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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

# Council Meeting Serves as Civics Lesson; UTILITY FEES TO RISE TO \$135.00

by Herb Johnson

Twelve sixth grade Roosevelt Public School students sat alongside the Mayor and each of the six members of the Roosevelt Borough Council through most of the Regular Meeting on Monday, May 11, 1998. The students' history teacher, Mr. Luckenbach, many of the students' parents and the school's Chief Administrator, Mr. Presutti, were in the audience. Roosevelt Government Day was being celebrated and the students spoke for Mayor Allen and the Council members in giving monthly reports. When students began to introduce ordinances, Borough Attorney John Ross quietly spoke to Mayor Allen. The Mayor then announced State law required the government officials to speak for themselves. Near the end of the meeting, the students' teacher expressed his appreciation for the officials' cooperation. The Mayor and Council expressed their admiration for the students' interest in government, and encouraged them to pursue their studies seriously. Spectators applauded enthusiastically.

Introduction of Ordinance #187 was approved unanimously by the six members of the Council. This "The Subdivision and Site Plan Ordinance of the Borough of Roosevelt," in six pages, is designed to guide the Borough in controlling land development and "to promote good planning practice." If the second reading of this ordinance is approved at a future meeting, "all review and approval of subdivision and site plan applications shall be governed by the provisions of the MODEL SUBDIVISION AND SITE PLAN ORDINANCE," a 400 page manual prepared by the Center for Urban Policy Research of Rutgers, the State University for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. It was published in January 1987. The Roosevelt Borough's Ordinance #187 provides for various modifications, mainly filling in of blanks where the model allows choices. It can be examined at the Borough Hall during the month before it is expected to have a Second Reading on June 8, 1998.

The second of the four ordinances that were introduced called for a \$10 per month increase in the minimum rates for water and sewer utilities. Council members Murphy and Vasseur voted against approval. Council members Donnelly, Hoogsteden, Hunt and Stiles voted for approval. If approved at Second Reading, the minimum rates would be \$32 per month for water and \$103 for sewer, a total of \$135.00.

All members of the Council approved the introduction of Ordinance #188, "to regulate disorderly con-

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**PLANNING BOARD NEWS**  
**BOARD**  
**CONSIDERS**  
**ROOSEVELT'S**  
**FUTURE**

*by Bob Clark*

The Planning Board is reviewing two residential development proposals that, if approved, could fill the lion's share of remaining developable space in Roosevelt. At its May 13 meeting, the Board discussed with separate, would-be developers their proposals to build approximately 65 houses on the Notterman tract east of North Valley Road and south of Eleanor Lane and a 350-unit adult community east of Route 571 and north of Oscar Drive. If such development were to occur and, as some anticipate, the added tax base were to provide sufficient funds to purchase development rights to the farmland west of 571, substantially all of Roosevelt's remaining residential development could take place within the next few years.

With the Borough's final development configuration at stake, about 15 to 20 residents, several more than usual, attended the meeting. The eight members of the Board present tabled until the June 10 meeting consideration of affordable housing requirements for the adult community proposed by Sydney Israel. The Borough Council is considering amendments to the planned community development ordinance (PCD II) to permit a planned retirement community development (PRCD) east of Route 571 and north of Oscar Drive.

Jeffrey Hunt, the Council's representative on the Board, called the potential addition of a 350-unit PRCD "precipitous and out of proportion" because it would rapidly double the number of dwelling units in town. On the other hand, Eleanor Lane resident Vincent Vignuolo said there was "no reason why anything like [Mr. Israel's proposal], which could reduce taxes, should be foot-dragged." Board Chairman Joseph Zahora assured Mr. Vignuolo that even without the Board's fair housing recommendations, "the Council still has 95 percent" of what it needs to consider a zoning change to allow the PRCD. Mr. Hunt said Council members

would begin discussions on the subject at their May committee meetings.

Lorraine Hartley complained, "Adding 350 senior citizen units would be an abomination." She noted that people were aware of Roosevelt's high taxes when they moved into

town and added, "Other things are important besides taxes." Board member Michael Ticktin replied that there are people in the Borough who cannot afford the taxes. He said officials "have to deal with that." He noted that the proposal would permit Roosevelt to preserve three quarters of its farmland in perpetuity. Timothy Hartley urged the Board to "take a more moderate approach in keeping with the original PCD II ordinance," which would permit 114 houses on both sides of Route 571.

Mayor Lee Allen said the improved tax base from the proposed adult community could permit the Borough to purchase development rights to the farmland west of 571. Mr. Hunt replied that the proposal would triple the number of units permitted under PCD II on just one side of 571. Kate John-Alder noted that if development rights were not purchased west of 571, "another scenario could involve further development in the western side."

Turning its attention to the Notterman tract east of North Valley Road and south of Eleanor Lane, the Board received a new plan from the Matzel & Mumford Organization (M&M) of Hazlet. Responding to Board member's comments about five drawings they showed the Board on April 8, Roger Mumford, M&M's president, and Roy DeBoer, its director of land planning, displayed a new drawing. The new plan would cluster 69 single-family homes in the northwestern portion of the 109-acre tract. One hundred-foot buffer strips

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## Letter from the Chief School Administrator

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by William Presutti

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Believe it or not, the school year is quickly coming to a close. I am not sure where the time has gone but plans for the end of the year activities are all in place. Graduation has been set for Saturday, June 20 at 4:30 p.m. As always, I look forward to seeing all of you on this very special day when we gather to celebrate the successes of our students. On Wednesday, June 17, the annual awards ceremony will be held at the school beginning at 9:30 a.m. All are invited.

Congratulations to Meredith Lawson for representing the Roosevelt Public School at the Student Inventions Through Education (SITE) Regional Convention in Pomona, New Jersey on April 28. Meredith was selected by the judges as the winner of our local SITE Convention for her laundry pulley invention.

On Thursday, May 14, the Roosevelt Board of Education approved the adoption of a new math program called Everyday Math written by the University of Chicago as part of a National Science Foundation Grant. This math program is very well respected and used in many of the top districts in New Jersey. It is well

aligned with the National and State Math Standards and will challenge our students in the area of mathematics. Staff will be attending a two-day training in July to learn how to implement the new program. Workshops for parents will be held in September. I am confident this new math program will continue to strengthen the academic program at RPS.

I am sad to report that effective June 30, Mrs. Betsy McArdle, our sixth grade teacher will be resigning her position at RPS. She will be moving back to Virginia. Mrs. McArdle has done an outstanding job and has truly become a member of our community. She will be missed very much. Best of luck, Betsy...and thank you for what you've done on behalf of the students of our school.

