**BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS***by Herb Johnson*

Vote on PCD Zoning Amendment Postponed until July Meeting

At the June 9 meeting of the Borough Council, Ordinance #182 for "Licensing and Regulation of the Rental of Real Property for Residential Purposes" was approved by the three Council members present. In the public hearing, no one objected to it although questions about it were raised.

Some features of this ordinance are:

1. Property owners must obtain a license, valid for one year, in order to rent out property for residential use.
2. The annual license fee is \$30.00.
3. The property is subject to inspection at least once each year by the Zoning Officer to ensure compliance with maintenance standards.
4. Violators are subject to a penalty of up to \$1,000.00 and 60 days imprisonment for each week of violation after notice of violation is served.
5. Properties excused are: housing occupied by an owner's ancestor, descendant or sibling and any member of that person's immediate family; housing provided on a rent-free basis; and, multifamily housing projects subject to regulation by a Federal or State agency.

Another ordinance advertised for a public hearing and consideration for final passage was Ordinance #97-24 to amend the Zoning Ordinance which is entitled "Planned Community Development" (PCD). It stated "average number of bedrooms in single family dwellings shall not exceed three (3) bedrooms per dwelling unit."

In the public hearing, Bob Clark and one of two Planning Board members present asked if a den could be included without counting it as a bedroom. Mayor Allen replied "Yes." Nona Sherak said she believed very few people want to buy a 2 or 3 bedroom house and therefore the amendment is the Council's way of saying it does not want any new housing developments in Roosevelt. Council members denied that. Rose Murphy, who had voted

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FROM THE EDITORS

With this issue, we come to the end of the 1996-97 volume of The Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. The first issue of the 1997-98 volume will appear at the beginning of October and will continue monthly through July 1998, leaving out January, August and September.

We believe we have created a publication for our town which is informative and interesting and reflects the spirit of Roosevelt. The volunteer army that contributes to this effort for every one of the nine issues deserves a tremendous vote of gratitude for their sense of responsibility, dedication and expertise. We thank them heartily. Let's hear from you to let us know how successful we have been. Of course, we will appreciate any positive pats on the back as well as any negative comments.

We look forward to receiving the enclosed form together with a donation and/or subscription (for out-of-towners) so that we can continue to function. In reviewing our financial status at this point, we must emphasize that not enough individual contributions were received this last year and we are concerned. Our generous grant from the Herman Goldman Foundation is intended to aid and abet our own financial efforts in developing a solid financial base. We thank those of you who have made generous contributions and do so regularly, but now we are appealing to a lot more of you for help in this which should be a townwide effort. We are counting on you!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CONTINUES

You may come in any day from 8:30 to 3 p.m.

Please bring your child's official birth certificate with the raised seal to be copied for our records. Registration materials and a health form will be distributed when you come to register.

For further questions, please call 448-2798.

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Roosevelt Tax Rate Down This Year

by Michael Ticktin

The Monmouth County Board of Taxation has certified the 1997 tax rate for the Borough of Roosevelt as 4.467%. This represents a reduction of nearly five percent from the 1996 rate of 4.691%

The greatest reduction was in the school tax rate, which went from 3.36% to 3.128%, a decline of over six percent. The municipal purposes tax rate remained unchanged at 0.769%. County taxes decreased by about six percent from .539% to .507% while the County library and health department taxes (which are charged separately) stayed the same at .025% and .010% respectively. The County open space fund tax more than doubled, however, going from .012% to .028%.

No Surprises in Local Primaries

by Michael Ticktin

In the absence of any organized opposition, Paul Hoogsteden and Rose Murphy won renomination for the Borough Council in the Democratic primary, with 89 votes and 62 votes respectively, while Peter Warren won the Republican nomination with 8 votes.

In the gubernatorial primary, Governor Christine Whitman, running unopposed for Republican nomination got 7 votes, while Democrats Michael Murphy, Jim McGreevy and Rob Andrews got 63 votes, 34 votes and 27 votes respectively. Despite losing Roosevelt, Senator McGreevy won the nomination.

ANYONE interested in helping next fall with the production of the Bulletin please contact **Bess Tremper or Deirdre Sheean at 443-5191. You must have a Macintosh computer.**

WATCH YOURSELF

The speed limit on most streets in Roosevelt is 25 mph, on School Lane it is 15 mph. Please be aware of your vehicle's speed. Our neighbors are very important to us.



Borough Happenings

by Gayle Donnelly, Superintendent of Public Works, 448-5748

WATER WORKS:

- We will be flushing hydrants the week of July 14. This is done to remove sediment in the water pipes and can cause discolored water.
- Remember our water conservation guidelines: If your home has an even house number you may water on even days in the morning. If your home has an odd number you may water on odd numbered days. We have limited water storage and need everyone to help.
- If you experience discolored water, please call the Borough Hall and report it. We keep a log which will help us identify when and where we have problems.

GARBAGE/RECYCLING:

- We have curbside pick-up of cardboard (I see too much in our garbage cans). It should be broken down and tied. Take a look in your trash can. In Roosevelt you can recycle all paper products except single ply packaging such as cereal boxes and gift boxes.
- If your garbage container needs to be repaired/replaced call the above number with your address, what is broken and what size container you have (96, 64 or 32 gallon). Then leave your container within sight from the road.
- Recycling dates are July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20, September 3 & 17, October 1, 15 & 29.

- The Semi-Annual Litter Pick-up will be October 5. Let us know if you find areas that need to be cleaned up. Big Garbage pick-up will be October 20.
- We will have our 3rd Annual Composting Work Shop and Bin Sale on July 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. The bin sale is open to Roosevelt residents who have not already purchased a bin through our subsidized program. We have a limited # of bins and they cost \$20.00. Call Rebecca Reuter for details at 426-1304.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- The Borough Hall's parking lot was paved in June with funding from Community Development Block Grant funds.
- We have 2 students working for the Public Works Department for 5 weeks in July and August. This is a grant from the Summer Youth Employment Training Service.
- The Fall rabies clinic will be Saturday, October 18, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

REPORT ILLEGAL GUNNING— but Avoid Confrontation

by Michael Ticktin

There have been reports of illegal gunning occurring on Borough land.

Persons who hear shooting should call the State Police immediately but should avoid any confrontation with the shooters. Do not warn them that you are calling the Police, since that will only allow them to avoid being caught.



