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■ BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

by Herb Johnson

Emergency Trailer Ordinance Adopted - Rental Housing Ordinance Proposed

Councilman David Donnelly urged the Roosevelt Borough Council and Mayor to support his resistance to complying with the DEPE (Department of Environmental Protection & Energy) order to have water meters installed at the 36 residences in Roosevelt which do not have such meters. He had announced at the May 5 agenda meeting and again at the May 12 regular meeting, that the DEPE had notified the Borough that the water meters must be installed within one year. Based on an estimate made ten years ago for this installation, he said it may cost about \$200 each, for a total of about \$7,000, and would be a "complete waste." The DEPE does not require meters to be read and, Mr. Donnelly continued, most of the other meters would not work if meter reading was desired. Roosevelt is a unique municipality which provides water to every residence at the same rate of \$32 per month. Costs would go up if every house had to have a working meter and someone had to read the meters, even if on a quarterly basis.

Michael Ticktin spoke during the Public Portion of the meeting and explained that New Jersey is obligated under an interstate compact to follow water conservation measures, such as this one, that are adopted by the Delaware River Basin Commission. Municipalities must give every home owner and business an incentive to conserve water by charging for usage. Mr. Donnelly said Roosevelt has never used more than the State's standard moderate amount per residence and his will continue to request Borough Attorney John Ross to seek exemption for Roosevelt.

On the agenda, available to all members of the public as they arrive at the regular meeting, were four introductions of ordinances and six resolutions in the new business portion, and the "Second reading and final adoption of Ordinance #77-1 to regulate the placement and parking of

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ROOSEVELT
PUBLIC
SCHOOL
invites you to the
sixth grade
graduation on
Saturday, June 21
at 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is
welcome!

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THERE WILL BE A FREE DRAWING FOR A COMPOST BIN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION'S BIRD HOUSES.

ROOSEVELT SECOND ANNUAL ART SHOW
Reception Sunday, June 1st. from 3—6 pm at The Factory,
Oscar Drive

THE GIRL SCOUTS met on May 10, Saturday, at 2:00 pm for an Adopt-A-Stream litter pick-up.

They met meet at the Boro Hall parking lot and went to Rising Sun Lake in the Assunpink. Adopt-A-Stream is co-sponsored by the Monmouth Council of Girl Scouts and Monmouth County Clean Communities.

RECYCLING DATES
JUNE 11th and 25th

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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■ PLANNING BOARD NEWS

by Bob Clark

Negative Verdict in Informal Review of Recycling Facility Proposal

At the Planning Board's May 14 meeting, the five members present gave a final message of disapproval to an informal request that they support construction of a tire and wood recycling operation on over 20 wooded acres bordering Windsor-Perrineville Road. The five indicated to Robert Glassheim that his plan to clear and regrade the site for a grinding facility was also disfavored by the other five Board members who were not present.

Chairwoman Gail Hunton and members Jeffrey Hunt, Bert Ellentuck, David Leff and Michael Ticktin agreed that a letter from Ms. Hunton should inform the Borough Council that any change in zoning to accommodate Mr. Glassheim's proposed use for the property would be incompatible with the town's master plan. The site lies within 500 acres of northern farmland that is governed by a recently passed planned community development (PCD II) ordinance.

Producing preliminary drawings, Mr. Glassheim said he expected to erect several buildings and machinery pads for the operation, as well as water wells "for fire preventive things." He added that he expected one building would be a restored barn relocated from northern New Jersey. Another building would house diesel fuel to run the machines. Tires awaiting processing would be stacked in an open dump outside the building containing the conveyers and grinding machines. Tire chunks would again be stacked outside before being loaded onto trucks for delivery to energy cogeneration plants and other users. Trees would be split for firewood. Stumps and other wood would be ground to mulch in a machine on an outdoor pad, and the mulch would be stored in nursery sized bags on pallets in a building prior to shipping.

Mr. Glassheim said average daily traffic would consist of five to ten 50 yard trucks. He said the woods would be cleared, except for a buffer, and grading would create a five foot high embankment to serve as a sound buffer between the facility and nearby houses in Millstone Township. Mr. Glassheim emphasized that, other than the

machinery exhaust, there would be no burning or heating to pollute the air. He added that the operation would employ "10 to 12 people."

Mr. Hunt, who also serves on the Borough Council, told the Board that the Council had informed Mr. Glassheim, "in no uncertain terms," that he would have to seek input from the Planning Board before the Council would consider rezoning the site. Mr. Ticktin, who is also the Borough's Tax Assessor, said the proposal "clearly is not" consistent with the Borough's master plan. He noted that under the land use law the Council could still rezone the property, which is owned by the D'Amico family, but it would have to provide a written justification for deviating from the master plan. Mr. Ellentuck stated that the proposal was "not compatible with the present (PCD II) ordinance and would not merit rezoning.

Mr. Hunt called the proposal "spot zoning" that would benefit only one landowner and set a "dangerous precedent that would cause the entire plan (for the northern 500 acres) to unravel." Mr. Ticktin said "spot zoning" was illegal. He noted that even if Roosevelt rezoned in support of Mr. Glassheim's proposal, his investment might be wasted if affected parties in Millstone succeeded in convincing a court that "spot zoning" had occurred." Mr. Ticktin had earlier observed that Roosevelt officials should consider the impact on the nearby Millstone residences. When Ms. Hunton asked if any of the members present saw Mr. Glassheim's proposal "as meritorious enough to alter the master plan," no one raised his hand.

In other business, Zoning Officer Ralph Warnick reported that 25 percent warning letters regarding violations had led to compliance in the vast majority of cases. Only four land owners had not responded and had received a second certified letter. Mr. Warnick said the next step is to summon people to Municipal Court.

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■ Letter from the Chief School Administrator

by William Presutti

As I sit down to write this letter, I am still elated by the New Jersey Network premiere of their series *Around and About New Jersey—Roosevelt, New Jersey* that took place at the school this morning. It was truly a spirit lifting experience. This segment gives an accurate 15 minute summary of the history of Roosevelt through the eyes of our fourth grade students. It will be on New Jersey Network on Friday, June 6, at 10:15 a.m. If you are not home, tape it. You will enjoy it, I promise. I am so proud to be the CSA of the Roosevelt Public School.

More good news for our school. Last week we were informed by the New Jersey Systemic Science Initiative that the district received a grant of \$2,500.00 to assist in the implementation of the science core content standards. The district will enable us to continue to enhance our science program at the K - 4 level. This is a highly competitive grant and truly a "feather

in our cap." A special "Thank you" to Ilene Levine for her work on this grant. We also received a grant from GPU for \$950.00 that will be used to supplement our sixth grade science program. Betsy McArdle wrote this grant. The money will be used to enhance our solar energy unit. Way to Go, Betsy! Today, we received notice from New Jersey Business Industry/Science Education Consortium that Ilene Levine received another grant for \$500.00 that will be used to purchase scientific equipment to be used in our computer lab. It has been a great month!!!

School will close for the summer on Thursday, June 19. Graduation is set for Saturday, June 21 at 5:00 p.m.

It has been a great year!!! On behalf of the Board of Education, staff and students, thank you for all your support.

Together, we make great things happen!!!!

RCNS Offers Early Registration Discount

by Jane Rothfuss

In June we usually think of school vacations, summer camp and trying on swim wear. It may be hard to believe that it's also time to think about September pre-school arrangements, but it is!

If you are a parent of a pre-schooler, we fellow parents of the Board of Roosevelt Community Nursery School (RCNS) invite you to consider sending your child to RCNS this fall. We are a State-licensed preschool program for children 2 1/2 to 5 years of age. We offer a cozy and safe environment with stimulating activities and opportunities for children to grow and develop socially, emotionally and intellectually. With caring teachers and small class size, your child will have the chance to form relationships and try new things at his/her own pace. Our focus is on the happiness of each child, as well as the development of self esteem and a desire to learn. Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., September through June. Children do not need to be toilet trained.

