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Borough Council News

Adult Community Discussion Continues

by Herb Johnson

For the third month in a row, the Roosevelt Borough Council acted to extend the public hearing on Ordinance #97-24 which is to amend the Planned Community Ordinance II (PCD-2). If approved as amended in September, it would allow an adult community of up to 350 units in Roosevelt's northern 500 acres. Wording was changed in an attempt to insure a limit of 350 units for the entire area rather than in just the area east of Route 571. Councilwoman Rose Murphy's proposal to increase the minimum age of residents in the adult community, often called a "planned retirement community," from 18 years to 21 years was not included in the amended version of the introduced ordinance. The Council's action allowed it to continue its discussion with opponents and supporters, continue having analyses performed, consulting professionals, enacting auxiliary ordinances and considering further delays or revisions in a PCD-2 amendment, at least until its next regular meeting on Monday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Forty five people were in the audience by 8:27 on October 12 and

twenty-one of them spoke about the adult community proposal and actions related to it, such as a comprehensive 19-page Landscape Ordinance. Two hours into the meeting, Judith Trachtenberg and Adrienne Chesier remarked about how everyone needed to be included in the process and how well people were showing respect for each other. Ms. Trachtenberg had complimented Rod Tulloss for the effective way he had explained to the Mayor and Council the need for governing bodies to determine well thought-out processes for solving complicated problems and for making it possible for all citizens to keep well informed. Mr. Tulloss had prefaced his extended remarks by saying he had 27 years of business experience with AT & T and in managing his own business, 13 years of which entailed developing international protocols and processes, and that he now was serving on the Social Impact Committee chaired by Michael Ticktin to achieve the "eleventh step." That referred to the last of the steps the Planning Board's consultant Alan Mallach recommend

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A HAPPY RETURN

by Bess Tremper

After a wonderful month in France, we had to face a monotonous and boring seven hour flight home. Happily, the plane arrived five minutes early and we looked forward to getting the few additional details of arriving over with. But no, we had to sit for an additional forty-five minutes on the field before it was possible for the plane to enter its berth and allow us to get off tired and out of sorts.

Finally, after showing our passports one last time, etc., etc., and finding our luggage, we had to go through the dreary customs procedure which can be a little trying sometimes. But not this time! As we presented our declaration forms to a very pleasant, friendly gentleman, he said with a broad smile, "Finally, somebody from Roosevelt! I've been hoping to meet someone from your town. I know every inch of Monmouth County and yours is one of the most terrific towns. It's very historic and unusual. It's a great little town!" And with that, and a cheerful goodbye, he passed us through without even looking at our luggage. It was a lovely welcome home!

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CORRECTIONS:

In the article on page 11 of the October 1998 *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin*, the Roosevelt Arts Project website was given as being <http://woof.music.columbia.edu/~roosevelt/> - this is incorrect. The correct address is <http://woof.music.columbia.edu/~roosevl/> - the second "e" in Roosevelt is dropped to comply with the eight-character naming convention used by Columbia University's computer system.

ALSO: WE REGRET THAT THE AMOUNT OF FLOUR TO BE USED IN THE "TARTES DES DEMOISELLES TARTER" RECIPE PRINTED IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WAS INCORRECT. INSTEAD OF 2 OZ. OF FLOUR IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN 200 GRS.

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PLANNING BOARD CALLS FOR MORE TIME

by Robert Clark

With three Borough Council members looking on, the Planning Board called for more time to complete a master plan revision and ordinance recommendations to guide the Council in making what might become the last major decisions affecting development in Roosevelt. The Board focused on separate proposals to construct 65 houses on the Notterman tract east of North Valley Road and south of Eleanor Lane and a 350-unit adult community north of Oscar Drive.

Council President Paul Hoogsteden and Council members Rose Murphy and George Vasseur observed and participated in the discussion. The Council will have to decide whether to change the planned community development (PCD) zoning ordinances governing development in 500 acres of northern farmland and the 109-acre Notterman tract.

Presently, no more than 54 single-family houses may be built on the Notterman property (PCD I). The northern farmland currently may develop as 10-acre residential lots or, in accordance with PCD II, with 114 homes clustered on both sides of Nurko Road near the Millstone border and on the Beer tract east of Route 571. If the zoning changes were inconsistent with the master plan prepared by the

Planning Board, the Council would have to state its reasons for deviating from the master plan when adopting the changes.

At their September meeting, Planning Board members had expressed concern that the residential construction currently permitted by PCDs I and II would generate more students than the Roosevelt Public School (RPS) could accommodate. That would require an expensive expansion of RPS to provide an additional classroom for each grade level. In the calculation of school-age children that led to the creation of PCDs I and II, the Board had assumed that the single-family houses would have no more than three bedrooms. The three bedroom restriction was written into PCD II, but the Council refused to amend PCD I to include it. When the developer, Matzel & Mumford (M & M), calculated the number of school children likely to inhabit 65 four-bedroom homes on the Notterman tract, the Board realized that the number of students generated by both PCDs would exceed RPS's capacity. It voted 6 to 2 to refrain from forwarding to the Council a recommendation to change PCD I (Notterman tract) zoning to permit 65 single-family houses instead of the current 54.

At the October Board meeting, M & M representatives reacted with indignation. Roger Mumford reminded the Board that over several months M & M had refined plans at the Board's request until it finally settled on one with about 65 single-family houses that seemed acceptable to the Board. He noted that cur-

rent zoning on the Notterman tract (PCD I) permits multi-family and single-family options that would produce about the same number of students as the M & M proposal. He claimed that, based on the favorable responses from the Board and its planning consultant, Alan Mallach, M & M had spent about \$100,000 pursuing development plans. Mr. Mumford said he and his colleagues "were absolutely misdirected and the Nottermans frustrated" in their attempt to sell their land to a responsible developer. He declared, "There is no market for three-bedroom homes today."

Daniel Notterman said he remembered "being excoriated for not being interested in developing the property." He pointed out that he had finally found a developer that would demonstrate "concern for the historical beginnings, integrity and ideals of the town." He expressed dismay that "the Planning Board, in mid-process, changes its inclination." Mr. Notterman declared, "I think what is happening now is arbitrary and capricious." He contended, "It will take another decade before I can bring you another developer."

Board Vice Chairwoman Gail Hunton acknowledged that the Board had been "very receptive to [M & M's] presentation," but she contended that 65 "was not an absolute number." Board member Michael Ticktin said it would be up to the Council to assess the risk that more than 54 houses would affect the school adversely. He proposed
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LETTER FROM THE CSA

William Presutti

October 12 through 16 was National Earth Science Week. To celebrate, an Earth Science Day was held at the school under the guidance of Ilene Levine. The third and fourth graders created a Geology Museum in the lobby. Abe Schlinski, a geology major at Rutgers and former graduate of RPS, assisted with the activities in the museum. Students learned about fossils and how to identify minerals. Students in the other grades participated in activities centering around earth science including The Cookie Mining Activity (a simulation of what is involved in mining), A Paste With A Taste (creating toothpaste from minerals) and Cupcake Core Sampling (learning about the layers of the earth).

Our school chorus and band have grown this school year. It is good to see so many students participating in our music program. In fact, this year, Mrs. Philhower has introduced a parent/staff chorus that will perform at the Winter Concert on Thursday, January 14th at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the concert...it will be a great evening.

Congratulations to Kathy Elliott, our physical education teacher, and students in Grades four through six for submitting a winning entry in the S.W.E.A.T. Sport Challenge (Students Winning Through Attitude Exercise and Training). The objective of the challenge was to develop a unique game that represented the true spirit of exercise skills, cooperation and a healthy lifestyle. The school received \$200.00 to spend on physical education equipment. Congratulations!!!!

