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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Special Meeting: Year-End Zoning Changes Set Stage for Large Developments

by Bob Clark

During its last meeting of 1998, the Roosevelt Borough Council gave final approval to zoning changes that could lead to a doubling of the current population. One change would permit construction of up to 350 homes in an age-restricted community. The other would increase from 54 to 65 the number of single-family houses permitted in a separate zone without age restrictions.

At the special meeting on December 30, the Council amended both planned community development (PCD) ordinances. PCD I, governing 109 acres owned by the Notterman family and extending from the Solar Village to the Cemetery, now permits the construction of 65 single-family houses, about 20 percent more than previously allowed. PCD II, which controls development in approximately 500 acres of northern farmland, now permits 350 units in an adult community confined to the area east of Route 571 near the border with Millstone Township. Previously, the ordinance permitted no more than 114 non-age-restricted houses on both sides of 571.

At least 50 houses still may sprout west of 571, unless the Borough finds a way to fund the purchase of development rights in the area. Borough officials indicated they would study funding methods as soon as possible. Resident Rod Tulloss said at the Planning Board's December 9 meeting that he would ~~find~~ a non-profit organization to look for funds to preserve open space in the northern farmland.

Outgoing Council member Jeffrey Hunt cast the only vote against the adult community (PCD II) amendments. He was joined by outgoing Council member David Donnelly in dissenting from the amendments increasing the number of single-fam-

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The Governor's Rebate Proposal: Roosevelt Homeowners to Receive State's Highest Payments

by Michael Ticktin

In her State of the State message, Governor Christine Whitman announced a proposal to establish a program of school tax rebates to be paid directly to homeowners. The maximum amount in each municipality, once the program becomes fully effective after a five year phase-in period, would be 45,000 times the equalized school tax rate. Based on current figures, the anticipated payment to Roosevelt homeowners in 2003 would be \$1,251 - more than twice the State average and an amount higher than that for any of the 565 other municipalities.

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To Our Readers

We are back again for the long haul - six more issues from this one to the last one at the beginning of July. We will continue to do our best to bring you the news of our community and to make each edition as interesting and readable as we know how.

This is YOUR publication. Let us hear from you. We welcome letters and articles. But one more important point; We appreciate and thank those who have sent us contributions. So far since July, 1998, however, we have only heard from 62 of you! To paraphrase what they say on the Public Television Fund drive appeals, we need to hear from readers like you. Without you, we cannot exist! We look forward to hearing from you.

Be A Good Neighbor

Pick up after your dogs and make sure they are on a leash no longer than 8 feet.

Dog licenses can be obtained at the Borough Hall. The fees for the month of February are \$9.20 altered, \$12.20 unaltered. Canine companions must also be licensed but no fee is required.

Snow Removal - Vehicle Parking

Please do not park vehicles on the streets when the road is snow covered. It is very difficult to maneuver around them with the snow plow and additional snow will be piled up making it more difficult for you to get your vehicle moving.

Water Problems?

Please leave a message at the Borough Office with the following information: the problem; date and time of occurrence; and, the location or your address. The Borough Office telephone number is 448-0539.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Attention Parents

Your help is needed in obtaining information about the achievements - academic, sports related, or other - of Roosevelt students. This is especially true for those attending out of district schools. Join us in giving our kids recognition and encouragement by calling items in to Neighborhood Notes. Contact Mary Alfare at 443-4243

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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

December 14, 1998 Meeting

by Herb Johnson

At the December 14 regular meeting of the Council, with seventy-four people present, plaques expressing the appreciation of Roosevelt citizens for volunteer service to benefit the community were presented by the trustees of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin to Jeanette Koffler, Gayle Donnelly, Jeff Hunt and David Donnelly.

Mrs. Koffler's volunteer efforts to benefit the community of Roosevelt as the Borough's Welfare Committee Chair, as a reading volunteer at the school, a sponsor of the Nursery School, and the President of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club were cited. Mrs. Donnelly's service on the First Aid Squad and the Fire Department, as the initiator and promoter of the semi-annual Clean Community litter pick-up campaigns, as a part of tree planting and trail development volunteers were cited. Mr. Hunt's three years on the Borough Council, six years on the Planning Board, and service as a driver of the First Aid Squad's ambulance were cited. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Donnelly for his six years on the Borough Council, his frequent attention to the Borough's water utility problems and emergencies, and his assistance in every semi-annual litter pick-up campaign.

In January, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt held a Reorganization Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and its Agenda Meeting at 8:45 p.m. on January 4, 1999 and a Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on January 11, 1999. The twenty-second resolution approved on January 4th set the first Mondays of each month for agenda meetings and the second Mondays of each month for regular meetings, to begin at 7:30 p.m., except when any of those Mondays is a holiday, in which case the meeting is scheduled for the following day. Council committee meetings were set for the third and fourth Mondays of each month.

After roll call, which was answered by the four continuing members of the Council, Paul Hoogsteden, Rose Murphy, Michael Stiles and George Vasseur, the two new members of the Council, Harry Parker and John Towle took the oath of office. The Council elected Mr. Stiles as Council President, after which resolutions were approved resulting in the following appoint-

ments: Gerard Stankiewicz of Klein and Company as Municipal Accountant and Auditor; John J. Ross as Municipal Attorney; James DeMuro as Municipal Engineer; GPM Associates as Water/Sewer Engineer; McLaughlin, Bennett, Gelson and Cramer as Bond Counsel; Millstone Township Court as Municipal Court; Diane Canazanella as Municipal Court Administrator, Melody Kitson as the Deputy and Helen Dwyer as an Alternate for either if they are unavailable; Leslie B. Tinkler as the Municipal Judge.

A motion was passed to approve of the following:

Borough Clerk	Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik
Deputy Borough Clerk	Nancy L. Warnick
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	Nancy L. Warnick
Purchasing Agent	Nancy L. Warnick
Treasurer (Current Fund)	Ana Debevec
Chief Financial Officer (Current Fund)	Edward Debevec
Treasurer (Water/Sewer Fund)	Ana Debevec
Chief Financial Officer (Water/Sewer Fund)	Edward Debevec
Tax Collector	Salvatore P. Cannizzaro
Assistant Tax Collector	Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik
Public Works Superintendent	Dianna Moore
Housing Inspector	Robert Jordan
Clean Community Coordinator	Dianna Moore
School Crossing Guards	Kim Grasso, Kelly Mitchell, Mary Lee Ramirez, Lucrezia Ellen McGuff-Silverman

Three resolutions were passed to appoint Dianna Moore as Recycling Coordinator, Safety Coordinator and Fund Commissioner as required by the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund, and Clean Community Coordinator. Resolutions have a roll call vote for legal reasons while motions are usually passed by a clear majority of "aye" votes. All Council members voted "Yes" to approve the 24 resolutions

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ily homes permitted on the Notterman tract (PCD I). Council President Paul Hoogsteden and members Rose Murphy, Michael Stiles and George Vasseur voted to amend PCD I and, with Mr. Donnelly, to amend PCD II. Mayor Lee Allen, who could have voted solely to break a tie among Council members, has consistently expressed approval for both changes.