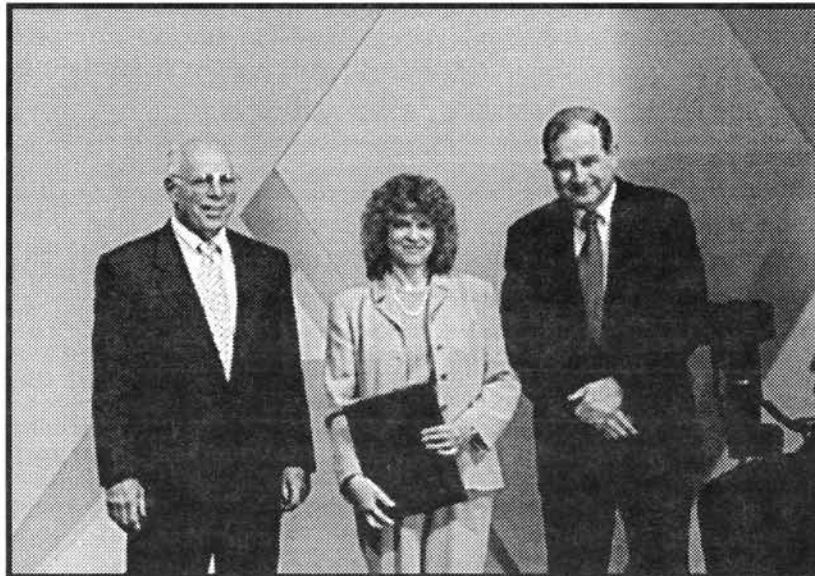
Letter from the Chief School Administrator

by William Presutti

It was with a great sense of pride that I attended the award ceremony for the Presidential Awards for **Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching** in Washington, D.C. in early June to see Ilene Levine receive her award. As the students would say - "Cool." The awardees were truly tops in their field and justly received the "royal treatment" for their accomplishments and work on behalf of the students in schools across the nation. Ilene did a presentation on "Sands Around the World" - a unit of instruction based on the inquiry approach to teaching science. It is clear why she was chosen for this award. In addition to the award ceremony on Thursday, June 12, 1997, Ilene also met Vice President Al Gore, attended a lecture on "An Encounter With Chaos," and had an elegant dinner at the State Department. It was a privilege for me to be able to share in this very special event with her.

Congratulations Ilene...

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!!!!



Since my last Bulletin article, I received notice that the Roosevelt Public school received two more grants from the New Jersey Business/Industry/Science Education Consortium (NJBISEC) totaling \$3,100.00. The grant will be used to expand the outdoor classroom behind the gym and enhance the bird, butterfly and compost units in grades 2, 3 and 6 respectively. A very special thank you to Jane Rothfuss, Kate John-Alder and Ellen Silverman for their work on this grant. It was truly a team approach.

TOGETHER.WE MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!!!!



HATS COME OFF TO 1997 GRADUATES

by Ron Kostar

On Saturday, June 21, under a bright but threatening sky, a large audience of friends, relatives and Rooseveltians gathered in the FDR-in-the-round to celebrate the RPS graduating class of 1997. Honors and awards were bestowed upon the 14 graduates who sat at the base of the statue, many so well groomed and strikingly dressed that even their parents had trouble recognizing them.

The occasion was one of solemnity, pride and celebration. As new School Board President Lauralyne Coakley eloquently pointed out, graduation marks both an ending and a beginning - a leaving of security and a going forth onto new adventures -- and as befitting the occasion, people in the audience were observed beaming and dabbing their eyes, sometimes at the same time.

The nicest touch of the ceremony, at least for this proud parent, was provided by the 6th graders themselves when they were called on by their popular teacher, Betsy McArdle, to come to the podium and read from their "Reflections." Many happy times were evoked as the 14 recalled fond memories of friends, teachers and parents, and thanked the people that have supported them over the years. Only in a cohesive town that sports a small school would personal tributes like

these be possible, and the simplicity and elegance of the students' "Reflections" reminded me of what I like best about Roosevelt.

After the ceremony the gradu-

"Old" forgotten musicians, like "The Temptations" and Miles Davis, were reinstated to their rightful place in the Musical Pantheon, and reliable sources report that at most of the parties the "old folks" actually did more dancing than the kids!

ates' friends and relatives retired to the school lobby where C.S.A. Bill Presutti presided and a cake was served and people mingled. Gradually the crowd, which by then numbered at least 3 generations, split off into groups and went off in different directions to dinners and lawn parties. Talking, eating, dancing and, yes, even some drinking (of the grown-ups) was the order of the night, and, much to the delight of some of the graduates, parents and children alike were still congregating on the streets and lawns of Roosevelt as late as 1:00 Sunday morning!

What happens at parties, of course, should be kept confidential,

so I'm not at liberty to divulge any recriminating actions or names. But at one point at one party, one confused wit is reported to have declared: "Let's go down to the corner and pick up a Sunday Times!" At

another point, a certain hat of a certain distinguished photographer from town was discussed at length for its aesthetic appeal and political ramifications; and at another, the din was so deep that you had to keep moving in order to hear yourself think. "Old" forgotten musicians, like "The Temptations" and Miles Davis, were reinstated to their rightful place in the Musical Pantheon, and reliable sources report that at most

of the parties the "old folks" actually did more dancing than the kids! Most importantly, though, old friends got a chance to get reacquainted and new people met and made new connections. And a good time, as my father used to say, was had by all.

The next morning, of course, reality set in, but the Graduation Ceremony remained fresh in a lot of peoples' minds. There were also a few reminders around town of Saturday night's festivities: Green garbage bags bursting at their seams and helium balloons flapping from telephone poles and street signs seemed to speak to the hope of prosperity and adventure everybody wishes for these 14 great kids.



Roosevelt Weather Almanac

by Ron Filepp

Fireflies Signify

For me, the beginning of Summer is heralded by the light-show given by fireflies. You can see the reflected light of fireflies, stars and the moon while looking into Empty Box Brook from the Tamara Drive bridge. All these lights combine to create a silent fireworks display against the backdrop of the woods, sky and water.

On two occasions in June, comedic counterbalance to this sublimely silent spectacular was offered by unseen deer. The clumsy beasts, frightened by the presence of a sole human, started snorting and crashed through the brush as if they were drunk and lost.

Just hours before the official beginning of Summer, a firefly extravaganza was underway in the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area. Acres of twinkling lights filled abandoned fields where long grasses grow. The sparkling lights stretched from the grass up into the trees.

Now that Summer has been ushered in unofficially by the fireflies and officially by the sun, we can look forward to what are usually the wettest two months of the year, July and August. This year, however, if the prophets are right, July will be dry. "Wet May, dry July" says an old proverb. May brought more precipitation than normal and so did

March and April. The total precipitation for the three months of Spring '97 is 13.09 inches, well above the normal 11.21 inches. The average temperature for Spring '97 was above normal as well.