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

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## KIDS' OPINIONS

by Ina Clark (5th Grade, RPS)



### WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE FIELD TRIP?

JOSH NULMAN AND LAUREL HAMILTON IN FIFTH GRADE AGREE THAT THEIR FAVORITE FIELD TRIP WAS THE TRENTON THUNDER GAME WITH MR. SANTANELLO IN FOURTH GRADE. MY FAVORITE TRIP WAS TO PORICY PARK WITH MS. ILENE IN THIRD GRADE.

### WHAT IT TAKES FOR A GOOD FIELD TRIP.

1. INEXPENSIVE, WIDE VARIETY GIFT SHOP
2. CLOSE TO HOME
3. NOT A BUMPY RIDE
4. EDUCATIONAL
5. PLANNED AHEAD OF TIME
6. GOOD WEATHER
7. NICE PLACE TO EAT LUNCH
8. FUN

## PTA NEWS

by Ellen Silverman

Roosevelt's Townwide Yard Sale took place on May 2nd and 3rd despite the predictions of rain. A big thank you goes to all those PTA supporters who got on the official map. Also many thanks to those PTA members that helped out at the Flower Sale on May 2nd.

The PTA showed their appreciation to the RPS teachers on May 4th through May 8th during Teacher Appreciation Week. They also provided snacks for the Spring Concert on May 21st. Thanks goes to all that were involved.

Throughout the school year, the PTA has provided a service to the RPS students in the form of Pizza Day. I know my kids can't wait for the Pizza Day Fridays to roll around. Thank you to all the PTA members that help make that event happen.

## MORE KIDS' OPINIONS

by Avery Axel and Joe Rocchia (6th Grade RPS)

### What are the good things about living in Roosevelt?

"It's a small town so everybody knows each other."

"The school is in walking distance."

"There are a lot of nice people."

### What are the worst things about living in Roosevelt?

"The water!"

"There aren't a lot of stores."

"People don't know where we are located when you tell them where you live."

### What do you like to do in Roosevelt in the winter?

"Sled down Paradise Hill!"

"Build snowmen and have snowball fights."

"Being able to go sledding."

### What other types of activities should be available in Roosevelt?

"There should be more places to play basketball."

"It would be nice to have more stores or buses to take people places."

"I wish that there were more swimming pools."

"Too bad that there are not more celebrations, like the 4th of July parade."



## ROOSEVELT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

by Frances Duckett

**THE APRIL 30** meeting of the Roosevelt School Board was called to order at 7:40. Present were Board members Cokeley, Kostar, John-Alder, Ellentuck, Silverman, Ticktin and new member Linda Grayson.

The Board received with regret the resignations of teacher's aide Nancy Cole-Hohn (effective 4/27/98) and sixth grade teacher Ms. Betsy McArdle (effective at the end of June). The appointments of Pamela Fenton and Lisa Bird (alternate) for the aide position, at a rate of \$8.60 per hour until June 18, were approved.

Both vacancies will be advertised. *A propos* of this, CSA William Presutti reported attending a job fair at the College of New Jersey, formerly Trenton State, collecting 65 resumes and interviewing seven applicants. However, Mr. Presutti and Ms. Cokeley both emphasized that we need a seasoned teacher, experienced in teaching multiple subjects.

A discussion ensued when the *Star Ledger* was questioned as being the best and only place to advertise. Mr. Presutti believes that teachers statewide look to this newspaper for job listings, and pointed out that the State regards listing there as tantamount to being on EOE. Ms. Cokeley emphasized that our policy has always been to select the best qualified candidate, without regard to ethnicity. Mr. Presutti does not know why he receives so few resumes from minority applicants. Mr. Ticktin mentioned that this vacancy presented a chance to add diversity to the faculty. While no Board member opposed the idea of a minority teacher, the idea of actively recruiting one seemed to bring them to a grinding halt. The matter was tabled for discussion in committee.

Unlike Millstone and Allentown, Roosevelt passed its school budget by a vote of 108 to 30. The three newly elected and re-elected Board members, all of whom had run unopposed, were welcomed and sworn in. Ms. Cokeley was re-elected President and Mr. John-Alder as Vice-president.

A motion by Mr. John-Alder to set the daily rate for

substitute teachers at \$55 was defeated. Mr. Kostar pointed out that we should pay what is fair. Mr. Ticktin proposed \$60 and Ms. Ellentuck seconded it. This motion was carried. A large expenditure is not involved, since as Mr. Presutti points out, Roosevelt teachers have extremely low absentee rates.

In correspondence, the Association of Middle Income Districts is suing the State of New Jersey on the grounds that its formula for determining State aid to districts is unconstitutional. It asked Roosevelt's participation and \$500 dues. If the suit succeeds, Roosevelt would benefit whether or not we signed on. Mr. Presutti pointed out that both high and low income districts have advocacy groups and the middle income districts should too. Ms. Ellentuck felt that we should get more information about the lawsuit before committing ourselves. Some members worried that after enrollment, costs could escalate.

After a brief recess for executive session, the School Board took up the matter of insurance for teachers. The good coverage by Cigna we had enjoyed for the past three years is no longer being offered. Research on providers came up with only two willing to bother with such a tiny district. AmeriHealth and the New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan. AmeriHealth offers well-baby care and pediatric immunizations; NJ State does not. Otherwise the plans are comparable. After some discussion the Board voted for NJ State, noting that this could be renegotiated when the teachers' contracts expire next year, at which point hopefully the insurance industry will offer a more attractive set of options.

GrinSpec Trust for Dental Coverage was approved at no cost to the Board other than \$600 for the contractual agreement.

Earth day was a success. It featured musical instruments made from recycled items and a scavenger hunt.

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## SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

by Frances Duckett

**THE MAY 14** meeting of the Roosevelt School Board was called to order at 7:45. Present were members Silverman, Grayson, Kostar, Cokeley, Hamilton and Ellentuck plus Mr. Presutti and Ms. Minutolo.

The School Board voted to completely revamp the school's mathematics curriculum, a move that has been contemplated and studied for some time. The curriculum chosen for grades K-6 is a "spiral" structure involving both more review of previously acquired skills and more independent thinking. This curriculum has been tested in Rahway and East Brunswick with excellent results. It is compatible with that of East Windsor. All teachers (except Ms. Levine, who doesn't teach math) will attend a two-day training conference in Rye, New York, in July at a cost of \$189 in tuition and \$75 in room and board per capita. This money will come out of amounts previously budgeted for in-service days for staff and will reduce the funds available for next year's in-service options.

Cost of mathematics teaching materials will be approximately \$1,500 for all teachers plus \$6 or \$8 per "journal" (translation = workbook) according to Mr. Presutti.