The Annual Thanksgiving Assembly will be held on Wednesday, November 25, at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym. All are invited for this very special event. Each class will present an activity and the 1998-99 Student Council will be inducted. I hope to see you there.

Together...we make great things happen.

Roosevelt Community Nursery School

by Ginny Weber

So far, this has been quite a busy year at RCNS. Last month we had a very special visit from Fire Chief Kim Dexheimer. The children were amazed at all the equipment a fireman needs and got to see everything up close. He gave quite an informative talk about fire safety that kept all the children intrigued. Of course, they were full of questions, all of which chief Dexheimer answered. The highlight of their day was seeing the fire engine, complete with siren and blinking lights!

Our trip to the pumpkin patch was also a success. The children each picked a gourd and a pumpkin after a hayride. They were also delighted to feed the animals that were there at the farm.

We still continue to focus on the changes that occur in autumn this month, particularly in relation to animals. We will learn about migration and other ways animals get ready for winter. We incorporate math, social studies, science and language development in these activities.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we will get an understanding of how the Pilgrims and Indians lived, and how the Indians helped the Pilgrims overcome many obstacles. I'm sure our "Indians" will look quite authentic in the outfits we will make at school. The children will use their imaginations to try and understand how grateful the Pilgrims must have been to be able to celebrate their first Thanksgiving with their new friends, the Indians. It's also quite interesting to find out why the children are thankful this year!

KIDS' OPINIONS

by Ina Clark

QUESTION: Do you think the senior development is a good idea?

DANIELLE PETRICS: It's a good idea because it would lower taxes and it would not be a disadvantage to the school.

JOSHUA NULMAN: It is good and bad. It would be good for fund-raisers but it would mean more traffic.

LAUREL HAMILTON: It would be a bad idea because it would make the town noisier and less beautiful.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MEETING —OCTOBER 13TH

by Helga Wisowaty

Both Jeanette Koffler, our President, and I were not present at this meeting, but those attending had an enjoyable time reviewing past events and looking forward to the future.

The box lunches will be on Fridays from now on except for the first one which was on October 23.

Flu and pneumothorax injections were given on Tuesday, October 20 from 12:30 to 1:30 at the Borough Hall.

Seniors are having problems getting transportation to doctors, etc.

Diane Klein was hostess.

PTA

by Ellen Silverman

I am happy to report the PTA's fund raiser was a success. My thanks go to all who sold and bought, for you are helping to fund some important things for RPS students. My special thanks to Debbie Fischer and Valerie Plaska for their leadership in this fund raiser.

Smile, Reenah Petrics and Debbie Fischer, and give yourselves a pat on the back for the wonderful job you two did on Picture Day. I can't wait to see the pictures of my kids! Thanks, for making it happen.

On October 21 and 22 the PTA held it's annual Book Fair at the school. Thank you, Pam Hague and JoAnn Parker, for your work on this event.

On October 31, Dianna Moore, Reenah Petrics and other volunteers will be at the school ready to greet the Trick-or-Treaters. To have a central place to meet on Halloween really brings the community together. I think this is a great service and to have it right at school is a wonderful idea. This is the second year of this event and it is getting better and better. Thanks again to all who participated and to those parents that took the time to drive and walk around Roosevelt later in the evening of Halloween to be sure all was well. Good job!

PTA Pizza Days for the month will be on November 6 and 20.

The annual Thanksgiving Assembly and Student Council Induction will be held on November 25th. After the assembly there will be a feast consisting of breads provided by PTA members. Thanks go to all those wonderful bakers.

Time to gear up for the Holiday Gift Fair which will be December 7 through December 9. This event requires a lot of help. So please, PTA members, don't wait to be asked, volunteer. You are just the person we need.

Speaking of those people who need to be asked, this a personal request from me to you. The Roosevelt PTA is a great organization, it only lacks one thing, YOU. Please join us. You would be a great asset to this organization. We want to do great things for the children in Roosevelt and we need your help.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

by Nancy Hamilton

The September 10th meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education was called to order by President Lauralynne Cokeley. In attendance were Ms. Ellentuck, Ms. Grayson, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. John-Alder, Mr. Kostar, Ms. Silverman and Mr. Ticktin.

Mr. John-Alder initiated a discussion regarding the inter-relationships between the governing bodies in our community. Since there has been recent town-wide discussion regarding the prospect of development, Mr. John-Alder suggested that issues related to planning that may have impact on the school be an ongoing agenda item. He voiced the possibility that it may be time to revisit regionalization as an option for tax relief. Mr. Hamilton expressed concern that proposed revisions to the Master Plan stated erroneously that development is the only option for tax relief since the School Board does not appear to be open to regionalization. Discussion followed regarding the fact that a School Board representative has not yet been appointed to the Planning Board stating that the School Board is anxious for such an appointment to be made. Communication between all public bodies was an ongoing theme throughout this meeting.

Ms. Minutolo reported that the recent audit had gone quickly and smoothly. A written report is forthcoming.

A report was made from the Finance Committee meeting of August 31st. Responding to a letter from the Planning Board, this committee met to review the three fiscal impact studies that have been released to the public. These studies were prepared by Mayor Allen on behalf of the Borough Council, Mr. Mallach, advisor to the Planning Board, and developer Mr. Israel. All three studies contain school finance figures and were reviewed for accuracy and omissions by the full committee, comprised of Mr. Hamilton, Chair, Ms. Cokeley, Board President, and Board members Ms.

Ellentuck and Ms. Grayson. Also present were Mr. Presutti, CSA, and Ms. Minutolo, Board Secretary and School Business Administrator. The committee indicated that school expenses were underestimated or at times excluded by these studies, particularly those related to the tuition costs of sending students to East Windsor, transportation costs and special education costs. Within the Roosevelt Public School, additional students could potentially necessitate the addition of another class, as well as maintenance and special education costs. Some of the reports did not take into account incremental increases in expenses that occur every year. For instance, one of the studies used 1998-99 budget figures as projections for the year 2004.

President Cokeley commented that the Board of Education and professional staff would have provided accurate information, if asked. Mrs. Cokeley also stated that minimal information was requested and some of the figures appear to have been distorted.

A continued discussion of the impact of development on the school continued. There was agreement that there would be benefits to the community if there were better articulation between public bodies.

Ms. Silverman reported that the Policy Committee has as its goal this year to review all mandated policies to be sure that they are updated. The internet access policy, policies regarding special education and tuition student policy will be up for review. The committee would also like to review policies over ten years old.

The Educational Personnel Committee proposed the hiring of a teacher's aide, which was approved by the Board, seven voting "yes" and one voting "no."

The Building and Grounds Committee reported that repairs were needed on the new windows in the gym. Payment will be withheld from LAN Associates until the work is satisfactorily completed.

There have been recent thefts of property in the

school. Options for securing the building were discussed.

Mr. John-Alder suggested that the RPS students host an event to honor those who have worked in the school. He also questioned if the needs of gifted and talented students at RPS were being met, noting that Kreps offers specialized enrichment programs. Mr. Presutti will speak to the Principal at Kreps to ensure that these programs are offered to our students. He also commented that enrichment activities are a part of the daily educational program at RPS. Mr. John-Alder also mentioned the possibility of Spanish being offered at RPS.

This meeting was over about 9:00 p.m.

Unfortunately, this reporter was unable to personally cover the October 8th meeting of the Board of Education. Board Secretary, Karen Minutolo, graciously provided the following highlights during an interview:

1. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. School Administrator Mr. Presutti announced that a cash prize from the Gatorade Company had been awarded to Phys. Ed. Teacher Ms. Elliot to be used for gym supplies.