The outcome likely would have been the same under the new Council that took office in 1999. In November, the voters elected Harry Parker and John Towle to replace Messrs. Hunt and Donnelly, who both decided not to seek re-election. Both Mr. Parker, who served a number of years on the School Board and the Planning Board, and Mr. Towle, who served on the Environmental Commission, have expressed support for the amendments to PCDs I and II. However, if the final votes had not occurred in 1998, the new Council would have had to re-introduce the amendments in 1999, reprint them in official newspapers and wait another month before final passage.

Although some in attendance expressed satisfaction with the outcome, several members of the Committee for Responsible Development bitterly denounced the changes as hurried and ill-advised. Michael Hamilton, a leader of the group, accused the Council of attempting "to dismantle the work of several generations of dedicated people who have devoted their energy and skills to making Roosevelt a rewarding place in which to live." Mr. Hamilton waged a close but unsuccessful write-in campaign for a Council seat in November.

Opponents focused on the

Council's failure to heed the Planning Board's recommendations to delay amending both ordinances. At its December 9 meeting, the Board voted 7-2 to recommend that the Council defer action on changing the density of single-family housing in the PCD I zone until passage of a proposed landscape ordinance drafted by Kate John-Alder. Mayor Allen, Council member Hunt, Vice Chairwoman Gail Hunton, Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin, Bert Ellentuck, David Leff, and Mark Roberts voted in favor of the delay. Chairman Joseph Zahora and Council member-elect Parker opposed it. Member Paul Henry was not present. At the same meeting, the Board voted five (Hunton, Hunt, Ticktin, Ellentuck and Leff) to four (Zahora, Allen, Parker and Roberts) to ask the Council to defer action on PCD II amendments until the Board could consider several issues, including master plan review, open space delineation and traffic effects. The Board also unanimously asked the Council to have the Borough Engineer work with the Board to delineate the open space that needs to be preserved.

Since its amendments of PCDs I and II deviated from the current master plan and countered the Planning Board's request for delay, the Council by law had to put in writing its reasons for the amendments. The resolution supporting the increased density in PCD I, noted that the 65 units would be on smaller lots than those permitted for the 54 units authorized without the amendments. The resolution contended that "the layout currently being considered" for the smaller lots would preserve "a larger contiguous open space tract than originally shown in the PCD I ordinance, while maintaining consistency with the master plan." The

resolution also cited support by the Roosevelt Environmental Commission for plans "where large, contiguous pieces of land are set aside rather than those where smaller strips of land are left between properties."

The latest drawings submitted by the Matzel & Mumford Organization of Hazlet, the would-be developers of the Notterman tract, would cluster 65 houses in the northwest portion of the property. That would leave a large expanse of open space in the wooded area along Empty Box Brook and the fields and woods surrounding the Cemetery. Thirty-one acres would be developed, 2.5 acres would serve as a "village green," five acres would provide buffers between the new houses and existing structures, and 70.5 acres would be devoted to contiguous woodlands and fields.

The Council's resolution justifying the adult community option acknowledged that certain issues raised by Alan Mallach, the Planning Board's consultant, in an August 7 letter may not have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Planning Board. The resolution added that the Council "will consider any future amendments to the PCD II ordinance which the Planning Board may propose in the future." The resolution maintained that age-restricted cluster development to preserve open space "would be consistent with the type of cluster development contemplated by the 1978 Master Plan and each of the Re-examination reports" in October 1987 and March 1991. The resolution also cited the promotion of housing to accommodate senior citizens, the goal of the Municipal Land Use Law to encourage planned unit development, the preservation of open space, the "positive fiscal impact on the Borough" because of the absence of

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

New Members to Help the Planning Board With Big Tasks Ahead

by Bob Clark

The Planning Board, expecting formal applications that could double the population of Roosevelt, has three new members. Mayor Lee Allen appointed Dianna Moore, the Superintendent of Public Works, to replace long-time Board member Michael Ticktin, the Tax Assessor, in the position reserved for a non-elected Borough official. Mr. Ticktin had declined re-appointment, citing the fact that his ownership of property within 200 feet of two potential developments would prevent his participation in most key decisions anticipated for 1999.

Mayor Allen appointed Bill Wisowaty and Louis Esakoff to two alternate slots previously occupied by Mark Roberts and Paul Henry, who both moved to regular member positions. Newly installed Councilman and longtime Board member Harry Parker will remain on the Board as the Council's representative. He replaced Jeffrey Hunt, who did not seek re-election to the Council in November. The Board passed resolutions of appreciation thanking Mr. Ticktin and David Leff, whose term as a regular member expired at the end of 1998, for their "invaluable" years of service.

In reorganizing for 1999, the Board retained Joseph Zahora as Chairman. Mayor Allen appointed Gail Hunton to another three-year term, and the Board re-elected her as Vice Chairwoman. Mayor Allen and Bert Ellentuck also serve on the Board. One vacancy remains while

the Council re-evaluates the requirement that the position be reserved for a member of the Board of Education. Ann Kassahun again was named Secretary of the Planning Board.

The Board re-elected Michele Donato as its attorney. It will continue to hold meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Public notices will appear in the Asbury Park Press and the Messenger-Press. Alan Mallach will continue as the Board's planning consultant, and the Borough Engineer will provide engineering services to the Board.

The Board's Master Plan Re-examination Committee, with guidance from Mr. Mallach, will continue its long-running efforts to draft changes in the Borough's Master Plan. Mr. Ellentuck chairs the Committee. Other members are Mayor Allen, Ms. Hunton and Mr. Esakoff. Ms. Donato advised that if three members of the Board meet, public notice should be published under "a conservative interpretation" of the Open Public Meetings Law.

Mr. Ellentuck reported that the Landscape Ordinance Committee, which he chairs, has approved final changes to recommend to the Board. However, the Committee did not receive a typed version in time for the Board's January 13 meeting. The Committee will forward a copy to Ms. Donato for legal review. Board members Hunton and Roberts serve on the Committee, along with residents Kate John-Alder and Timothy Hartley. Ms. John-Alder, a certified landscape architect and a member of the Borough's Environmental Commission, prepared the original

draft of the ordinance.

About a score of residents attended the meeting, far more than the usual number. However, there was no outbreak of Board activity to witness in the wake of the Council's December 30th approval of amendments to the Borough's two planned community development (PCD) ordinances.

For several months the Matzel & Mumford Organization (M & M) of Hazlet has proposed informally to build 65 single-family homes in the PCD I zone. The zone contains 109 acres between the Solar Village and the Cemetery. The sole owners in the area are the Notterman family. M & M applied to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for wetland delineation. A subdivision plan accompanied the DEP application, but has not yet been submitted formally to the Planning Board.

Meanwhile, Sydney Israel, an Eatontown land acquisition and development consultant, and U.S. Home Corp. of Freehold, a home construction and marketing firm, have proposed informally a 350-unit adult community north of Oscar Drive near the border with Millstone Township. The Examiner reported in early January that Mr. Israel said he hoped to file an application with the Planning Board within six months. Under the PCD II zoning, construction of the community's homes and support buildings would be restricted for the most part to the relatively dry Beer tract, one of six properties east of Route 571 in the Borough's northern farmland. All the owners there would have to be given a chance to participate in the project. Thusly, they could share in the value of the

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SCHOOL NEWS

RPS: Letter from the Interim Chief School Administrator

by Richard S. Messner

Since I started as Interim Chief School Administrator, effective January 4, 1999, I experienced some wonderful educational programs. The Roosevelt community is to my liking being a small family oriented district. The cooperation between parents, teachers, administration and the rest of the community has been a pleasant surprise.