If you thought that Spring was cool this year, it may be because April and May were cool. April's average temperature was .3 degrees below normal and May's 1.3 degrees under average. However, the average temperature for March was nearly three degrees above normal. The warm days of March pushed the average for the three months of Spring to 51.2 degrees, .4 degrees above normal.

Predictably, the warmest day of Spring fell in the second half of May. On May 19 the mercury rose to 88 degrees. Unlike last year, the hottest day of 1997 will not be recorded in May. The temperature rose to 90 for the first time this year on June 11. The first day of Summer, June 21, brought a high temperature of 93.5 degrees and on June 22 the mercury climbed to 96.

WEATHER HISTORY

On July 4, 1776 Thomas Jefferson purchased his first thermometer. Perhaps, after so accurately taking the pulse of the populace, he longed to take a less controversial measurement.

MAY 15 - JUNE 15

Day High Low Avg Precip

15	78.0	50.5	64.3	0.00
16	66.0	50.5	58.3	0.00
17	75.0	44.0	59.5	0.00
18	68.0	44.0	56.0	0.00
19	88.0	53.0	70.5	0.11
20	73.0	63.0	68.0	0.01
21	67.0	42.5	54.8	0.00
22	68.0	44.0	56.0	0.00
23	70.0	48.0	59.0	0.00
24	76.0	45.0	60.5	0.00
25	68.0	60.0	64.0	0.00
26	73.5	57.5	65.5	2.10
27	68.0	50.0	59.0	0.00
28	74.0	42.0	58.0	0.00
29	75.0	44.0	59.5	0.00
30	76.0	50.0	63.0	0.02
31	77.5	58.0	67.8	0.08
1	76.5	62.0	69.3	0.04
2	60.0	59.5	59.8	0.25
3	62.0	50.0	56.0	0.70
4	68.5	49.5	59.0	0.10
5	74.0	44.0	59.0	0.00
6	74.0	50.5	62.3	0.00
7	67.5	53.5	60.5	0.00
8	73.0	48.0	60.5	0.00
9	80.0	46.0	63.0	0.00
10	87.5	52.0	69.8	0.00
11	90.0	60.0	75.0	0.00
12	87.5	68.0	77.8	0.00
13	87.0	67.0	77.0	0.00
14	84.0	63.0	73.5	1.13
15	76.0	52.0	64.0	0.00

Total Precipitation 4.54



FAYE'S TRAVELS

by Faye "Bull Moose" Nulman

Cruising, Cruising, that's where I want to be! Far away from reality. Sound far fetched? Not true! A cruise is the closest thing to camp for adults. Here's how:

1. You have an assigned cabin for the duration of your cruise. So, when the cruise staff brings your suitcases to your cabin (which you haven't touched since you gave them in at the airport), you unpack once and then repack when it's time to go home.

2. All of your gourmet dining needs and wants are filled and taken care of. The only thing you need to decide is if you want early or late seating in the dining room. Then, once you get there, you can eat what you want! Even dessert first (if the kids aren't around). Dining room doesn't sound like what you're looking for? Free 24 hour room service (wait, that never was an option in camp!), or one of the alternate dining choices that are aboard the ship for eating (i.e. cafe, breakfast buffets, lunch buffets, midnight buffets). Oy! I'm stuffed just thinking about the possibilities!

3. Planned activities just about 24 hours a day if you really want. Exercise classes, walks on deck, tours of the ship, wine tasting classes, food classes, ship board horse racing, bingo, movies, Las Vegas/Broadway style entertainment, the casino. Stop already! I need a rest. The great thing is if you only want to rest, DO IT! Pick out your lounge chair by the pool, bring a couple of books to read or not, sleep, people watch, catch the deck person and have them bring you a steady supply of Pina Coladas (this I also don't remember as an option at camp). Did I forget? No. Most cruise lines, have fully scheduled kids' programs so they can have fun and you can RELAX!

4. Visit exotic ports of call. Sample some of those far away places you've been meaning to get to but haven't. This is the best way to find out if you really want to spend your one or two weeks of hard

earned vacation planted on an island in the Caribbean. Maybe you saw the movie "Shirley Valentine" years ago and thought that the island of Mykonos would be great. You can cruise there and see for yourself! The Caribbean isn't the only place to cruise.

Take some of the shore excursions the cruise line has to offer (extra cost, but all the planning has been done for you and you just have to pay and go). Want to keep things bear bones? Hoof it on your own. Example: the local bus line in Aruba is only \$1.00 per person and you can travel over most of the island this way. Curacao has group taxis that also come out to approximately \$1.00 per person. You travel with the local people and see things most tourists don't.

5. Just hang out, eat, sleep, relax. (No phones to the main land ringing every five minutes. You can be reached while at sea, it just costs the person calling a pretty penny, so they'll think twice before picking up that phone.) The tranquility of just watching the wake of the ship go by or looking for dolphins or whales if you're in the right part of the ocean. You'll relax so much that when they tell you it's time to pack up and go home, you won't believe it because you've really lost track of the time and date. What a vacation! Okay, so by now you can tell that a cruise is really better than camp ever was; maybe knowing someone else has planned it all for you makes it even easier to relax. Nope, it's the motion of the ocean! It ever so gently rocks you like a baby, you can't help but relax. When was the last time you were rocked to sleep?

My next cruise is coming up really soon. I can't wait! Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, Nordic empress to Nassau, Bahamas! Let's see, sunscreen, hat, party dress, bathing suits, shorts, tee shirts, comfy shoes, that all important book, suitcase? Where did I leave it? Hmmm, maybe I'll schedule a massage at the spa this time. Gotta go pack so I don't miss the boat!



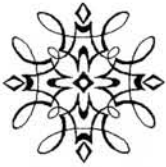
■ BREAKING BREAD



The dirt road was burning the bottoms of our feet, but when we turned into the bushes, picking buckets slung around our waists, we were facing into a long cool alley shaded by the over-arching branches of blueberry bushes. I had been to other farms where the bushes were pruned into tidy upright rows with wide sun-beaten paths of tarry black Pinelands soil between them. There the pickers stood in the open in front of the bushes mechanically tugging at the clumps of berries. But, here we just ducked our heads and entered the shaded path. We heard a giggle from the other side of the bush and then a woman's voice reprimanding. Then more voices - but these seemed to be coming from somewhere farther down our own row. Maybe this row had already been picked? Maybe these beauberries had been hidden when we stood directly in front of the bush. That must

be it...we started picking our way back towards the magical new berries. But every time we turned our heads, we could see new clusters of huge ripe berries, and as we reached for one bunch, an even more beautiful cluster caught our eyes and we moved toward that one, and then the next and the next. The ripest berries fell free from the clusters with just a fingertip's touch, so we held our hands beneath the clumps of berries and tickled them into our buckets. We wandered like children in a fairy tale, up and down the same row, stuck in the labyrinth of our greed. Berry-dazzled, gobbling berries plink-plunking into the cans. Blue fruits like marbles seemed to pour out from the hands of heaven and roll into our own cupped palms. It was all a dream of shifting shade and sun-dappled ground. We picked and we ate and it was like a prayer solidified and spoken back into our mouths as berries

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smooth and sweet. Berries tumbled down on us and leaped into our buckets.