Mr. Kostar asked if there are specific skills which must be acquired and Mr. Presutti said there were. There is a lot of algebra involved. Sixth graders will do square roots and powers to ten! Mrs. Silverman asked if there will be parent training sessions and there will.

A propos of finance, Mr. Kostar attended a Borough Council meeting where the sequencing of payments to the School Board by the Borough was discussed. By statute they can only earn 3% on their money - the School Board can hold %5 CD's and since a million dollars is involved, even the 2% difference in interest would be meaningful. Ed Debevec said he thought transfers to the School Board might be scheduled differently without illegality. Ms. Cokeley said she would check to see if there are legal barriers at the

School Board level.

The School Board approved, without controversy, the current salaries of tenured staff and the contracts to re-employ the following:

Tracey deRosa	\$33,520.00
Jeffrey Santanello	\$36,149.00
Rita Williams	\$14,176.00
Heather Philhower	\$12,365.00

Mr. Presutti reported that Jonathan Todd Fenwick had resigned as technology facilitator (computer teacher) and an ad had been placed in The Star Ledger for a September replacement. Following the placement of an expensive ad in the Asbury Park Press, Mr. Presutti has received 135 applications for the position of 6th grade teacher. He reported that he plans to interview thirteen or fourteen and observe four or five - reporting back by May 27.

Also approved were appointments for Ilene Levine as Teacher-In-Charge in the absence of the school administrator (\$750) and as Affirmative Action Compliance Officer (\$250). Mr. Presutti's contract was approved at \$78,739.50. Full time teachers' salaries ranged from \$33,520.00 at MA step 4 to \$53,832. Tabled was discussion of Ms. Minutolo's contract.

Fifteen students are enrolled for Kindergarten, two of them will pay tuition.

Although by this meeting members were to have submitted their committee preferences to the President, not all had done so. Tentative committee assignments were made as follows:

<b>Finance:</b>	<i>Ellentuck</i>
<b>Policy:</b>	<i>Grayson, Newrath, Ticktin</i>
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds:</b>	<i>John-Alder, Newrath, Ticktin</i>

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## THE ROOSEVELT SUMMER CAMP ART PROGRAM

by Ellen Silverman

The Roosevelt Summer Camp will be here soon. It will start the first Monday after the 4th of July and continue for the next five weeks. The art portion of this camp would appreciate donations of the following items to enrich their program. Please call Ellen Silverman at 490-0557 if you can donate.

Hand tools such as: screwdrivers, saws, hammers, pliers.

Wood working materials such as: nails, screws, bolts, scrap wood, tiles, old metal venetian blinds and paint.

Small appliances, clocks, mechanical toys that no longer work. (These items will be taken apart and investigated.)

Volunteers to model: people, plants and animals.

For jewelry making: small sculptures, sewing machine, yarn, ribbon, material, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns especially for craft items and costumes.

Thank you so much for your donations to the Summer Camp Art Program.

### BE A GOOD CITIZEN!

ATTEND BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETINGS  
the second Monday  
of each month.

## ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

by Ginny Weber

It's hard to believe that June is here already and the school year is coming to an end. We still have quite a lot of fun and projects ahead, though.

This month we are experimenting with plants and how they grow. We are planting seeds and growing carrot tops too. We are even making a plant maze. The children can guess how they think the plant will grow.

We are also celebrating Dairy Day by making a cow puppet and butter. How delicious that will taste on crackers!

Everyone is intrigued by the moon and how it affects us even though it is so far away. We may even blast off to the moon in our imaginary rocket ships to see what the moon is like.

We are also celebrating the beginning of summer and, of course, we can't forget about our fathers.

A highlight of the month is our year-end trip to Etra Park. We're bound to have a fun filled day of activities.

Last but not least, our graduation ceremony is on June 18th. We have a very special program planned.

I know I will miss this very special class over the summer. I'll be happy to see the returning RCNS students as well as some new faces in September, I wish our graduates a happy and successful year in Kindergarten. I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer!

#### Some Dates To Remember:

- ✓ June 13 - Last RCNS Bake Sale
- ✓ June 15 - Pre-registration discount deadline





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## From Kathleen Elliott, Health/Phys. Ed. Teacher

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Much has happened since my last article in February. Our Health Fair on February 24th was a HUGE success! The theme for the Health portion was "Disabilities" and new games from Canada were demonstrated by students in grades two and six as part of the P.E. portion. The fifth and sixth graders have begun their D.A.R.E. program with State Trooper Tim Osborn. An assembly about Fire Safety was given by the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation. Free smoke detectors were given to families who did not have one in their house. In May, the fifth graders will be presenting their Health HyperStudio Nutrition projects to the school.

On April 1st, we had our annual A-thon to raise money for Field Day. This year's event was a Jump-A-Thon. The students used hula hoops, Chinese jump ropes, single and double jump ropes, and even just their feet to jump during their 40 minute P.E. class. We raised \$978 towards Field Day. Thank you for your support!

Our Bicycle Rodeo was held on May 20th. We had a great turnout! The children learned about traffic signs and signals, proper hand turn signals, bicycle and helmet safety, and also participated in a bicycle safety course. A great deal about safety was learned by all!

Upcoming events include: Field Day scheduled for

June 9th (rain date June 15th). This year's Field Day will have a multicultural theme. Sixth graders researched a country and adapted a chosen game to suit students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

The annual staff vs. sixth graders game is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th. The game will be Kinball which was demonstrated by the sixth graders at the P.E. portion of the Health Fair.

P.E. classroom units have included the continuation of Alphabet Challenges for kindergarten. Kindergarten, first and second grade students participated in a visual skills unit, gymnastics (tumbling, floor stunts, balance beam, rings and ropes) and a Disney unit. The first and second graders even created their own Disney game which we played in P.E. class.

Students in grades three through six learned skills to participate in badminton, paddleball and track and field. All grades participated in a physical fitness unit. Next, we will be practicing for our Field Day events.

Health instruction has included Drugs and Environmental Safety - K-6 and Disease Prevention/Control and family Life units - grades K-4.

Until next school year, have a safe and healthy summer!

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### Senior Citizen Club News

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*by Helga Wisowaty, Secretary*

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This meeting on May 12th was mostly about taxes and our feelings about changing gas companies or staying with the one we have.

Taxes are discussed frequently - hope they have some relief for us soon.

On Tuesday the 19th, we went to Rova Farm for lunch. They are known for good food and excellent service.

In June we go to lunch at the school. Time: 1:00 p.m.; Date: to be determined.

Florrie Johnson was our hostess. To say the least, refreshments were delicious! My favorite was the cake with strawberries and whipped cream!

