware of the locations of the



hydrants, however when responding to a call, any lost time locating or digging out hydrants is time lost. Public Works or the Fire Company may not get to

clear hydrants for several days after a major storm. If you live near one of those red things with the yellow trim, please feel free to adopt it. They eat next to nothing, actually they don't eat at all, and never make any noise so they are a really good friend. Since you will never see them at the dinner table and they can't say "Hi!" they need your help to let incoming fire-fighters know where they live.

It's quite simple, know your street, know where hydrants are located and help us keep them clear of snow, weeds, bushes, etc.

This helps your Fire Company as well as any Mutual Aid Co. responding from another town. If you know where hydrants are, feel free to point them out. If you see a possible problem with a hydrant call the Borough Hall with the location so someone can check it out. Thanks for your help.



Environmental Commission News

by Kirk Rothfuss

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission reorganized at its February 2, 1996 meeting. John Towle was elected chairman, Wayne Cokeley vice chairman, and Gayle Donnelly secretary. The commission welcomed Kate John-Alder as our newest member.

The major discussion of the evening centered around Mayor Allen's report on the status of soil and groundwater contamination testing at the Roosevelt Auto property on Rochdale Avenue. Mayor Allen reported that the latest study submitted to the Council confirmed both soil and ground water contamination from leaking underground storage tanks at the site. Most disturbing was sampling data indicating that the ground water contamination appears to be migrating from the source at the tanks and possibly off site. The Mayor indicated that he wanted the Environmental Commission's recommendation on whether to proceed with additional testing at the site to determine the extent of the migration, and if the Council should move to pump out the remaining oil and gas product still remaining in the tanks.

While the Commission did not make a specific recommendation on the need for additional testing, it did move to formally recommend to the Mayor and Council that the tanks be pumped out with the owner's permission in the interest of public health and welfare.

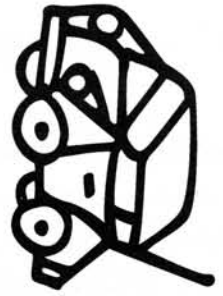
In other business, the Commission decided to move ahead with a NJDEP wetland permit necessary to construct walkways within the planned Roosevelt nature trail. A permit will be prepared by the commission members with the assistance of volunteers and will require a \$250 permit fee.

Discussion on the proposed modifications to School Lane centered on the Council having not forwarded the latest proposal sketches to the Commission for input. A concern was raised with the outfall of the existing storm drain system which was installed by the Board of Education during its recent expansion and renovation project. Several members expressed concern over both the aesthetics and the safety of the outfall. The Commission

will request that the Mayor and Council consider the redesign of this outfall in its plans for storm drainage changes on School Lane.

All the Commission members expressed their gratitude to outgoing Chairman and Commissioner Jim Carnevale. Our best wishes to Jim and his family

The next Commission meeting will be held on March 6th at 8:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall. Please join us.



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From Former Neighbors:

☞ Greetings from M.L. and Jessie Norris, formerly of Lake Drive. They welcome visits from Roosevelt residents to their North Carolina home and can be contacted at 224 Tanner Lane, P.O. Box 1122, West Jefferson, NC, 28694. Phone at 910-246-2923.

Congratulations To The Families Of:

☞ Rachel Ilissa Hamias, born January 1 to Lisa and Haviv Hamias of Homestead Lane. The proud grandparents are Hyman and Evelyn Dorfman of Marlboro, and Rina Hamias of Israel.

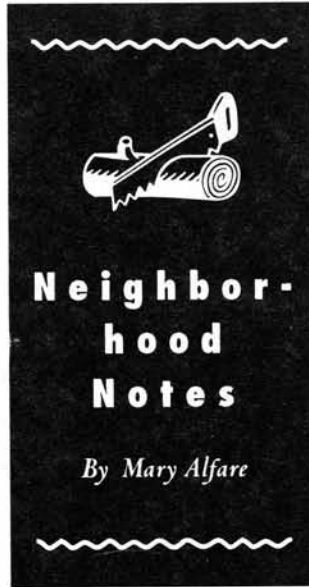
☞ Lucas James and Tara Lynne Carnevale, born January 16 to Leslie and Jim Carnevale, and big sister Savanna, age 2, of Homestead Lane. The proud grandparents are Beth Carnevale of Roosevelt, and Joe and Joan Otter of Hamilton.