And then sweating and sticky, with little leaves stuck in our hair and the odd squashed berry stuck to our clothes, we broke from our trance to find that an hour had passed in the same shady row and our buckets were overflowing; certainly there was no point in staying longer. But even as we turned back up the path, we caught sight of enormous clusters of ripe berries hanging just above our heads. Brushing a branch aside to reach up for just a few more we spied a treasure-trove of perfect berries dangling like blue pearls high in the center of the bush. And reaching in for a handful, we had to bend slightly to stretch through the branches, the buckets tipped at our waists and began to spill berries back onto the fertile soil and our greed urged us to lunge after them. The more we reached to grab at the falling berries, the faster the berries in our buckets broke free and hid themselves in the grass.

A rustle at the end of the row caught our attention. We stood up, interrupting the flow of berries from our buckets and saw two figures bending to enter the row. They looked at us with mouths that smiled hello and eyes that frowned dismay and concern that the best berries had already been picked. They ducked out again and we heard them murmuring into the bushes a few rows down. We looked at the berries still overflowing our buckets, the clusters of fruit dangling over our heads and garlanding the bushes row after row, and we giggled knowing how a little more about abundance.

Think we're nuts? Maybe. But, you might find your own blueberry experience this picking season at Boyce's Berry Farm on Burnt Tavern Road in Clarksburg (right before route 537). Call ahead for picking hours and prices.

VERY EASY BLUEBERRY CAKE

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease and flour a deep 9" round pan (3" deep) or a 10" cake pan.

Mix in a large bowl:

3 tablespoons vegetable oil or melted butter

1 1/2 cups sugar

Add:

2 eggs (one at a time)

1 cup plain yogurt or sour milk (1 cup milk + 1 tablespoon vinegar. Let sit 5 min.)

Mix together and add to the mixture, blending well:

2 cups fine flour

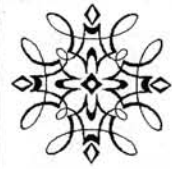
1 teaspoon baking soda

Stir in lightly:

2 cups blueberries, rinsed and picked over

Pour into the prepared pan. Bake for about 1 1/2 hours, till the cake is set in the center and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan 20 minutes, run a knife around the edge of the pan to loosen the cake, and turn the cake out onto a rack to cool. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream and more berries to garnish.





VIEWPOINT

Freedom To Gripe

by Dina Coe

We who live in Roosevelt are mostly nice guys, liberal and tolerant, right? The other person's right to her convenience takes precedence over our sanity, and the other person's freedom of speech means he can make whatever noise he wants and we'll keep our mouths shut.

That must be why we do not enforce our town's ordinance against dog barking. Soon, every street will have at least one chained or penned dog barking hour after hour, especially on weekends, holidays and in the evenings when others might like to enjoy the peace, that special quality of this place where we pay such high taxes to live.

The peace? As consumers we have a downright obligation to buy and use whatever's convenient, and if that means not only mowing the lawn with high-powered, fume-spewing, thunderous lawn mowers every few days, but also doing the trimming with obnoxiously buzzing clippers, using a screeching machine to tidy up every stray blade of grass off the asphalt (as if bits of vegetation and dust did not belong on the ground) and picking up a chain saw if the place seems too quiet, well, so be it. Even if people especially need to do these things early on a Sunday morning, or on a Saturday evening when we've invited friends to share the miraculous pastoral atmosphere of our garden. Depending on how we look at it, Roosevelt is too liberal, or too anti-liberal, a town to try to restrict the use of noisy and heavily polluting equipment when an individual's convenience might be at stake.

I do not expect most people to dislike most lawn machinery as much as I do (eccentric that I am), and I too must cut the grass. Then again, I can't see how any sane able-bodied person would choose to blast away the beauty of an autumn day with a leaf blower. Personally, if I could not rake my leaves, I'd prefer to leave them on the ground rather than suffer such ruination.

Concerning our other choice to do with noise, that of ignoring our own ordinance against dog barking,

maybe we should rename the town the Roosevelt Kennels, what with the barks of scores of deserted, confined dogs sounding throughout our days and sometimes nights. Uh - oh...would you buy a house in a kennel, or even next to one? Nor would most buyers, I suppose, and nor do they have to. Even in the suburbs there are neighborhoods where you see plenty of dogs (being walked) but rarely hear barking, Washington Crossing for one.

Our Zoning Officer, Ralph Warnick, is out to eradicate some common eyesores, and that's fine with me. People who are parking trucks and cars in the woods are spoiling the sense of pure nature it is most everyone's privilege to have at the edge of backyards in this town. However, we can choose to look away from an eyesore. But there's nothing you can do to shut out the noise that invades your yard, your terrace, your study, your bedroom, your mind.

And what about that special quality of peace here, that I mentioned above? The bird-chirping quiet harmony that has attracted people to buy houses here, in spite of the high taxes? It is still here, at least at times, and potentially speaking, since we do not have to sacrifice it. We do not have to let the introduction of new and noisier noises breed ever more noise. We could enforce existing ordinances and create new ones as called for by new conditions and threats as people who care about their environments are doing elsewhere, in Princeton, for instance. That quiet was here only a few years ago. But we somehow seem to choose to let it go.

If anyone has advice on how to sell a house with high taxes and dogs barking at both ends of the street to the tune of blowers and mowers, which are even as I write leading to the introduction of machinery of a heavier stripe - a front-end loader, back-up beeping trucks and another piece of heavy industrial equipment at work around the corner (I kid you not!), please let me know.



■ NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

NEW NEIGHBORS: Valerie Plaska and Eddie Kowalko have moved into the former Voorhees house on Lake Drive with their children Jared (aged 14), Jaime (12), Eddie K. III (11) and Megan (7). Emily and Steve Taylor have moved into 5 Oscar Drive with their children Brian (16) and Vicki (14).