Until next month...



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would separate the new homes from existing houses fronting North Valley Road and Eleanor Lane, as well as the Solar Village. Traffic would enter the development via an extension of Farm Lane, a new road near the turnaround on Eleanor Lane and new road entering North Valley Road just south of the triangle.

The plan would preserve a large, contiguous stretch of open space, including several acres of forest and a field north of Eleanor Lane adjacent to Borough-owned land next to the cemetery. The view from the cemetery of a field and forest also would be preserved. The forest surrounding empty Box Brook would remain intact. Altogether, about 31 acres would be developed and 78 acres would be open space. A small, T-shaped green belt would provide some internal open space.

The plan calls for lot widths of 90 feet. Lots abutting open space would be 125 feet deep, and those backing up to other lots would be 140 feet long. Mr. Mumford quickly conceded that he would lose at least four lots from the proposal by removing seven lots from the wooded area opposite the North Valley triangle. Board member Bert Ellentuck said a major depression or swale at that location would unduly complicate building there. The developers said they could find room for about three of the lots in the main configuration. This would result in a 65-unit development.

Several Board members told the M&M representatives that they had responded well to the Board's concerns. Member David Leff said the "overall concept [of the new plan] is excellent." Mr. Hunt opposed another road coming into the triangle area, but Mr. Hartley, who lives on Farm Lane, said he preferred having a new road that would permit Homestead Lane and Oscar Drive to absorb some of the increased traffic flow.

Mr. Hartley asked why the PCD I limitation of 54 single-family units had to give way to 65 units. Mr. Mumford said 54 single-family units would not be economically viable. Mr. Hartley replied that the Board "has the responsibility to ask for something that backs up that claim." Mr. Hunt asked if it were

"possible to see something on paper." Mr. Mumford replied that M&M would not "waste time providing figures for 54 units." He also cited the proprietary nature of some of the figures that permit M&M to make business judgments. Mr. Ticktin said the question was whether 54 single-family units were "sacrosanct or whether there is some flexibility in the number." Mr. Mumford pointed out that PCD I's multi-family option would permit a developer to install 76 units, composed of 48 single-family and 28 multi-family units. He said, "We can do all sorts of wild and crazy things under the existing ordinance." Board member David Leff said Mr. Mumford "is absolutely right that 54 units on half-acre lots would be a travesty."

Board Chairman Joseph Zahora appointed a committee to draft proposed changes to the PCD I ordinance that would accommodate the proposal for 65 single-family units. Shan Ellentuck asked whether such a change would create a legal precedent that would permit other would-be developers to obtain higher densities. Mr. Ticktin replied that it would not.

Eleanor Lane resident Neil Marko asked whether the Board should wait until the Council asked for advice about changing the ordinance. Mayor Allen replied that the Roosevelt Planning Board is "proactive." Mr. Zahora said it was "within the Board's purview to recommend before being asked." Mr. Marko said the Board should "list the positives and negatives in order to deduce whether [the proposal] would be in the community's best interest." Mayor Allen replied that officials decided in 1987, when PCD I passed, that such development was in the community's best interest. He called the addition of 11 more houses a "de minimis increase." Mr. Ticktin added that there was a desire to create additional rateables that would not require an addition to the school. He said the ordinance also aimed to preserve open space and reduce water and sewer rates. When Mr. Marko asked whether lots should be laid out along a single road extending from Farm Lane to Eleanor Lane, as depicted in PCD I, Mr. Ticktin

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## ■ BREAKING BREAD

# "That She Blows!"

by Patricia Wilson

RAIN, RAIN AND MORE RAIN! ALL THE RAINY weather we've had recently has made me think of my vacation in Cape Cod.

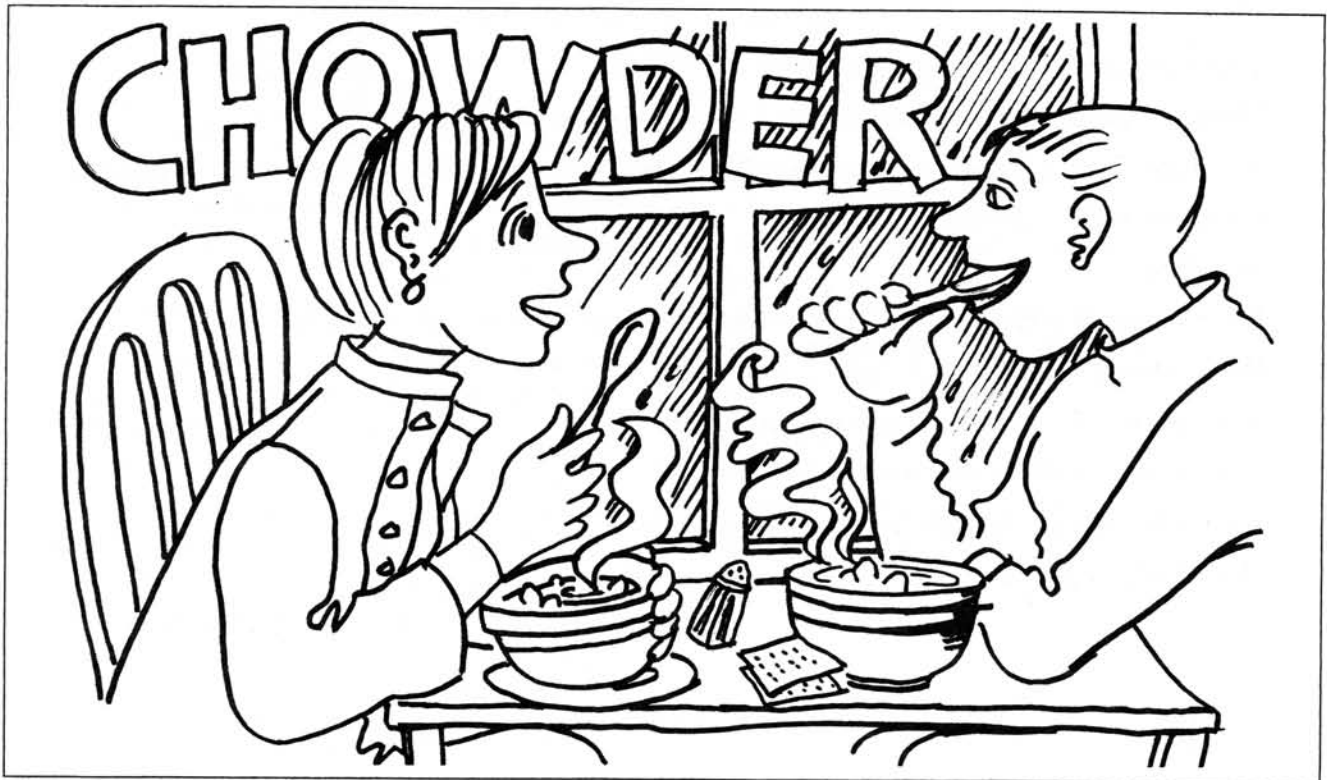
While in Cape Cod, my husband Don and I went on a whale watch tour boat. What started out as a cloudy day quickly became windy and drizzly as the boat left the dock. It didn't take long to encounter 3 humpback whales. The tour guide knew them by name. She said they identify them by scars and marks on their skin.

