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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

# COUNCIL PROTESTS TIRE, STUMP RECYCLING FACILITY PROPOSAL

*by Herb Johnson*

**A**mong the seven resolutions and two ordinances adopted at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt on October 13 was a resolution which expressed strong opposition to the placement of a tire and stump grinding operation in the Borough. At least fourteen Roosevelt residents and one Millstone resident were in the audience. Six of them urged the Council to oppose such a business in this area. Last month's Borough Bulletin had a report about Mr. Robert Glasheim's proposals to the Council and the Planning Board of Roosevelt this past year. Mr. Glasheim was told by the Planning Board in May that it was unanimously opposed to any variance or revision of the zoning ordinance to permit his business in Roosevelt, but he then appeared at the Monmouth County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) on September 18 in an attempt to get the county to overrule Roosevelt's decision. Councilman Paul Hoogsteden, Planning Board Chair Gail Hunton and Assessor Michael Ticktin attended and told SWAC that the proposed Class B Recycling center for grinding up tires and tree stumps, up to 20 truckloads a day, would be disruptive of Roosevelt's zoning plan and would endanger the well being of Roosevelt and the surrounding communities. SWAC tabled Mr. Glasheim's request and said he would have to present written arguments to support his proposal if he wished it to be considered at a future meeting of that body.

A companion resolution passed by the Council urged the legislature to pass an act which would clarify the law to avoid the possibility of a recycling facility being able to by-pass a municipality's zoning ordinances as long as the facility gets DEP approval. The resolution is to be

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## FROM THE EDITORS

We are in the second issue of the 1997-98 production of the Bulletin's nine monthly issues (leaving out January, August and September).

In a tabulation of the responses received along with contributions so far, we are reassured that we are indeed fulfilling our function. From among the listed categories, Council News, Planning Board News, Neighborhood Notes and Breaking Bread received the largest proportion of votes, but every category was respectfully represented.

In answer to our open ended question as to what was liked best, there were such comments as "It's about my town!", "It keeps me up to date." And as for what our readers would like to see, included were such things as more adults' and children's poetry, history of Roosevelt articles, drawings, political dialogue and an article from a different Council member each month.

While we are grateful to the sixty-two residents who have made financial contributions, we are puzzled as to why we have not heard from more of you. It has been suggested that our fund drive, beginning in July is an inopportune time when everyone is concerned with summer activities such as vacation and the like. We hope now, when we enter the "serious" time of the year, we'll be receiving your contributions.

We receive a generous grant from the Herman Goldman Foundation which is meant to be matched by local funds without which we cannot function. We require your financial contributions to maintain our "volunteer" publication. May we hear from you?

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## PLANNING BOARD NEWS

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by Bob Clark

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### DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED RETIREMENT COMMUNITY CONTINUE

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For the second month in a row, the Planning Board gave feedback to a Rumson land acquisition and development consultant regarding his informal proposals for the portion of the northern farmland lying east of Route 571. At the board's October 8, 1997 meeting, Sydney Israel sought members' reactions to his plan to construct a planned adult community (PAC).

A planned community development ordinance (PCD II) presently governs development in the area. Under PCD II anyone seeking permission to build in the area east of Route 571 would have to offer to allow the six property owners in the area to participate by supplying buildable acreage or open space to the overall project. A project could go forward so long as owners accounting for at least 75 percent of the total took part. Mr. Israel said he had commitment letters from Murray Beer and Frank Hoffman involving 165 acres of the 219-acre total. He has also had discussions with Paul Brotzman, who owns several acres bordering the eastern side of Route 571, and said he intends to contact the other three owners on that side. Mr. Israel added that he has no interest in developing the area west of route 571.

According to Mr. Israel, the proposed PAC would include 400 to 500 single family detached dwellings, "moderately priced" between \$125,000 and \$175,000, on 50' by 100' lots. One person in each household would have to be at least 55 years old, and no school-aged children could live there for extended periods during the school year. The PAC would have recreational facilities, such as an auditorium; craft and meeting rooms; and, tennis, shuffleboard and bocci courts. There would be a shuttle bus service, a homeowners' association, underground utilities and cable television centrally provided. Space would have to be made available for a possible assisted living facility and maintenance buildings. About four dwelling units would be constructed for each buildable acre. Open space, mostly on non-buildable wetlands and

encompassing a minimum of 30 percent of the total area, would surround the developed area and include nature trails and paths.

Mr. Israel said the community would not have to be gated because the residents would regard Roosevelt as a safe community. There would be no commercial facilities on the site. The dwellings would have garages and either two bedrooms or two bedrooms and a den. Their architectural style would be colonial, and each would have central air conditioning, a complete appliance package and vinyl siding. Mr. Israel added that the community would be "designed for affordability, not for luxury."

Mr. Israel noted that he was once vice president of the company that developed several Leisure Village communities in New Jersey and elsewhere and claimed to have been involved in the development of 25,000 to 30,000 units of senior community housing. He said he expected that the initial average age of people in the PAC would be about 60. Seventy-five percent would be retired, and 25 percent would work part time. He said many would probably volunteer to help the school and emergency services because "they have the time."

Mr. Israel said the proposed project would not be successful unless taxes would wind up less than \$3,500 per unit and the water and sewer rates decreased. The rest of the Borough would enjoy corresponding tax and rate decreases. Mr. Israel claimed that this would occur because the PAC would more than double assessed valuations in Roosevelt without adding any expense to school district operations. He maintained that increases in the cost of garbage removal, snow plowing, street lighting and the like would be far more than offset by the increased ratables.

Mayor Lee Allen, a member of the Planning Board, indicated that the sewer treatment plant has sufficient capacity to handle such a project. He added that the water treatment facility would have to expand and a

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## Letter from the Chief School Administrator

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*by William Presutti*

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The school year continues in a very positive mode. As I sit to write this letter, the students are having their school pictures taken. It is a special day because the students come to school all dressed up and spend a few extra minutes making sure that everything is just right. It is so much fun to watch. As Helen Barth said, "The most beautiful students attend our school." I agree!!!!

Our First and Sixth grade buddies visited Applewood Manor last week. They made wind socks with the residents, sang songs, but most of all, brought that special "Roosevelt cheer." These visits are part of the service learning program at our school.

This year, RPS will once again participate in the AT & T Learning Points Program. This program enables schools to acquire technology through the acquisition of points earned for usage on AT & T lines. The number of points we receive can be significantly

increased by local residents "donating" their learning points to the school. This has no effect on your rate. If you are interested in helping the school in this regard, please call AT & T at 1-800-354-8800 ext. 39216. Our School Account Code is 00898963. The PTA is also enrolled in the "Box Tops for Education Program" sponsored by General Mills. For each General Mills Box Top collected, the school will earn 15 cents. If you eat General Mills cereals, you can drop off the box tops in the school or Borough Hall. Thanks for your support.