We know fall seems like a long way away, but running a successful pre-school takes planning and commitment. As we say goodbye and good luck to our current head teacher who is moving from New Jersey, we are busy selecting a new teacher. We must have a certain level of enrollment in

place by the summer in order to make contract arrangements, purchase materials, work with the State - in other words, do everything it takes to make RCNS work and be the best it can be for the children of Roosevelt and nearby towns.

Registrations for RCNS are accepted any time assuming there is room. However, we're offering an early registration special! Our usual non-refundable registration fee of \$35 is just \$15 for anyone registering before June 30. At the time of registration, the first month's tuition is also due (\$165 for three days/week, \$115 for two days/week). If by September your plans change, the tuition portion of your payment is refundable, so don't worry about that. Why not take advantage of this chance to save \$20 and help us make our plans at the same time? Registration materials can be obtained in person or requested by mail (Box 153, Roosevelt).

If you haven't been to the nursery school, located in the synagogue at 20 Homestead Lane, please stop by for a visit with or without your child. For more information, a brochure or a copy of our parent handbook call the school at 426-9523. As parents and Board members, we are also available to talk with anyone who has questions. Feel free to call one of us at home (Jane Rothfuss at 448-3713, Diana Monroe at 426-8832 or Linda Velesquez at 443-6199). In the meantime, we wish everyone a safe and happy summer!



Notes From the School Board

by Frances Duckett

Of the 608 registered voters in Roosevelt, 149 ballots were cast at the April 15 School Board election. This was, however, a higher percentage than in neighboring districts.

The May 1 Reorganization Meeting of the Roosevelt School Board was called to order at 7:45 p.m. It was attended by Board members Mrs. Cokeley, Ms. Ellentuck, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Kostar, Mr. John-Alder, Mr. Newrath, Mrs. Silverman and Mr. Ticktin, plus Chief School Administrator William Presutti, Board Secretary Karen Minutolo and four members of the public, including myself.

First, new members Sharlene Ellentuck, Lucretia Ellen McGuff-Silverman and David A. Ticktin were welcomed and sworn in as was the re-elected Michael B. Hamilton. Lauralyne Cokeley was elected President and Henry John-Alder Vice President. Mrs. Cokeley asked the new members for their preferred committee assignments by the next meeting.

The bulk of the meeting was spent adopting standing rules, regulations, the new budget, by-laws, curriculum, textbooks, meeting schedules, etc. and paying routine bills.

Mr. Presutti pointed out that School Board business transacted at all meetings will continue to be on the second and fourth Thursday of the month except during July and August when only one meeting per month takes place. Notices will continue to be sent to The Examiner and Asbury Park Press.

The following appointments were approved:

David Rubin — **Attorney**

Dr. Herbert Rosengarten —
MD and Dr. Alicia Peller — **MD**

Hutchins, Laezza,
Farrell and Allison, PA — **Auditors**

Jay Lawton of G.R. Murray Agency —
Insurance Agent

Edward Debevec — **Accountant/Treasurer**

Depositories and signatories were approved for the Fleet Bank, which provides the board with no-fee checking and free software worth perhaps \$400 per month. Since, as Ms. Minutolo pointed out, the School Board's average balance is close to a quarter of a million dollars, Mr. Ticktin thought we should research the possibility of getting a better interest rate than that paid by Fleet Bank.

There was no executive session or audience participation. No regionalization alternatives were presented. There was no action on policy committee items.

Mr. Presutti reported that there had been an incident of graffiti at the school. He mentioned a recent Family Life Education Night which was well put together and on the whole successful, if not quite so well attended as hoped.

He invited the public to the premiere screening of Roosevelt, New Jersey a 15 minute children's television program about the history of a planned community. The program will also be broadcast Friday, June 6th at 10:15 on NJN.

Curriculum guides are available at the Chief School Administrator's office. No new subjects are to be taught, but at State instigation, the science curriculum has been revised and math will be next. All teachers are involved in the revision. The French curriculum has also been revised and improved. Some new textbooks will be ordered but hardly any workbooks.

Tuition for non-resident students was set at \$4,000.00 for grades 1 - 6 and \$2,500.00 for Kindergarten, with the proviso that no special education students be accepted. No tuition student is now enrolled. These fees are less than Roosevelt's average
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cost per pupil. Mr. Ticktin opposed offering this service at such low rates, but Mr. Presutti and Mr. John-Alder felt that tuition would be "found money" and would not adversely affect the quality of instruction.

Action was taken to approve a transportation jointure with East Windsor for two students to the alternative H.S. in Hightstown, the cost is \$811.

The School Board is working on a grant from the Historical Commission for 50% matching funds for windows and roof repair, June 9 being their deadline.

The Board accepted \$100. to be donated yearly by Saul Erinstein in memory of his wife, Edith Erinstein, to establish a science award for a 6th grade student at graduation.

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.

PTA News

by Ellen Silverman

RPS's students were being treated to a "Romp in the Swamp" assembly sponsored by the PTA on May 14th. Then they treated us to the Spring Concert on May 19th., at 9:30 a. m. and the evening concert at 7:30 p.m. Thanks go to the PTA members who provided refreshments for the evening concert.

Field Day will be June 10th. The theme this year will be Native American games and test of skills. A big thank you goes to Kathy Elliot for her work in planning for the Field Day. Also a big "Thank you" to Kathy and all her helpers for the tremendous work done that day..

Why We Have a Resolution Declaring Water Restrictions

by Gayle Donnelly

On average in the summer, the Roosevelt water plant pumps 100,000 gallons of water per day. This is roughly 100 gallons a day for each individual. In Roosevelt we pay a flat \$32.00 per month; so, why is it important to conserve water? By saving water you can reduce costs at the water plant, save energy and ease the burden on the environment. Those are all good reasons to conserve, but the Borough's main reason for the restrictions is the capacity of our water storage tank.

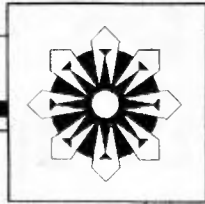
Our water tower has a storage capacity of 80,000 gallons. We always want enough water in the tower to put out a fire. It also stirs up the system if there is heavy demand. So, the Resolution reads that watering lawns, washing cars and filling pools should be done between 6:00 a.m. and noon. If you have an even numbered house, you may use water for the above uses on even numbered days; and, odd numbered houses on odd numbered days.

At the Borough Hall we have the following free brochures: "The ABC's of Water Conservation", "Water Conservation—Ways to be Water Wise and Landscaping for Water Conservation."

There are 3 basic ways to conserve water: 1. Economize; 2. Repair leaks; and, 3. Install water saving devices. The following is how to change a few habits without changing your lifestyle:

- * Use a broom instead of a hose to clean off the driveway.
- * Don't use the toilet to flush down spiders or cigarette butts. They aren't worth it.
- * Water the garden in the cool part of the day, preferably early morning. That way less will evaporate, and the peak demand on your water company will be reduced.
- * Only use a hose with an automatic "pistol" type nozzle.

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From the R.P.S. Art Room

by Rita R. Williams

As we slide into those wonderful summery days, I find myself wanting to capture all the special moments and share them with my students. I love the warm weather twilight and the sparrows that swoop in my gardens for insects. I enjoy the sun smells of the ground as I dig in it. I watch the sunsets which seem better in warmer weather and I encourage my students to look at everything and store those visual memories. I am inspired by nature in spring and I think poetic, sketch, write and imagine.