Although I have been here a short time, I am looking forward to developing closer ties with the community. My door is always open and I believe we need to continue to keep our lines of communication open.

The school district is starting to assemble the 1999-2000 budget. The New Jersey Department of Education has not submitted state aid figures yet, but I suspect we will receive that kind of information sometime in February..

Again, I am looking forward to working with everyone to continue the good quality of life as experienced in the Roosevelt School. ■

Roosevelt Community Nursery School

by Ginny Weber

Happy New Year to all! Although 1999 is already one month old, we're still celebrating at RCNS. Before the holiday break, we had a wonderful "Winter Fest", complete with games, music and delicious snacks. Our festivities were held at the Borough Hall and planned by the parents. Special thanks go to Geryl Hickey for coordinating the plans.

In January, we celebrated a great American's birthday, Ben Franklin. In honor of his achievements, we learned about the post office and how it operates, and about electricity. We visited the Roosevelt Post Office and had a great time seeing where all the mail goes, thanks to Kim Dexheimer.

Chinese New Year is celebrated at the end of January. We learned where China is and about some of the customs. 1999 is the Year of the Hare. We had fun finding out what animal represented the year each child was born and about their character traits. We also made masks and had a parade.

In February, we will be celebrating Groundhog Day as well as Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. Imagine the children leaving school wearing Lincoln's or Washington's hats!

February is a great time to learn about our hearts, as we

also prepare for Valentine's Day. Since February is also Dental Health Month, we are planning a visit to the dentist. The children love to see how everything works and "take a ride" in the chair!

We are planning a very special pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 7th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Won't you please come enjoy our delicious pancakes, ham, eggs and more. The children's art work and projects will be displayed as well. The cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child. Our children appreciate your continued support. ■

PTA

by Ellen Silverman

Chris Reinhardt, the State Trooper assigned to Roosevelt was the guest speaker at the January PTA meeting. I hope you were all able to come out and meet him.

The Winter Concert was canceled on January 14th but the next week the music and the PTA refreshments revived our spirits. When there is such good music, food and drink there will always be hope, even on the dark cold nights of January. Thanks go to the PTA members who supplied such wonderful refreshments.

Stay tuned in March for the Winter Carnival. ■

SCHOOL NEWS

School Board News

by Nancy Hamilton

December 17th meeting

The December 17th meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education was called to order at 7:45; all members were present. Nona Sherak and Richard Messner, interim Chief School Administrator, comprised the audience.

Mr. Presutti reported that the past two days had been spent with Mr. Messner, introducing him to the school, students and staff so that he might easily assume the position of interim CSA after the winter vacation. Mr. Presutti is compiling information in order to begin budget preparations for the 1999-00 school year. A special education aide is resigning and the position has been advertised. Mr. Presutti thanked the Board for a "wonderful" four years.

Ms. Sherak thanked Mr. Presutti for his work on behalf of our school district. She expressed concern that the 65 house proposed development will have a significant impact on the school and encouraged Board members to be visible at Borough Council meetings to voice any concerns that they might have. Ms. Sherak also expressed her opinion about the new math curriculum.

Mr. Messner noted the high morale in the school at this time and many positive feelings among staff and students. He is looking forward to the year.

It is time to negotiate a teachers' contract. Mr. Newrath volunteered to serve on this committee. Ms.

Grayson and Ms. Ellentuck also agreed to serve.

The finance committee is working on the budget and will meet with Mr. Presutti in January. Aid figures are not in yet and may be affected by new funding formulas based on current enrollment. The Board approved the payment of bills and budget transfers.

Ms. Ellentuck, chairperson of Policy Committee reported that a review of our policy manual by the New Jersey School Boards Association found little wrong. NJSBA made some recommendations regarding the updating of policies, which the committee will do shortly. The flowchart of staffing also needs to be revised.

The Education/Personnel committee is setting up interviews for the permanent CSA position. An additional day was given to the Learning Disabilities Teacher consultant in order to handle any additional special education responsibilities that may have previously been handled by Mr. Presutti. Reenah Petrics was approved as a school nurse substitute. Mrs. Cokeley reminded the Board to review all CSA applications. Mr. John-Alder of the Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that the existence or non-existence of an old underground oil tank is still being investigated. The possibility of obtaining grant money for the removal of such a tank was discussed.

There was continued discussion about proposed zoning ordinances that would open the door to development. Mr. Ticktin expressed concern about the impact that 65 four bedroom homes would have on the school. Mrs. Cokeley dis-

couraged the Board from taking a public position on this issue, stating that it is the responsibility of the Board to focus on educational concerns. It was also re-stated that the Board is willing to provide thorough and accurate information that could be useful in the decision making of other public bodies.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:30.

January 21st meeting

This reporter was unable to attend the January 21st meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education, but the following highlights were kindly provided by Karen Minutolo, Board Secretary and Business Administrator. Board President, Lauralynne Cokeley, called the meeting to order at 7:45. Ms. Ellentuck, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. John-Alder, Mr. Kostar, Mr. Newrath, Ms. Silverman and Mr. Ticktin attended the meeting.

A letter from UNICEF was shared, thanking the school for its contribution of over \$100. An audit of our milk program was successful and approved by the Board. The district's Quality Annual Assurance Report was approved by the State.

Mrs. Cokeley thanked the Board for its commitment and hard work during the CSA interview process.

Mr. Messner apprised the Board of upcoming events in the school. These include: the winter concert (1/26/99), and Abe Lincoln presentation (2/3/99), NJ Writers' Project (last week of February), winter carnival (2/27/99), and the health fair (3/3/99). Report cards will be issued 2/9/99. A recent PTA meeting with Trooper Rhinehart was

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THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

This is the initial installment of the New Jersey State Police contribution to the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin.

The Borough of Roosevelt is afforded police services by the State Police, Hightstown station. Recently, Lt. David Arthurs #2900, assumed the duties of Station Commander there and as such is considered the Borough's Chief of Police. Prior to his assignment at Hightstown, Lt. Arthurs was Station Commander at Fort Dix station. Additionally, Sgt. Caesar Clay #3176, has been designated as the Assistant Station Commander. Sgt. Clay previously served at Flemington station in the same capacity.

In November 1998, Col. Carl Williams, Superintendent, N.J.S.P. announced the beginning of the State Police Community Policing Unit. This program details troopers to specific municipalities through-

out the state that are primarily protected by the State Police. Community outreach, problem solving and a direct ongoing communication with Borough residents are just some of the many components of this program. An important facet is the involvement with the community's school system. This is meant to be a positive influence on the students and to allow parents and children to know the Trooper in their community.

Trooper Chris Reinhart #5090, specifically requested the opportunity and has been assigned as the Community Policing Trooper for Roosevelt Borough. Previous station assignments include Fort Dix, Bordentown, Edison and Newark. He has been in town only a few weeks but has already met many of the towns residents, business owners, school administrators, staff and students. An ongoing effort will be made to identify "Quality of Life

Issues" and to serve as a liaison between the town and the State Police. To this end, a *Community Policing Needs* survey has been distributed at Council Meetings and through the Public School. The responses will be analyzed and addressed. A revised survey will be available shortly. Anyone needing to contact Trooper Reinhart can call Hightstown station at 609-448-0074.