Our annual Thanksgiving Assembly will take place on Wednesday, November 26 at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to share in the special event. This year, our winter concert will be held on January 15, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

**TOGETHER...WE MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!!!**

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**RECYCLING DATES ?**  
**NOVEMBER 1ST, 15TH, 29TH**

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





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## RCNS BOARD NEWS

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*by Diana Monroe*

Many thanks to all who supported our annual "mum" sale. We were able to sell all our gorgeous bloom-covered mums, grown locally by Steve Estenes. We thank him and hope to have more available in the Fall of 1998, this time on a Saturday again!

Thanks also go to all who donated their loose change and purchased goodies from our bake sale. We also appreciate the donation of baked goodies from our wonderful community bakers!

Our next fund raising event will be the 2nd annual "Holiday Shoppe" at the Borough Hall, Sunday, November 16 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Vendors include discounted children's books, jewelry, crafts, gift items and more! Come see. It's a great way for adults and kids to get something special for loved ones and friends while benefiting a good cause. RCNS, with Miss Ginny and Miss Joann, continues to provide a high quality, pre-school program Tuesday through Thursday mornings for its 9 students. With room for several more, please call 448-9523 for more information.

Happy Thanksgiving to our neighbors we are thankful for!

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## RCNS REPORT

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*by Ginny Weber*

November brings thoughts of cool Autumn weather and preparations for Thanksgiving. Roosevelt Community Nursery School welcomed Autumn with a visit to a pumpkin patch, doing leaf printing, making Autumn wreaths and Halloween activities.

This month, we will learn about how forest animals prepare for winter, the Pilgrims, turkeys and why we are thankful. Don't be surprised if you see some Indians leaving our nursery school one day this month. They're our Indian outfits as we learn about Indians.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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## PTA NEWS

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*by Ellen Silverman*

In October the Roosevelt PTA sponsored School Pictures, a Book Fair and October Nite at the School Trick or Treat. In November they rested. Well, not really, it is more like giving thanks for a job well done. Will I be left out of this giving thanks? No way. Here is my special thank you, to all the members of the PTA who have given up their time and creativity to help your community, especially the children of this community.

Running the PTA is an important task and one that takes a lot of time, so while I am handing out "Thank you's" I know I should not forget the officers of the PTA. Here is special thanks to Diana Moore, President; Debbie Fischer, Vice President; K.C. Sensi, Secretary; and, Reenah Petrics, Treasurer for taking on much needed jobs.

Don't forget that Roosevelt Phone books are out. If you have been unable to locate one, call Ellen Silverman at 490-0557 or Diana Moore at 447-7742.

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larger water tower would have to be constructed. Mr. Allen said the Borough Council is already discussing construction of another water tower. Mr. Israel said connection fees could be used to ensure that the PAC would pay its share of the cost of expanding water facilities. Meanwhile, additional users would be available to share the expenses of retiring the debt on the sewer plant renovations that Roosevelt completed several years ago.

In response to a question by Board member Bert Ellentuck, Mr. Israel said he had not yet selected professional consultants for the project. He noted that he is a registered architect and engineer capable himself of doing a lot of the design work on such projects. He claimed that in his projects all recreational facilities are completed by the time the sale of housing units begins.

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# THE FERTILITY OF AMBIGUITY

by Rita R. Williams, Art Teacher, R.P.S.

"Imagination is more important than knowledge" said one of my favorite thinkers of all time, Albert Einstein. He recognized the fact that our capacity to think and have ideas is infinite and wonderful. In reading a biography about Einstein by Ronald W. Clark, I was impressed by the fact that Einstein, regarded in history as a scientist, was also a philosopher and probably would have been a great artist if given a chance.

Albert Einstein would have felt comfortable working in the R.P.S. art room. He would have been encouraged to think, and then think about how he was thinking. He would have been encouraged to explore an art project and investigate all possibilities. His creativity would have been acknowledged and respected. He would have been able to express his ideas with paint. I can visualize him at our annual art Night telling everyone about why the purple trees in his landscape are supposed to make you wonder why he made them that color. He would enjoy being one of our open-minded thinkers at R.P.S. who enjoy working in the undefined world of the creative imagination.

This year all of our artists at R.P.S. are thinking about American art history all year long. We are learning to discover the chronology of American history with the art that was produced during that time. We are wondering why people at different times in American history created certain types of art work. Why do people make art? Is useful art really art? How can we understand what the artist was trying to express? Does everyone's opinion about art count?

All of our students, K-6, began the year studying about the first Americans and what type of art they produced and why. We concentrated on the Seminole tribe because I studied them this past summer in southwestern Florida. This led to studies of sea shells, sea turtles, alligators and textile patterns. The students really grasped the idea of pattern as an element of design and made some very beautiful projects including Seminole banners made from felt and beach collage patterns made

with shells and sand.

Our students are always given an opportunity to experiment and explore within a given topic of study. We have many art history books available as well as prints. Students are always welcome to come up with new ideas and perhaps come up with an idea that I had not foreseen - and that is always very interesting. We always discuss topics related to the project as we work, and it is during

this time that I see how students think and encourage them to think about how they think when using art media and when expressing opinions.

Sixth graders have been struggling to show, in art, the emotions felt by Native Americans when forced to leave their homelands by the White Man. We looked at Native American music. We

thought. We created. Each student produced an original drawing, painting or example of mixed media that are very mature. By giving the students a purposefully ambiguous topic, I was able to encourage nonspecific thinking and see the benefits of the fertility of ambiguity.

I encourage any Roosevelt resident to visit and see what we are creating this year. We try to display as much work as possible on whatever surface I put masking tape on. We always welcome citizen output and volunteers. This would be a good year for any local American artist to come to the art room and share their work, thoughts and opinions.

I am very interested in documenting our efforts to study American art history this year in the form of a book that explains and outlines my efforts to change the way art is taught in the public schools. We are thinking artists with infinite ideas and wonderful imaginations which need to be sparked and inspired. As we study the art of our country we will empower ourselves with ideas. And is it not fitting to explore ideas here in a community whose very essence was founded on ideas; (Einstein is smiling) in a community that celebrates the fertility of ambiguity and battles the sterility of conformity?

***"Imagination is more important than knowledge"***

*—Albert Einstein*



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## CUB SCOUTS

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*by Ellen Silverman*

The Roosevelt Cub Scouts had a good time in October! On October 13th, they took a field trip to Daniel Skye's SkyLab musical studio where they were able to learn more about communication in a very entertaining way. Thank you, Danny for a wonderful time. Blood chilling entertainment was in store for those that attended the Fright Trail on Saturday, October 25th.