MOVING OUT: Eyal Lavon of Farm Lane is returning to Haifa, Israel to stay with his parents for the summer, and will move to the Tampa, Florida area in time for school in the fall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS: Dawn Shyner and Mark Heltzman were married on May 17, and after honeymooning in Barbados, moved into their Chesterfield, NJ home. The proud parents are Debra and Gary Shyner of Lake Drive and Timothy and Nellie Heltzman of Jackson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILIES OF: Kathryn Helen Cicalese, born April 28 to Jennifer and James Cicalese of Mt. Holly. The proud grandparents are Flo and Herb Johnson of N. Valley Rd., and Helen Cicalese of Colts Neck.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Molly Petrilla on her successful audition on the clarinet for the student Preparatory Orchestra in Princeton. This is the "feeder group" for the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra.

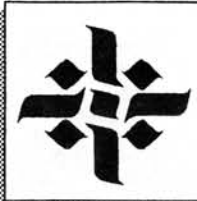
FAREWELL TO: Kurt Kleinman, early Roosevelt settler and longtime Pine Drive resident, died June 23 at the age of 87. Condolences to his family and friends.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Roosevelt Public Library needs volunteers to staff the library from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesday evenings on a rotating basis. Call Helen Barth at 448-2798 if you can give some time. The First Aid Squad needs members, especially to cover weekday and evening hours. The squad pays for training. For information call Beth Battel at 448-7701. For information on joining the Roosevelt Fire Department, contact Chief Kim Dexheimer or leave a message at the Borough Hall, 448-0539.

FROM RPS: Graduating Class of '97: James Richard Carroll, Jessica Haley Drewitz, Katherine Anne Hamilton, Leah Kate Howse George J. Jackson, Wesley John-Alder, Nathaniel Kostar, Jamison Byron Parker, Jeff Scott Possiel John F. Rindt, III, Christina Lynn Septak, Jessica Lynn Wolfe, Christopher Patrick Wong and Shiri N. Yeger. **Special Graduation Awards:** Nathan Bard Social studies Award to Leah Howse, Graham Nisnevitz Mathematics Award to Jeff Possiel, Oscar Nisnevitz Citizenship Award to Jamison Byron Parker, Dominic J. Rossi Academic achievement Award to Christopher Wong, Roosevelt Historic Commission Award to Nathaniel Kostar and The Edith Lachman Earnstein Science award went to Katy Hamilton and Wesley John-Alder. **Third Marking Period Honor Roll: Grade 4**—Ina Clark, Laurel Hamilton, Meredith Lawson, Mollie Marko, Jack Nulman, Danielle Petrics, Elizabeth Stinson, Jennifer Iacono, Sara Allen, Reuben Alt, Anthony Grasso and Zev Reuter; **Grade 5**—Avery Axel, Josh Butler, Erik Cokely, Brian Davis, Lian Garton, Christopher Iacono, Deidre Lloyd, Lindsay Possiel, Joseph Rocchia and Tina Vasseur; **Grade 6** — Jimmy Carroll, Jessica Drewitz, Katy Hamilton, Leah Howse, Nathaniel Kostar, Jamison Parker, Jeff Possiel, Chris Wong and Shiri Yeger. **May Students of the Month in Health:** Joseph Albini, Jonathan Adlerman, Brian Davis, Hunter Ellentuck, Ryan Grasso, Joel Orlen, Zabrina Ortiz and Jessica Wolfe. **May students of the Month in Physical Education:** Sara Allen, Jan Czyzewski, Leah Howse, Sam Husth, Ian Parsons, Laurelee Ward and Tina Vasseur.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: **Graduating Class of '97:** Adam Kyle Axel, Naomi Arielle Cayne, Ryan John Cybert, Cristian Dufresne, Jacob Estenes, William Joseph Jackson, Elizabeth Lawson, Marissa Eileen Denise Mellan, Orlando Ortiz, Hannah Rebecca Stinson and Victoria Ann Taylor. **Special Graduation Awards:** Hannah was awarded the American Legion Award (by vote) of her classmates, the Foreign Language award, the Presidential Award and an Honor Roll Award.

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against introducing this amendment in May, moved to postpone a vote on final approval until the July 14 regular meeting. Councilmen David Donnelly and Paul Hoogsteden agreed that more than three members should be present to vote on this matter. Someone in the audience offered to call in a fourth member, George Vasseur, who was in front of the Borough Hall conferring with Fire Chief Kim Dexheimer and two Freehold Township officials. (They had driven Freehold's full-size Mack fire truck and its Dodge six-wheel drive pumper to Roosevelt to check how they would fit into Roosevelt's fire house). The Mayor indicated that he thought Mr. Vasseur should not be interrupted. The three Council members voted to postpone a vote on approval of the PCD Ordinance amendment.

The owners of the tract bordering Eleanor Lane and affected by this ordinance, Daniel and Abby Notterman, had written a letter to the Council expressing their opposition to the amendment. A copy was posted on the bulletin board in the meeting room. It also said a developer was no longer negotiating with them for purchase of their tract. That parcel of land, which is 100 plus acres of farm fields and woods extending from Farm Lane to Roosevelt's cemetery, is the concern of the PCD Ordinance, while the PCD II Ordinance is concerned with the northern 500 plus acres of the Borough of Roosevelt, extending from Oscar Drive to Windsor Road.

Besides the approval of the resolution to pay the bills, under New Business the Council passed three motions and one resolution, #65, to approve the annual Liquor License for Rossi's Delicatessen. The first motion approved was to authorize the Borough engineer to apply for the 1998 Transportation Trust Grant to improve North Valley Road from Farm Lane to Oscar Drive and resurface South Rochdale Avenue from Brown Street to Tamara Drive. (Residents who are uncertain of where some of Roosevelt's roads are, may see a map of Roosevelt's boundaries and all of its roads inside the front cover of Your 1995 Roosevelt Telephone Book.

Remarks about the next motion to be considered provoked comments from the audience during the Good and Welfare part of the meeting. During the "Committee

Reports" part of the meeting, Mrs. Murphy said Jack Rindt has resigned from his job as a part-time public works employee because he thinks that the up to ten hours per week time that job requires was too much in addition to other work he does for the Borough. Related to that situation, to make available someone who could assist the Public Works Superintendent on an "as needed basis," Mrs. Murphy moved to extend the maximum hours per week that the other part-time public works employee, Diana Moore, can work from ten to twenty hours. Mayor Allen asked if this motion would prevent the Council from hiring someone for the "more skilled role" should someone be found who is capable of filling it. That remark seemed to suggest that Mr. Rindt, who was hired at the same time as Mrs. Moore for the same position, was to be an employee who had been hired to fill a "more skilled role." Mrs. Murphy responded to that suggestion by reporting, in a way which aroused laughter, "We have been accused of being sexist and of beating some female employees with chains."