Einstein said that having imagination was more important than knowledge. It is wonderful that he recognized that being creative and thinking with imagination would be more important than accumulating facts. Einstein looked at the sunsets with more than a mere scientific interest and realized that creative thinking helped him in his scientific pursuits for knowledge.

Our students at RPS gain enormous factual knowledge daily but they are able to remember, use and enjoy their facts because they are also being taught to stretch their brains with creative thinking. We will produce mathematicians, physicists, poets, dancers and basketball players who are able to learn and explore their limitless capabilities of thinking. Our students will look at sunsets and want to paint, compose music,

discuss solar flares, analyze the sunset times with charts done on the computer and research what the sun is really made up of. Our students do not accumulate factual knowledge, they are truly taught to think by a dedicated group of teachers who appreciate creative thinking. Our teachers do what they love and love what they do.

I really do love what I do in my little art room but I will enjoy the summer months to take time to create, regroup and plan for next year. I will be spending time in southern Florida during sea turtle nesting time and I will be adding to my shell collection. I will be watching lots of sunsets, taking photos and drawing.

During late May and June, I will be around Roosevelt taking lots of photos of the architecture. The students will use these photos to study the buildings of Roosevelt. When I return to school in September, I will share my summer photos and invite students to use them to draw or paint from. Students can bring in art work, sketchbooks, photos or whatever they have created during the summer in September.

As we wind down the school year and slide into summer, I encourage everyone to stop and look at the sunsets. Share a sunset with someone.

Roosevelt needs 4th of July Celebration Volunteers!
Make Roosevelt's 4th of July Celebration happen, volunteer.
We currently do not have:

The Pet show needs judges and the parade needs volunteers to help keep our marchers in parade formation.

The Picnic needs volunteers to set-up, cook and clean-up.

Please call Ellen Silverman, 490-0557, if you can help.



Notes from the School Board—Meeting of May 22

by Frances Duckett

The May 22 meeting of the Roosevelt School Board was attended by Board members Cokeley, Clark, Ellentuck, Hamilton, Ticktin, John-Alder, Kostar and Newrath, plus Chief School Administrator William Presutti and Board Secretary Karen Minutolo. I was the only member of the public present despite the fact that entertainment was provided by Mr. Presutti—a videotaped segment of NJN's *Around and About New Jersey*, which was filmed at the school and features Bernarda Shahn, Augusta Chasan, Eileen Levine, Laurel Hamilton, Elizabeth and in fact, the entire fourth grade with their mural segments. NJN will screen this on Friday, June 6th at 10:15 a.m.

Mr Presutti reported that two more grants are in the works, one from GPU and one from NJ BISEC, which stands for Business, Industry, Science, Education Consortium. He mentioned that State honchos, to whom we had submitted a French curriculum, had copied it for the benefit of other schools.

The school plans to auction off its Apple ZE's and other obsolete computers.

The fourth grade is being field tested by the State for five days and will not even receive grades as the tests have not been finalized.

Mr. Presutti attended Kreps orientation which, although principally oriented to Hightstown's graduating 5th graders, did at least take some note of Roosevelt's incoming 6th grade class. Kreps is organized into three "TEAMS": A. has a traditional organization; B. integrates social studies and English; and, C. is fully integrated. Apparently students are assigned at random and parental requests are not regarded as they once were.

Mr. Presutti announced that one of the school's goals is to purchase seven more computers (one for each classroom) and wire the whole school to the internet. There has been \$19,000 budgeted for this purpose, and savings which have been made in other areas have freed other money. Comcast would wire the

building for nothing. Mr. Presutti proposed a hub in each classroom which could accommodate four computers and which could later be expanded.

Board members expressed various concerns, Mr. Kostar doubting the need to buy bundled software and questioning the importance of computers at the elementary level.

Mr. Presutti was very enthusiastic about the computer proposal, mentioning the hard work our teachers have done on their own time to use the computers now in the school's lab where each child has five 45 minute periods a week. Currently the 4th grade is doing a hyper-studio book report and the 6th grade is doing essays on the Borough of Roosevelt.

Ms. Cokeley assigned the following committees:

- **Buildings and Grounds:** John-Alder, Newrath, Ticktin
- **Education and Personnel:** Kostar, Clark
- **Policy:** Clark, Ellentuck, Ticktin
- **Finance:** Cokeley, Ellentuck, Hamilton, Silverman
- **Legislation and PR:** Hamilton, Kostar, Silverman
- **Ad Hoc (community involvement):** Hamilton, Newrath, Silverman

She asked them each to meet once in June and set two goals with completion dates.

Ellen Silverman was named as delegate to the annual School Board Conference and Ron Kostar as Alternate.

Future Board meetings will be held June 26, July 24 and August 28. The Board approved participation in the New Jersey Insurance Group, approved the bills and payroll, the purchase of paper and supplies from Pitts Grove and accepted a couch for the library from Mary and Rod Tulloss.

In the public segment of the meeting, Mr. Presutti said that the China report being prepared by Grades 1 and 2 will be presented Friday, June 6 at 9 a.m.



Roosevelt Weather Almanac

by Ron Filepp

Prisms And Parallelisms

Just before sunset on the first day of May a thunderstorm came through the area. After the noise and the rain, the clouds cleared out quickly from the western sky. The sunset may have been spectacular but the real show was in the eastern sky.

With the rain ahead and the sun at my back, I drove home from work. A double rainbow appeared against the dark gray sky in the east. A double rainbow is made up of an inner arc, which is the primary rainbow, and an outer arc - the secondary rainbow. The primary rainbow is brighter than the secondary rainbow.

Seeing a rainbow is a very personal experience. The rainbow you see is your own. It is physically impossible for two people to see the same rainbow. The place where you see a rainbow from your point of view, is not the same as any other person's. Because of this different point of view, each person sees the sunlight reflected from different drops of rain and therefore sees a different rainbow. While we cannot share rainbows, we can share our appreciation for them.

The thing I like best about rainbows is the manner in which they disappear. A rainbow disappears in much the same way as a dream. Just when you think you have a hold of it, it begins to melt away. Just when you think its gone, it reappears. And

eventually, when it dissolves and is indeed gone, you begin to wonder if it ever existed at all.

Like the very visible effects of a rainbow, the effects of the wind can also be apparent and, at times, devastating. On May 6 strong winds that ushered thunderstorms into New Jersey ripped the roofs off some houses in Jersey City and Staten Island. There were reports of funnel cloud sightings. However, meteorologists found no evidence of a tornado touching down. Closer to home the same winds turned a book bag into an anemometer.

My wife, Robin, has two half-time jobs and both are in Trenton. She drives to one and later in the day takes a pleasant stroll to the other. On May 6 Robin's walk featured an extraordinary weather event.

She was carrying a shoulder book bag filled with twenty pounds of books. Robin recalls the winds that would later blow the roofs off houses further north and east came up as she was walking by Mill Hill Park. She was stopped like she hit a wall. The wind also lifted the book bag so that it was stretched out behind her parallel to the ground. I can't tell you how fast the wind must blow to lift a twenty pound book bag, but we now have a new measure of wind speed in our house. A five pound book bag day may be quite acceptable. We are not looking forward to another twenty

pounder.

Snowfall Summary

March got off to a cloudy, mild and damp start. The March Lion was nowhere to be found. By mid March a weather observer was writing his April column with some certainty that there would be little if any more snow to account for before November. It seemed the total snowfall for the season would hold at the 15.5 inches that had so far fallen. Instead, a March 31 storm that dropped 8 inches brought the season total to 23.5 inches, just .5 inches from the normal season snowfall of 24 inches.

The storm did not create major highway headaches and there were no power or telephone outages. But, the heavy snow did bring down large and small tree branches in town. The snow melted under the April sun almost as quickly as it had accumulated.