The gym windows are thoroughly installed and have been approved by the Jersey Homestead Historic District Advisory Committee for their closeness to the original windows.

3. A lower per pupil cost has been agreed upon for the use of audio-visual products from the County of Monmouth.

4. In attendance at this meeting were representatives from our local Boy Scout Troops. A presentation was made by Boy Scout Eric Cokeley. All Scouts talked about what they have gained from scouting and were commended for their ideals. A special thanks to Ellen Silverman for her leadership role in scouting.

5. Adam Axel spoke to the Board about the possibility of a Hallowe'en Dance for the

Borough's youth. His presentation was later discussed by the Building and Grounds Committee, who will carefully investigate the logistics of such a dance. Requirements in terms of chaperons, adult responsibility and insurance coverage will be investigated.

6. Mr. Presutti, Ms. Minutolo and Mr. Tickin will be attending the New Jersey School Board Association meeting at Atlantic City.

7. The Finance Committee suggested a meeting with the Planning Board in regard to school-based figures that have recently appeared in discussions of development. The presentation of bills was approved in addition to transfers, manual bills and grants.

8. Building and Grounds Committee has also investigated the possibility of rekeying the building in light of recent thefts. The committee will continue to pursue options.

9. Policy Committee will meet on 10/9 and again on 11/6.

10. Ed Personnel met on 10/15.

11. Discussion of the QAAR will be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Legislation and Public Relations discussed honoring community members who have served the school. The Board will follow up on this proposal.

13. Executive Session was held
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14. Johnny Jackson, who was involved in an accident on the playground during after school care is doing fine.

The next meeting was to be held on 10/22.

BREAKING BREAD

Gertie's Stuffed Cabbage

A Vegetarian Version

by Ellen Sorrin

Ellen had promised to do this recipe before she and her husband, David York, moved to Princeton. We thank her for her sense of commitment and wish them well in their new home.

One of my greatest pleasures in life was to eat at my grandmother's house, where brisket, chicken fricassee, noodle pudding, stuffed cabbage and tsimmis were everyday fare. Many years later, when I became a vegetarian, I missed those wonderfully delicious and flavorful dishes. I did manage to make tsimmis without meat and noodle pudding was no problem, unless, of course, you consider vast amounts of eggs, cheese, noodles and butter a problem. But it was the deep, rich flavors of stuffed cabbage that I longed for, and I

finally took the plunge to create a vegetarian version of her most signature dish.

Now, I know that everyone has the definitive recipe for stuffed cabbage which has been handed down through the generations, just as my grandmother's was, and I never argue with tradition. So, you may have things you do that you will continue to want to do, and to substitute other things for the chopped meat. When my grandmother made her cabbage recipe, she spent time balancing the sugar with the lemon juice for that perfect balance of sweet and sour. Then she discovered canned whole cranberry sauce, which she mixed with the tomato sauce for a perfectly (really) balanced sweet and sour sauce, declaring that if you could take short cuts, "why not?" So, traditions change and become part of new traditions handed down to the next generation.

I make my own cranberry sauce with crystallized ginger and pears, and mix that with the tomato sauce, also homemade. But feel free to keep working with the sugar and lemon juice or do the canned versions of cranberry and tomato sauces. The whole venture is a potscke, but well worth it. They freeze beautifully and get better as the sauce thickens and sweetens with reheating.



VEGETARIAN STUFFED CABBAGE

1/2 c. white basmati rice
1/2 c. bulgur (coarse)
1/3 c. bread crumbs
2 T. slightly chopped pine nuts or any other nuts
2 T. chopped dried cranberries or cherries, chopped
1 t. chopped crystallized ginger
1/2 c. boiling water

1 large head cabbage
2 onions, sliced in 2" pieces
1 small head cabbage, chopped
3 T. vegetable oil
2 c. vegetable broth

Mix the first seven ingredients together in a medium bowl. Set aside.

Heat oil in large stockpot and add sliced onions. Saute until translucent. Add small head of chopped cabbage and saute until very tender.

Now you can do the large cabbage two different ways and they both work. You can stick the whole head in the freezer and peel off a leaf one at a time. Or, you can boil the whole head of cabbage and peel off the outermost leaf, continuing to boil the inner leaves until they are tender and malleable. Cut away the thick part of the bottom of the leaf, being careful not to cut through the leaf. Throw that into the pot, too. Then fill the leaf with about 2 T. of the rice mixture. Roll cabbage leaves and secure with a toothpick. The cabbage roll should completely enclose the rice mixture on all sides.

Add the cabbage rolls to the onion and cabbage mixture and add the cranberry sauce, tomato sauce and vegetable broth to cover. Cook until the cabbage rolls are very tender and the sauce has thickened. Taste and add more cranberry or tomato sauce to taste.

CRANBERRY SAUCE

1 package fresh cranberries

Follow the recipe on the package and add cubed, peeled pears and pine or other nuts. Cook according to directions and set aside.

TOMATO SAUCE

1 28 oz. can of crushed tomatoes
1 bay leaf

Simmer tomatoes until reduced, about an hour.

Roosevelt Weather Almanac

by Ron Filepp

SEASONS OF FEAR

Halloween, the annual celebration of fear and things scary, will be behind us. But, before we turn away from fear, before hobgoblins, witches and costumed tricksters fade from memory, let's explore some real terrors, phobias. Phobias are intense and persistent fears of specific objects, situations, activities, creatures or people.

There are many well-known phobias. Every Friday the Thirteenth we hear about triskaidekaphobia - fear of the number thirteen. The movie "Arachnophobia" taught us that word means a fear of spiders and other creatures arachnid. If you have a fear of open or public spaces you have agoraphobia. Other terrors are less well known. Fear of men is androphobia. Fear of women gynephobia. Fear of writing graphophobia. You're linonophobic if you fear string and panphobic if you are afraid of everything. There are weather phobias too.

Meteorology would be too shocking a career for someone who has keraunophobia — a fear of lightning. Fear of thunder is tonitrophobia and brontophobia. Astraphobia is a fear of both lightning and thunder. Gene Kelly would never have been dancin' and singin' in the rain if he had ombrophobia — a fear of rain. A white Christmas would horrify the chionophobic — fear of snow. If you could care less if the answer is blowing in the wind you may have anemophobia — a fear of wind. Fear of cold is cryophobia. Thermophobia is fear of heat. Aerophobia is a fear of drafts of fresh air. One who has homichiophobia (especially if he is also anglophobic) should avoid a foggy day in London town.

Every weather phobic has his or her time and place to avoid. Anemophobes undoubtedly hate March. They will probably try to stay away from mountaintops where windy weather prevails. While thermophobes dislike summer and should vacation to the north, cryophobes have no use for winter and head south. An ombrophobe would be well advised to live far away from Oregon. Astraphobes, brontophobes and keraunophobes don't like July and August in New Jersey and should not move to central Florida where 100 days per year feature thunderstorms. Homichiophobes get anxious at the sound of a foghorn. Chinophobes should move to southern South Carolina or further south where less than one inch of snow falls annually.

In the future, chionophobes may not have to live as far south to avoid snow. A recent finding by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) offers more evidence of global warming. According to the Agency, the 1998 global mean temperature for January through August is 1.3 degrees warmer than the 1880-1997 long term mean for the same nine months. In Roosevelt, the warm weather continued through September and into the first half of October.