When the public had a chance to comment at the close of the meeting, Herbert Johnson objected strenuously to the Mayor's and Mrs. Murphy's remarks. He asked the Mayor to implore all government officials to be sensitive to how others may react to provocative remarks. He said his body was still trembling from the effects of a Council member's remark that someone accused the Council of beating women with chains to accept a job for less pay than a man was given. It seemed to be mocking the efforts of his wife and himself. (Florence Johnson's letter to the editor of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin printed the previous month appealed for the Council to help maintain Roosevelt Borough's good reputation by paying the woman part-time public works employee the same as the man who was hired at the same time for the same job). Mr. Johnson said he had never accused the Council or anyone on the Council of being sexist although he had complained to the Council that it was unfair to pay a woman less in the same job for the reason stated by the Administration Committee Chair, "We try to control the costs of salaries and wages, which are the biggest part of the Borough's expenses." As for the claim that the Council was accused of beating female employees with chains, he said he could not believe anyone in Roosevelt would suggest such a bar-

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baric thing. Mrs. Murphy interrupted to say that someone had actually asked her if any employees were "abused." Then she added that someone asked her if she beat anyone to get her to work for less than a man was paid. The Mayor reproached Mr. Johnson for "hurting the reputation of Roosevelt." He said Mr. Rindt had worked for the Borough cutting trees and had demonstrated that he had a higher level of skills than Mrs. Moore. The Mayor further criticized Mr. Johnson and advised him to do the same as he asked Council members to do: be considerate of the feelings of government officials that he criticizes. Roosevelt's Municipal Attorney, John Ross, Esq., joined the attempt to admonish Mr. Johnson, saying that Mr. Johnson had a "personal agenda" that prevented him from listening to reason. Council members also pointed out that the Superintendent of Public Works, Gayle Donnelly, is female, as are all other full-time Borough employees, and that this was clear evidence of lack of any discrimination against women.

Mayor Allen called for adjournment but Nona Sherak prevailed with two "positive" remarks she hoped the Council could hear. She thanked Gayle, Superintendent of Public Works, for having Diana Moore clean up Maple Court edges, praising Mrs. Moore for doing a thorough job at a rapid pace. Then Ms. Sherak thanked Paul (Mr. Hoogsteden is Chair of the Council's Finance Committee) for getting the three pieces of valuable and historic art work moved from the Borough Hall to the Roosevelt Public School where they were more secure and insured. She had pressed the Council to have that done for a year.

During the first Public Portion of the meeting, John Ord and Ms. Sherak persistently questioned the Council about its lack of success in solving the severe problem of discolored and sediment polluted water for the four households on Maple Court. Ms. Sherak asked Council member Donnelly to resign from his position as Chair of the Municipal Utilities Committee. Mr. Donnelly had explained to Mr. Ord that the Council wants to try to correct the problem with a blow-off valve at the end of the line, a plan which was proposed by the Borough Engineer and would cost only about \$2,000 rather than the alternate plan Ms. Sherak insists is needed. That plan was also

proposed by the Borough Engineer when the School Lane improvements were planned two years ago. Mr. Donnelly said the bids indicated that it would cost about \$70,000 and the Borough did not have funds to cover that much expense. He wants to try to correct the problem at a low cost, but Ms. Sherak has blocked letting the contractor enter her property to install the blow-off valve at the end of the Maple Court water line. Ms. Sherak quickly responded, "It is not my fault; the end of the water line is not on my property." Mr. Ord appealed for the Council to solve the problem soon.

Mary Alfare thanked the Council for making the Borough Hall available as a back-up in case of rain for a family gathering. She urged the Council to prevent motorcyclists from riding their cycles through the Borough's woods. She said sparks from a motorcycle may start a fire in the woods. Concerning a similar problem, Council members Donnelly and Murphy said they were informed or they heard guns being fired in Roosevelt's common woods between Homestead Lane, Farm Lane and Lake Drive. They urged the Borough Bulletin to advise citizens not to confront anyone firing guns in the woods, but rather to call the New Jersey State Police.

Several interesting matters were revealed during the reports from the Mayor and Council's committees during the early part of the meeting. Mayor Allen said he appointed Bill Counterman to be chair and several others to be members of an ad-hoc committee to consider a merger of the Roosevelt and Millstone First Aid Squads. Mr. Donnelly reported that a company was hired for up to \$2,000 to evaluate the Borough's water and sewer systems and make recommendations for improving effectiveness and efficiency. Regarding the State's demand that the Borough install water meters at every user's property and have charges based on readings of the meters, the DEP gave an extension to December 1998 for compliance.

Regarding the brown water problem which he has seen in his own house and about which he is aware of others' complaints, he spoke to the water plant operator. The explanation given was that heavy usage at this time of year disturbs the system which causes the Ph factor to produce brown water.

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Mrs. Murphy, reporting for a few committees, said she would make a motion to have Ms. Kelly Tyers be hired as an alternate School Crossing Guard for which the salary has been \$10 per hour for at least three years. The job requires 30 minutes at the start of a school day and 30 minutes at the close of the school day. Approval was given under New Business. Mrs. Murphy also pointed out the Borough Hall parking lot was being paved and being paid for with funds provided by the Community Development Block Grant program which the Citizens Participation Group for the CDBG applied for. That group includes Mary Alfare, Cynthia Cybert, Lynn Friedman, Judith Nahmias, Rebecca Reuter and Leonard Sacharoff.

The Cable Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt would schedule a public hearing in July, possibly during a regular Council meeting or just before it, Mrs. Murphy added.

The Council's Representative to the Planning Board, Jeff Hunt, was not present at the Council meeting and the Mayor said that he himself had missed the Planning Board meeting. Therefore, Michael Ticktin, the Borough's Tax Assessor and a member of the Planning Board reported for the Board. He said a matter relevant for Council's deliberations was that the Planning Board evaluated the PCD Ordinance Amendment to be considered for final approval later during the Old Business part of the meeting. It advised that the zoning change to limit the average bedrooms per unit to three was consistent with the Borough's Master Plan.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. Murphy moved to table approval of the minutes of the April Agenda and Regular Meetings of the Council if no one had read them, for the second month in a row. The Council approved. Under New Business, the agenda item "Motion to accept recommendations of the Citizens Participation Group" was cancelled due to the cancellation of that group's presentation concerning an application for the 1997 Community Development Block Grant. No other business was conducted.