Warm Temperatures have been with us most of the year. January, February and March all had average temperatures above normal. April's average temperature was just a bit under normal. February was especially warm with an average temperature more than 7.5 degrees above normal.

Rainfall for the year has been above normal too. From January through April we had 15.36 inches

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of precipitation. That's nearly 1.5 inches above normal rainfall for that period.

Weather Word

The word "tornado" comes from the Spanish word for thunderstorm - tronada .

April 15 - May 15, 1997

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	57.5	32.0	44.8	0.00
16	68.0	36.0	52.0	0.00
17	58.0	46.5	52.3	0.00
18	42.0	34.5	38.3	0.85
19	57.0	40.0	48.5	0.25
20	60.0	40.0	50.0	0.25
21	66.0	34.0	50.0	0.00
22	66.5	40.0	53.3	0.00
23	64.0	42.0	53.0	0.00
24	60.0	43.0	51.5	0.30
25	66.0	40.0	53.0	0.15
26	68.0	40.0	54.0	0.00
27	73.5	38.0	55.8	0.00
28	67.0	50.5	58.8	0.88
29	68.0	44.0	56.0	0.02
30	75.0	44.0	59.5	0.00
1	80.0	50.0	65.0	0.00
2	66.0	48.0	57.0	0.28
3	73.0	50.0	61.5	0.05
4	67.0	50.0	58.5	0.58
5	68.0	39.5	53.8	0.00
6	73.0	44.0	58.5	0.15
7	60.0	42.0	51.0	0.35
8	68.0	34.5	51.3	0.00
9	66.0	42.0	54.0	0.55
10	66.0	49.0	57.5	0.13
11	68.0	44.0	56.0	0.00
12	78.0	50.5	64.3	0.00
13	68.0	40.0	54.0	0.00
14	75.0	44.0	59.5	0.00
15	78.0	50.5	64.3	0.00
Total Precipitation				4.79

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING – MAY 6TH

by Helga Wizowaty, Secretary

This was an enjoyable meeting with discussions about previous trips and plans for the future. We all enjoy each other's company and are happy about our new members who are a great addition to our club.

We were told that pneumonia shots will be available soon. The Health Department will notify the office at the Borough Hall and the Clerk, in turn, will notify Jeanette Koffler.

The seniors went to Quakerbridge Mall on Tuesday, May 20th and Molly Bulkin confirmed the bus.

We are planning a trip to Rova Farms on Tuesday, June 17th.

"Dessie" and Ernestine Carter were hostesses and their cakes, cherry dump cake and a lemon pound cake, were as usual something to write home about, DELICIOUS!

There will be no meetings during July and August. We hope everyone has a pleasant summer.

ROOSEVELT'S TOWNWIDE YARD SALE WEEKEND

by Ellen Silverman

"First rain, then party," are the words that I would use to describe this year's Townwide Yard Sale Weekend. Saturday it rained most of the day and the buyers and sellers mostly stayed inside. Sunday was a beautiful, sunny day and it seemed that everyone was outside either offering a bargain or getting one.

The nursery school was busy recirculating toys and craft supplies at their white elephant sale. They also helped feed the hungry at their bake and candy sale. The First Aid squad helped refurbish mine and other peoples gardens and yes, the sixth grade will be able to go on their trip with the help from their yard and bake sale.

I saw a lot of people out and about that I have not seen since last fall and I realized that I have added another item to my list of harbinger of warm weather; flowers (check), tree with leaves (check) and Townwide Yard Sale (check). Well, that's it it's here.



FAYE'S TRAVELS

by Faye Nulman

Ok, ok, ok. So you really need to get away for a few days. Someplace romantic, European in feel, maybe France, but your suffering from that ancient disease, "lack of funds." No Problem! Just hop in your car and drive to Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The whole trip takes approximately 7 - 8 driving hours if you drive with no stops other than for gas and personal needs. That much driving sound like too much? Not to worry.

My favorite hotel is the Sagamore Hotel in Bolton Landing, NY. It's situated on it's own island and is the epitome of elegance. The on-site restaurants cook up and serve the most incredible food I've ever tasted in a hotel! (Even some "fine" restaurants I've been in.) This would have to do with the fact that the chefs are graduates of the Culinary Institute of America in New Hyde Park, NY. Yum! Their Purple Basil Salad Dressing still lingers on my palate from my last visit. Time to drive further north! It's only about 2 1/2 - 3 hours more from Bolton Landing. Straight up Route 87 North to the end. You can't help but run into the border. Smile nicely to the Immigration Inspector and remember to say "Good Morning, Afternoon or Evening" as the situation warrants. Don't forget to bring an original birth certificate or passport for I.D. should you be asked for it. Most of the time you won't need anything, but for that one time you do, have it in your possession. Once past this formality, continue north on Route 15 into Montreal. At this point, only 45 minutes to 1 hour remain of the drive. The Champlain bridge is your best bet for immediate access to downtown Montreal.

As you drive over the Champlain you receive quite a panoramic view of the island. Encircled by water and brightened with 650 parks and green spaces, Montreal's island city is many cities in one: Old Montreal and the Old Port. The artistic Plateau Montreal and Latin Quarter, the multiethnic Main...Chinatown where even the worst meal you'll receive is still better than the best you'll find in NJ (my opinion), Little Italy, Hilly Westmount and the island playground of Parc del lles with its casino, beach, cycling paths and acres of green. All of this is connected by a metro system running through a lively underground city of shops, restaurants and cinemas which complete with the city above for action!

Next major event is June 7 - July 20: The Benson & Hedges International Fireworks Competition. The Montreal sky really sparkles when this international pyrotechnical event comes to town!. Nine shows are scheduled.

Well, all of this talk of Montreal has gotten me hungry...Patate Frites, Steamies, Thai, Indian, Smoked Meat, Chinese, French Pastries. Gotta go! Happy Driving. Au revoir!

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* Use mulch on garden plants and shrubs to cut down on evaporation. It cuts down on weeding too.

* Run the dishwasher and washing machine on a water saving cycle, and only when full.

* If you let the water run for a minute or two before drinking or cooking due to concern over lead, save the water for your plants. For more information on avoiding lead related health problems, write the DEPE for a copy of "Facts on Lead in Drinking Water."

* Store water in the refrigerator for that occasional glassful rather than take water from the tap each time.

Visit The Popcorn Park Zoo

by Nancy Warnick

A quote from the Zoonooz: "If a man aspires towards a righteous life, his first act of abstinence is from injury to animals." - Leo Tolstoy

Have you ever wondered where those unclaimed dogs and cats go which are picked up by the Animal Control Officer? They go to the Popcorn Park Zoo where they visit with a veterinarian, on staff, and where they hope to be adopted.

Perhaps you would like a pet of your own and feel you are unable to care for it properly due to lack of time. You may adopt a pet and simply pay a support fee; the staff at the zoo will care for it and you

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■ BREAKING BREAD

A CHICKEN IN EVERY POT

By Kinnereth Ellentuck Remington

Roosevelt-reared Kinnereth Ellentuck Remington is a stupendous cook and knows how to throw a great party, to boot. A former New York City caterer, she now lives near Baltimore with her husband Stephen and daughter Lena. They all dance between meals.

My husband and I have traveled to New Orleans and Lafayette, Louisiana several times to listen and dance to the Zydeco and Cajun music of the region. Each time we go we are inundated with invitations to come over to the home of someone we just met for Gumbo, crawfish and cornbread. These invites are often to the family homes of the Zydeco musicians as the bands are frequently made up of fathers, sons, brothers, sisters and cousins.

A good many of the bands travel to the Washington area, but not to Baltimore. Something had to be done to get them to our area. So a group of us found an old stone building with a good wood floor on a local college campus. We now sponsor a Cajun or Zydeco dance there every month.