This Fall the community will also see our scouts in action. They will be participating in a fund raiser and a service project. October will be the annual boy scout Popcorn sale. The money from this sale will not only help the boys on the local pack level but on the Council level also. It helps finance some of the many resources available including Quail Hill Cub Scout Camp that is less than 15 minutes away from Roosevelt. So when you see one of our cub scouts, get ready to buy some popcorn. It will keep us all popping.

In November the cub scouts will participate in a service project to collect food for local food kitchens. This is a much needed service and I hope that you will participate in this food drive. Saturday, November 8th, the scouts will hand out bags and a cover letter explaining the project. On Saturday, November 15th, they will be back at your door to collect the food.

There are more fun activities coming up. There may even be a chance to see the New Jersey Nets in action. But more about that next month.

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## NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

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*by Frances Duckett*

The School Board met Thursday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cokeley, Mrs. Reuter, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. John-Alder, Mrs. Silverman, Mr. Ticktin and Councilman Hoogsteden were present.

George Vasseur had made a proposal to have Saturday night rollerblading in the gym, which he volunteered to supervise. Mr. Ticktin felt it would be covered under the school's insurance policy. However, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Presutti were worried that children could be injured as the gym is not

designed for rollerblading. Mrs. Reuter pointed out that the community's youth need activities. The proposal was taken under consideration.

Mr. Presutti reported that attendance by both students and teachers has been excellent. He mentioned that recently there were two incidents of juvenile crime which were reported to the State Police. Someone ambushed an RPS student with a rope across the path leading from Pine Drive to the school. He was knocked off his bicycle and the bi-

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## SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING— OCTOBER 17, 1997

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*by Helga Wisowaty*

Jeanette Koffler, our president, did not attend this meeting but it was a very pleasant one, although not a productive one.

The members present enjoyed talking about things we have done in the past, so many wonderful memories!

The birthday celebration was missing, as I was not there, and I have the only October birthday.

Molly Bulkin was the hostess and from what I have heard, Jeanette and I missed some treat! Thanks, Molly.

Senior citizens who have medicare will get flu shots on October 30 from 12:30 until 1:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

cycle taken. There was also an incident where a high school student took money from a younger child in the parking lot outside Rossi's Deli.

One of the Board members mentioned that members of the public might be afraid to notify the police for fear of retaliation. Councilman Paul Hoogsteden mentioned that the Borough Council had discussed these incidents at its last meeting and even considered arranging for a part time officer.

Councilman Hoogsteden, at-

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## LOOSE LEAVES

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# Discriminating Electronic Noise

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by Ron Kostar

I remember sitting in the library back in college reading the French Existentialist philosophers and being impressed, as only an impressionable 20 year old can be, by their insistence on living life as if everyday might be our last. More specifically, I remember something that Sartre said about Essence versus Existence and living in Good Faith and making choices; and something else, though more vague and memorable and alarming, about living against a backdrop of Nothingness.

This Nothingness, if I understood Sartre correctly, is a presence that's always lurking behind, or around our Beings. I think I knew what Sartre meant by Nothingness, and the threat of being overtaken by it moved us (and Sartre) to do a lot of exciting and desperate things back then—like hitchhiking back and forth across the country on a lark or, in Sartre's case, writing an appropriately named bad novel called Nausea, which, again if I remember correctly, is about a guy (probably himself) getting sick of life while sitting under a perfectly harmless chestnut tree.

In any case, it was kind of cool taking the existentialists seriously back then: dressing up in black, putting on a somber face and walking around like Jean Paul Belmondo, while brooding about the prospect that the world might end at any moment. Ahhh...it was an exciting time - a time when Time was infused with a communal sense of urgency that, at the very least, kept life crisp, changing and provocative.

Apropos to Nothingness, last year around this time my wife and I went to see the English musician Richard

Thompson - he of past Fairport Convention fame - at McCarter Theater. Proving himself to be as accomplished a rocker as a folk singer, for the last hour of his varied set, Thompson unstrapped his acoustic guitar and joined his entourage of musicians in turning up their amplifiers and wailing, as only a band of rowdy musicians can wail; and, proceeding to entertain us to a very intense and totally enjoyable existential evening of loud electric music.

***"For my part, I sat back, and as the amplifiers crackled, throbbed and vibrated with sound, leaned my head back against one of McCarter's posh chairs and lapped up the noise . . . "***

For my part, I sat back, and as the amplifiers crackled, throbbed and vibrated with sound, leaned my head back against one of McCarter's posh chairs and lapped up the noise ("our minds shall drink at every pore" someone said).

And what a busy, frightening, joyous, discriminating noise it was!

When Thompson unleashed his electronics - of electric guitars, violins, drums, an accordion and a saxophone - they filled the auditorium with a great wave of sound that was both voluminous (all of one sheet, and loud!) and intricate (busy and interesting). Energy billowed from the amplifiers in one great undulating wave, that wasn't just noise, because so many little sounds were packed in it in different layers. All you could do was hold on to the sides of the chairs and appreciate it.

Afterwards, while walking to our car, we decided that our love of pure wailing, discriminating electronic

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## Roosevelt Weather Almanac

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by Ron Filepp

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### To Have And To Have Not

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In mid October Philadelphia television meteorologists talked about the dry weather in 1997. Some reported that rainfall totals were more than nine inches below normal for the year. On October 17, the Weather Report feature in the New York Times indicated that precipitation at their weather station was about 3.7 inches below normal from January through October 15. A recent check of rainfall records in Roosevelt tells yet another story.

Although the 60 days from August 22 through October 19 brought only 2.36 inches of precipitation to Roosevelt (3.5 inches below normal), precipitation from January 1 through September 30, 1997, is a bit above normal. Over 34.10 inches of precipitation fell here in that period. Adding readings from the first half of October into the equation put Roosevelt about 1.5 inches below normal precipitation for the period from January 1 to October 15. The difference in our readings from those of weather stations in New York and Philadelphia illustrates how rainfall amounts can vary widely over a few miles.

Despite near normal precipitation in Roosevelt through October 15, four months in 1997 registered below normal precipitation. February, June and August brought less than normal rainfall. September registered less than half the normal rainfall for the month. The first fourteen days of October were bone dry.

While the rainfall in early October was low, temperatures ran high. Last year, the near normal temperatures in early October were low enough to bring a mob of birds and squirrels to our dogwood tree. The tree is halfway between the edge of the

woods and the back of our house. Each year in early fall its smallest branches bow under the weight of its abundant ripe red berries. Fur and feather come to the tree to feast on the berries. Last year the dogwood was stripped of its bounty by low temperatures below freezing. The low temperature in Roosevelt that day was 33 degrees. This was the only occasion when the mercury dipped into the thirties since spring.

#### NEW JERSEY WEATHER EVENT

November 17, 1977 brought heavy winds and hail across Mercer County. The hail piled up to a depth of six inches in Princeton. Wind speeds of 73 miles per hour were recorded at Mercer Airport.