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FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH: Graduating class of '97: Michael Cedar, James Edelstein, Joshua Estenes, Jessica Louise Hague, Jessica Hermann and Meira Yeger. **Special Graduation Awards:** Jessica Hague received the Berkeley School Scholarship Award for academic achievement. **Graduates Move on:** Michael Cedar is in the cast of *Hand in Hand* at Peddie School and will be teaching in the Theater Arts Program there this summer. For the next year he'll be working at stabilizing his own business - Future Generations Entertainment (which includes Club Generations at the Hightstown Ballroom), before college next year. James Edelstein heads for Bard College in August. Josh Estenes' plans are uncertain. Jessica Hague will make use of her Berkeley Business Scholarship in Interior Design. Jessica Hermann will head for the Accounting Program at Douglass Cook College. Meira Yeger is entering Pre-med at Florida State University.

At the May 22 scholastic awards ceremony Jack Cummings and Rachel Ticktin received trophies for three years on the Honor Roll; Kathleen Alfare and Jessica Hamilton received varsity letters for two years on the Honor Roll; Elizabeth Carrol, Kate Freedman, Johanna Giordano and Sean Parker were awarded certificates for one year on the Honor Roll.

Kathleen Alfare received a Student of the Month in Honors History certificate.

SPRING GRADUATION TRIO: David Zaleski, Sr. graduated Mercer County Community College with an AA in Art History and a grade point average of 4.0. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and won the Art History Award. His sons Gregory and David are also spring graduates. Gregory Zaleski graduated Temple University with a BS Degree in Health Information Management and David Matthew graduated Monmouth University of New Jersey with a BS Degree in Special Education.

FROM ALLENTOWN HIGH: Christopher Lepore, formerly of Lake Drive, was a member of the graduating class.

FROM THE PEDDIE SCHOOL: Kristen Yarber, formerly of Lake Drive, was a member of the graduating class.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Pam Hague, Robin Axel and Vinnie Jackson for their assistance in obtaining graduation information.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This is a copy of a letter sent to the Mayor & Council:

Dear Mayor,

Due to experiencing many boring days in Roosevelt and since this town has nothing for kids/teenagers to do, we would like to tell you about our idea.

We think that since there is nothing to do in the actual town, we should have a bus taking people to various locations, such as the mall, Hightstown and the movies. The bus could run only on the weekends. The driver would be paid from some of the money earned from the fee of the bus tickets and the rest of the money would be given to the town. We could also raise money with fund-raisers that would help us pay for the bus and any other expense.

We are not the only people who think this is a great idea. A list of names are attached to the letter (*30 signatures were gathered*). Please help support us and do your best as Mayor. Thank you for your time and please consider our idea.

Sincerely,

Adam Axel

Nathaniel Kostar

(Just a couple of the many bored Roosevelt kids)

Letter to the Editor

Not only do we have curbs in Roosevelt we now are to have a \$25,000 parking lot at the Borough Hall. Then, when we have hauled off all the junk cars, all we'll have to do is authorize 650 units of quarter acre housing, and we'll be exactly like West Windsor.

Sincerely,

Frances G. Duckett

RECYCLING DATES
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ROOSEVELT IS 25 M.P.H.

SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

by Helga Wisowaty

Our meeting on June 3rd was a departure from the usual.

Students at RPS invited the "Seniors" to a luncheon at the school. We were treated to a delicious lunch. We were impressed by the consideration shown us by both students and teachers. Bingo was played later. We came away realizing how well these youngsters are being taught and that they give us hope for their futures in the world of tomorrow.

Our next trip will be to Rova Farm for lunch.

Our wishes for a happy summer to all.

'til the fall.



Don't Dump

by Jane Rothfuss

We are reprinting this article, first, because of its importance and second because the last portion was inadvertently deleted last month.

Have you noticed an increase in Roosevelt's turtle population recently? In particular, have you seen all those green turtles with orange markings that like to hang out alongside storm drains? Thanks to the stenciling efforts of the 5th and 6th grade students from Roosevelt public School, Public Works Superintendent Gayle Donnelly and some other adult volunteers, Roosevelt residents are now being artistically and colorfully reminded of an important environmental rule - "Don't Dump."

Roosevelt's storm drain stenciling project joins projects done in many other communities across New Jersey to help educate people about the problems caused by non-point source pollution. This term refers to all the pollutants entering our streams, lakes, rivers and oceans from sources other than specific ones such as industrial discharge pipes. Each time it rains, a myriad of pollutants from many sources get washed into our local streams through our storm drain system. This is because the water carried by the storm drains does not go to the sewage treatment plant to be cleaned before being returned to a local body of water; rather, the water that runs off of our lawns and streets is dumped directly into a nearby waterway such as Empty Box Brook, in our case. And, with it goes all the cigarette butts, litter, pet waste, motor oil, anti-freeze and lawn chemicals that the water picks up along the way. This pollution, known as non-point source pollution by environmental activists and professionals, is the largest threat to water quality today. It is the New Jersey coast's number one pollution problem. Nicknamed "pointless pollution", this problem is caused by the collective impact of actions taken by individuals like you and me every day. You may be contributing to the problem, unaware that you are doing so. Or, you may feel that your pollution is only "one person's" pollution and it will not be noticed. However, it is the

combination of all our personal unconscious or "insignificant" contributions that is the cause of the problem.

So the turtles on the storm drains saying "Don't Dump" are there to remind us all that the storm drains lead directly to streams and that our individual actions do matter and do impact on the health of our waterways.

There are a number of ways we can help reduce pointless pollution. One way is by not littering on the street. This includes those ubiquitous cigarette butts (that do not biodegrade as some people may think.) Consider that you may see your litter again on Assunpink Lake as you canoe or fish this summer, or end up sitting next to someone's litter on the beach. Motor oil should NEVER be dumped on the street or at a storm drain. Motor oil is recyclable, take it to a hazardous waste collection site or back to the place where it was purchased, which is legally responsible to accept it. Also try to fix vehicle oil leaks as quickly as possible. Pet waste should be scooped and taken home to your trash can or, ideally, flushed down the toilet. After all, humans invented indoor plumbing and sewage treatment as a way to eliminate the health and environmental hazard presented by our own wastes. Pet waste should be considered raw sewage and poses a similar hazard (not to mention the hazard it poses to our shoes!).