Communication with the State Police through the proper channels is critical to providing efficient and effective service. 9-1-1 is strictly an emergency only call. If 9-1-1 is mistakenly dialed by anyone in your home, please do not hang up. Advise the operator of the mistake. A failure to do so could jeopardize a responding trooper's safety. For non-emergency matters, when the presence of a Trooper is requested, call 609-448-0073. ■

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well attended. An inservice entitled "Arts for Anyone" will be provided for staff, paid for by the PTA and a grant.

The school will be purchasing risers for performances in the auditorium. Money to pay for these is being generously donated by the Student Council, and the Board is appropriating matching funds.

The Board went into executive session at about 8:25. The open session resumed at 10 p.m.

Teacher contract negotiations will begin in the middle of February. David Ticktin was elected to serve on the Borough's Emergency Management Council.

The Board approved the payment of bills and transfers; transportation jointures were also approved.

The Policy Committee is scheduling a meeting and will begin reviewing the Part-time Nurse/Medication Policy as well as the Internet Policy.

The Education Personnel Committee will continue the interview process the first week in February. Diane McCready was approved as a special education aide.

The Building and Grounds Committee is calling for quotes for repairs to sections of the roof to take care of some leaks. Information is still pending regarding the status of a possible underground oil tank.

The Legislation/Public Relations Committee has a number of informational items pending. First, some interest was expressed in investigating the feasibility of a full day kindergarten. The Board drafted a letter to the Borough Council asking them to reconsider the proposal to eliminate the requirement that a School Board member participate on the Planning Board. It was the opinion of the Board that communication between public bodies would be of benefit to our community. Mr. Messner offered to speak with the Mayor regarding the Board's concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25. ■

LOOSE LEAVES

"Winter Reading Material"

by Ron Kostar

I stumbled upon a writer named Reynolds Price recently at the Cranbury Book Worm which has prompted a familiar desire to sit down and read everything the man's written. I think he's that good. In all three of his stories I've read so far, his characters are believable and sympathetic, and all are faced with crises that most people can understand and appreciate.

In one, for instance, a man named Kayes has left his wife and 14 year old son to live with a woman. That the younger woman is black and the story is set in the South is important, as is the fact that the story takes place during the 1940's and Kayes is waiting to be inducted into the army. The reasons for Kayes leaving his family are complex, ranging in my opinion, from everything from the simple "mid-life" crisis explanation to his wanting to separate from his son before his son inevitably separates from him; maybe even, if you plumb deep enough, to the sense of existential fear Kayes feels for knowing that he will soon be fighting for his life, which brings a new sense of urgency into his decisions and life.

Other characters' reaction to Kayes' actions are equally complex, and just as open to interpretation.

But regardless of the "real reason" for Kayes' motivation or his loved ones' reactions, the point is that Price, like all good fiction writers, presents his characters and their dilemmas with the delicacy and complexity that real life deserves, and which most movies, in Hollywood's haste to promote "stars" and fulfill tired formulas, usually ignore.

As a result Price's stories leave us feeling for his characters - knowing, admiring and remembering them - and pondering their choices and actions, while the standard Hollywood fare often leaves us feeling hungry if not disgusted with ourselves for having again fallen to manipulation; and, sometimes even wanting to rush home and take a shower in order to rinse off the harmful cliches and stereotypes many movies douse us with in their sorry attempts to imitate "real life."

In another one of Price's stories, entitled *The Foreseeable Future*, a character named Whitney Wade

returns from World War II badly wounded, in fact so ripped apart by German shrapnel that "on the fourth day of the D-Day invasion" he had been written off as being dead.

As the story opens, Wade embarks on a process of recovery that's more emotional and psychological than physical; though he does have a large scar on his torso as a reminder of his ordeal, the real harm that the war has done him is emotional: he can't feel anything. As a travelling insurance agent and a southerner, his process of recovery involves taking to the road and getting reinvolved or reintegrated into his surroundings. Strange encounters Whit has with people on the road prompt an emotional resorting of his priorities that gradually bring him back to his senses, and to life.

Like another southern writer, Walker Percy, Price likes to jar his characters out of their complacency by putting them through some upsetting or even life-threatening crisis, and then chronicling their gradual reentry into the world. What makes Price's characters and stories moving are his sensitivity to their emotional lives and his respect for their complexity. His characters don't easily slip back into their old lives, but when they "return", they return to lives that are on firmer ground. From what I've read so far, Price seems to be one of those rare modern writers who believes in traditional values - like family, community and god - but without being dogmatic, simplistic or sentimental.

His characters' transformations don't come easily, but when they do, they are as worthy of savoring as a dinner in a Boston Market or Bonanza Steakhouse:

The two women ate Delmonico steaks, well-done and gray as shingles. Only Whit had the nerve to eat rare beef in those last days before freezers pushed south from factories in Utica; and beef could cross state lines in safety, raw but sweet. They'd each consumed every leaf of an individual basin of salad greens with blue-cheese dressing, an equal third of the platter of onions and slices of a pecan pie so rich their minds were affected till near bedtime. But they said next to nothing. Little moans of pleasure, even from June who thawed completely before the pie came.

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ROOSEVELT WEATHER ALMANAC

The Numbers Of 1998

By Ron Filepp

It's time to look back at the weather statistics of the year gone by. Some of the numbers may be a surprise in the context of weather related affairs at the end of 1998. For example, the water shortages affecting the region at the year's end seem to stand in contrast to the fact that 1998 was a year of abundant precipitation. What follows in the next several paragraphs are the extremes, averages and ironies that make up the statistical history of Roosevelt's 1998 weather.

Ninety-six degrees was the highest temperature of '98. The mercury went that high on June 26 and again on July 22. There were twenty-three days last year that reached 90 degrees or greater.

At the other end of the scale, the lowest temperature last year occurred this winter when the mercury fell to twelve degrees on December 26. One indication of how warm last winter was is the fact that there was only one day in the period of January through November 1998 when the low temperature fell into the teens or lower. That was January 1. The low that day was fourteen degrees.

Temperatures dropped into the teens or below on only six occasions last year. All but one of those days were in December. There were no low temperature readings in the single digits in 1998. The average temperature for the entire year was 56.8 degrees two degrees above normal.

There was water everywhere in the beginning of the year. The day with the greatest amount of precipitation was January 24. Two and a quarter inches of rain fell.

Weather Word

Buran is a Russian word used to indicate a bitterly cold wind that is often associated with blizzards in Siberia.

Had temperatures not climbed above freezing, we might well have seen over twenty inches of snow on the ground that day.

By December 31, there was not a drop to spare of the water that had been everywhere. Not one day in the period from August 18 through the end of the year had precipitation of one inch or greater. More troubling is the fact that precipitation levels did not reach normal in any of the months from July through December. Despite the six-month dry spell, the yearly precipitation total was above normal by over two inches.

Precipitation picked up nicely in January of the New Year. The first half of the month brought more than a full month's worth of precipitation. The same fifteen days brought about four and a half inches of snow. That's the same amount of snow that fell in all of 1998.