☞ Cameron Michelle Grayson, born February 8 to Linda and Fletcher Grayson, and big sister Julia, age 5, of Pine Drive. The proud grandparents are Irene and Burke Donnelly of Bordentown, and Marylou and Michael Grayson of North Brunswick.

☞ Emily Marilyn Barth, born February 18 to Denise and Larry Barth and big sister Molly, age 2, of Upper Montclair. The proud grandparents are Leon and Helen Barth of Roosevelt, the late Marilyn Jessum, and Harvey and Stella Jessum of Glen Cove, NY.

Congratulations To:

☞ James McKernan, son of Rose Murphy



of No. Valley Rd., whose poem, "Being Awakened", was published in A Moment In Time 1995, compiled by the National Library of Poetry. His work was selected through a competition sponsored by the North American Open Poetry Contest for Amateur Writers.

☞ Carlo Alfare, Chemistry Professor at Mercer County Community College, who was chosen to be listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1996. His inclusion was initiated by the recommendation of a former honor student.

Fond Farewell:

☞ Valeria "Larry" Barkley, former Solar Village Resident, died January 26, at the age of 86. 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 infor-

mation, call Captain Beth Battel at 448-7701 or Mike Stiles at 426-4185.

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

News From RPS:

☞ Student of the Month Awards for Health and Physical Education:

☞ November for Health - Lindsay Bernardin, Daniel Fischer, Kelsey Reimbold, Sara Allen, Tina Vasseur, Derek Bosman and Molly Petrilla.

☞ November for P.E. - Danielle Cokeley, Caitlin Wong, Jeremy Cokeley, Keith Hatzfeld, Deidre Lloyd, John Rindt and Alicia Moore.

☞ January for Health - Keven Stiles, Lauralee Ward, Michael Silverman, Ina Clark, Deidra Lloyd, Nathaniel Kostar and Lauren Sabogal.

☞ January for P.E. - Julia Grayson, Daniel Rossi, Samantha Mateyka, Elizabeth Stinson, Chris Iacono, Jessica Wolfe and Josue Ortiz.

News From Kreps Middle School:

☞ Named as Kreps Students of the Month for February: Joanna Giordano and Ronit Yeger.

First Marking Period Honor Roll:

☞ 7th Grade - Adam Axel, Naomi Cayne, William Jackson and Hannah Stinson.

8th Grade - Elizabeth Allen, Jeanette Castro, Kate Freedman, Joanna Giordano, Michael Hague, Cassie Hatzfeld, Dylana Possiel and Ronit Yeger.

Musings of a Town Historian

by Arthur Shapiro

News From Hightstown High:

☞ Christina Henderson of Farm Lane and Eric Nachtman of Eleanor Lane are two of the seventeen Hightstown High School students that have been selected as recipients of the Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars Award program. These students place in the top 10% of their class and have minimum SAT scores of 1200.

☞ Katie Alfare received the student of the Month Award in Spanish II for January.

Lost and Found:

☞ Several sets of keys and an earring have been left at the Roosevelt Post Office. Items can be claimed during regular hours.

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



The Jersey Homesteads Historic Advisory Committee is currently involved in several on-going and interesting projects. It seems Roosevelt Citizens of yore continue to donate important memorabilia. For example, in 1962 when the bust of FDR created by Jon Shahn was dedicated, a town citizen interested in photography, Sam Termini, took a huge amount of movies of the events and people in town that day. He took extensive film of the playwright, Dore Schary (who wrote "Sunrise At Campobello"), the actor Anne Bancroft, Governor Hughes and even Eleanor Roosevelt. Sam has since passed away, but his daughter, Pat Morris, found the huge tin containing the film and through Gerry Millar, donated it to the town archives. We are now getting estimates from photography stores for the cost of transferring it to videotape. Once we get the tape, we will play it at one of our meetings and let the public know. The film should be very interesting.

Fran Bard is heading a committee to ferret out the family names of the "original settlers"

who bought shares to settle the Homesteads. We hope to create a plaque containing the fifty names to be displayed in the lobby of the school along side the photographs of the early Jersey Homesteads. The committee, through Helen Barth, was officially notified by Bill Presutti, the Chief School Administrator, that the Board of Education approved the request. The Historic Committee will also be presenting an award at graduation to a graduate who writes a paper or completes a project on the town's history. More on that at a later date.