September's average temperature was 69.2 degrees - a full three degrees above normal. The hottest day was the seventh. The mercury topped out at 91 degrees. Two days had temperatures in the 90's. The New York Times reported that September 1998 was one of the warmest on record for many eastern states.

Dry weather also prevailed in September. As in September 1997, less than two inches of rain fell September 1998. That's more than two inches below normal. Rainfall for all of 1998 to date is well above normal.

NOVEMBER WEATHER EVENT

On November 17, 1977, heavy hail fell in Mercer County. Princeton was buried in 6 inches of hail. Trenton State College (College of New Jersey) was damaged. During the storm 73-mile per

hour winds were recorded at Mercer Airport.

WEATHER WORD

Arctic haze is a dense haze that sometimes occurs at the Arctic. The haze is primarily the result of pollution from Europe and Russia.

September 15-October 15, 1998

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	88.0	67.5	77.8	0.00
16	90.0	72.0	81.0	0.00
17	74.5	63.0	68.8	0.60
18	76.0	63.0	69.5	0.07
19	80.0	56.0	68.0	0.00
20	80.0	62.0	71.0	0.00
21	87.5	66.0	76.8	0.00
22	80.0	72.0	76.0	0.08
23	66.0	49.5	57.8	0.10
24	68.5	40.0	54.3	0.00
25	74.0	55.0	64.5	0.00
26	79.5	58.0	68.8	0.07
27	87.5	62.0	74.8	0.00
28	77.0	60.0	68.5	0.00
29	70.0	46.0	58.0	0.00
30	77.0	54.0	65.5	0.00
1	78.0	53.0	65.5	0.00
2	68.0	40.0	54.0	0.00
3	60.0	40.0	50.0	0.00
4	55.0	50.0	52.5	0.25
5	69.0	54.0	61.5	0.18
6	62.5	48.0	55.3	0.00
7	66.0	47.0	56.5	0.00
8	75.0	60.0	67.5	0.00
9	64.0	63.0	63.5	0.90
10	66.0	57.5	61.8	0.10
11	70.5	54.0	62.3	0.00
12	68.0	52.0	60.0	0.00
13	68.0	58.0	63.0	0.00
14	66.0	51.0	58.5	0.35
15	65.0	44.0	54.5	0.00

Total Precipitation 2.70

I'd Thumb a Ride, But...

by Mary Alfare

What do you do if your doctor calls and says he needs to see you for follow-up or that you need to get some lab tests done, and soon? Most of us are able to jump in the car and do what needs to be done. But if you're a senior citizen who doesn't drive or can't drive in certain conditions, the choices are very limited and sometimes prohibitively expensive on a fixed income; sometimes important medical needs are not met.

This was one of the main topics of discussion at the October 13 Senior Citizens' Meeting. What evolved was a tentative plan: try to solicit a pool of tentative volunteer drivers who could be called on a rotating basis to provide necessary transportation for "wellness" needs (not including medical emergencies or situations more appropriate to the First Aid Squad). The plan includes having coordinators who would negotiate between the volunteers and those needing the transportation.

If you think you might be able to volunteer a couple of hours every month or so to help out a neighbor in this way, or if you have additional ideas on the subject, please call Mary Alfare at 443-4243.



Roosevelt Arts Project 1998-1999 Season

The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 1998-1999 calendar of events featuring a wonderfully varied array of new works, a festival of the arts in the spring and the return of your favorite performers and poets.

Unless otherwise specified, all events take place at the Borough Hall and will begin at 8:00 p.m. 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.

Saturday October 24 'Mo

Richard Lloyd's full length romantic comedy about overcoming stereotypes to find hope and mature love.
Read by professional actors in the Borough Hall.

Saturday November 7 "Last Graduation"

A provocative award winning documentary on higher education in prison, presented by co-producer Benay Rubenstein. Benay, a former Roosevelt resident, will lead a discussion and share her experiences.

Saturday December 5 An Evening of Storytelling

At special time, 7:30 p.m. Stories for adults and children featuring professional storytellers Jaymie Reeber Kosa, David Brahinsky and Arthur Shirpiro.

Saturday January 9 Alan Mallach - A Beethoven Concert Pianist

Alan Mallach will perform the Pathetique and selections from Beethoven's lesser known sonatas.

Saturday February 27 Laurie Altman Jazz at the Peddie School

Saturday March 13 Poetry

An evening of readings by Roosevelt poets.

Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17 Roosevelt String Band

A perennial favorite, in concert for two nights.

Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23 Roosevelt Festival of the Arts

A two-day celebration of the Arts in Roosevelt with art exhibitions, studio tours, folk music, crafts, refreshments and fun at the Roosevelt Public School.

Also this season RAP will offer the Roosevelt Arts Exchange a series of workshops for adults and children led by members of the community. The Arts Exchange will provide an opportunity for townspeople to share their gifts and skills, and to share in those of others, whether it's poetry, decorative box making, woodworking or the art of collage. Watch for specific places, dates and times.

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

Beautiful three-panel postcards of the Shahn mural are available for purchase at each event or by calling Judith Trachtenberg (426-8867), Deborah Metzger (443-3759) or Robin Middleman (426-4583).

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**BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS**

Mail or deliver to the Municipal Clerk, Borough of Roosevelt
P.O. Box 128, Roosevelt, NJ 08555
(609) 448-0539 or Fax (609) 448-8716

To: Mayor Lee R. Allen and Council Members

(Please Print or Type)

NAME _____ DATE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

I would like to be considered for appointment to the following Borough Board or Commission as an unpaid volunteer citizen member (see reverse side).

FIRST CHOICE _____ SECOND CHOICE _____

Please complete the following. If desired attach resume or additional background information.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND _____

RELEVANT WORK/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE _____

INVOLVEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS _____

PREVIOUS SERVICE ON ANY BOARD, COMMISSION, OR POSITION (Include dates and positions)

DESCRIBE BRIEFLY WHY YOU ARE SEEKING THE APPOINTMENT AND WHAT YOU HAVE
TO OFFER _____

Signed _____

Date _____

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL: DESCRIPTION ... See Ordinance #148.

JERSEY HOMESTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL: Mayor appoints, Council approves. Conduct programs and take measures as it may deem feasible and appropriate to educate the public concerning the history of the Borough and its significance in the history of New Jersey and of the United States and to publicize and commemorate the Jersey Homestead Historic District. See Ordinance #149.

PLANNING BOARD: Mayor appoints without Council approval. Reviews applications for residential and commercial development, reviews and adopts Borough Master Plan, considers variances and reviews Zoning Ordinance changes for the Council. Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Ann Kassahun is presently the secretary. See Ordinance #21 and Ordinance #146.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: Mayor appoints without Council approval. Prepares an inventory of the natural and environmental resources of the municipality; prepares new and updated planning studies and reports describing strategies to protect natural and environmental resources; it may prepare draft ordinances or master plan amendments to protect natural and environmental resources for referral; may undertake projects designed to disseminate information to the public concerning environmental resources. See Ordinance #145.

APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE IN JANUARY OR AS VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COUNCILS OR COMMISSIONS OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT COUNCIL AND/OR THE MAYOR ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTMENTS.

Neighborhood Notes

by Mary Alfare

IN CONCERT:

Cherie Rose Katz, a mezzo soprano, will be giving a concert at the first Presbyterian Church on Main Street, Hightstown, on Sunday, November 22 at 3 p.m. She will be accompanied by Dr. Sam J. Bellardo. Cherie is the daughter of George and Margaret Katz of Farm Lane.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Honey Sochowitzky for her November 30 birthday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Nick Malkin of Homestead Lane, who will become a Bar Mitzvah on November 7. After services at Congregation Anshei Roosevelt, the celebration will be held at The Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. This past summer Nick spent 3 weeks at Washington College in Chesterton, MD, as part of the Johns Hopkins Program for Academically Advanced Youth for a writing course.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

DR. NANCY HAMILTON, Psy D. of Pine Drive who received her Doctor of Psychology from the graduate school of Applied and Professional Psychology at Rutgers on September 10. Way to go Nancy!