One whale, though she said you didn't have to see to identify, you could do it by smell. We didn't know what she meant until the whales started spouting (blow-

ing water from their blow holes). We knew then what the tour guide was talking about! One of the whales had bad breath! Every time it spouted we had to hold our noses.

We saw one whale breach (which means jumping and arching its whole body out of the water) so close to another tour boat without touching it that we were amazed.

When the boat returned to the dock, we were chilled to the bone and craving a HOT bowl of soup. We sat in a restaurant by a window overlooking the bay and watched the rain fall as we ate this delicious New England clam chowder.



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**Makes 1 gallon - 10 to 12 servings (It can be kept in the refrigerator for up to one week, but do not freeze.)**

**1/2 C. finely chopped salt pork**

**1/2 C. chopped onions**

**4 C. diced potatoes**

**2 tbs. flour**

**4 C. milk**

**2 C. light cream**

**4 tbs. milk**

**3-10 oz. cans of clams**

**salt & pepper to taste**

Cook salt pork until it is crisp and brown.

Drain on a paper towel and discard pork. Cook onion in fat until tender.

Add diced potatoes, salt & pepper to taste, clam liquid & enough water to cover potatoes in a large pot.

Cook until the potatoes are tender.

Add clams.

Stir in 4 cups of milk and cream and let stand a few hours with the heat turned off.

Reheat slowly, do not allow to boil.

Make paste of flour and the 4 tablespoons of milk.

Stir into chowder and cook slowly until thickened.

If possible, let stand in refrigerator for 24 hours.

Heat slowly and serve.



## ROOSEVELT WEATHER ALMANAC

by Ron Filepp

# Cheery-o Weather for Lawn Lovers

THE FIRST TWELVE DAYS OF MAY BROUGHT over six inches of rain in Roosevelt. Normal May rainfall is 3.60 inches. Every month so far this year has had above normal precipitation. Through May 17, our total precipitation was 27.95 inches - nearly twice normal.

Although we've had a great deal of rain in Roosevelt this year, it does not come close to the average rainfall in the wettest place on earth. Tutunendo, Columbia has an average yearly rainfall of 463.4 inches. This average is far short of the most rain ever recorded in one year. In Cherrapunji, high in India's Himalayas, 1942's total rainfall was 1,042 inches. In Roosevelt, the average annual precipitation is about 44 inches.

Despite our comparative pittance of rain, lawns in Roosevelt thrived in the recent English atmosphere. Lawn mowers sat in sheds and garages waiting for the rain to stop.

On May 13, the sun and wind dried the grass enough for a mowing mania to overtake many Roosevelt residents, including yours truly. The dull roar of small engines could be heard on every street in town that late

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afternoon. Grass was not the only plant to do well in those dank days. Asparagus also flourished and established perennials seemed to benefit as well. However, the timing of the rain proved unfortunate for those who were waiting to plant summer vegetables.

An English proverb predicted the wet weather of May. The proverb indicates the twelve days of Christmas determine the weather for each month of the

year. The first of the twelve days is December 25. In this scheme, the weather of December 29, 1997 indicated the kind of weather we were to have in May 1998. On that December day, over two inches of precipitation fell. If the proverb holds true for June, Roosevelt will have average to slightly higher than average precipitation and temperatures.

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APRIL 15—MAY 15, 1998

DAY	HIGH	LOW	AVG	PREC
15	70.0	52.0	61.0	0.00
16	77.5	48.0	62.8	0.00
17	76.0	60.5	68.3	0.00
18	65.0	46.0	55.5	0.30
19	56.0	54.0	55.0	0.00
20	60.0	45.0	52.5	0.85
21	70.0	40.5	55.3	0.00
22	70.5	45.0	57.8	0.00
23	53.0	46.0	49.5	0.00
24	72.5	46.0	59.3	0.56
25	66.0	46.0	56.0	0.00
26	50.5	46.0	48.3	0.00
27	58.0	42.5	50.3	0.60
28	59.5	33.0	46.3	0.00
29	70.0	36.0	53.0	0.00
30	74.0	53.0	63.5	0.00
1	69.0	58.0	63.5	0.00
2	74.0	54.0	64.0	0.80
3	76.0	54.0	65.0	0.10
4	67.5	57.0	62.3	0.00
5	67.0	57.0	62.0	0.00
6	66.0	56.0	61.0	0.45
7	72.0	55.0	63.5	0.07
8	58.0	56.5	57.3	0.00
9	60.0	56.0	58.0	1.94
10	60.0	54.0	57.0	1.20
11	58.0	53.0	55.5	0.85
12	60.0	52.0	56.0	0.82
13	63.5	47.0	55.3	0.10
14	73.5	42.0	57.8	0.00
15	82.0	46.0	64.0	0.00

TOTAL PRECIPITATION 8.64

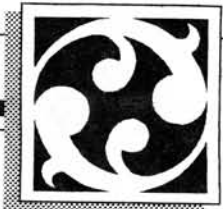


WEATHER EVENT

WHEN THINKING ABOUT THE WEATHER OF ALASKA MOST OF US THINK OF COLD AND SNOW. FIFTEEN YEARS AGO ON JUNE 20, THE ALL-TIME HIGH TEMPERATURE FOR THE STATE WAS SET WHEN THE MERCURY ROSE TO 100 DEGREES AT FORT YUKON.

WEATHER WORD

IF YOU EVER HAVE THE MISFORTUNE TO BE OUTSIDE WHEN A THUNDERSTORM IS NEAR AND YOU FEEL A COLD WIND, YOU ARE IN A "GUST FRONT." A GUST FRONT ORIGINATES IN THE CLOUDS OF A THUNDERSTORM. IT TRAVELS DOWN FROM THE CLOUDS AND THEN OUTWARD WHEN IT HITS THE GROUND. THE GUSTS CAN MOVE AT SPEEDS UP TO 50 MILES PER HOUR AND SOMETIMES KICK UP DUST. THE GUST CAN PUSH THE WARM AIR IN FRONT OF IT UP ALONG WITH THE DUST. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, CLOUDS AND ANOTHER THUNDERSTORM CAN FORM.