As Town Historian I continue to get requests for the lecture and slide show I put together on the town's history. I'm booked on February 27 to speak at Temple B'nai Tikva in Edison. On March 10, I speak to the Hadassah of Colonia. In addition, three more groups are coming to town for talks and a tour - The American Association of University Women (April 20), B'nai B'rith (May 7) and the Brandeis Women's Club (May 20). Please feel free to show up and welcome our guests. They generally love to chat with

current residents. (A bit of local color).

Our committee is also trying to contact Benjamin Brown's widow and children with the hope of getting some of his original correspondence and memorabilia. Peter Warren is seeking information. In addition, our committee is contacting the new Historian for Millstone. This town was carved out of Millstone, so some of their history is our history.

Michael Ticktin and I are contacting the Council to adopt the Blue Eagle of the National Recovery Act (under which this town was created) as an official town symbol. We hope at some point to have a municipal flag with the eagle on it.

Once again, as Town Historian, I would like to invite all citizens of Roosevelt to feel free to join us and participate at our meetings. They really are fun. The following dates have been established for the rest of the year: February 27, March 19, April 23 and May 28. They will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Hall.



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cern that the PCD concept was just a device to preserve farmland without anybody paying for it. Board members explained how the proposed ordinance would protect all landowners by mandating that they be given the option to participate in development either as providers of developable space or open space. Ms. Hunton agreed to meet the Wongs to provide a more detailed explanation about how all landowners' interests would be protected.

In other action, the Board considered an ordinance referred by the Council that would rezone about six acres in the wooded area north of the power lines along Perrineville Road. If rezoned from residential/agricultural to 2 - 3 acre residential, the land, which has a great deal of wetlands, could accommodate perhaps only one house. Mr. Parker, who is also a member of the School Board, said the proposed ordinance might require expensive busing for schoolage children in any house it allowed. Although the current master plan encourages such rezoning, Mr. Ticktin noted that the master plan update predates the PCD proposal for the northern lands. Other Board members objected to the aspect of spot zoning involved in the proposal and noted that the landowner has not sought the rezoning or asserted any hardship.

Mr. Ticktin pointed out that

the part of the proposed ordinance that would ease water and sewer connection requirements for properties beyond specified distances from utility connections points was applicable to the existing R-100 (2-3 acre) district, as well as to any new R-100 district that might be created. He noted that eight buildable lots remain in that district, including two that he owns. These potential lots about the unimproved portion of Oscar Drive, which becomes Witches Hollow Road in Millstone. Their development under current requirements would involve prohibitive expense to extend lines to tie into the water and sewer systems. He also noted variances had been given when the utility connection issue arose on Eleanor Lane. The Board voted unanimously, with Mr. Ticktin abstaining, to endorse the proposed ordinance's relaxation of the water and sewer hook-up requirement when a property is too remote and to disapprove the rezoning of the Perrineville Road property.



TO THE EDITOR

On this Valentine's Day, "I'd like to write a letter, to my loved community. I'd like to help it lower taxes, and be fair to everyone." Yes, it is to the tune of the 1964 World's Fair "It's A Small World" song, which has to do with getting more harmony in our world in human relations. However, we must have discords and oppositions too. People disagree on ways to solve problems as well as the goals. With many people making suggestions, better solutions are found.

Back to lowering taxes! One of our town's residents, a dedicated member of Roosevelt's Fire Department, listened to Borough Council members, Planning Board members and other good citizens discuss proposals, objections and support for a Planned Community

Development Ordinance, PCD II, for nearly two hours at Monday's Council meeting. Then that concerned fire-fighter, Kim Dexheimer, asked the mayor to support the claims that the PCD II would not only not cause an increase in tax rates for present residents, but would be a means to reductions in the municipal tax rates, the school tax rates and the monthly water and sewer fees. The mayor agreed to grant the request at the next Regular meeting of the Council "to spell it out in dollars" per year that average residents would save. I wished I had the vision of that citizen. I wished I would have thought to make that request at previous meetings when I heard PCD II being discussed. I congratulate all 17 local residents who attended the "discussion." I believe the members of the Planning Board and Borough Council

have come up with a proposal that not only will protect our "green acres" agricultural approach to our "village" and limit possible increases in population enough to protect the special nature of our elementary school, but will provide the much needed tax relief and reductions in sewer rates.