A storm on the fourteenth and fifteenth of the month brought precipitation to Roosevelt in the forms of snow, ice, sleet, freezing rain and rain. The same storm brought bitter cold temperatures to Maine. A low of fifty-five below zero was recorded on the fourteenth, the lowest temperature ever recorded in Maine.

The coldest temperature ever recorded in New Jersey occurred in the month of February. The temperature plunged to 31 below zero in Culvers Lake, Sussex County, on February 9, 1934. Closer to home on that day, the mercury dropped to 25 degrees below in Indian Mills, Burlington County.

A proverb says "As August, so next February." If that proverb holds true, this February should not set any low temperature records. The month will turn out to be warmer and dryer than average.

There is a similarity between August and February. An average August brings more precipitation than any month of the year. February frequently features more snow than any other month. That fact was not lost on Native Americans who designated the February full moon the Snow Moon. ■

LOOSE LEAVES

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The emotional complexity of Price's characters, and the fact that Price is as perceptive as a hawk and can parlay his observations into sentences like: "Tow-headed and rigged in a complicated suit with a Lord Byron collar and a low-slung belt, he was daring the camera to pick the lock of his shut face" and "Her face was unstrung from sleep, and maybe she'd washed her hair since Monday or the straightening grease was wearing off, but someday now it was all much grayer than he remembered" are reasons enough to return to Cranbury looking for another handful of underpriced paperbacks. ■

December 15, 1998 - January 15, 1999

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	47.0	25.0	36.0	0.00
16	48.0	32.0	40.0	0.00
17	76.0	32.0	54.0	0.00
18	40.0	27.0	33.5	0.00
19	51.0	26.0	38.5	0.00
20	49.0	44.0	46.5	0.00
21	58.0	46.0	52.0	0.00
22	64.0	26.0	45.0	0.00
23	31.5	20.0	25.8	0.20
24	34.0	23.0	28.5	0.30
25	32.0	14.5	23.3	0.00
26	34.0	12.0	23.0	0.00
27	40.0	14.5	27.3	0.00
28	44.0	28.0	36.0	0.00
29	42.0	35.0	38.5	0.03
30	35.5	34.0	34.8	0.45
31	30.0	16.0	23.0	0.00
1	30.0	16.0	23.0	0.00
2	28.0	10.5	19.3	0.00
3	60.0	28.0	44.0	0.40
4	29.0	22.0	25.5	2.20
5	28.0	17.0	22.5	0.00
6	36.0	12.0	24.0	0.00
7	36.0	26.0	31.0	0.00
8	36.0	20.0	28.0	0.00
9	51.5	32.0	41.8	0.67
10	29.5	23.0	26.3	0.20
11	24.0	17.0	20.5	0.00
12	50.0	19.0	34.5	0.00
13	50.0	32.0	41.0	0.00
14	27.0	19.0	23.0	0.70
15	45.5	26.0	35.8	0.70

Total Precipitation 5.85

ATTENTION PARENTS

Your help is needed in obtaining information about the achievements - academic, sports related, or other - of Roosevelt students.

This is especially true for those attending out of district schools.

Join us in giving our kids recognition and encouragement by calling items in to Neighborhood Notes.

Contact Mary Alfare 443-4243

BREAKING BREAD



by Shan Ellentuck

The minute cold weather hits, I lose all appetite for watermelon and iced tea and start to crave baked apples and hot chocolate. Don't you? I want rich, hot, fatty, stomach-filling foods. I want cauldrons of soup, stews, pot roasts, sausages and pans of dense, cheesy lasagna. When I cook, I want to make fragrant food that steams up the kitchen. I want the pots on the stove to fill the house with delicious smells so that everyone who comes in the front door cries, "Ahhhhhh! Mmmmmm! What's cooking?" before they even say, "Hello."

Of course, I realize that my body is atavistically preparing itself for months of deprivation. My gut thinks it belongs to an animal that will starve in the coming lean, cold months if it doesn't store sustenance. In this I am one with the squirrels. Clearly, my genes were programmed before the advent of supermarkets and if I'm not going to find myself obese by April, I have to fight these caveman desires and eat, alas, with restraint.

Having said all this, I'm offering a favorite cold weather recipe that does just what it ought to do at this time of year: It tastes like winter food. It's substantial. And it's guaranteed to elicit those happy cries of, "Ahhhhhh! What's cooking?" What's more, it's fairly inexpensive, uses only one pan, has just 3 essential ingredients and is so easy to make that you can go off and read the paper, have a drink, take a hot bath, or play with the kids while it's filling the house with wonderful smells.

Alsatian Pork Chops

4 shoulder pork chops. (Not thick cut.)
15-20 oz. can of sauerkraut, drained.
1/3 cup of sour cream.
a teaspoon of caraway seeds (optional).

Heat a large pan on the stove. When it's sizzling hot, rub it evenly all over with the fatty side of one or more pork chops to render the fat.

When you can see the gleam of the fat coating the pan, drop the chops in the pan in a single layer & brown them well on both sides. (If not all the chops fit, brown some & move them to a plate while you brown the rest.)

Remove all the chops to a plate. Lower the heat to medium and plop the sauerkraut into the pan, scraping up the browned bits with a spatula as the kraut loosens them.

When the bottom of the pan is clean, layer the chops on top of the kraut.

Cover the pan & reduce the heat to low.

Simmer for about 40 minutes, or until the pork chops are cooked through. Pick up the cover and poke the kraut now and then, for the heck of it - and to let out the delicious smell.

Put the chops on a platter & cover to keep warm.

Add the sour cream to the kraut in the pan, mix and warm slightly.

Don't add salt - but do add caraway seeds if desired.

Serve the pork chops heaped on top of the sauerkraut. Potatoes - any kind, cooked any way - are a natural with this dish. So is beer.



school district expenses, an anticipated reduction of sewer and water utility bills, an increase in population to sustain enhanced fire and first aid protection, and more revenues to apply toward the purchase of development rights elsewhere in town. The resolution also mentioned that the Planning Board drafted a policy statement in December 1997 "outlining the positive benefits of such an age-restricted community" and then proposed to the Council the amendments to PCII.

In the last few months, as public discussion raised issues not previously considered by the Planning Board, a majority of its members urged the Council to delay amending PCDs I and II. The School Board also expressed concern that the Council might have relied on inaccurate data about the impact on Roosevelt Public School of permitting more houses on the Notterman tract.

The Planning Board appointed a Committee on Social Impact of Age-Restricted Housing. Board member Ticktin chaired the Committee. Residents Rod Tulloss, Mary Alfare and Jane Rothfuss were members. Capping a lengthy December 9 report, Messrs. Ticktin and Tulloss and Ms. Rothfuss warned that, with regard to goals like education and public recreation, "the larger the retirement community, the greater the risk that there will be a population introduced that will not only be in conflict with the majority of the rest of the community, but will be in a position to prevail." Mr. Tulloss and Ms. Rothfuss recommended capping the size of the age-restricted community at 150 units. Mr. Ticktin said the limit should be 200 to 250 units. All three recommended delaying such a project for a few

years until high-income baby boomers could join the market for such units. In dissenting, Ms. Alfare, Roosevelt's Democratic Committeewoman, expressed confidence that proper outreach would persuade residents of even a 350-unit adult community to approve budget items important to the general populace.