## ■ NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

### CONGRATULATIONS TO A SPRING GRADUATION DUO:

Rachel Ticktin graduates from HHS this June and will be attending Bryn Mawr College this fall; Dara Ticktin just received her B.A. from Wheaton College in Norton, MA. Their proud parents are Michael and Marilyn Ticktin of North Valley Road.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dustin R. Warnick, son of Ralph and Nancy Warnick, who graduated with a B.A. in Communications from Virginia Institute of Technology on May 9.

### 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. Training will be paid for. 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:

APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH IN HEALTH: Danielle Cokeley, Anthony Grasso, Laurel Hamilton, Deirdra Lloyd, Niyasia Mendes, Cody Parker, Megan Plaska, Kelsey Reimbold and Cecelia Ticktin.

APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Jeremy Cokeley, Jack Leech, Zabrina Ortiz, Jesse Parson, Ben Silverman, Elizabeth Stinson, Sarah Tulloss and Caitlin Wong.

THIRD MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL: Grade 4 - Lexi Cheshier, Jeremy Cokeley, Heather Cordo, Jan Czyzewski, Ryan Grasso, Samantha Mateyka, Kelsey Reimbold, Jennifer Rindt and Michael Silverman; Grade 5 - Ina Clark, Nicholas Gates, Anthony Grasso, Laurel Hamilton, Jennifer Iacono, Meredith Lawson, Mollie Marko, Danielle Petrics, Zev Reuter and Elizabeth Stinson; Grade 6 - Avery Axel, Brian Adams, Lian Garton, Deirdre Lloyd, Lindsay Possiel and Tina Vasseur.

### FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Brandon Lugannani was the 8th Grade winner of the East Windsor Regional School District's Challenge 24 math contest.

### FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:

Liz Allen was January Student of the Month in English 10.

Jessica Hamilton and Katie Alfare were inducted into the Hightstown High School Chapter of the National Honor Society on May 4.

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# RECYCLING DATES

## June 10th & 24th



## ACCURATE CATS

by David Herrstrom

Hard at work  
this year predicting  
above normal precipitation.  
The anarchist cat  
eating grass,  
cat with the prescient expression.

Those nine signs,  
the millennium of your mind.  
A cat asleep  
on its brain, meaning rain.

They cause the weather  
which makes prediction easier.  
Another conjecture:  
weather is chaotic as cats.  
And counter:  
you can stand outside in the weather,  
but you can't stand outside  
the weather.

"Returned with a huge lionish cat  
in his arms, he says 'Look at this *big cat*'  
and is thrown through the door again."

Living our one life  
in consequence of cats, alas,  
unable to forecast their fall  
through a hole in the rain.

—for Ron Filepp and for Angie

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replied that an amendment would "give flexibility to Mr. Ellentuck said that if the anticipated numbers of school-age children "showed no adverse impact on the school, we could have support for a change in the ordinance." Mr. Mumford said typical buyers of M&M houses in a number of communities in New Jersey were young, dual-income professionals with less than one school-age child per household. Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Allen had said it would be "advisable" for M&M to produce precise student figures "before preliminary application." Mr. DeBoer said such figures would be "part of [any application's] fiscal analysis."

Ms. John-Alder said, "What will happen to the buffer spaces is important." She added, "Hedges are better than a berm, which is not characteristic of Roosevelt." Mr. DeBoer also assured her that the detention basin near the Solar Village would be "stabilized and seeded" and would not be wet "except for storm events."

The Board tabled until its June 10 meeting consideration of changes in the Borough's master plan.

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(*April 30 th Meeting continued*)

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Eighth graders Brandon Luginani and Matthew Mark won honors in math and science events recently. Deirdre Lloyd won a Monmouth Fair Housing Council Poster contest and Meredith Lawson was chosen to represent Roosevelt at a regional contest for inventors.

The revised 1997-98 calendar was approved. June 15-17 will be half days. June 17 will be the last day for students, June 18 for teachers. Graduation will be Saturday the 20th at 4:30. All are invited.

Also approved was the 1998-99 calendar. September 2 and 3 will be in-service days for teachers. Students will start September 8. A 10:30 a.m. Kindergarten is planned, with optional pre-Kindergarten care provided. Students will have the week before Easter off. Parent conferences will take two weeks and June 26 will be the last day.

In closing, the Board sang to their birthday boy, CSA Presutti.





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duct," and Ordinance #189, "to establish the position of Municipal Court Public Defender and for the payment of application fees."

Fifteen resolutions and two motions were soon passed with almost unanimous approval. Mr. Hunt abstained from voting on the resolution which supported having the image of the Battle of Monmouth and Molly Pitcher on one side of a new 25 cent coin. Congress has asked each state to select a design. Coins will be minted honoring each state. Mr. Vasseur abstained from the vote to appoint Diana Moore as Clean Community Coordinator. Others voted in favor of the appointment. He and all other Council members approved of Mrs. Moore having her maximum hours per week as Public Works Employee increased from 20 to 30 hours without health plan benefits. They also approved of her being appointed Recycling Coordinator for \$260 per year, and both Fund Commissioner and Safety Coordinator at the rate of \$512 per year. Resolution #52 states that those positions were vacated as of April 2, 1998. Gayle Donnelly had held those positions as well as being Public Works Superintendent.

Mr. Hoogsteden offered the resolution to authorize the adoption of a Cash Management Plan. He credited suggestions made by the public at the Budget Hearing in March for prompting the initiation of this plan. It charges the Borough's Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Debevec, with the responsibility for administering the plan. Two pages describe it in terms of three categories: revenue, disbursements and banking. The plan was approved.

At the Budget Hearing in March, Robert Eisner had suggested that the Borough could earn more with Certificates of Deposit than it was earning with its money market funds. Michael Hamilton added that the School Board earns a higher rate. The Borough Accountant said New Jersey Statutes prevent the Borough from using brokers. Now the Cash Management Plan makes it clear that "permissible investments under this plan" for the Borough are: "Certificates of Deposit" and five

additional other means.

A Motion and some of the other resolutions that were approved would: (1) authorize advertising for the part-time position of Public Works Employee, for up to 20 hours per week from June 15 to November 15. Skills required are: drive both Borough trucks and operate the Borough's lawn mower, (2) fix the rate of interest to be charged for delinquent taxes and for delinquent water and sewer fees, (3) authorize a voluntary contribution for the benefit of the Borough's senior citizens via the Roosevelt Borough Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, and (4) authorize emergency repairs to the trickling filter arms, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Mrs. Murphy said it very likely will cost \$14,800.