I want to compliment the Planning Board members, and of course their volunteer consultant, Alan Mallach, for their brilliant work and perseverance. Finally, I see light at the end of the tunnel.

Many people know that when last year's "pie-in-the-sky" offer of the state to pay Roosevelt huge sums for having a nuclear waste dump in our town was rejected by the Council, as well as by many residents, there were appeals for our town to come up with alternative ways to bring revenues in, reduce utility rates and lower taxes. Following up on that appeal, with Chris Martin's leadership, I and seventeen other local residents attended three meetings in the summer in the public school lobby. The October issue of the Borough Bulletin reported on the suggestions and actions of that group, called the Roosevelt Positive Action Committee. No more meetings were announced. Although some seeds have been sown, no results are in sight. It is not easy

for an unfunded group to do much.

Fortunately our town has volunteers on a school board that is searching continually for solutions. Fortunately our town has volunteers for its Fire Department and First Aid Squad, remember: more are needed desperately! Last month's Borough Bulletin reported on the many volunteer groups serving our community, in particular citing the Emergency Management Committee for helping residents during the blizzard. Furthermore, after eleven years of careful observation, I can say our town is extremely lucky to have many exceptionally devoted, honest and talented people to serve the long hours required of Planning Board and Borough Council members. Our paid employees are also exceptionally effective.

"I'd like to help lower taxes," I said, but I know there is nothing much I can do. I just write reports for the Borough Bulletin to help keep people informed, in hopes that more people will attend public meetings regularly, make suggestions, find faults and volunteer at times when and where they feel they can help.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Happy year, fellow Rooseveltians.

Herb Johnson

(*COUNCIL from pg 33*)

Site Remediation Fund grant. The Mayor held up a bound report about 100 pages long which Schoor-DePalma had submitted while their nine page summary and "recommendations for additional work" was posted for the public to see. Mayor Allen was concerned about the report's statement of "newly discovered areas of environmental concern." The firm's representative, Miguel Salinas and hydrogeologist Roya Kambin, referred to a four-foot wide map of the area around the gas station and explained some of their findings and concerns. However, after many questions and comments by residents in the audience: Bert Ellentuck, Harry Parker, Ralph Seligman, Michael Ticktin and Kirk Rothfuss, the foreboding picture changed to an optimistic one. Six monitoring wells were dug and eleven borings were done, all around the building and tank areas. Only two of those showed soil or groundwater contamination exceeding NJDEP permitted levels, and these were directly alongside of the gasoline tank and waste oil tank areas. The other test locations showed that the contamination has not spread. Although residents, Mr. Ellentuck and Mr. Seligman in particular, said the engineers were looking for "quarks," extremely small possibilities of problems, the Council later approved a motion to apply for a grant to fund further testing of the site. Borough Attorney Ross

urged the Council to proceed cautiously, give the county and State time to intercede and clear up any contamination, and to leave the tanks undisturbed. One tank has 48 inches of water topped by 6 inches of gasoline. Another is similar, showing that neither is leaking gas but rather both are taking in water. The third tank has one inch each of gas and water.

Jeanette Koffler requested the Council to budget funds for senior citizens activities. Harry Parker asked if the Council was planning to install sidewalks to connect with the school's sidewalks. Both received "yes" answers. Bert Ellentuck asked for the Planning Board to be sent the Borough Engineer's proposal for School Lane. His eight page proposal was posted on the bulletin board. The Council tabled discussion on the project until next meeting. Herb Johnson asked for the Council to enforce the 30-inch high maximum obstruction of view at corners. Council will advertise for a zoning officer.



Senior Citizens News

by Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

Jeanette Koffler, our president, distributed "Senior News" papers and brought us up to date on plans for the future. Millie DiGiorgio collected dues. Everyone is paid up to date. Jeanette was informed that we'll be receiving free food commodities again - probably starting in March.

Our meeting discussed trips that we'd like to take in the months ahead (without snow!). Nancy Warnick showed us beautiful pictures of her son's wedding. We seniors remember Nancy when she was a youngster growing up in Roosevelt. Now she has another title - Mother-in-law! How time flies!

Our club has a 24" television set for sale. Best offer accepted.

Tamara Galimidi and Connie Christianson are our latest members. Tamara was present today but Connie's apartment is being renovated, so she's with a relative until everything is complete.

Millie DiGiorgio was our hostess and refreshments were delicious. Louise Baranowitz made the very good coffee.

Until next month...