In the areas of lawn and garden care there are other ways we can help reduce water pollution. Fertilize lawns with care. Consider using less than the manufacturer recommends, skipping some treatments, using organic fertilizers or not fertilizing at all. After all, no one ever put on their tombstone "Had the greenest Lawn in town!" Fertilizer runoff causes eutrophication of our waters which leads to algae blooms and fish kills. When you see Etra Lake or Assunpink Lake covered in bright green growth, this is a sign that these lakes are sick. Too many nutrients allow the excessive

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growth of algae, which in turn leads to depletion of oxygen levels in the water when the algae dies and decays. This results in fish kills.

Pesticides and herbicides should also be used carefully and sparingly. Follow manufacturer's directions and perhaps get used to the idea of yielding a little to the creatures with whom we share our lawns and gardens. Acceptable harvests and appearances are possible with little or no pesticide use. Consider using natural predators such as lady bugs and planting hardy varieties of grass and crops appropriate for this area.

If we all take a cue from the turtles and change any habits we have that contribute to "pointless pollution", we can have a positive effect on reducing it. The goal is for nothing more than rainwater to enter storm drains. The turtles will thank you for it.

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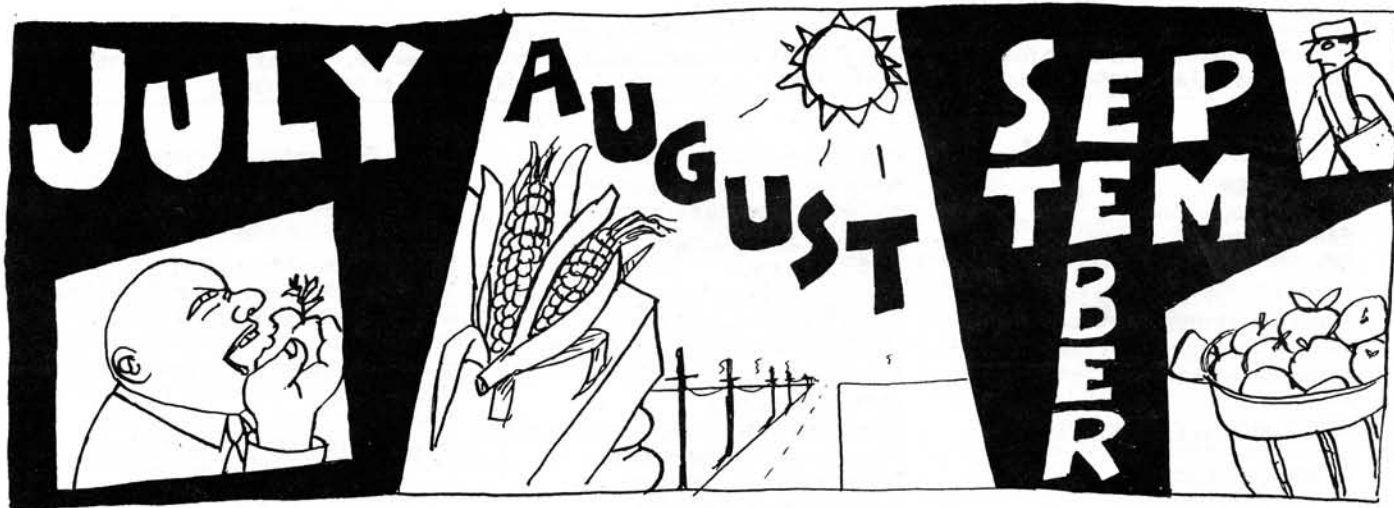
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 5:30 p.m. Roosevelt Community TV - Cable CH 8.
 8:00 p.m. First Aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Captain, 448-7701.
- Wed.7/2** 8:00 p.m. Environmental Commission, Borough Hall John Towle, Chair, 490-0692.
- Fri.7/4** Fourth of July Celebration - Ellen Silverman, 490-0557:
 10:00 a.m. Children's Pet Show, 2:00 p.m. Fourth of July Parade, 2:15 p.m. Mayor's Speech, 2:30-6 p.m. Picnic.
- Sun.7/6** 8:00 a.m. Stream Watch (volunteer water testing), Kirk Rothfuss, 448-3713.
- Mon.7/7** Roosevelt Summer Camp begins.
 7:30 p.m. Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall, Lee Allen, Mayor, 448-6978.
- Tues.7/8** 5:30 p.m. Roosevelt Community TV - Cable CH 8.
- Wed.7/9** **Recyclables.**
 8:00 p.m. Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Gail Hunton, Chair, 426-4338.
- Mon.7/14** 7:30 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Lee Allen, Mayor, 448-6978.
 8:00 p.m. Synagogue Board Meeting, Michael Tickin, 448-0363.
- Tues.7/15** 5:30 p.m. Roosevelt Community TV - Cable CH 8.
- Mon.7/21** 7:30 p.m. Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Lee Allen, 448-6978.
- Tues.7/22** 5:30 p.m. Roosevelt Community TV - Cable CH 8.
- Wed.7/23** **Recyclables.**
 Thurs. 7/24:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, RPS, Lauralynne Cokeley, President, 443-6287.
- Mon.7/28** 7:30 p.m. Council Committee Meeting, Borough Hall, Lee Allen, Mayor, 448-6978.

August Events:

- Mon.8/4** 7:30 p.m. Borough Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall.
- Tues.8/5** 2:00 p.m. Senior Citizens' Meeting, Borough Hall.
 8:00 p.m. First Aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall.

Wed.8/6

8:00 p.m. Environmental Commission Meeting, Borough Hall.

Mon.8/11 7:30 p.m. Borough Action Meeting, Borough Hall.

Wed.8/13 8:00 p.m. Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall.

Mon.8/18 7:30 p.m. Borough Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall.

Wed.8/20

Mon.8/25 7:30 p.m. Borough Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall.

Thurs. 8/28 7:30 p.m. School Board Meeting, RPS.

SEPTEMBER Events:

Mon.9/1 Labor Day.

Tues.9/2 2:00 p.m. Senior Citizens' Meeting, Borough Hall.

8:00 p.m. First Aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall.

Wed.9/3

Thurs. 9/4 RPS Opens - First Day for Students.

Sat.9/6 8:00 a.m. Stream Watch (volunteer water testing), Kirk Rothfuss, 448-3713.

Mon.9/8 7:30 p.m. Borough Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall.

Wed.9/10 8:00 p.m. Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall.

Wed.9/11 7:30 p.m. School Board Agenda Meeting, RPS.

Mon.9/15 7:30 p.m. Borough Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall.

Wed.9/17

Mon.9/22 **Recyclables.**
 RPS 4 Hour Session.

7:30 p.m. Borough Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall.

Thurs. 9/25 7:30 p.m. School Board Regular Meeting, RPS.

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