The School Board offered to assist consideration of PCD I amendments by providing numbers and facts to the Council. In a December 30 letter to the Council, Board President Lauralynne Cokeley warned that studies of the fiscal impact on the school district of additional houses still were using inaccurate numbers. She concluded, "Before making a decision of such importance to our community, I am sure that you will want to have access to all of the data which is available." Ms. Cokeley noted that with seven classrooms in Roosevelt Public School, each serving 20 students, the school capacity is 140, or 54 more than the current enrollment of 86. She warned that if the distribution of new students across grade levels were not even, more teacher and classroom expenses would result to meet the needs of those grades exceeding the limit of 20 students. She also warned of additional tuition and transportation costs if development required sending more students to Kreps Middle School and Hightstown High School.

Those present at the December 30 Council meeting disagreed over how many school-age children would inhabit houses that might be constructed under the PCD I ordinance before and after amendment. Estimates ranged from .57 per house to 1.59 per house. Additional students could come from future houses built west of Route 571, or

from a dozen other buildable lots, if those properties' development rights were not purchased. There was further disagreement as to whether 74 units permitted under the old PCD I under a multifamily option would generate as many students as the 65 single-family houses permitted by the amended PCD I.

Mr. Parker, the Council member-elect, Planning Board member and former School Board member, expressed confidence that under a "worse-case scenario" the PCD I amendments would lead to "full classes of 20" each at RPS. Mr. Towle, the other Council member-elect and Environmental Commission member, contended, "No one can guess how many school children will be generated." He said it was more important to consider that the design and layout set forth in the amended PCD I for 65 houses would provide more open space than the previous PCD I did with 54 units.

During the public hearing on the PCD II amendments, Council President Hoogsteden read portions of a December 23 traffic study report by professional engineers John Rea and Jonathan Szap of McDonough & Rea Associates of Manasquan. After studying the intersections of Route 571 with Perrineville Road, Nurko Road, Oscar Drive and Farm Lane, the consultants concluded that each of the four intersections was "operating well within accepted traffic engineering parameters." They recommended that developers who might apply to construct 350 senior housing units and 65 non-age-restricted single-family homes "prepare a detail[ed] traffic impact analysis for those projects which would estimate traffic generation and distribution patterns and the impact of that traffic on each of

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In Memoriam: Jeanette Koffler

by Michael Ticktin

On December 28, Roosevelt residents were saddened to learn of the death of Jeanette Koffler. A resident of Roosevelt for over 50 years, Jeanette was one of those who, by virtue of having spent so many years participating in the life of the community, have played a major role in defining the very nature of the community. It can truly be said that the community will not be the same without her.

Jeanette was my immediate predecessor in the office of tax assessor, having served from 1953 until 1974. At the time she retired from the office, she was the longest serving assessor in Monmouth County. For many of my years as president of Congregation Anshei Roosevelt, she ably served as vice-president and as liaison with our tenant, the Roosevelt Cooperative Nursery School. But her



greatest concern, indeed passion, in her retirement years was the senior citizen's group. She was the tireless organizer, the one who made sure that activities took place and that services were provided and who argued incessantly for the Borough to provide some funding for group trips.

At the funeral, Peggy Malkin spoke eloquently of the friendship and kindness that Jeanette had shown her and other people over the years and how, because she was special, she made life in Roosevelt special for all who came within her wide circle of friendship. She will indeed be missed.

Jeanette is survived by her daughter Susan, her son and daughter-in-law Stephen and Betty, her granddaughter Jordana, her sisters Dr. Rebecca Notterman and Esther Marton, and her stepfather Harry Silver. ■

Senior Citizen's News - January 1999

by Helga Wisowaty

This was a meeting that held sadness because of the loss of our President Jeanette Koffler who died a few weeks ago. She was an efficient lady and a good friend.

Prayers were said in remembrance of her.

So far, we haven't chosen anyone in that capacity. Millie DiGiorgio remains as Treasurer and I as Secretary. We'll miss Jeanette.

Our condolences go to Jeanette's family. Knowing our sadness, we can understand theirs.

Until next month. ■

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

BEST WISHES TO THE NEWLYWEDS:

Tomasz Majorczyk and Elizabeth Huang were married on December 12, 1998. Her children, Christopher, Jennifer and Christine Iacono were present for the ceremony. The family resides on Lake Drive.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILY OF:

Thomas James Lust, born in Inchon, South Korea, on June 24, '98 whose arrival on December 1 was welcomed by his new Lake Drive parents Elizabeth and David Lust and big sister, Maggie. The proud grandparents are Rosemary Duchesne of Bethlehem, PA, Mae Beale Duchesne of West End, NC, and Marian and John Lust of North Haledon, NJ.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Steven Antosky who graduated from Kutztown University in Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Art Education on December 18. Son of Pat and Don Wilson of Homestead Lane, Steve made the Dean's List again in his final semester.

Jill Lipoti of Pine Drive, who is the Assistant Director of Radiation Protection with the NJDEP, has been appointed as a member of the EPA's Science Advisory Board, a high-level panel providing peer review of scientific and technical issues, and problems confronting the federal agency.

Peter Rossi, Sr. who was elected to the Tuckerton Borough Council last November.

FOND FAREWELL TO:

Jeanette Koffler of Homestead Lane who died 12/27/98 at the age of 77. Condolences to her family and friends.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Roosevelt Public Library needs volunteers to staff the library from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday evening on a rotating basis. Call Helen Barth at 448-2798 if you can give some time.

The First Aid Squad needs members. The squad pays

for training. For information call Captain Herb Johnson at 443-1947.

For information on joining the Roosevelt Fire department, contact Chief Kim Dexheimer or leave a message at the Borough Hall, 448-0539.

Volunteer Drivers: If you could volunteer a couple of hours occasionally to drive a senior citizen to a non-emergency medical appointment, please call Mary Alfare at 443-4249.

FROM RPS:

December Students of the Month in Health: Aliya Goldman, Cody Parker, Devin Kostar, Daniel Fischer, Jennifer Iacono, Joshua Fischer, Sam Husth, Larry VanBrunt, Lily Parrott and Elizabeth Stinson.

December Students of the Month in Physical Education: Alexander Carr, Robert Lancaster, Ashley Lawson, Lauren Hamilton, Jamie Silverstein, Ben Silverman, Emily Silverstein, Nicholas Gates and Erika Heden.

FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:

First Marking Period Honor Roll: Grade 7 - Avery Axel, Josh Butler, Lian Garton, Deirdre Lloyd, Lindsay Possiel and Tina Vasseur; Grade 8 - Katherine Hamilton, Wesley John-Alder, Nathaniel Kostar, Jeff Possiel, Christopher Wong and Shiri Yeger.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:

Hannah Stinson gave an excellent performance as Mary Warren in the November production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*. Several Roosevelt students served on the Production Crews: Hannah Stinson on Make Up, Vicki Taylor on Stage Crew, Dylana Possiel and Sarah Skillman on Costume Crew, and Vicki Taylor on Set Construction. Haley Reimbold was one of nine HHS students who achieved Presidential Status in the physical fitness testing last fall.

Katie Alfare and Hannah Stinson are Roosevelt members of the Woodwind Quintet that received a Division I rating at the all State Ensemble Festival last spring and has been invited to perform at the Music Educators Convention in New Brunswick in February.