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 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 in Health: Sierra Howley, Jack Curry, Michael Cordo, Joseph Zahora, Lauralee Ward, Ina Clark and Jeremy Cokeley.

September Students of the Month in Physical Education: Gus Vuolle, Allison Harding, Blaze Nolan, Danielle Cokeley, Joel Orlen, Ryan Grasso and Brian Moore.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:

Liz Carroll, a Junior, was inducted into the National Honor Society on October 26. Katie Alfare and Hannah Stinson have been selected as Captain and Assistant Captain respectively of the HHS Band Flute Section.

If your news isn't in here, someone didn't follow the directions below.

To have items included in this column, call Mary Alfare at 443-4243 or mail to P.O. Box 58, 08555.

Please include contact name and phone number.

**SCHOOL IS
OPEN!
WATCH YOUR
SPEED!**

The speed limit on most streets in Roosevelt is 25 mph, on School Lane it is 15 mph.

❖ ELECTION '98 ❖

JUST MOVED IN? CAN YOU VOTE?

If you have moved within Roosevelt and your name is in the voting book, you will be asked to sign a yellow Affirmation of Residency Form showing the new and old address. You should then sign the voter registration page signature verification box and vote using the voting machine.

If you moved to Roosevelt after October 5 from another county, other than Monmouth, and were registered there, you are allowed to vote in your old district.

If you have moved to Roosevelt from another county, other than Monmouth, before October 5, and have not registered since you moved in, you cannot vote at this November 3 election.

If you have moved to Roosevelt from another community within Monmouth County and were registered there, you can vote using a Provisional Ballot; you will vote by paper ballot, not in the voting machine.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

I am writing to announce that I am a write-in candidate for Roosevelt Borough Council.

I realize that it is very difficult to win an election as a write-in candidate but I feel very strongly that the Council has before it the most important decision in the history of Roosevelt.

I am running because there is really only one issue in this election, and I have very strong opinions on this matter. Should we develop all of our remaining land with 4 times the density of our existing community? On the other hand, should we seek a more cautious approach to development?

TAKING A FIRM STAND ON THE ISSUES

I am the only candidate who has taken a firm public stand in opposition to the proposed development. The size and scope of this development is excessive. I have researched the matter and I am more convinced than ever that this is poor planning and will do more harm than good for our community.

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR ON NOVEMBER 3

The choices are clear on November 3. Mr. Parker and Mr. Towle are very much in favor of the proposal to construct a 350 unit adult community. Harry and John have the endorsements of each other and the other Council members who are promoting this kind of development. Mr. Towle, a Republican, is a Land Development Manager, and Mr. Parker has said that he is strongly in favor of this development. The addition of these two candidates to the Borough Council would transform this public body into a solid block unanimously in favor of this kind of excessive development.

RESPECT FOR OUR COMMUNITY

I have a great deal of respect for our past and the community that is the result of good planning and the hard work of our founders. I think that we have a lot to be proud of and protect. Roosevelt is a community not a commodity to be auctioned to the highest bidder. I am running out of a deep and abiding love that I have for this community.

REDUCING TAXES IS THE MAIN PROBLEM WE MUST ADDRESS TOGETHER

The most important problem that we must address together is how to reduce taxes without throwing out the baby with the bath water. I would like to continue to explore all of our choices for tax relief in the depth that they require. I have a great deal of experience in that regard.

During my eight years on the School Board, we have studied all of our options for tax relief including regionalization. In cooperation with other districts, we hired independent consultants to perform regionalization studies. In addition to these studies, we have met on a regular basis with other boards of education to discuss regionalization and other ways to share costs. Board members also met with our state representatives to discuss regionalization. The bottom line was that no districts or boards were willing to consider regionalizing with Roosevelt because their taxes would go up.

STUDYING REGIONALIZATION

It has come to my attention that there is a lot of misinformation in the community regarding the School Board's position on regionalization. Some of the confusion may lie in the Board's recent decision to decline State money for another regionalization study. We did this only after the Governor stated that she would recommend mandatory regionalization for districts where a state sponsored study showed a decrease in cost. In her usual fashion, she did not mention educational quality as a factor to consider when deciding what might be best for the districts. The Board felt that Roosevelt residents should decide what is in our best interest, not Governor Whitman. We decided to continue to study the issue but without the state money with strings attached. Anyone who suggests that the Board of Education is opposed to investigating regionalization and refuses to even study the issue is attempting to make a case for development on false pretenses.

MY EXPERIENCE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

I have served on the Roosevelt Board of Education for eight of the nine years I have lived

here. It has been a very positive and constructive experience. The community and the Board have worked together to make R.P.S. one of the best K-6 schools in the State. Serving on the Board of Education has been a valuable experience for me. I feel proud to have had the opportunity to give something back to the community I love. While I would hate to leave my current position on the School Board, I would do so in order to serve this community better.

LET'S DISCUSS THE ISSUES

I would welcome the opportunity to talk with anyone who would like to speak to me about any of the issues. I realize that time is limited before Election Day, and that I might not have a chance to speak to everyone before the election. Please feel free to call me at home to talk, 443-5227.

It would be an honor to serve this community as your representative on the Council. On November 3, please write-in Michael Hamilton for Roosevelt Borough Council.

Sincerely,

Michael Hamilton

To The Editor:

My family has been living in Roosevelt for over four years now, and during that time it has become clear that there are two factions within the Borough focusing around the volatile issue of development. I, personally, fall in-between. I love trees and open space much more than 7-11's and traffic jams; and yet, though my wife and I work a combined total of three jobs, I am not too proud to admit that every month we have to empty our collective wallet in order to pay our taxes and the dreaded water and sewage bill. So, though I may like to see things stay the same, I suspect that is, for us, financially impossible; and, metaphysically, perhaps even less possible, considering what Heraclitus once said about the likelihood of sticking his foot in the same river twice.

Heraclitus and running rivers aside, the need for

creative, responsible leadership in Roosevelt is crucial and urgent, and this is why I am pleased to endorse my friend and neighbor Mike Hamilton for the position of Borough Councilman. Mr. Hamilton, who is running as a write-in candidate, is perhaps best known for his role in leading the group that was prominent in repelling the scurrilous Nuclear Waste Plan. However, perhaps less well known, but even more quietly productive, has been Mike's untiring work the past nine years as a School Board member, six of which were spent as School Board President, which, as a fellow Board member, I have been able to view up close.

As a Board member, I know Mike as an intelligent and thoughtful person who will not leap before he looks, and usually looks long and hard. For instance, last year when we School Board members considered a halfhearted regionalization offer, Mike, like most of us, agonized over the pros and cons of the offer as opposed to keeping the status quo. Then he, like the rest of us, voted his conscience. During the past three years, many other questions have risen that we have pondered, and each time I have been impressed by the knowledge, thoughtfulness and creativity that have formed Mr. Hamilton's decision making.

Overall, I think the main reason I support Mike Hamilton for office though, other than the fact that he is my good friend, is because he combines two rare qualities. Mike owns a business, so he is fiscally and managerially capable, and he is creative. He is one of the few people I know who can literally take care of business and be flexible, creative and innovative at the same time. Being financially and managerially competent and imaginative are unusual traits in a politician, I believe, but they are essential; especially at a time when many people are feeling the need for our leaders to do something to ease our financial burdens while at the same time keep this great little community intact.