Each of us has a job: Chris arranges the space, Stephen coordinates the group, Tricia books the bands, Henry finds volunteers to man the door, Dave does the sound, and I make the flyers and feed the bands. Feeding the bands wasn't supposed to be my job; we were all going to contribute pot-luck style, but after one meal I claimed the job. My partners in this endeavor did not live up to my standards. They put plastic sleeves of cups and big plastic bottles of soda on the table. They brought iceberg lettuce in plastic containers. Bonnie's soup was good, but she hadn't thought about keeping it warm and she brought scuzzy old plastic cereal bowls for serving it. I walked out in disgust.

These are our guests, I thought. They're on the road for days, staying in cheap motels, eating take-out

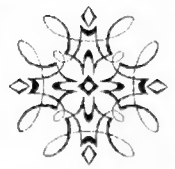
and restaurant slop. We've been getting a good reputation for having enthusiastic crowds and paying the bands well, but good food and hospitality are so important in Louisiana, if we aren't attentive hosts, how can our guests really feel good about their experience with us? I claimed the job.

The thought of serving a meal to 8 people at a remote location with no cooking facilities was not a problem for me. But the food had to be hot and ready at any time in a 2-hour time period. I didn't want to hassle with it on-site; as soon as the musicians are finished eating they start playing and I want to dance.

There was really only one sizable obstacle here: I'm vegetarian and they're not. Serving meat is not a problem, but I'm not willing to taste test it. The only solution to my dilemma — Chicken Marbella. Those of you familiar with the Silver Palate Cookbook will probably recognize this dish: a list of ingredients that can't fail, marinated the night before, cooked on the day of, with plenty of left-over juices to keep it moist while the musicians do their sound checks. (This chicken is also very good at room temperature, but those band contracts say "hot meal included.")

By now I've made dinner for several bands. I set the table with a colorful ethnic cloth, bring our collection of enamel dishes, some cotton napkins, my bag of extra silverware, modern metal serving bowls for the food, and an electric wok to keep the chicken hot.

Every band has now been served the same meal. Spicy shrimp and onions in Old Bay seasoning, Chicken Marbella, potato salad, green salad, crusty



bread, brownies and oranges or strawberries. And every band has raved and raved and thanked me in front of the crowds. One musician, who was also a Cajun chef, said it was the best food he'd had outside of Louisiana, another band kept talking about it between songs throughout the night. (Hmm, maybe it was repeating.) The last band said it reminded them of their tour in France and the wonderful meals they had been served every evening.

Now I'm getting embarrassed and very worried. I know that all the musicians talk with one another, I know that's why they call us and ask to play; they're treated well, the crowds are appreciative, the money's good and oh my god, what if they start talking about the food and they find out that each has been served the exact same meal. Maybe they won't feel so special anymore. Maybe they'll think I don't know how to cook anything else. Maybe they'll find out that it takes no effort or fancy cooking to make that great chicken. I'll be the laughing stock of South Louisiana. But for now, Chicken Marbella is easy to make - and I WANT TO DANCE.

CHICKEN MARBELLA

(Serves 10-12, but the recipe can be divided.)

From *The Silver Palate Cookbook*
by Julee Rosso & Sheila Lukins

Combine in a large bowl and let marinate overnight in the refrigerator:

- 4 chickens, 2 1/2lbs. Each, quartered
- 1 head of garlic, peeled and finely minced
- 1/4 cup dried oregano
- coarse salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 cup pitted prunes
- 1/2 cup pitted Spanish green olives
- 1 cup capers with a bit of juice
- 6 bay leaves

Before Cooking:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Arrange chicken in a single layer in one or two large, shallow baking pans and spoon marinade over it evenly.

Sprinkle chicken pieces with:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white wine

Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour, basting frequently with the pan juices. Chicken is done when thigh pieces, pricked with a fork at their thickest, yield clear yellow juice.

Transfer to a platter with a slotted spoon and sprinkle generously with parsley or cilantro.

Serve warm or at room temperature.



ROOSEVELT FOURTH OF JULY 1997 Friday, July 4

Calendar of Events

TIME	EVENT	STARTING PLACE
10:00 a.m.	Children's Pet Show **	Outside School Library
2:00 p.m.	Parade ***	Corner So. Rochdale & Tamara Dr.
2:15 p.m.	Speech by Mayor	War Memorial Rock
2:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Picnic	Picnic Area
3:00 p.m.	Announcement of winners of Environmental Commission's Bird House	Picnic Area
4:00 p.m.	Announcement of winners of the Compost bin drawing sponsored by Clean Communities	Picnic Area

** Children's Pet show: For more information call Kelly Tyres at 426-0908.

*** Parade Route: Tamara Drive to Pine Drive to Rochdale Ave.; end at War Memorial Rock. For more information, call Ellen Silverman at 490-0557.

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 1996 - 1997 SEASON

The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 1996-1997 calendar of events, featuring art exhibits, the third annual fall folk music festival, two special evenings of poetry and the return of your favorite performers.

At all events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, only \$4.00 for students and seniors. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and *The Bulletin* for additional details.

Sunday

June 1, 1997 at 3:00 p.m.

ART AT THE FACTORY

Also during the year, RAP will be sponsoring THE ROOSEVELT ARTS EXCHANGE, a series of workshops for adults and children presented by members of the community. The Arts Exchange recognized that not all artists are performing artists, and it will provide a venue for townspeople to share their talents and share in the talents of others. Workshops may be offered in the theater arts, culinary arts, or the art of motorcycle maintenance, as well as the art of collage, garden or haiku. The Arts Exchange will offer you new opportunities to meet with your neighbors, exchanging talents in a participatory setting. Watch for details.

We hope to see all of you at these exciting new performances and exhibits.

The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible in part by your support and a generous grant from the Herman Goldman Foundation.



■ NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

FORMER NEIGHBORS:

Scott Hartman, formerly of School Lane, has obtained a patent for 'Environmentally Friendly Chewing Gum...' - a gum that won't stick to your shoes, etc.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Steven Johnson of Alexandria, VA, son of Herb and Flo Johnson of North Valley Rd., completed the April 21 Boston Marathon in 3 hours and 18 minutes, (20 minutes less than his '96 attempt) and has qualified for the '98 Boston Marathon.

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:

Jessica Drewitz won second place, for grades four through six, in an essay contest on "Keeping Our Streams Clean and Healthy" sponsored by the Freehold Conservation District.

April Students of the Month in Physical Education: Kimberly Grasso, Ben Silverman, Tommy Septak, Christina Ianacona, Lexi Chesier, Mollie Marko, Joseph Roccia, Lindsay Possiel, Chris Wong and Wesley John-Alder.

April Students for the Month in Health: Jamie Hague, Larry VanBrunt, Tyler Drewitz, Heather Cordo, Meredith Lawson, Zev Reuter, Brandon Tyers and Jamison Parker.

FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Honor Roll information remains unavailable from Kreps School. If parents call it in to me, it will be printed in the next issue.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:

- Senior James Edelstein has received several scholarships and will attend Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson starting August 9.

- Student of the Month Award for World Studies II to Kathleen Alfare.

- 3rd Marking Period High Honor Roll: Kathleen Alfare, Elizabeth Carroll, Joanna Giordano, Jessica Hague, and Rachel Ticktin.

- 3rd Marking Period Honor Roll: Avery Cayne, Jack Cummings, Kate Freedman, Jessica Hamilton, Senayit Kassahun, Eyal Lavon, Sean Parker, Dylana Possiel, and Ronit Yeger.

FROM PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL:

- Zoe Czyzewski, grade 10, was on the High Honor Roll for the 2nd trimester.