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the" four intersections. Regarding the adult community proposal, the consultants found it "unlikely that impacts from this project would create deficient levels of service at key intersections within the Borough of Roosevelt."

Anita Cervantes called the traffic study "a numbers game for the sake of a numbers game." She said, "We all know how many cars are at the Post Office between 10 and 11 o'clock." Others questioned the consultants' advice that peak hours for age-restricted communities do not coincide with peak hours of commuter traffic, that peak hour traffic generation from age-restricted homes is approximately one third of the volume generated by non-age-restricted homes, and that overall daily traffic generation from age-restricted homes is approximately 30 to 40 percent of total daily traffic generated by non-age-restricted homes.

After lengthy and sometimes sharp debate, the Council voted, over the opposition of Messrs. Hunt and Donnelly, to close the public hearing on the PCD II amendments. Then Mr. Donnelly joined the others in passing the amendments over the angry objection of Mr. Hunt, who left the meeting after the vote. At one point during the public discussion, Bill Wisowaty commented, "A lot of hatefulness is going on that is totally unnecessary."

In other action, the Council gave unanimous final approval (Mr. Hunt absent) to an ordinance appropriating \$100,365 of state Department of Transportation grant money to improve South Rochdale Avenue between Route 571 and the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area. ■

GOVERNOR'S REBATE

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As with all silver linings, of course, this one has its cloud. The reason we would receive the highest rebates is that we have the third-highest effective school tax rate, and the two municipalities that have higher rates are mutual housing corporations where all of the residents are tenants of low-cost cooperative apartments. Any reduction in school tax rates as a result of new development will therefore make our rebate less exceptional as well.

If the Legislature approves the proposal, the first-year's payments in the amount of \$248 for Roosevelt homeowners, will be sent out next fall. The higher rebates promised in future years will, of course, depend upon the ability of the State to find the money to pay for them when the time comes. ■

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Katie Alfare is one of four students named as Commended Students in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program.

If your news isn't 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, Roosevelt, 08555. Please include contact name and phone number. ■



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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 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.

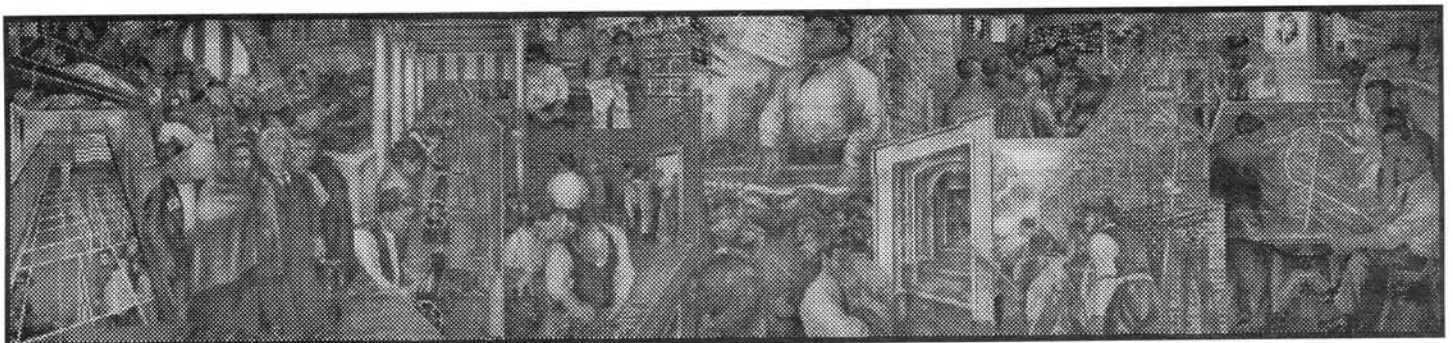
Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23 Roosevelt Festival of the Arts

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. Visit us at our website – <http://woof.music.columbia.edu/~roosevlt/>

The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible entirely by your support. Donations given to the Roosevelt Arts Project, other than for admission to an event, are tax deductible. We appreciate your continuing support of our efforts to bring the highest quality art and performances to Roosevelt. ■



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).

REVIEW

An Evening of Storytelling for Adults And Children

by Bess Tremper

On Saturday night, December 5th, 1998, with the presentation of an evening of storytelling by three Roosevelt residents, a new tradition was born. Its popularity was definitely established and I think, will now become an addition to the Roosevelt Arts Project's regular monthly presentations at the Borough Hall.

Storytelling, of course, goes back to the beginning of time, at first as an important source of information and communication and then, as time went on, a means of entertainment and pleasure.

Pleasure was certainly what we felt as we listened to the three storytellers that night. Two of them, Jaymie Reeber Kosa, a recent resident, and David Brahinsky, have become seriously involved in the study of the art of storytelling. They are interested in stories of folk tales of many different cultures. The third, Arthur Shapiro, relies on his own culture.

Jaymie, a third grade teacher, told three charming tales. While being specifically designed to involve the many children in the audience, because of her expertise, her stories were enjoyed by the adults as well. Only the children, naturally, responded to her instructions to

emulate bird sounds at certain points in one of the stories, but many of we adults were tempted as well. By the way, a vote of thanks to RAP for finding a vehicle to involve our children and a talented performer to carry it out.

And then David, our well known and beloved guitarist and folk singer, demonstrated yet another talent. His storytelling of three wonderfully fanciful tales included dramatic portrayals, complete with occasional use of his guitar as well, in one of which the storyteller's life depended on his ability to make his tale convincing. He surely accomplished it with that night's audience. Long life for David!

On the other hand, after the intermission, the final performer Arthur, in contrast, in his inimitable style, regaled us with wonderfully amusing stories of events in his own life: as Chairman of our Historic Commission, as a teacher and school principal and even as a teenager here in town. At one point, in his role on the Historic Commission, he had been asked to give one of his usual lectures about Roosevelt at Ocean Grove, a well known conservative town. He had been rather surprised at the request, but of course, agreed. He understood it, however, when, at the end of the lecture he was presented with a poster that had been circulated in the town announcing the event. It displayed a picture of Theodore Roosevelt on a horse above the title of his lecture: "Roosevelt, The Town, Not The Man." ■

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buildable area, even though the property sold by some to the developer would remain open in perpetuity.

At least one affected landowner seemed to prefer another alternative to participation in the adult community project. Paul Brottman, who owns about 30 acres of land with approximately 1600 feet of frontage on the eastern side of North Rochdale Avenue (Route 571), asked the Board to recommend to the Council that his property be rezoned to commercial. Ms. Donato pointed out that such a proposal might constitute illegal

spot zoning if it deviated from the general plan for the area. Mayor Allen noted that Rooseveltians had long ago arrived at a consensus that property along the northern entry corridor should be preserved as open space.

During the public portion of the meeting, Rod Tulloss expressed concern that a recent study of traffic likely to be generated by the proposed adult community did not assess traffic impact and safety at the Post Office parking lot. Larry Cheshier asked the Board to consider the possibility that intersections inadequate to handle increased

traffic could generate lawsuits against the Borough. Ms. Donato responded that the state Tort Claims Act provides very narrow opportunities to sue a municipality and generally would not permit suits for failure to upgrade an intersection. She earlier had indicated that the Borough might have to consider widening municipal roads that intersect with Route 571 in order to provide space for dedicated left turn lanes. In response to a question from Kirk Rothfuss about preserving open space, Ms. Hunton said the Board and the Council "still have to grapple with open space acquisition." ■

REVIEW

Alan Mallach Plays Beethoven - A Roosevelt Arts Project Event

by Gladys Nadler

Despite cold and ice, the audience filled the Borough Hall to hear Alan Mallach perform an all-Beethoven piano recital on January 9.