Sincerely,

Ron Kostar

To The Editor

My name is Gary Edelstein. I have been a resident of Roosevelt for 18 years. I have enjoyed living here for many reasons. Roosevelt is a special place, its smallness and isolation help keep it that way. Today our borough is threatened by developers and some of our own citizens who believe we would benefit by a huge increase in housing and a block of voters that do not have an interest in maintaining our unique school.

Many times in the past we have faced similar threats and thanks to a group of people who understand the uniqueness of this social experiment called Roosevelt, we have been able to weather the storm. I am concerned about the future of our borough.

On November third, I am going to write-in Mike Hamilton for Borough Council. I have known Mike for many years. His service to the school, as Board President, and other community activities tell me he is concerned about the quality of life here in the community. Mike Hamilton has come forward in this latest situation and spoken up for the special quality of life that we enjoy here in Roosevelt. Please join me and help to put an individual on the Council who will stand up and represent those of us who love the uniqueness that Roosevelt offers.

Gary Edelstein

To the Editor

I believe that the write-in candidacy of Michael Hamilton should be seriously considered by Roosevelt voters in the coming election. Having gotten to know Mike in the last year, I realize that he has several characteristics that recommend him. He is a successful businessman and has a strong practical and pragmatic bent. He has served our community with good conscience as part of the School Board. He seems to me a thoughtful person who reaches his opinions by careful thinking and is willing to continue to look

at evidence after forming an opinion and asserting it. He is not afraid to change his mind if evidence indicates to him that such a change is warranted. In my interactions with Mike, he has shown he has personal integrity and a caring spirit.

Rod Tulloss

To the Editor:

Michael Hamilton has agreed to run as a write-in candidate to be a member of the Roosevelt Borough Council. I heartily endorse his candidacy. His experience as a member of the Roosevelt Board of Education, and also as its president, combined with his efforts in the last five years to coordinate the efforts of many people in Roosevelt to stop the State of New Jersey from building a nuclear waste disposal facility here in Roosevelt, and to be cautious about large scale adult community development, will serve the people of Roosevelt well if he has a seat on the Borough Council. He has a great ability to be considerate of and respectful toward the viewpoint of all people, including those whose views are opposed to his. He will be able to work well with the Mayor and Council, and contribute to the development of their plans to help the Borough meet its obligations.

Herbert M. Johnson

Dear Neighbors,

As you may know, I am not running for reelection to Council in the upcoming election. Back in April, when I decided not to run, I did so with the impression that two good candidates, neighbors known by me to be reliable and experienced public servants dedicated to the Roosevelt community, would be running and would probably fill those seats.

I was, and continue to be, happy to support Stuart Kaufman in his bid to return to the Council. He will bring much needed experience

and an open mindedness to the Council. He will undoubtedly provide some balance to the Council's discussions.

At the time, I also felt comfortable with Harry Parker's candidacy. Mr. Parker had served on the School Board, and he and I have been on the Planning Board for several years together. Although we have disagreed on issues, I believed him to be an honest and ethical man. I have recently come to change my opinion of him in this regard.

I would encourage you, therefore, to support the independent write-in campaign of Mike Hamilton. Mike has obvious dedication to the preservation of Roosevelt's uniqueness and has experience on the School Board and in the recent and ongoing campaigns to protect Roosevelt from unwise developments in our borough.

Although I am conflicted about leaving the Council and Planning Board at this time of intense debate over the future of our borough, I have made my decision for personal reasons which outweigh other considerations. It has been a privilege to serve my community and I thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Hunt

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ed be achieved before the PCD-2 amendment is considered for approval. Mr. Tulloss explained that the committee was given just two months, until the end of October, to determine the social impacts of housing developments on small towns. It prepared a questionnaire which is being sent to mayors of towns with a big percentage of the popular adult communities, but it might have been better to have had a planning consultant prepare it. Another problem, he said, was that mayors would not find it easy or possible to provide meaningful responses in a short time. He had asked members of the Council, but especially Mr. Hoogsteden to share their views on the need for reorganizing "the Council's process so it is an effective business process which will help us reach our goals." Mr. Hoogsteden began by stating that he believed the Mayor and Council were following an effective, deliberate process. He explained how they were proceeding, but when Mr. Tulloss pointed out that the three months of delays so far to accomplish the eleven steps and make other revisions in the amendment, after the Planning Board had three months to prepare the amendment, made it appear clear to him that the process was not well planned, Mr. Hoogsteden acknowledged the validity of Mr. Tulloss's views, and then asked for suggestions on how to improve the process. Mr. Tulloss advised: 1) Prepare less aggressive timeliness, 2) Use professionals who have no vested interests in outcomes, and 3) Put inserts into the Borough Bulletin, which goes each month to every Roosevelt household, to inform citizens about critical issues. He explained: very few people subscribe to the newspaper the municipality uses for advertisements of its proposed ordinances. Mayor Allen then commented: "We have a tendency to over-rely on the reporting by the Bulletin representatives." He made no agreement to see that articles were prepared for direct mailing or insertion in the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin to make up for the alleged inadequate reporting.

Ms. Trachtenberg referred to the Mayor's criticism in her concluding remarks: "I appreciate and read the Bulletin faithfully and I love my Bulletin. If Bess ever stops getting it out, we are all going to be in big trouble." Across the crowded room, Bess Tremper laughed. She is the managing editor and one of the five Trustees of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. The Mayor and others joined Ms. Tremper in congratulatory laughter and cheers of support. The Planning Board Chairman, Joseph Zahora, soon stated that he has found Bob Clark to be a superb Borough Bulletin reporter who has covered Planning Board meetings for many years.

When Ms. Trachtenberg asked the members of the Borough Council to describe their goals in relation to the adult community proposal, Mr. Hoogsteden related several ways such a community could benefit Roosevelt. Councilwoman Rose Murphy chose to change the subject at that point. She told about two efforts the Council made in the past three years to reduce the tax burden by bringing in revenues from companies or agencies from outside of Roosevelt: 1) promoting use of the water tower for cell-phone antennas, and 2) trying to offer the use of the Borough's sewer plant to treat other communities' gray water until some citizens threatened a lawsuit. Ms. Trachtenberg appealed: "Let's be positive. We are not trying to blame anyone. We just need to be a part of the process of working together to solve the Borough's problems." Ms. Murphy agreed. Adrienne Cheshier then congratulated the public and the Council members for their showing great respect for everyone in the room during the second half of the meeting. "No one interrupted, everyone heard others out, we all are concerned and we all have creative minds," she said, signifying that working together this way will help Roosevelt find the best solutions to its difficult dilemmas.

With all six members of the Council present, and nearly 40 people in the audience by 7:30 p.m., the Mayor read off the names of senders and the subjects of 8 correspondences. No reports were given for four committees. Ms. Murphy, for the Administration Committee, said a Salary Ordinance amendment would have its second reading and public hearing later. (There were public hearings for five ordinances in the old business part of the agenda.) Then, for the Public Utilities Committee, Councilman David Donnelly said he had received "estimates" for erection of a new water tower at \$460,000 and for drilling a new well at \$693,000. The total of the estimated costs is \$1,153,000. The well and the water tower mentioned are likely requirements if 350 new houses were built north of Oscar Drive. There has been no previous mention at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of a need for a new well or water tower but at the September Council meeting, when Paul Prestopino said he believed the addition of 350 adult community houses would change Roosevelt drastically, Mayor Allen said the community has "tremendous expenses on the horizon;" it faces water plant improvements that will cost \$1,500,000.