FROM PRINCETON FRIENDS SCHOOL:

- Nick Malkin, grade 6, had his poem "Turtle" selected by the Arts Council of Princeton for inclusion in this year's edition of *Under Age Poetry and Prose by Writers Under 18*. He will be giving a reading of his poem to the Arts Council on June 4.



DON'T DUMP

by Jane Rothfuss

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."

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trailers within the Borough," as old business. The latter was approved by the five members of the Council who were present.

Only two ordinances were introduced. Council member Rose Murphy moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the ordinance which concerns the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Borough, for the purpose of raising the fee for the license to sell beer and liquor. Rossi's Delicatessen now pays \$570 per year for it. When other members of the Council said they felt the fee should not be higher because it seems that only small amounts of alcoholic beverages are being sold, Mrs. Murphy withdrew the motion. The motion to introduce ordinance #165-2 to amend the Administrative Code and establish the office of Code Enforcement Officer was tabled, to be discussed at the Council's committee meetings.

Ordinance #97-24 was introduced. If it is approved after a public hearing, to be held at the June 9 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council, it would amend the Zoning Ordinance "Planned Community Development" (PCD) of the Notterman tract extending from Valley Road to the cemetery. The amendment proposal is to limit the average number of bedrooms per unit to three. Mrs. Murphy voted against the introduction.

Ordinance #182 was introduced to set a fee of \$30 per year for an annual permit to rent real property to anyone for residential purposes and to require annual inspection of rental properties. The public hearing is to be on June 9.

A contract for reconstructing the municipal parking lot for \$24,661 was awarded. During committee reports earlier in the meeting, Mrs. Murphy said that all the funds for this improvement would come from a grant from the Monmouth County CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) program, but the low bid of the three that were submitted was \$7,000 more than expected, leaving only \$9,000 for the improvement of the bathroom and entrances to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. She said she would call for a May 20 meeting of the CDBG committee of Roosevelt

residents to consider advertising for bids to construct the Borough Hall's bathroom. While discussing resolution #61 to award the contract, Mayor Allen said the Borough Engineer's estimate for the cost of the parking lot improvement was only \$1,661 less than the low bid, rather than \$7,000 less so there may be enough to get the enlarged bathroom this year. He then passed out drawings showing the present layout and a proposed layout across the hall from the present location of the bathroom. After the Mayor described how the inner wall of the present storage room near the rear door of the Borough Hall would need to be moved about one foot to enlarge the room, and plumbing lines would need to be run from the present bathroom to the new location, Councilman Jeff Hunt proposed that the concrete block wall in the rear of the meeting room be moved inward to make the present bathroom wide enough to comply with ADA standards. Paul Hoogsteden moved that both proposals be put out to bid. His motion passed without any objection.

Other resolutions that passed were: #58 (for the year 1997) to support the Board of Chosen Freeholders resolution seeking state funding of passenger rail service from Freehold, through Jamesburg to a Monmouth Junction connection with the New York - Philadelphia railways; and, #62 to award a contract for replacing the asphalt apron to the driveway for 10 School Lane with a concrete apron for \$1,000. Also passed were Resolution #63 to restrict water usage by residents as in previous summers from June 1 until October 1; Resolution #60 to support the end of dumping in the ocean and to declare September 1 of each year as "Ocean Celebration Day"; and, Resolution #64 to pay the month's bills except for \$1,700 to Schoor & DePalma, Inc., until verification of its appropriateness is made. Every resident is to be mailed explanations of water use restrictions on washing cars and sprinkling lawns only until noon on either odd-number or even-number dates, to match the street address number of the residence.

Resolution #59 to endorse NJ Senate concurrent resolutions #41 and 60 to provide funding for municipalities to remove abandoned underground fuel storage tanks was tabled. The Council agreed with Mr.

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Donnelly's view that one-third of the 4% share of the corporate Tax collected by New Jersey, which the November 1996 referendum vote approved for use on environmental problems, may not be enough to ask the State to designate for removing abandoned tanks. The Roosevelt Borough Council, at its next committee, agenda and regular meetings will consider whether or not it should press for the New Jersey Legislature to designate 50% of the share, instead of one-third, for removal of tanks which are hazardous environmentally.

In relation to obtaining DEP funding to remove tanks from the abandoned fuel station on North Rochdale Avenue, Borough Attorney Ross reported on his contacts. He recommended that the Mayor and one member of the Council, along with himself and a representative from Schoor & Depalma, arrange a meeting in Trenton with DEP officials. The Council passed a motion to approve of the expense.

Frieda Anish's letter recommending the Borough obtain a wood chipper, and turn fallen trees into chips for mulch, free to residents of Roosevelt, was discussed. Council member Michael Stiles reported on it as Chairman of the Public Works Committee. He got an estimate for a crew providing heavy duty tree chipping service along every street in Roosevelt. It was \$600 per day and he thought it would be a two day job to cover the town after all residents were notified that they could put fallen limbs and trees at the curb. No action was taken in consideration of the large expense. Mr. Stiles also reported that he inspected the condition of Oscar Drive with the Public Works Superintendent Gayle Donnelly in response to an appeal from Action Packaging Automation, Inc. Removing sand, which has run down from Witch's Hollow Road, and patching of broken roadway is planned.

Council members reported for the Environmental - Health and Safety Committee that Chief Kim Dexheimer and George Vasseur were at the Agenda Meeting the week before and discussed their inspection of a fire truck which would fit in Roosevelt's emergency garage. It is a 1974 Mack, which is in better condition than

Roosevelt's. A four wheel drive pick-up truck, mini pumper, comes in the package. It could be used for first response and for better access to fight brush fires. The Chief was given approval to negotiate a purchase price and report on what the cost would be.

The Mayor stated during the Agenda Meeting that he would form an ad hoc committee with First Aid Captain Beth Battel, Michael Stiles and George Vasseur to consider a merger of the Roosevelt First Aid Squad with Millstone's. No follow up comment on the matter was made at the Regular Meeting.

During the public portion, Nona Sherak asked the Council to take further action beyond approving the County airplane spraying to prevent a terrible mosquito summer. She urged removal of fallen trees which cause stagnant areas in streams and in overflow areas near streams and in swampy areas. When someone suggested that "electric zappers" are effective to protect against mosquitos and keep deer away from gardens during night time hours, Mr. Donnelly said the zappers kill insects that control mosquito infestations naturally. Ms. Sherak asked that citizens and the Council complain about the Comcast Television Cable company's "rate increase for the second time in less than a year." She also asked that a parking area close to the front door be continued for disabled people. The spot in front of the Borough Hall must be removed because the inspector in a wheelchair found that the chair "nearly rolled down into North Rochdale Avenue." The Council was asked if it received information it said it needed two months ago from the Borough Engineer regarding the County's standards for preventing hazards at corners of roadways where obstacles block vision of traffic on crossroads. Mrs. Murphy said she thought the Planning Board was to consider the matter. Mayor Allen stated that it was not the Planning Board's responsibility and he agreed to resolve the matter with the Borough Engineer James DeMuro.

The Mayor proclaimed 18 through 24 "Emergency Medical Services Week," to honor Roosevelt's First Aid Squad and to celebrate efforts to educate school children and adults about how to assist those in need during medical emergencies.



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Mr. Warnick explained that the violation warnings concerned abandoned cars, cars used as sheds, construction debris and the like. The four non-responding violations involve a junk car in a driveway, a car/shed, an unregistered trailer that might be used as a residence, and a property with three cars in the woods.

Mr. Warnick asked the Bulletin to remind residents that any shed, regardless of size, requires a building permit. He said warning letters will be sent to owners of corner houses who have driveways opening on more than one street and to residents that park cars in their yards off their driveways. Ms. Hunton recommended that Borough officials file zoning variance approvals by block and lot, rather than by owners' names. With such a system, Mr. Warnick could find out whether properties have appropriate variances, even if ownership has changed.