The program comprised four sonatas, opening with Sonata in C minor, op. 13 (the "Pathétique") and closing with Sonata in D minor, op. 31, no. 2 ("Tempest"). Sandwiched between these two major, well-known works, Mallach played two less known sonatas: op. 109 in E major, and op. 90 in E minor. For an encore, he played the third of the opus 126 "Bagatelles", a delightful work written when Beethoven was in the midst of composing his quartets late in his life.

In his comments before each piece he played, Mr. Mallach emphasized how Beethoven drastically changed the style and structure of music and influenced composers who came after him. For example, he pointed out

how the "singing style" of the op. 90 anticipated Schubert.

The pianist spoke of the "operatic" character of the music of Beethoven, who ironically wrote only one opera ("Fidelio"). What makes Beethoven's music operatic, Mr. Mallach explained, is that it is "hummable" (i.e. melodic) and has intensity and a feeling of drama.

Commenting on Beethoven's method of composition, Mr. Mallach illustrated how Beethoven may start with a very simple theme consisting of only a few notes or a simple rhythmic pattern (e.g. the opening of the Fifth Symphony). The rest of the work will expand on this simple theme with variations.

Mr. Mallach played Beethoven like a musician who loves the music he plays. As a result, his listeners could hear and feel the intensity, the drama and the melodic lyricism in the music. ■

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offered at the reorganization meeting. No abstentions or "No" votes were heard for any of the 12 motions made. The other resolutions which were approved resulted in the following appointments, designations or actions. Krystyna Bieracka-Olejniak was appointed Public Agency Compliance Officer and Municipal Assessment Search Officer. Nancy Warnick was appointed Deputy M.A.S. Officer. Salvatore Cannizzaro was appointed Tax Search Officer. The First Union Bank was designated as the depository for ten of the Borough's accounts. The PNC Bank was designated as the depository for the Roosevelt Municipal Court funds. The official newspapers for Borough legal announcements are to be The Times, Messenger Press and the Asbury Park Press. Council's meeting dates were approved as described earlier. Temporary budgets equal to one-

fourth the annual 1998 budgets for the Current Fund and the Water/Sewer Fund were approved for the first quarter of 1999. Rose Murphy was appointed as Community Block Grant Representative. Alternates appointed were Veronica Vignuolo and Mayor Lee Allen.

Motions were approved for these appointments: Harry Parker as Council Representative to the Planning Board; Michael Stiles as Council Representative to the Environmental Commission; Paul Hoogsteden as Council Representative to the Senior Citizens Organization; George Vasseur as Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Officer and as Council Rep. to the Emergency Management Council which is to include Ed Miller, Jack Rindt, Kim Dexheimer, Beth Battel, Krystyna Bieracka-Olejniak, Dianna

Moore, Mel Friedman, John Ord and a representative of the Board of Education when the Mayor requests one. The Council appointed for the CDBG Citizens Participation Group: Veronica Vignuolo, Mary Jane Kiersnowski, Mary Alfare, Cynthia Cybert, Judy Nahmias, Lynn Friedman and Leonard Sacharoff. The Mayor made appointments to the Cable Advisory Commission: Nona Sherak, Herbert Johnson, John Cordo and Dianna Moore, after which the Reorganization Meeting adjourned for refreshments for the forty people who attended.

At the January 11 meeting, Mayor Allen appointed to the Planning Board: Dianna Moore as the public official member, Harry Parker as the Council Rep., Mark Roberts and Gail Hunton for 4 year terms, Paul Henry and Joe Zahora for three more years, and, as Alternates for

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one year terms, Lou Esakoff and Bill Wisowaty. For three year terms to the Environmental Commission, the Mayor appointed Gayle Donnelly and David Schwendeman. The Mayor asked the newspaper to announce that he is seeking two more people to appoint to the environmental group. Kirk Rothfuss, David Kichula, Wayne Cokeley, Kate John-Alder, Chris Travis and Rod Tulloss will continue on it. Arthur Shapiro was appointed Local Historian. The Mayor deferred to February his appointments to fill three openings on the Jersey Homesteads Historic District Advisory Council.

The new Finance Committee Chair, John Towle, reported that a Budget Workshop would be held at 8:30 p.m. Monday, January 25. The Public Works Committee Chairman, George Vasseur, said he sent a letter to MECO, Inc., who replaced much of North Valley Road this summer, advising the company of the need to clean up the areas along the roadway where it left waste metal objects, tree trunks and other trash. Environmental, Health & Safety Chairman, Michael Stiles, said he would send a letter to the Fire Chief about the need for elections, reorganization and budget proposal submission. Community Development Committee Chairman, Paul Hoogsteden, said he is trying to secure scholarship funds for students and a solution to Solar Village residents' problems with recycling barrels freezing to the sidewalks. Utilities Committee Chairwoman, Rose D. Murphy, reported that the water lines under Cedar Court had been flushed and great amounts of rust and dirt were cleaned out. Maple Court water lines are to be flushed soon.

During the Public Portion following committee reports, Nona Sherak asked why the water lines under Maple Court, where she lives, were not flushed before any others in consideration of her appeals for two straight years to have cleaner water provided to Maple Court residents. Mrs. Murphy said the employee had trouble finding and then turning the valve to control the flushing. Ms. Sherak then asked the Mayor why he had not gotten the "No Parking" sign relocated to a preferred position from its hidden location in hedges and low branches of trees near Pine Drive. Mayor Allen apologized for the delay, and promised correction of the matter.

Kevin McNally asked three questions related to the Borough's preparedness for possible outages of power and other Y2K (Year 2000) predictions. He submitted six articles, two of which were about small town preparedness. Mrs. Murphy said none of the Borough's business or utility plants' controls were computerized, but the Mayor said he would see that extra heating oil reserves were ordered for the Borough Hall. He also said this situation makes it imperative that purchasing an adequate electricity generator for the Borough Hall no longer be postponed.

Vincent Vignuolo faulted the Mayor and Council for not correcting the "lack of ventilation" for the Borough Hall where the fire truck is garaged. He said OSHA would shut down the building due to the presence of fumes and carbon monoxide when the fire truck engine is started. Mayor Allen said he was assured by the Fire Chief that the garage doors were always wide open whenever the fire truck is started, and the truck is driven out of the garage promptly. Removal of the

wall between the garage and the hall, to make room for the longer Mack Truck the Borough now owns, has resulted in fumes from starting up the engine being noticeable. The Mayor assured the public that steps have already been taken to correct the situation.

Under "New Business," Resolution #10 was approved to appoint Ed Miller as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator. Resolution #28 appointed John Reuter as Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer. Four Roosevelt residents and one out-of-towner had applied. Five members of the Council approved of both resolutions.

Trooper Chris Reinhardt announced that most of the 84 surveys residents turned in showed that the major concern residents have is speeding on Route 571. He has given many tickets for speeding this month and most drivers were residents of Jackson Township. He said he would follow up on other matters about which residents showed concern. ■

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