The first public portion, before old business and the public hearings on five ordinances, had six residents speaking critically of the way the Council handled the introduction of the Landscape Ordinance, marked "DRAFT COPY" on some of the Council

members' copies, which had been submitted by Kathleen John-Alder. Freda Hepner, Marilyn Magnes, Kirk Rothfuss and Ralph Seligman related how Ms. John-Alder was annoyed at the Council for introducing and advertising the draft she had submitted. It was for review and improvements by the Environmental Commission and Planning Board before the Council acted on it. She is a landscape architect who offered to help develop an updated landscape ordinance to be in effect before the Council approved of any PCD ordinance amendments. The Mayor and Ms. Murphy assured the audience that they were not trying to rush the adoption of the ordinance. The Mayor said he asked the Council to introduce it last month so that the public would have more time to learn about it and make suggestions on how to improve on it. A review of the audiotape showed that Ms. Murphy made the motion to introduce the Landscape Ordinance, even though it was not on the agenda, and Mayor Allen actually advised the Council that it should wait until the Planning Board had a chance to review it first and make recommendations about it. Mr. Hunt had protested that he had not seen a copy of the ordinance, and then when he found it in the stack of papers the Clerk had set out for each Council member, he said, "It is marked "Draft Copy" and he had had no chance to study it. When George Vasseur held up his copy at the October meeting to show it was marked boldly "DRAFT COPY," two of the Council members at the other end of the table said their copies were not marked to indicate they were rough drafts.

The controversy ended when Bernarda Shahn asked if all the good features of the old Landscape Ordinance were preserved. The Mayor said some things changed. No more Norway Maples will be permitted. Lorraine Hartley asked if she is responsible to remove any prohibited trees which start growing on her half acre as a result of seeds from the volunteer trees blown over from the adjacent woods. Mayor Allen said, "No," but Ms. Murphy added, "Under this landscape ordinance, yes, you would have to get rid of them." The Mayor asked for any other comments about the Landscape Ordinance to be made during the public hearing.

Earlier, Vincent Vignuolo raised two questions which had nothing to do with ordinances. Firstly, how did the recruitment for new members of the First Aid Squad go? Two people asked to be advised when they could take the CPR course for members, but a squad member had only had the ambulance at the Post Office for two hours on a Saturday when he had to bring it back to the station to answer an emergency 911 call and take someone to Princeton Hospital.

Secondly, Mr. Vignuolo asked if the Council and Mayor had yet approved of relocating the Fire Department to the garages behind the parking lot. Mayor Allen said they have serious concerns about the parking lot pavement being able to stand the weight of the fire trucks.

Robert Francis, a Roosevelt fire fighter for many years, said later in the meeting that he was the only Fire Department member to answer a call that weekend. A bow hunter had fallen from the ladder from a tree-stand in the woods beyond the cornfield between Solar Village homes and Eleanor Lane. He fell on his bow and arrows and the stabilizer penetrated his hip deeply. The Millstone First Aid Squad asked for fire fighters to help cut a path through small trees wide enough to drive in a rescue vehicle. Mr. Francis made the point that the Fire Department, as well as the First Aid Squad, needs more volunteer members. The Borough Bulletin has been announcing the need frequently. In October, Mary Alfare's column "Neighborhood Notes" appealed for volunteers for those two groups and the Roosevelt Public Library on Monday nights.

Those who commented during the public hearing on the PCD-2 amendment ordinance were Tim Hartley, Rod Tullos, Joseph Zahora, Dinah Coe, Kirk Rothfuss, Ralph Seligman, Lorraine Hartley, Nona Sherak, Lois Hunt, Neil Marko, Pearl Seligman, Bernarda Shahn, Susan Dermody, Judith Trachtenberg, Adrienne Cheshier, Sol Libsohn, Robert Francis, Jaymie Reeber Kosa and Gladys Nadler.

The Landscape Ordinance #190 also had its public hearing continued until November 9, as did Ordinance #97-25 to set Land Use Fees and Escrows, to give the Planning Board until at least November 2 to review them and make recommendations about them.

Ordinance #24-16 to set fees for water and sewer connections was approved unanimously after John Ross, Neil Marko, Rod Tullos, Kirk Rothfuss and Herb Johnson commented about it. Ms. Murphy stated that we now have 300 homes hooked up to the sewer plant and we are using only 30 percent of its capacity. "We can add 600 more homes to it." The Borough Accountant, Gerard Stankiewicz, who calculated how much the State would allow Roosevelt to charge, said, "This is the only mechanism we can use to get new homeowners to pay on an equal basis with homeowners who have paid great amounts for the sewer plant improvements."

The Salary Ordinance amendment which resulted in
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an increase in the Borough Treasurer's salary and an equal decrease in the Chief Financial Officer's salary was approved after Mr. Hoogsteden agreed that it was an error for a Council member to state at the September meeting that there would be no change in the salaries as reported in last month's Borough Bulletin.

All were in favor of three resolutions: 1) to urge the National Parks System to upgrade the temporary bridge to Ellis Island from New Jersey to a pedestrian bridge, making it possible for people to walk to Ellis Island, 2) to revise the contract for the purchase of chemicals for the sewer plant, and 3) grant use of the Borough Hall to Tom and Pam Hague for a baby shower.

The meeting adjourned after approval of payment of the month's bills.

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the following recommendation to the Council:

The Planning Board refers the matter of proposed rezoning of the Notterman tract from .5 units per acre to .6 units per acre to the Council for such action as it may deem appropriate. The Planning Board advises the Council that there exists a risk, whether the Notterman tract is rezoned or not, that development of the tract, as currently permitted, with four-bedroom homes, would result in more children than the school can accommodate if the northern area were developed in accordance with existing PCD II standards. It is up to the Council to determine if there is a substantial likelihood of any family-type development in the northern area under current circumstances and if it would be prudent, as a matter of policy, to amend the PCD I ordinance so as to facilitate development of the Notterman tract.

With Ms. Hunton, Mr. Ticktin, Chairman Joseph Zahora, Bert Ellentuck, Harry Parker and Mark Roberts present, the Board voted unanimously to forward the recommendation to the Council.

If the Council anticipates that it can find a way to finance the purchase of development rights in the northern 500 acres, it may amend PCD I zoning to permit the M & M proposal. Mayor Lee Allen and others have suggested that additional tax rateables generated by an M & M development and an adult

community would provide sufficient funds to halt residential development beyond the Notterman tract and about 10 scattered lots around the community. If willing to accept average class sizes of around 20 students, the Board of Education would not have to expand RPS. Thus, no significant expenses would offset the substantial tax and utility fee reductions anticipated from greater tax rateables and more utility fee payers. Meanwhile, the Committee for Responsible Development, led by Ralph Seligman and School Board member Michael Hamilton, contends that such a scenario is pie in the sky. They maintain that anticipated and unanticipated expenses would offset the financial gains. They also claim that the proposed adult community in particular would devastate Roosevelt's bucolic character and transform the community socially into something undesirable.

Since the Board's planning consultant, Alan Mallach, was out of the country, he had not yet submitted a draft master plan revision to the Board's master plan review committee. Jeffrey Hunt, the Council's representative to the Board, Mr. Zahora, Mr. Ellentuck and Mr. Parker serve on the committee. Mr. Mallach, a professional planner, has been providing free advice to the Board with his workload described by Mr. Zahora as "growing by leaps and bounds." Ms. Hunton commented that Mr. Mallach's Board-related workload has grown "beyond the implied understanding of the level of work involved." Mr. Zahora said he would ask Mr. Mallach "if he is comfortable with the level of work or would like assistance." No one directly addressed whether to offer remuneration to Mr. Mallach.