The Mayor proclaimed that May was "Older Americans Month" and he cited many ways that our Borough is indebted to older citizens for their contributions in the past and present.

Sergeant First Class Charles Hovemeyer was introduced as the New Jersey State Police "Community Relations Officer." He is replacing Sgt. O'Donnell, who was promoted and relocated. Sgt. Hovemeyer said Mr. Stiles had advised him about some Borough street signs being stolen or thrown into the woods. Mr. Stiles then asked the officer to help prevent people from riding motor bikes through Roosevelt's woods. Later, Mary Alfare asked about having the regulations affecting motor bikes publicized. Mr. Stiles replied: "If a gasoline driven vehicle does not have a license plate and a registration certificate, it is not allowed on roads or the Borough's property."

Jeanette Koffler thanked the Borough Council for passing the resolution to give \$2,500 for senior citizens special programs in Roosevelt. She asked how she, as President of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club, could receive the funds. Mayor Allen explained that they would be disbursed by the Senior Citizens Housing Corporation. Mrs. Koffler expressed her exasperation at this arrangement. She had been told by the Borough

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Council at its last meeting that it would authorize payments for vouchers which she would fill out and submit to the Borough Clerk. Mayor Allen explained that the only legal way in which funds could be made available was through the Senior Citizens' Housing Corporation, a nonprofit corporation that operates a senior citizens' center.

Nona Sherak reported that the Borough's shut-off valve in front of her house on Maple Court has still not been replaced. She expressed resentment that she has been slighted for four years regarding water service. This summer she must replace the main shut-off valve in her house which can only be done when the Borough shut-off valve can be closed. She also complained of no notification for her immediate neighbors and herself of the date flushing of the Maple Court water lines would be done. Mayor Allen said notifications to all Maple Court residences were mailed out a week before the flushing was done. It resulted in their getting much rusty water in their lines and hot water heaters.

Mayor Allen reported that when the water filtration system had to be flushed last month, and the supply in the water tank was extremely low, many citizens assisted. Rose Murphy, George Vasseur and Harry Parker helped at the water plant until 2 a.m. PTA members called all the homes of students to request no use of water until the emergency ended. The First Aid Squad and the Fire Department operated their vehicles and loudspeakers to make announcements about the emergency street by street. He expressed thankfulness for all of the volunteer assistance.

The meeting adjourned almost as cheerfully as it began.

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By unanimous vote, inductee Ms. Grayson will attend an orientation conference given by the New Jersey School Board Association.

Transportation jointures for two students were approved; so was the East Windsor School District Tuition contract. The Board voted to approve acceptance of the following sums from the Federal Government under the Individuals With Disabilities Act:

<b>Basic:</b>	<b>\$16,320</b>
<b>Capacity Building:</b>	<b>\$864</b>
<b>Pre-School:</b>	<b>\$2,223</b>

These monies are used to support existing staff.

Mr. Presutti reported that the school plans a bike rodeo, which will be attended by a State Trooper. Many field trips will take place, and there will be (will have been by the time you read this) an interesting concert on May 21.

As part of their social studies curriculum, 6th graders recently attended a Borough Council meeting and read reports, playing the roles of Council members.

This meeting included a lengthy executive session.

**KAUFMAN AND PARKER  
UNOPPOSED IN DEMOCRATIC  
PRIMARY**

*by Michael Ticktin*

As a result of decision by Councilmen David Donnelly and Jeff Hunt not to seek re-election, Harry Parker, currently an alternate member of the Planning Board and formerly a member of the Board of Education, and former Councilman Stuart Kaufman are running unopposed for the democratic nomination for two Council seats. There were no filings by Republican or Independent candidates.

The primary election was held on June 2nd.



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## LOOSE LEAVES

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by Ron Kostar

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# A Surprise Encounter

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It was all very unexpected, and extremely innocent. One day I started for the Post Office and ended up squatting alongside a campfire talking to Che Guevara.

Inside the descending black dots of dusk, guerrillas in their customary green-clad outfits came and went, bending at the hips occasionally to whisper a communique into *el commandante's* ear. And back in the wood's shadows, slunk a woman in black. She looked like Ingrid Bergman in the movie version of "For Whom the Bell Tolls", but I guess she was Che's girlfriend.

How would anyone have guessed that Che Guevara and his comrades were encamped within shouting distance of ordering a cheese steak and Coca Cola at Rossi's Deli?

"Che," I asked, plopping down at his campfire and then nestling my buttocks into the ground, "after all these years, why are you still living in the woods?"

"That's easy," he replied. "Because we're still working to bring social justice into the world."

The quintessential revolutionary - the revolutionary's revolutionary - I must report, is most assuredly *not dead*. Nor bald. Nor paunchy. His beard is still as full and defiant as it was in the famous poster that once adorned many a college dormitory room, and his brown eyes shine as brightly as that haunting tune by Procol Harem.

Sure, there's a little puffiness around the eyes, and his other facial features may not be quite as strong, or as handsome, as they once were, but his was one formidable face looming above the fire.

"What else is there to do with one's life?" Che challenged.

I flinched, and blushed, and thought of my daily life as fluttering somewhere between a rock and a hard place.

"Make a living?" I gulped. "Support a family?"

"We re-make Life," Che declaimed, "and all human beings are our family."

"Out here in the woods, as hunters and gatherers," Che continued, though surprisingly without an ounce of self-righteousness or arrogance, "the roles that bind people back there are loosened, and we are able to become full

and willing partners in remaking a new world. Back there," he said, pointing through the clearing, "until the economic system that enslaves you changes, and changes drastically, you will never be free."

"But . . .," I protested.

"I know what you were saying 25 years ago, my brother," Che interrupted, peering across the fire at me like my father. "But where do you stand now in relation to your old ideas and aspirations?" I paused.

"Cultivating my garden, I guess," I said, my words expelled by nervous laughter. "Yeah, I've pretty much settled into cultivating a little piece of land and sharing my life with a small group of family and friends. I guess that's about it," I said. "That, and working a lot."

Silence set in among the trees, broken only by the occasional rustling of comrades coming and going in groups of two and three, the rounds of their backs lit up by a staccato of fireflies. The air swirling around the fire and thatched huts was in a constant state of flux and commotion. Comrades came and went in new and different combinations, like anxious, excited teenagers trying to find their best mix in the playground.

"And freedom?" Che asked. "Now what is your idea of freedom?"

I gulped, thinking how much easier it would have been sorting through junk mail in the Post Office.

"Real freedom," I said without hesitating, "is when you manage to live with some confidence and grace within the boundaries of what you deem as your Responsibilities."