Our Town At 60 - Do You Remember when?

This column will be published throughout this anniversary year and we hope that many of you will make the sharing of our lives in Roosevelt experiences and memories worth retelling.

Please send your entries to the Bulletin, P.O. Box 221, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Deadlines are the 15th of each month.

Sometime in the fifties, there was a water problem in town and we were without water for about a week. Fort Dix came to our rescue by trucking in water which we were able to get by bringing all kinds of receptacles to their trucks to enable us to get enough water to tide us over. We were very grateful to the army.

Another memory comes to mind. The first New Year's Eve here in our new town was celebrated in the school's gym with everyone bringing food for the feast just as people do today. But, the only way we could serve it then was to place it all on the first aid stretchers belonging to the fire department. There was a "hot time" in the old town that night!

by Fran Bard, former resident



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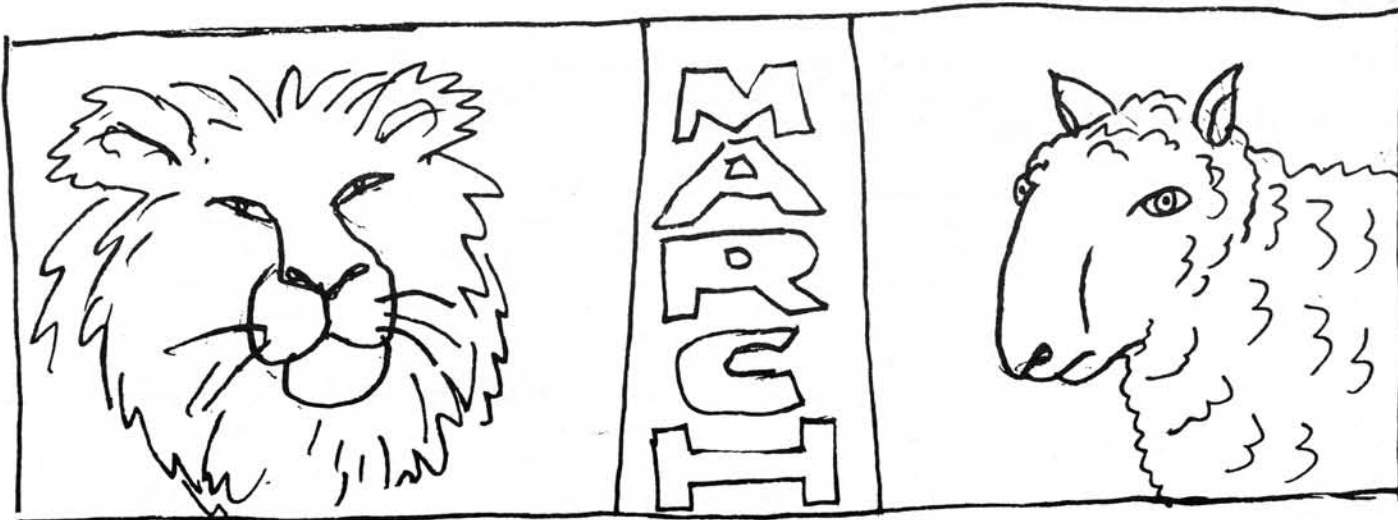
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mon 4 7:30 PM Council
Agenda Mtg

tue 5 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 6  Recycle
8 PM Environmental Comm.-
John Towle, Chair 490-0692

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

fri 8 8 PM - RAP Program
- Roosevelt String Band -Judith
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sat 9 8 PM - RAP Program
- Roosevelt String Band - Judith
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sun 10 8 AM Stream Watch
(Volunteer Water Testing)-Kirk
Rothfuss-448-3713

mon 11 7:30 PM Council
Action Mtg.

tue 12 6 PM Roosevelt
Comm. TV Cable Ch 8

wed 13 8 PM Planning Bd.
Mtg.-Gail Hunton, Chair, 426-
4338

thur 14 7:30 PM Board of Ed.
Action Mtg.

mon 18 7:30 PM Council
Comm. Mtgs.

tue 19 6 PM Roosevelt
Comm. T.V.-Cable Ch. 8

wed 20  Recycle
Spring Begins

mon 25 7:30 PM Council
Comm. Mtgs.

tue 26 6 PM Roosevelt
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wed 27 7:30 PM - NJ
Homestead Historical Advisory
Committee -Art Shapiro 443-
3575

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