After Mr. Zahora said the Board needed to consider several issues "to specify what it intends to do with future development," Mr. Seligman, a professional planner and former Roosevelt Planning Board Chairman, called the process "very sloppy." He chided the Board for a "very careless piece of work" and said it would be "hypocritical" to contend that the task is important but should be done quickly. He emphasized that in the case of the proposed adult community the Board was advising the Council on "the most important action undertaken by a Council in the history of the town." Ms. Hunton countered that it was "not sloppy to reevaluate after the recent events."

Mr. Seligman offered pro bono service as a professional planning consultant. Mr. Ellentuck said that Mr. Seligman "should be included" on the Board's

master plan review committee. Others on the Board remained silent, and Mr. Seligman did not join the committee.

Concilwoman Murphy asked Mr. Zahora how much time it would take to conclude the master plan revisions. She noted that the Council could not act on proposed amendments to the PCD II ordinance to permit an adult community until it determines whether they would be consistent with the master plan. Councilman Hoogsteden said the Council might have to delay action on the PCD II amendments until 1999. This would require a new Council to reintroduce and republish the ordinance amendments before it could hold a public hearing and vote on whether to adopt them.

None of the three Council members present urged the Board to speed its work so that the current Council could decide the issue. All three will serve on the Council that takes office in 1999. Michael Stiles will also remain on the Council. Mr. Hunt and David Donnelly are leaving the Council when their terms expire at the end of the year. Mr. Parker, John Towle, Peter Warren and Stuart Kaufman are the announced candidates seeking to replace them. Mr. Hoogsteden, Ms. Murphy and Mr. Stiles have endorsed publicly Messrs. Parker and Towle.

In other action, Kate John-Alder, a certified landscape architect and a member of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission, reviewed for the Board a proposed 18-page landscape ordinance. She drafted the ordinance pro bono, and the Council introduced it in September and referred it to the Board for comments before the draft could be refined. A committee, consisting of Board members Ellentuck, Roberts and Hunton, as well as Ms. John-Alder and Timothy Hartley, will list recommended changes and additions for the Board before its November 11 meeting. Mr. Roberts is also a landscape architect, and Mr. Hartley is an architect. The Board will ask the Council to extend the time for Board comment until at least November 11, which falls two days after the Council's November 9 meeting. None of the three Council members present indicated that he or she would have a problem with the requested extension.

It took about 45 minutes to discuss the changes suggested by Mr. Ellentuck on the first page of the proposed landscape ordinance. Realizing that the review process would be tedious and time consuming, the Board deferred to the committee. Roosevelt's Environmental Commission also had some comments, according to Ms. John-Alder. Mr. Ellentuck

thanked Ms. John-Alder for doing "an enormous and thoughtful job." If approved by the Council, the ordinance would replace landscaping provisions of the model site plan and subdivision ordinance adopted recently by the Borough. The committee also may consult with Board Attorney Michele Donato, who has begun to bill the Board for services rendered in reviewing the development proposals.

With minor changes the Board unanimously recommended approval of fee and escrow provisions for development projects. The Council introduced the ordinance at its September meeting and referred it to the Board for comments.

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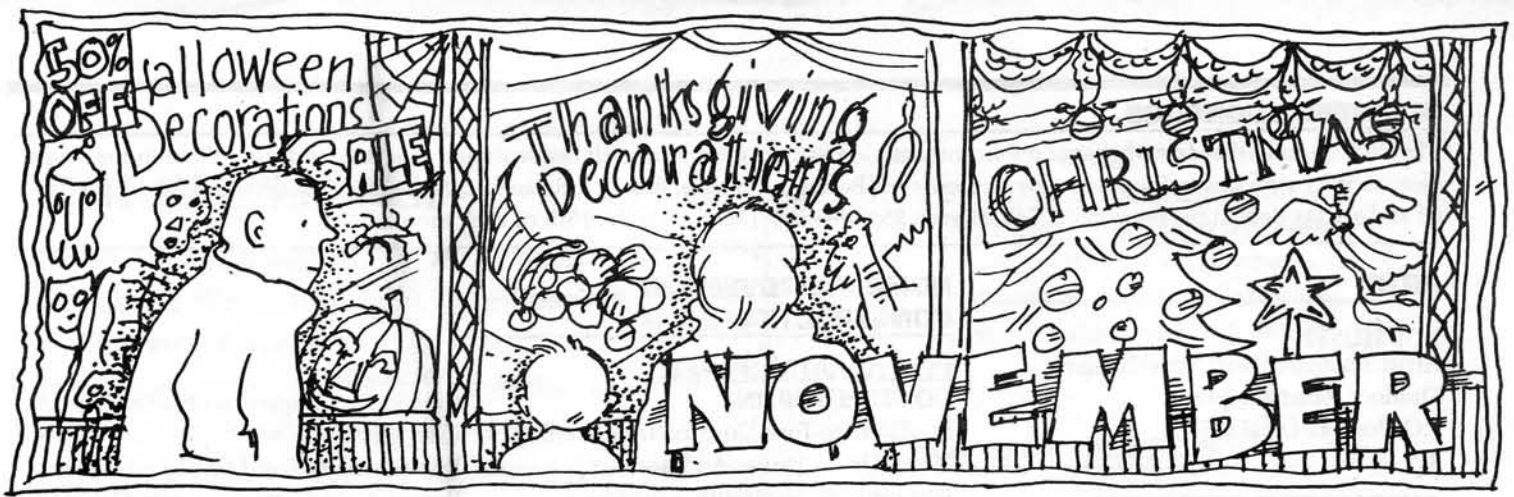
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Allen, 448-6978.
- Tues. 11/3 7 a.m.- 8 p.m.
Election Day
- Fri. 11/6 Pizza Day, RPS.
- Sat. 11/7 8:00 p.m.
RAP Program, Film—*Last
Graduation*, Borough Hall,
Juidth Trachtenberg, 426-8867.
- Mon. 11/9 7:30 p.m.
Council Regular Meeting,
Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen,
448-6978.
- Tues. 11/10 1:00 p.m.
Blood Pressure check,
Borough Hall.
2:00 p.m.
Roosevelt Senior Citizens,
Borough Hall, Jeanette Koffler,
448-2259.
- Wed. 11/11 Veterans' Day
RECYCLING.
Borough Hall Closed.
8:00 p.m. Planning Board Meeting,
Borough Hall, Chairman Joe
Zahora,
426-4187.
- Thurs. 11/12 RPS closed.
- Fri. 11/13 RPS closed.
- Mon. 11/16 7:30 p.m.
Council Committee Meetings,
Borough Hall, Council
President

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to put events on the calendar.*

- Paul Hoogsteden, 448-7358.
8:00 p.m.
Synagogue Board Meeting,
Michael Tickin, 448-0363.
- Tues. 11/17 8:00 p.m.
Roosevelt PTA Meeting, RPS,
President Dianna
Moore, 448-7742.
- Wed. 11/18 8:00 p.m.
Environmental Commission,
Borough Hall, Chairman
Wayne Cokeley, 443-6287.
- Tues. 11/19 RPS 4 hour session, Parent-
Teacher conferences.
7:30 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting,
RPS, President Lauralynne
Cokeley, 443-6287.
- Mon. 11/23 RPS 4 hour session, Parent-
Teacher conferences.
7:30 p.m.
Council Committee Meetings,
Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen,
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- Wed. 11/25 RECYCLING.
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