#### WEATHER WORD: SCINTILLATION

“Scintillate, scintillate little star, how I wonder what you are.” Scintillation is the apparent twinkling of a star due to its light passing through layers of different air densities in the atmosphere.

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**September 15 - October 15, 1997**

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Precip.
15	79.0	56.0	67.5	0.00
16	82.0	57.0	69.5	0.00
17	80.5	58.0	69.3	0.00
18	78.0	60.0	69.0	0.00
19	79.0	53.0	66.0	0.00
20	86.0	63.0	74.5	0.00
21	65.0	52.0	58.5	0.07
22	68.5	40.0	54.3	0.00
23	74.0	52.0	63.0	0.00
24	64.0	44.0	54.0	0.00
25	68.0	40.0	54.0	0.00
26	75.0	52.0	63.5	0.00
27	68.0	44.0	56.0	0.00
28	72.5	47.0	59.8	0.00
29	72.0	65.0	68.5	0.66
30	75.0	59.0	67.0	0.05
1	66.0	45.0	55.5	0.00
2	61.5	33.0	47.3	0.00
3	71.0	46.0	58.5	0.00
4	77.0	56.0	66.5	0.00
5	79.5	59.0	69.3	0.00
6	83.5	58.0	70.8	0.00
7	76.0	56.0	66.0	0.00
8	77.0	57.0	67.0	0.00
9	80.0	56.0	68.0	0.00
10	81.0	56.0	68.5	0.00
11	66.0	47.0	56.5	0.00
12	67.0	40.0	53.5	0.00
13	73.0	46.0	59.5	0.00
14	75.5	56.0	65.8	0.00
15	56.0	53.0	54.5	0.15

Total Precipitation 0.93

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tending the meeting in his capacity as the representative from the Borough Council, voiced a number of concerns.

What will happen to the siren when the school's roof is replaced? The siren is heavy. It causes vibrations upon the roof and yet the noise cannot be heard throughout the community. Should a lighter weight siren be installed? Should several small ones be erected to cover different locations? Could pagers be used? No one appeared to have strong views.

Although one citizen has steadfastly refused to give up his parking spot on School Lane, Mr. Presutti reports that traffic there is "90 percent good." Mr. Hoogsteden mentioned that the Council plans a snow shoveling ordinance which may only be enforced on School Lane.

It was suggested that for security reasons the pictures (some of which were alleged to have disappeared) now stored at the Borough Hall should be brought to the school, and the emergency generator as well, because, as one member pointed out, the Borough Hall is hardly large enough to accommodate the public in a real disaster.

Mr. Hamilton, in his capacity as Public Relations representative, agreed to inform Mr. Hoogsteden about business of concern to the Council on the occasions when Mr. Hoogsteden is unable to attend School Board meetings.

Mrs. Minutolo's correspondence with the Monmouth County Improvement Authority about refinancing our bond resulted in the finding that they do not consider us eligible because we would not save as much as 3 percent.

There was no executive session. The bills listed were approved unanimously and the Treasurer's report approved with one abstention. In the Treasurer's report, Mrs. Minutolo mentioned that a \$75,000 CD had been purchased so that the Board's money could earn more interest.

Also approved was the audit, done recently by Hutchins, Laenza, Farrell and Allison, P.A. It went well. There were no recommendations, and a surplus of \$106,000 exists. Mr. Presutti mentioned ruefully that the State has decided what surplus we should have. Hence, \$80,000 will be earmarked for tax relief. Mr. Presutti said that each year surpluses are smaller because budgets are tighter.

Our ongoing Affirmative Action resolution was approved and Mr. Presutti was designated as Enforcement liaison for the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of the Special Education Aide in grade 1 and to advertise the position.

The Buildings and Grounds committee has begun researching placing plastic over swing chains to prevent further pinching of fingers. Extra garbage cans have helped maintain the grounds according to Mrs. Silverman.



## ■ BREAKING BREAD

# OUT OF ITALY BY WAY OF COSTA RICA: BIRTHDAY LASAGNA FOR A MEAT-LOVING VEGETARIAN

by Dina Coe



A year ago last July Greg and I went vacationing in Costa Rica and spent a few days at a lodge owned by a man named Woody, a delightful man who claimed to have cooked for one of Austria's greatest chefs. He said the chef apparently didn't mind his cooking for he stayed on for a couple of weeks.

Woody's lodge was located on a forested mountain above the small settlement of Dominicalito. Woody seemed a little surprised to see us show up, during the rainy season in a remote spot on the west coast, where there was little in the way of supplies or services. There was no phone in his house; communication to the outside was by CB radio to the

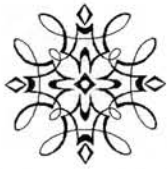
one individual with a telephone in the town of Dominical. Woody's wife was in the northeastern part of the country visiting relatives. But he confidently asked us what we'd like for dinner, no doubt knowing his freezer was well stocked with beef, chicken, fish. He looked slightly shaken when we said it didn't matter, rice and beans were fine, we were vegetarians.

That night we ate a cold bean salad on a couple of tortillas, heaped with raw onion. To my mind this was not one of the most pleasing dinners we had in Costa Rica. Part of the problem was that my stomach was in no shape for raw onions, yet I was famished, having not eaten all day due to a night of indigestion,

which in turn was due to my over indulging in the fabulous multi-course meals we had been served three times a day at our previous lodge. Each meal contained dishes, even vegetables and fruits, we had never seen or heard of before, and naturally we had to try them all—we were in vegetarian paradise. But the stormy apricot sunset over the ocean, seen from a hammock on Woody's mountainside porch, made up for the letdown in cuisine, and the next evening, Woody having taken a shopping trip to San Isidro, a good hour's drive away, and asked his neighbor Liana over to help him cook, we tasted the fruits of his adaptability at the stove, obviously

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an essential quality for a person in his occupation. He served us spaghetti with a hearty "meat" sauce, the latter thanks to Liana's specially prepared tofu.

It's nothing new, substituting tofu for meat, and nothing I've ever been especially tempted to do, since meat has little appeal for me (crusty breads, crisp potatoes - these are the sexy foods, to me). On the other hand, Greg gets a wistful look on his face when he smells the barbecuing steaks of neighbors in the summertime. And, after we'd enjoyed the spaghetti at Woody's, Greg's November birthday rolled around. Greg is a fiend for pasta. He's happy, if he is doing the cooking, to boil rigatoni noodles and pour over them a pot of heated canned sauce. He is ecstatic, if someone else is doing the fixing, to be served pasta that required a little more work. So I decided that for his birthday I would make him lasagna.