Ms. Hunton reported that there had been no recent communication with the Trust for Public Lands (TPL). If it decided to invest its limited resources, TPL could facilitate development of the northern 500 acres in accordance with the PCD II ordinance.

Board members present unanimously reported to the Council that a proposed amendment to the PCD I ordinance is compatible with the master plan. That ordinance governs the Notterman tract, which lies south of Eleanor Lane and east of North Valley Road. The proposed amendment, which will be considered for final approval at the Council's June meeting, would restrict the number of bedrooms in the 54 homes that could be built on the site to an average of three per unit. The same restriction already applies to the 114 homes that could be built in the northern 500 acres under the PCD II ordinance.

In his report on the activities of the Environmental Commission, Mr. Ellentuck said the Commission plans to build a martin house near the school and will sponsor a bird house building competition. The Commission has also recommended that a goat be obtained to graze on cat briar, an impenetrable plant that has invaded public lands around town. Gayle Donnelly, the Public Works Superintendent, would tether the animal where it could do the most good. The Borough, which leases to Footlight Farm a 200 foot strip of pasture fronting Clarksburg Road, could ask permission to board the goat at the farm when it was not engaged in cat briar consumption.

During the public portion, Shan Ellentuck advised that it would be worthwhile to send a mailing - perhaps by postcard - to each household notifying them that they should not encroach on public lands with fences, buildings and the like. The Borough has received reports of off-road vehicles using public land. Mr. Ticktin said the Council should pass an ordinance governing the use of public property in order to prevent abuses.

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may visit any time. The zoo is located in Forked River, NJ. It is a non-profit organization which survives upon contributions.

You will also find all types of injured or abandoned animals, many run free for you to interact with. You will find a lion, turkey vultures, emus, rheas, zebras, tigers, a donkey, white-tail deer, monkeys, fox, an elephant, raccoon, ponies, a cougar and of course cats, dogs, ducks, etc. There is a moving story posted about each animal and how it came to live there. You can even visit the area in which domestic creatures are kept, cared for and offered for adoption.

Why is it called the Popcorn Park Zoo? You have probably guessed, they sell popcorn to its visitors which can be fed to the residents.

We humans may become charter families, sustaining members, donors, patrons or sponsors. It is these monies which help support the animals. The zoo is a fun and welcoming place for its residents and visitors and a visit is indeed encouraged. An informative and amusing newsletter is put out by the Popcorn Park Zoo as well as cassettes. If you are interested in visiting, do. If you are interested in becoming a member or adoptive family and have any questions, please call 609-693-1900 or send correspondence to Jeanne Balsam/ZoonooZ, c/o Popcorn Park Zoo, Humane Way, P.O. Box 43, Forked River, NJ 08731-0043. A sample newsletter is at the Borough Hall.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I especially appreciate the compliments Mrs. Rose Murphy made about my volunteer work reporting on the meetings of the Mayor and Borough Council in her letter to the editor last month. This is particularly reassuring because I have been a great admirer of Mrs. Murphy for the thirteen years I have been living in Roosevelt. Her husband and I were associated with each other as leaders of our unions in the newly formed New Jersey Citizens action. I soon learned that Rose was a citizen activist for labor causes and human rights in general. Now she has shown her devotion to Roosevelt as a member of the Council for nearly six years.

In her letter to the Editor, Rose raised some questions about my reporting. Although I was pleased to have Rose say: "Mr. Johnson asked questions, line item by line item, for over an hour at the budget hearing," there were no grounds to begin that sentence with this phrase: "Contrary to what Mr. Johnson's article seemed to imply." Paragraph two of my report began: "In answer to questions by this reporter, the Mayor..." Furthermore, the article covering the budget hearing as part of the March 15 Council meeting was long with many details about answers to questions about the budget, surpluses and the tax rate.

As Rose's letter stated, no one tried to cut short my questions. I expressed my thanks for it at the meeting. Yet I reported: "No clear answer was given...as to why the Borough was anticipating a \$76,000 reduction in tax revenue." It is a serious question. I consider that the official from the State which gave approval of the Borough's budget was remiss to approve of the Borough's budget without pointing out that the General Revenues line 6 Total was \$76,000 less than "Realized in Cash in 1996" when the budget draft showed that the 1997 Local Tax Rate is to be the same as the 1996 rate, 0.7690 per hundred dollars of valuation. When I questioned the Borough officials about the matter, I received confirmations that total property value in the Borough had increased in 1996 (which I pointed out made possible the receipt of \$74,000 more

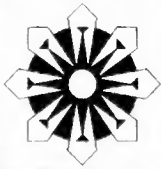
in "Local Tax or Municipal Purposes" in 1996 budget anticipated) and there were no expectations of any reduction in Total Property Valuation. I also was told by one Council member that the \$265,000 amount Anticipated To Be Raised by (Municipal) Taxes in 1997, is lower than you would expect because line 4 shows that \$25,000 is anticipated for Receipts from Delinquent Taxes. The Borough's accountant explained that those receipts do not explain why the Total anticipated amount to be Raised by Taxes in 1997 was \$76,000 less than the \$341,000 in 1996.

The main point is that no official explained why the budget used an amount for line item 6 "Amount to be Raised by Taxes" which was \$76,000 less than the previous year's receipts for that line item. I made the point at the Budget Hearing that a reduction in the municipal tax rate could have been made this year. As it is, another large surplus in the Current Funds looms ahead, perhaps as much as last year's \$445,000 besides the Water/Sewer Fund surplus of \$239,000.

Rose said in her letter that she still does not understand what \$76,000 I was talking about. She said she thought the explanation about a potential loss of \$60,000 in Gross Franchise Taxes answered my question. I thought it was a tactic to divert me from pursuing what I spoke of as a serious miscalculation which, if corrected, could result in a lower tax rate. It had nothing to do with the Line Item 6 to which I called everyone's attention. Now that this has come up, I'll have to ask, "If Council members were anticipating a "potential loss" of \$60,000 in those funds from the State, why did it accept a budget that anticipates the same amount as anticipated (and received!) in 1996, which was actually even less than \$60,000?"

Regarding the statement that the Borough does not have the \$370,000 in reserve in case some Governor in the distant future may rescind Governor Florio's directive and ask the Borough to pay the school that withheld amount (for the purpose of reducing local prop-

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erty taxes), some members of the Council may not realize that the Borough's Current Fund had that aforementioned \$445,000 surplus at the end of last year. Mayor Allen announced it. Part of the problem is that the Borough is not required to show how much money it has in the bank, or in investments, at the end of each month. As Bert Ellentuck said, "Where is the money?"

Finally, I appeal for recognition that at one point I was criticized unfairly. At the official Budget Hearing, when a Council member urged me to attend the budget workshop held in the month before the introduction of the budget at a regular council meeting, I agree to do just that, but I pointed out that it would be beyond my ability to raise questions about what the Council was talking about when members and accountants are rattling off large numbers and line item references for two different years, and referring to how much was actually spent and received in the previous year. I claimed that citizens have a chance only after they receive a copy of the budget that is introduced and advertised. Mr. Stankiewicz, the new auditor, hacked me up by saying the official Budget Hearing is the time designated by law for members of the public to raise questions and objections, as stated in the advertisement, not the budget workshop.

Therefore, though I make mistakes at times, for which I usually apologize promptly, and though I may be confronted by state officials, paid borough officials, volunteer borough officials and members of the public whose remarks at Borough Council meeting I try to paraphrase, I rest my case. Rest my case? Maybe I have seen too much of Marcia Clark being interviewed on television lately!