Che shook his head and stroked his audacious grey beard, momentarily reminding me of the greatest American poet. His eyes flared above the real campfire flames, and his shoulders, still as broad and straight across as a lion's, rose and sank. Even though he was squatting, you could see that his torso was taunt, and that he had the body of a self-reliant man.

"Your Laws, I'm afraid, are actually your chains," he

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Parent,

Happy Spring! It's hard to believe that it's time to think about September pre-school arrangements, but it is!

The ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL (RCNS) invites you to consider sending your pre-schooler to RCNS this fall. We are a state-licensed, non-denominational pre-school program for children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years old. 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 their 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 from 8:30 - 11:30 for 2, 3 or 5 days, depending on enrollment. 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. 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 anytime assuming there is room. However, we're offering an **early registration special!** Our usual non-refundable registration fee of \$35 is just \$20 for anyone registering before June 15th. The first month's tuition is also due at this time (\$215/5 mornings, \$165/3 mornings, \$115/2 mornings). If your plans change later, the tuition payment is refundable. Why not take advantage of this chance to save \$15 and help us make our plans at the same time?

If you haven't been to our school, located in the synagogue at 20 Homestead Lane, please stop by for a visit with or without your child. We are also available to talk with anyone who has questions. Feel free to call the school or one of us at home.

Sincerely,

*Ginny Weber, Director (426-9523)*

*Sharlene Ellentuck (448-4440)*

*Diana Monroe (426-8832)*

*Linda Velasquez (443-6199)*

Dear Neighbors,

Sidney Israel's recent proposal for a senior housing development in the northern area will necessitate a rezoning of the eastern side of the PCD II zone. There are, to be sure, compelling arguments for proceeding with such a plan; this is why other members of the Planning Board voted to recommend such a change, with a cap of up to 350 homes, to the Council.

In my opinion, however, this change would be too far a departure from the PCD Ordinance, which was voted on by public referendum, to be acted upon without returning to the public for more of an opinion and debate than can be heard in one open meeting. Perhaps another referendum is called for in this case. After so many years of debate culminating in PCD II, proceeding hastily would be a breach of trust with the constituency who voted down the senior housing option last time.

It is true that the central parameter in the PCD's development was the cap on new housing defined by the limits of the existing school. And clearly this would not be a factor in a senior development. But, this amount of potential new housing seems excessive and out of proportion to the scale provided for in the existing ordinance. After all, 350 homes would be more houses than exist presently in Roosevelt. The density of these new units would bear no resemblance to that which was arrived at and voted upon in the existing ordinance. And, though still clustered into approximately 75 buildable acres, this represents three times the number of homes under the PCD in only half of its area.

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*(Letters, continued)*

Furthermore, I find Mr. Israel's presentation to be disingenuous and intentionally vague. He has presented us with only one visual aid, a sketch a kid could have drawn. And, he has acknowledged to at least one Board member that he would put together this package and sell it anyway; thus, we have no idea with whom we would be dealing in the future. I believe some Board members, initially bamboozled by Mr. Israel's cajoling sales pitch, may now correctly be having second thoughts about their recommendation.

Finally, consider the above in the context of a potential development in the PCD I (Notterman) zone which is also before the Board at this time. The effect of the two projects would certainly change your way of life in Roosevelt substantially.

I believe it is premature and wrong of the Planning Board to recommend the above change to the Council at this time. On the other hand, as Council/Planning Board representative, it is my obligation to deliver that recommendation. I will deliver my own recommendations as well.

Sincerely,  
*Jeff Hunt*

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said matter-of-factly, "enslaving every appendage of your body, my friend. And until the Revolution occurs, and the workers finally take over the work places and the means of production, you'll only be half a person, your half-life thwarted by the economic system that diminishes you."

I nodded, understanding what he was saying, and still even half believing it.

Then I thought of my kids and felt a sudden desire to get up and go home.

"But Che," I said, "my dear noble, irrepressible Che Guevara. I own things now."

"But that's not the point, brother," he said, looking through me with smoldering black eyes. "And in the real sense of the word, you don't really own anything, either.

And you know that. Every morning when you get up and go to work. Everytime you go to the supermarket, everytime you write out a check. You don't really *own anything* !"

I nodded and looked down at my shoes, mine and less than a week old. But the man was charging now, like he did when we were young, charging like a bull and rapidly taking over the ground, and what had been *my* ground. Part of me wanted to leave - but this was the best, the most real argument I'd had in months, so I stayed. But I took flight.

"It's funny, Che. But when I think of you I think of summer," I said.

"How romantic," he said sarcastically. "And bourgeois."

"No, it's true, I think of fresh air and open space and blue sky and t-shirts and cut-offs. And I think of sand and water and sun. I think of opening the windows and doors and getting outside."

Che shook his head and spat into the fire. Another comrade walked into the firelight and bent over and whispered into his ear. I guessed something big was up. Che nodded, and then looked across the fire at me like an older brother looks at his younger brother when he feels obliged to intervene and set him straight.

"You've always been weird, my brother. Here we are preparing to make the greatest break with the only social reality mankind has ever known and you're daydreaming about the sun and sand and water. We're planning on re-making history, and you're looking forward to another summer. Wouldn't you say that's weird? And immature?"

Che laughed and shook his big lion's head, but I could tell he was amused, maybe even pleased.

"I don't know," I said.

"I'm not so sure either," Che whispered low enough so only I could hear him.

Then Ingrid Bergmann appeared out of the darkness and, figuring they wanted to be alone, I dusted off my pants and left for home, via the Post Office; hoping to find at least a postcard there, preferably from some place like Cuba, or even North Carolina.



## **WATCH YOURSELF**

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

## **BE A GOOD CITIZEN!**

**ATTEND BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH**

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<b>TUES.6/2</b>	1:00 P.M.	BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK, BOROUGH HALL.		
	2:00 P.M.	ROOSEVELT SENIOR CITIZENS, BOROUGH HALL, JEANETTE KOFFLER, 448-2259.		
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<b>FRI.6/5</b>	9:30 A.M.	RPS MULTI-CULTURAL DAY ASSEMBLY. RPS PIZZA DAY.		
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<b>WED.6/10</b>		<b>RECYCLE.</b>		
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<b>THURS.6/11</b>	7:30 P.M.	BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA MEETING, RPS, LAURALYNNE COKELEY, PRESIDENT, 443-6287.		
<b>SUN.6/14</b>		FLAG DAY.		
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			<b>SAT.6/20</b>	4:30 P.M. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS, BOROUGH HALL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PAUL HOOGSTEDEN, 448-7358.
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