Straightway I turned not to one of those newspaper clipped veggie recipes for mushy, runny spinach and noodles, but to Marcella Hazan, that fanatically perfectionist traditionalist of Italian cuisine, by no means a vegetarian. If you happen to be on speaking terms with her, please don't tell on me. Her worst foreboding of culinary and cultural disaster would no doubt be confirmed if she knew the liberties I took. Be that as it may, I swear the authentic ripe and rich and meaty taste of Romagna came through in that birthday lasagna. And what taste could be more desirable in the dark month of November when the last of the summer tomatoes have ripened in the kitchen, calling for a final celebration of their splendor?

Here follows then my vegetarian version of Hazan's "Lasagna Verdi al Forno" (from *The Classic Italian Cookbook*), one that inflicts upon her recipe various deletions and substitutions, for the sake of meatlessness, lighter eating and convenience. Like Woody, I have found it necessary to be shameless in the presence of greatness, and to do what I can with what I have. I readily admit that laziness too is a factor in my adaptation, which dispenses with the Bechamel sauce Hazan's recipe calls for. Nonetheless, using as one's

source the traditional cooking perfected by a great chef like Hazan is well worth the trouble of experimental revision, which includes discovering what one should not tamper with, in this case the slow simmering of the sauce. I am one who prefers my pasta and vegetables without meat, but I do believe that Hazan's lasagna recipe would make even ground chuck taste good.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 1/4 cups "meat" sauce Bolognese style
- 2 tablespoons chopped yellow onion
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons chopped carrot
- salt
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 cups fresh or canned Italian tomatoes, chopped, with juice
- 3/4 pound tofu that has been frozen, thawed and crumbled
- soy sauce or tamari
- 3 1/2 cups whole milk or part skim ricotta (Hazan's recipe calls for Bechamel Sauce, if you are up to it.)
- 1 pound lasagna noodles, spinach preferably (Hazan's recipe insists on homemade but somehow the boxed ones tasted fine.)
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons butter
- whole milk or part skim mozzarella cheese

#### 1. Prepare the "meat" sauce

In the deepest and heaviest casserole you have, saute the onion in 3 tablespoons of the oil and 3 tablespoons of the butter until it is translucent, add celery and carrot and cook over medium-low heat for two minutes.



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Add the salt and wine. Turn up the heat to medium high and cook until the wine evaporates. Stir a few times.

Turn the heat to medium, add milk and cook, stirring frequently, until the milk has evaporated.

Add tomatoes and stir. When tomatoes start to bubble, cook at the "laziest simmer" (one that barely continues to bubble) uncovered for two and a half to three hours. Stir every once and a while. (Hazan says if you have to leave for a while you can turn it off and resume cooking when you return, but to finish the sauce in one day.)

When the tomatoes are almost finished cooking, in a frying pan saute the crumbled tofu in the rest of the butter and oil. "Brown" it by adding a dollop or several of a good soy sauce or tamari, which somehow imparts a meaty flavor, at least for those of us unused to the real thing. Stir the tofu into the tomatoes.

*2. Prepare the noodles*

Bring 4 quarts of water to a rolling boil. Add the noodles and cook until al dente. Drain carefully, rinse



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also have to be resolved.

Mr. Zahora said the proposal "addresses well" school and utility capacity concerns but added that he is "not so sure" it would expand the community with open space and architecture "in the way we love." Mr. Mallach noted that the PCD II provides for some open space interspersed among dwellings and that this did not seem to be contemplated by Mr. Israel's concept. Mr. Israel replied that the cost of an improved lot has to be kept down and that this is accomplished by increasing density, especially where large amounts of wetlands must be maintained as open space surrounding the buildable area. Ms. Hunton said that if there had to be a trade off, she preferred to see open space more generously used as a buffer than for interior greenways.

Board member Jeffrey Hunt, who also serves on the

in cold water and lay each strip separately on a sheet of plastic wrap. Do not let them stick together.

*3. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees.*

*4. Assemble the lasagna.*

Using a 14 inch bake and serve lasagna pan, smear the bottom with a small amount of the "meat" and tomato sauce, skimming from the top where most of the oil is. Place a layer of pasta in the pan. Do not overlap edges by more than 1/4 inch. Spread enough sauce on the pasta to dot it with tofu, then dot ricotta cheese over the sauce. Sprinkle with parmesan. Repeat with another layer of pasta. Coat the top layer with thin strips of mozzarella and the rest of the parmesan.

*5. Bake on the top rack of the oven for 10-15 minutes.* Let settle five minutes before serving and serve from the pan. Yes, you can add birthday candles if you like.

Borough Council, said he was interested in the adult community concept but concerned that the density concept of the PCD II - one dwelling unit per four acres - would be disturbed. Mr. Ticktin reminded everyone that the desire to keep the school from exceeding capacity was the main reason for PCD II's limiting the number of dwellings to 114 units on both sides of Route 571. Mr. Hunt said he would be more interested in the proposal if it included the Brottman property and he remained concerned about the "separateness" of the proposed community.

Ms. Hunton said a layout without gates and with connecting roads would not be separated. She added that the PCD II "did not fully foresee a senior option." She said "looking at it from the trinity of concerns" - economic, environmental, social - "there is some room there allowing increased density for senior housing."



## ■ NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

**CONGRATULATION TO THE FAMILIES OF:**  
Sierra Marie Bowker, born September 15 to Starr and Michael Bowker of Hightstown. The proud grandparents are Rose and Jack Bowker of South Rochdale, and Brenda and Louis Barry, Jr. of Forked River, and Elida Rivera of Fort Meyers, FL. The proud great grandparents are Vera and Louis Barry, Sr. of Mercerville, and Jean Ward of Fl.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**  
Rose D. Murphy, who has been elected second vice President of the Monmouth County Municipal Association.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**  
Another formerly anonymous resident who also has been responsible for the placing of flags on the graves of veterans at the Roosevelt cemetery. Thank you Saul Ernstein, your efforts are also appreciated.

**FOND FAREWELL TO:**  
Fay Libove, 50 year Farm Lane resident, who died October 13 at the age of 89. Condolences to her 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. The squad pays for training. For information call Captain 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:**

**September Students of the Month:**

*Health* - Jack Leech, Nicole Leitner, Ben Silverman, Jan Cyzyewski, Ashley Lawson, Johathan Adlerman, John Jackson, Mollie Marko and Lindsay Possiel.  
*Physical Education* - Naomi Goldman, Andrew Unger, Joseph Zahora, Gabrielle Velasquez, Joel Orlen, Heather Cordo, Anthony Grasso, Meredith Lawson and Lian Garton.

**FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

Haley Reibold was voted in as one of the 8th grade Student Council representatives and was inducted into the Student Council.

**FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:**

Sean Parker is one of ten students at the high school last spring who successfully completed qualifying scores for the Presidential Level of Physical Fitness.