Herbert M. Johnson

WATCH YOURSELF

**THE SPEED LIMIT ON
MOST STREETS IN
ROOSEVELT IS 25 M.P.H.**

TO THE EDITOR:

What a disappointment to read that our town hired a "part time" woman for less than a "part time man" for the same job. Although all the statistics show women still do not get equal pay for equal work in this country, I felt sure that that would not be the case in this special town of Roosevelt

I have seen Diana Moore at work and I know you will get two hours worth of work for each hour on the job. Last Monday I saw her cutting the grass at the Roosevelt Memorial. She walked behind the huge mower at a pace faster than I ever saw a man do!

I hope the Council will reconsider to correct this by paying her the same as the man, \$10 per hour.

Florence Johnson

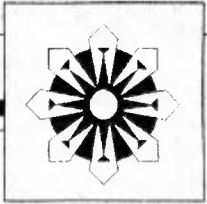
*This is a copy of a letter to **The Times***

by Herbert Johnson

Two aspects of Arnold Ropeik's May 9 column have been on my mind.

I have admired his columns for many years, I have sensed his deep respect for humanity. I want to be respectful of his broadmindedness at the same time as I attempt to appeal for his reconsideration of the "death penalty."

Therefore, I thank you for having his columns. This May 9th one about the efforts to repeal the shameful law which victimizes "roving bands of nomads (Gypsies)" is another great column. I was also especially grateful for Mr. Ropeik's lauding Michael L. Ticktin. I am actively involved in his and my hometown, Roosevelt. For thirteen years I have seen him give unstinting service to our community. He is also Editor of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin, a magnificent monthly magazine mailed free to all residents of the Borough and to subscribers from out of town. He serves as a member of the Planning Board and is almost always at Borough Council meetings, commenting often about State regulations or other matters the Council discusses. He is a devoted father, husband and leader in his synagogue. He deserves your calling him "a compassionate human being."



(Letters, continued)

Now for the other matter on my mind!

The radio, TV and written media are gung ho on using the language of violence. Today, The Times two headlines are "GOP attacks..." and "Senate kills..." This is a way the highly educated, influential leaders of our national community are part of the problem of why our nation is becoming so violent. At the top of page one is this, "DEATH PENALTY SOUGHT." It was accurate and had to be reported, just in the way The Times reported it. The reason I mention that announcement is that it uses the exact two words you used in the headline to Arnold Ropeik's May 9 column, "Law, Deserves Death Penalty."

Even if Mr. Ropeik were in favor of the state premeditatively executing a human being, (I do not believe he is) would not it be valuable for the editors of papers to show respect for the preciousness of all human beings' lives? When a police officer or other person kills someone in a situation where it seems it is the only way to prevent an imminent destruction of someone else's life, we recognize it may be justified and extremely valuable, but a humane society does not say any victim deserves to have been killed. Let us not say anyone "deserves the death penalty."

It is my belief, and the belief of many people in every religious faith that I know of, that when the government of the people pronounces that executing a person is acceptable, it fosters violence in its society. All the civilized nations of the world except the United States and South Africa have banned capital punishment. The extent of violent crimes in those nations is much lower than in our nation. Many studies, in various states and nations, keep finding that the death penalty is not a deterrent to murder, rape or other capital crimes. Please review and publicize those studies.

Your reporter Peter Page wrote that despite the grave offense committed against Megan Kanka and her family and the community, her father announced soon after the suspect was arrested, that he opposes the death penalty. What a human being he is! I ask you to add your voice to his.

(Don't Dump, continued from page 15)

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



NO LOCAL PRIMARY CONTESTS THIS YEAR

by Michael Ticktin

In the absence of any organized write-in campaigns, the results of this year's local primaries to be held on June 3, would appear to be a foregone conclusion.

Paul Hoogsteden and Rose Murphy are running unopposed for reelection in the Democratic primary, while Peter Warren is running alone in the Republican primary.

No independent candidates have filed for the November ballot.

ANYONE FOR A FREE BAGEL?

by Herb Johnson

Twin Rivers Bagel Shop offers Roosevelt residents 2 free bagels with each 6 purchased. Jim and Mollis Lillis' card shows the bakery is Kosher, under rabbinical supervision. It also sells Suburban Bus tickets to New York. It is located at 101 Abbingdon Drive in the Twin Rivers Mall, next door to the Shalom Torah school. Just say, "I'm from Roosevelt."

This month Jim has this special: a tuna salad on a bagel for \$2.09.

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Many local species of birds are known to nest in holes in trees. In areas where dead limbs are pruned and trees removed, natural nesting holes are scarce. As a result there is competition between native birds and exotic species such as European starlings and European house sparrows. You can help native birds by providing nest boxes or birdhouses.

A prize of \$50.00 worth of native plants will be awarded for the most original design in the following age groups:

- Ages 18 and under
- Ages 19 and over

The winning birdhouses will become property of the Borough and will be displayed near the outdoor auditorium adjacent to the school grounds.

Birdhouses are frequently designed for a particular species by using the correct house dimensions and hole diameter. See on the back of this sheet for some specifications for different species.

Rules

1. Do not make a perch because it will increase the chance of predators gaining entry.
2. Birdhouse kits are not acceptable.
3. Please send entry form to enter contest to the Borough Hall by June 21, 1997.
4. All birdhouses should exhibit:
 - a) Drainage holes in floor
 - b) Smooth entry hole
 - c) Rough inside front wall so fledglings can exit
 - d) Secure mounting ability for minimum swaying. Note the birdhouses will be hung from a tree unless a post is provided by the contestant.
 - e) Ventilation openings
 - f) Easy to open for cleaning

Fourth of July Birdhouse Contest Entry Form

Name of Builder

Phone Number

Age Group

NEST BOX SPECIFICATIONS

Types of Birds	Floor Size (in.)	Depth of House (in.)	Hole Diameter (in.)	Height of hole above floor (in.)	Height Above Ground (ft.)	Preferred Habitat
<u>Small Cavity Nesters</u>						
Chickadee	4x4	8-10	1½	7	5-15	Open woods and edges
Eastern Bluebird	5x5	8	1½	6	5-10	Open land with scattered trees
House Finch	6x6	6	2	4	8-12	Backyards and porches
House Wren	4x4	6-8	1	5	6-10	Old fields, thickets and edge habitat
White Breasted Nuthatch	4x4	8-10	1¼	7	5-20	Open woods and edges
Purple Martin	6x6	6	2½	1	15-20	Open areas. Colonial nesters, box size is for one compartment
Tree Swallow	5x5	6	1½	4	10-15	Open land near water
Tufted Titmouse	4x4	8-10	1¼	7	6-15	Open woods and edges
<u>Large Cavity Nesters</u>						
American Kestrel	8x8	12-15	3	10	10-30	Open fields, wooded edges, farmland
Barred Owl	13x15	16	8	12	10-30	Mature bottomland forests
Screech Owl	8x8	12-15	3	10	10-30	Meadow edges, orchards and forests
<u>Woodpeckers *</u>						
Downy	4x4	8-10	1¼	7	6-20	Forest openings, orchards and urban areas
Hairy	6x6	12-15	1½	10	12-20	Forest openings and edges
Northern Flicker	7x7	16-18	2½	14	6-20	Near large trees in open forests, fields and meadows
Red-bellied	6x6	12-14	2½	10	12-20	Forest openings and edges
Pileated	8x8	12-30	4	11	12-60	Mature forest

*Woodpeckers prefer a house which is similar to a natural cavity and packed with sawdust for excavation.

☞ The deeper the box the more difficult it is for predators to attack young.

☞ The further the hole if from the floor the less likely predators such as raccoons, squirrels, crows and blue jays will be able to reach the birds.

☞ All nest boxes should be emptied and cleaned in early spring.

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