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sent to the governing bodies of Millstone and other municipalities, urging them to appeal to state legislators and the Governor of New Jersey to adopt such legislation soon. All of those steps were welcomed by many in the audience who had raised questions and made comments about the tire grinding venture during the first public portion of the meeting, in particular Timothy Hartley, Susan Dermody, Thomas Hannigan and Nona Sherak.

The unidentified Millstone Township resident said he attended the Monmouth County Freeholders meeting and learned that SWAC and the County Planning Board had to recommend approval of Mr. Glassheim's proposal to build the recycling facility (on property owned by A. D'Amico and Sons, Inc. along Windsor-Perrineville Road) before the Freeholders would consider it. He spoke for many Millstone residents whom he said strongly opposed the facility in this area. Mr. Ticktin reported that about 20 Millstone residents attended the SWAC meeting. Councilman Jeff Hunt urged residents of Roosevelt and Millstone to sign petitions to show county and state officials how fervently residents in this area object to having the Trees to Earth, Inc. tire and stump grinding facility in Roosevelt.

The first of the two ordinances the Council adopted after their second readings was an amendment to the Salary Ordinance. It permits the Zoning Officer to be paid \$30 for inspecting any rental property for which the \$30 fee for inspection was paid by a property owner. Councilman David Donnelly abstained from voting while the other Council members present, Rose Murphy, Paul Hoogsteden, Jeff Hunt and Michael Stiles, voted for it.

The other ordinance granted another 15 year municipal consent to Comcast Cablevision. Nona Sherak, who is chairwoman of the Borough's Cable Commission, made an appeal during the public hearing on the ordinance. She requested the Borough Bulletin to urge people to not only call Comcast when they have a

problem with the company's service but to call the Borough Clerk to facilitate keeping a record of complaints. She also said subscribers can get credit for many of the days they inform Comcast of inadequate service (poor reception) as long as they request Comcast for the credit. During the Council's vote on the ordinance, Mr. Hoogsteden voted "No" and commented it represented his long term objection to Comcast.

Two resolutions were passed related to the Borough refinancing its FmHA loan of over \$2,000,000 for sewer plant and sewer line improvements in 1992. During the first public portion, Bert Ellentuck questioned an aspect of the Resolution #87 of 1997, copy of which was posted on the bulletin board by the entrance to the meeting room. He asked why \$50,000 needed to be appropriated before refunding bonds could be issued. Mr. Hoogsteden explained that it may cost nearly that amount to secure a bond rating from Standard and Poor or Moody for the Borough of Roosevelt; the bond rating is required for issuance of bonds. Mr. Donnelly said during his report for the Municipal Utilities Committee, that the interest rate on bonds is especially low this fall and is about two percent less than the FmHA loan rate, which will result in a savings to the Borough of about \$12,000 each year for the 35 years Roosevelt is obliged to pay back the loan. The bonds are to be issued for the same duration that remains for the payments on the FmHA loan. That saving was forecast even though the expenses connected with refinancing the loan would be included in the total amount of the bonds issued, which is expected to be less than two percent of the total amount. Resolution #82 stated that "the maximum principal amount of the Bonds expected to be issued for the Project is \$2,700,000." All Council members present voted "Yes" to pass the resolution. They had discussed the matter for nearly an hour at the Council's Agenda Meeting on the previous Monday, with the Borough's Municipal Accountant, Gerard Stankiewicz, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer, Edward DeBevec, and a bond issuance specialist, Dou-

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glas Bacher. Three methods and their expenses and benefits were discussed. Greater savings than \$12,000 per year would result if either of the first two plans could be achieved. The first seemed very unlikely because it depended upon including Roosevelt's relatively small amount of bonds with larger amounts of bonds to be issued by five much larger municipalities in Monmouth County, making a lower interest rate possible. Success depends a lot on the credit rating that the Borough can secure and on the ability of the Borough's financial advisor as Mr. Hoogsteden suggested during the discussion of resolution # 81. The Council approved the resolution unanimously after considering Mr. Stankiewicz and Mr. Bacher for the post of Roosevelt's "Borough Financial Advisor" at a fee not to exceed \$10,000 with out of pocket expenses not to exceed \$1,500. Douglas Bacher was appointed to the post, even though Mr. Stankiewicz's fee would have been less than Mr. Bacher's.

Governor Whitman's letter announcing that the State of New Jersey had awarded a grant of \$150,000 to the Borough for improving part of North Valley Road was part of correspondence posted on the bulletin board. The Council passed Resolution #83 to reduce the amount of the road to be improved. The roadway between Oscar Drive and Eleanor Lane will no longer be included. The roadway around the three sides of Jersey Homesteads Park and southward to Farm Lane will be designated for improvement. Mrs. Murphy said suggestions from Roosevelt residents regarding widths, slopes, curbs and other aspects such as saving trees are welcomed before plans are finalized. She also commented that she hopes taxpayers will read their tax bills when new ones are sent. If property taxes increase, she expects that it will not be because of municipal taxes but rather because of county taxes. Monmouth County announced that it will increase its rate by 2.5 cents per \$100 of equalized valuation in order to reduce the tipping fees it charges for garbage. She predicted that the reduction in the Borough's expense for annual tipping fee charges will be less than one half of the increase in county taxes for Roosevelt properties.

The other two resolutions passed by the Council authorized \$700 for additional repairs to the grit chamber in the sewer treatment plant and the payment of all the month's bills except for two items. Mr. Hoogsteden objected to paying \$549 for upgrading the hard drive on one of the Borough's computers because upgrading had been discussed in committee meetings but not approved. The work has been done already. (Someone suggested that a cake sale or alternative fund raiser may be necessary to pay the bill!) The other check was for \$50 to the synagogue in Roosevelt. Michael Ticktin, President of the synagogue, objected because he understands that it is unconstitutional for the Borough to donate money to any corporation. Someone explained that Paul Eichler requested that in lieu of sending flowers to express condolences upon the death of his wife, Shirley, that contributions be made to the synagogue he and Shirley attended during the many years they lived in Roosevelt. The Borough is to reconsider its policy and practice in cases like this.

Mr. Ellentuck questioned the practice of dumping iron sludge removed from the water plant's settling tank into the sewer plant. Mr. Donnelly agreed that the iron particles may need to be removed from the sewer plant, but he tried to get the settling tank cleaned up in one day, which meant emptying the tanker used for collecting the sludge pumped out of the settling tank here in Roosevelt rather than emptying at the Stony Brook location used in previous years. This resulted in saving an expense as well as time. The sludge consisted of mostly water and much of the iron particles may be flushed out of the sewer plant and travel to the Delaware River via Assunpink Creek. The method will be evaluated during the coming month.

Nona Sherak appealed for projects which cause much discoloration of the drinking water to be scheduled for times other than during holidays and that residents be warned in advance. She also asked the Mayor and Council to take steps to prevent older children from bullying younger ones, such as happened the previous week when a rope was stretched across the path from

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the school and Pine Drive to prevent children from passing through the path. A bicycle was taken from a younger child and eventually returned. Michael Hamilton stated that the School Board approved of installing more flood lights for the grounds around the school to help prevent vandalism. He also reported that the State Police were informed that a boy had his money taken by two youths by Rossi's Delicatessen. Frances Duckett asked why police response is as slow as it is in Roosevelt, and if it is possible for Roosevelt to have its own police force to compliment State Police response. Mayor Allen said he is ready and willing to negotiate with Hightstown officials to have their police cover Roosevelt if that is the will of residents. Tom Hannigan urged officials to promote awareness among all residents that Roosevelt is a "crime watch community" where everyone can help prevent crimes and bullying, or at least help in identifying offenders. Mayor Allen urged everyone to call the State Police immediately rather than warning offenders that they are being observed.

At the end of the meeting, Ms. Sherak repeated her last winter's appeal that the Borough write out proper snow plowing procedures for its employees and contractors, and her appeal to have a working backup generator to maintain lights and heat in the Borough Hall in the event of winter storms causing power failures for long periods.

Herbert Johnson commented that the Council may like to come to the Blood Drive being held at the Borough Hall on Thursday, October 16. The First Aid Squad would assist the Monmouth County Blood Bank and provide homemade cookies, juice and other beverages. He described the successful efforts of about forty volunteers who assisted Public Works Supervisor Gayle Donnelly in the semi-annual Clean communities Litter Pick-up day on October 5. He displayed the T-shirt given to volunteers, praising Jon Shahn's ingenious designs as incentives which encourage people to help with picking up litter along the Borough roadways.

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noise has something to do with wanting or needing to purge ourselves of an existential anxiety that's embedded in our skin and bones - a nervousness that, if you want to think about it, probably can be traced back to being herded under classroom desks in order to avoid nuclear air and other similar discontinuities and uncertainties. In other words, Discriminating Noise can be cathartic. Like fear and pity.

And it's more practical than running back and forth across the country, and much more fun than getting nauseous under a chestnut tree.

**TAKE IT EASY!**  
**The speed limit is**  
**still 25mph.**

**Be a good citizen!**  
**Attend Borough**  
**Council Meetings**  
**the second Monday**  
**of each month.**





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## **ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 1997-1998 SEASON**

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The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 1997-1998 calendar of events, featuring an art exhibit, the fourth annual fall folk music festival, two special evenings of poetry and the return of your favorite performers.

At most events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, only \$4.00 for students and seniors. This year, we will ask \$10.00 for admission to the Roosevelt String Band concert and for Laurie Altman at the Peddie School. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and *The Bulletin* for additional details.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 8, 1997 at 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CELEBRATION OF 60th ANNIVERSARY of THE BEN SHAHN MURAL (free)</b>
	<b>November 8, 1997 at 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>Roosevelt Public School</b>	<b>FOURTH ANNUAL FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 6, 1997 at 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>Borough Hall</b>	<b>PABLO MEDINA AND ANITA CERVANTES - An Evening of Spanish Poetry and Music</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 17, 1998 at 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>Borough Hall</b>	<b>ALAN MALLACH—Piano Concert</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 7, 1998 at 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>Peddie School</b>	<b>LAURIE ALTMAN—THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 7, 1998 at 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>Borough Hall</b>	<b>POETRY—A Potpourri of Roosevelt Poets</b>
<b>Friday and</b>	<b>April 24 and 25, 1998 at 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>Borough Hall (two nights)</b>	<b>ROOSEVELT STRING BAND: In Concert</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 3, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>ART AT THE FACTORY</b>

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 woodworking, 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.



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# IN MEMORIAM

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## ROSALIND KAYE

*by Gladys Nadler*

The first time I saw Rosalind Kaye, she was dancing. It was one of the first house parties I attended as a newcomer to Roosevelt in 1957, when Roz was already an old timer. At the time, I was struck by the liveliness of this attractive, petite woman as she danced. However, though we occasionally saw each other in ensuing years, our friendship really began about ten years ago, after I ran into her at a concert years after she had moved to Twin Rivers following her husband's death. After that, we attended many concerts, movies and plays together until her death on August 9, one month after her 80th birthday.

At a memorial service in her honor October 19, a group of Roz's relatives, friends, work colleagues and former Roosevelt neighbors sat around in a circle at the Borough Hall and reminisced. The incidents they related described Rosalind Kaye as: a lot of fun to be with, lively, having a poor sense of direction, feisty, dependent, fiercely independent and determined. They sounded like contradictions, but Roz was all of these things.

I knew Rosalind Kaye as a kind, loving person who cared about others. Despite many problems and tragedies in her life, she was determined to go on and to live as fully as possible. She was a brave woman and a loyal friend. As another of her friends at the memorial service pointed out, she did her best. And observing how wherever she went she made friends who truly care about her, one can only conclude that her best was pretty good!

## KURT KLEINMAN

*by Mary Alfare*

Former Pine Drive resident, Kurt Kleinman, moved to the U.S. from Vienna, Austria in 1939 where he had been a lawyer. When he first arrived in Roosevelt he earned his way as a piano teacher until he joined Princeton University Press where he worked as a multilingual translator for 37 years.

During his 58 years in Roosevelt, Mr. Kleinman was a member and long time President of Congregation Anshei, served on the Borough Council for 9 years, was Police Chief for three years and started the first Cub Scout unit in Roosevelt in 1949.

Kurt Kleinman died on June 23 at the age of 87.

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## FAY LIBOVE

*The following memorial was read by Judy Libove Weinberg at the funeral of her mother on October 15, 1997.*

Dear Family and Friends:

Five years ago many of you stood with us in the rain when we buried my father. The heavens are weeping again as we bury my mother.

My mother's stories about her childhood and early years were always very sad and made me cry. My experience of her last 5 years were also painful. I hope some time I can remember the woman of my youth and middle years - the warm, loving, caring mother who opened her heart and her home to so many people, who gave me love and values, a sense of stability and a sense of direction. She was always ready to help, to lend a hand. Even in the nursing home, when she could barely walk, she volunteered to shop and cook and

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## ELECTION DAY

### THREE CANDIDATES VIE FOR TWO SEATS

by Michael Ticktin

This election day, Roosevelt voters will be able to choose among three candidates for the two open Borough Council seats. Incumbent Council members Paul Hoogsteden and Rose Murphy are running as Democrats, while former Councilman Peter Warren is running as a Republican. Letters from all three candidates appear here.

Dear Electorate,

For close to three years, I have had the pleasure to serve as your Councilman. Over that period, I have worked hard in pursuit of fulfilling the wishes of the community including keeping the municipal tax rate stable, reducing the water and sewer fees, replacing the Borough's auditor in order to have a fresh set of eyes review our finances, supporting the PCD II and opposing the placement of a nuclear disposal site in town. Currently, I am working hard with our advisors in trying to save the Borough money by refinancing the sewer debt and fighting the forced placement of a tire and tree stump recycling facility in the community. I believe that my experience as a Council member, CPA and tax advisor coupled with an independent mind will continue to serve your best interests. Accordingly, I would appreciate your continued support as well as the support of Rose Murphy on Tuesday, November 4.

Best Regards,  
*Paul R. Hoogsteden*

Dear Voters,

I'm Rose Murphy and I'm running for re-election to the Borough Council on the November ballot. If successful, I will continue to give a fair hearing to all issues that come before Council, pursue all possible grants to offset taxes and be responsive to the needs of all residents.

Please cast your votes for Rose Murphy and Paul Hoogsteden on November 4.

Thank you,  
*Rose D. Murphy*

Dear Electorate,

I am running for a seat on the Roosevelt Borough Council on Tuesday, November 4th. Please vote for me - or, if you're not registered, register now and support me after the election.

Because I believe in the need for more community participation, I am leaving this flyer at every third house, asking you to read it and show it to your neighbor on either side, then get together with other people on your block to discuss the election and my platform.

I suggest two actions - (1) that you or one of your group go to the Borough Hall, ask the Borough Clerk for a copy of the Borough Council minutes for the four years I served on the Council, read it and report back on what I did for the community then; (2) that

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you and your group send me a list of three things you would like to see done by the Borough Council during the next three years which will bring us into the twenty-first century.

Here are some of my ideas (you might tell me whether you agree or not).

*Idea #1.* To work with the Millstone Township Committee (the equivalent of our Borough Council) to apply for a state grant to make Witches Hollow Road passable again;

*Idea #2.* To ask our Borough Planning Board to present a plan for getting the derelict gas station property back on the tax rolls and, for that matter, to prepare an up-to-date community plan; to ask the Borough Council to work with the department of Environmental Protection to clean up the property;

*Idea #3.* To apply to DEP under the Farm Preservation Act to buy one or more farms;

*Idea #4.* To investigate the feasibility of selling our municipally owned water and sewer plants to a private company (with the objective of lowering water/sewer fees now and saving our taxpayers the cost of future improvements);

*Idea #5.* To ask all members of the Borough Council and Planning Board to take the training courses at Rutgers on the duties of the Council and Planning Board (as I did).

*Idea #6.* To ask the Borough Council and School Board to study the feasibility of setting up a school endowment fund for the Roosevelt Public School.

*Idea #7.* To seek volunteers to organize a party to bring people together for the inauguration of the incoming Council in January and then to welcome newcomers as they move into the Borough.

My address is 56 Pine Drive; my phone Number is 448-3717.

*Peter B. Warren*

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clean for me in preparation for a family gathering.

Mom was a City girl who learned how to be a country farmer's wife. She learned to drive a truck and a tractor, to stick her hand under a brooding hen and remove the warm eggs, to push around a 1,000 pound young bull, toss bales of hay for the cows. She walked among goat and geese, shooing roosters, stray cats and dogs out of her way and out of the house. She vaccinated chickens, cleaned and packed eggs, separated milk from cream, churned butter and made cheese. She pickled cukes, and stocked her cellar shelves with jars of tomato juice, shav and applesauce. Under her green thumb her house plants flowered and thrived, and in her garden the tomatoes, strawberries, dill, raspberries, squash, zucchini and rhubarb grew big and sweet.

My child's eye always pictures my Mom in the kitchen, which was the heart of her home. The coffee pot was always on. She could whip up a batch of latkes or blintzes at the drop of a hat. Her apple pie was first rate and her kreplach weren't bad either. The house was always filled with visitors. Guests were made welcome and often put to work. They might be handed a scraper to clean eggs, or a pot for picking berries. There was always something going on. Summertime was especially fun when boarders from the city came to the farm. Maybe some of you remember those upstairs bedrooms, and cooking in the little kitchen with the icebox dripping instead of having a refrigerator. I guess it was the Libove version of the Catskills "Kuch-alain."

My mother was devoted to my father. She was a care-giver supreme. First she took care of her own mother who lived with us during much of my childhood. Then she became my Dad's care-giver, nursing him through broken backs in his young days, and the leukemia that sapped his final years.

Mon's last years were not happy ones for her. But I want to celebrate the many good years and remember her with love and joy. And I invite you to do the same.



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# NOVEMBER

Please call Jane Rothfuss at 448-3713 to put events on the calendar.

**Mon. 11/3** 7:30 p.m. Council Agenda Meeting - Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen, 448-6978.

**Tues. 11/4** Election Day Vote at Borough Hall, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
RPS Closed.  
5:30 p.m. Roosevelt Community TV - Cable Ch 8.  
7:30 p.m. First Aid Squad - Borough Hall.

**Wed. 11/5** 8:00 p.m. Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Chair John Towle, 490-0692.

**Sat. 11/8** 2:00 p.m. Celebration of Ben Shahn Mural Anniversary - RPS.  
8:00 p.m. RAP Program - Folk Music Festival - RPS.

**Mon. 11/10** American Education Week.  
7:30 p.m. Council Action Meeting - Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen, 448-6978.

**Tues. 11/11** Veteran's Day.  
Borough Hall Closed.  
Post Office Closed.  
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure Check - Borough Hall.  
2:00 p.m. Roosevelt Senior Citizens - Borough Hall - Jeanette Koffler, 448-2259.  
5:30 p.m. Roosevelt Community TV - Cable Ch 8.  
8:00 p.m. Roosevelt PTA Meeting - RPS - President Diana Moore, 448-7742.

**Wed. 11/12** **Recycle.**  
8:00 p.m. Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Chair Gail Hunton, 426-4338.

**Thurs. 11/13** RPS Closed.

**Fri. 11/14** RPS Closed.

**Mon. 11/17** RPS 4 Hour Session - Parent/Teacher Conferences.  
7:30 p.m. Council Committee Meetings - Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen, 448-6978.  
8:00 p.m. Synagogue Board Meeting - Michael Ticktin, 448-0363.

**Tues. 11/18** RPS 4 Hour Session - Parent/Teacher Conferences.  
5:30 p.m. Roosevelt Community TV - Cable Ch 8.

**Thurs. 11/20** 7:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, RPS - President Lauralynne Cokeley, 443-6287.

**Mon. 11/24** 7:30 p.m. Council Committee Meetings - Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen, 448-6978.

**Wed. 11/26** **Recycle.**  
RPS 4 Hour Session.  
Thanksgiving Assembly - RPS - Call For Times.

**Thurs. 11/27** Thanksgiving.  
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Borough Hall Closed.  
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**Fri. 11/28** RPS Closed.

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