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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Landscape Ordinance Passes

by Herb Johnson

At the June Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt, under Old Business, the public hearing on the Landscape Ordinance #190 was continued. After brief comments by two residents of Roosevelt, Councilman Michael Stiles moved that the public hearing be extended another month because

Councilman Paul Hoogsteden was absent and had requested an extension. Three members of the Council voted against the extension and then voted to approve the Landscape Ordinance #190, which was greeted with applause from some in the audience. That ordinance specifically states it is related to the two Planned Community Development areas and

exempts all existing streets and homes. An amendment to revise a sentence or phrase in ten sections of the ordinance as introduced several months ago was also approved, for example to say: "New Jersey and Pennsylvania trees are preferred," and to call for, "shade trees approximately 2 per 100 linear feet" instead of 5 per 100 linear feet.

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Hamilton Defeats Allen for Democratic Mayoral Nomination; Will Face Warren in November

by Michael Ticktin

Board of Education member Michael Hamilton has defeated Mayor Lee Allen's bid for renomination to a third term as Mayor of Roosevelt. Of the 305 votes cast in the Democratic primary, Mr. Hamilton received 175, while Mayor Allen received 124. Former Councilman Peter Warren, who was unopposed in the Republican primary, received 11 votes to win that party's mayoral nomination.

In the races for nomination to two Council seats, Councilman George Vasseur won the Republican nomination with 27 votes, while Councilman Michael Stiles won the Democratic nomination with 155 votes. Michael Block won the second Democratic nomination with 30 write-in votes. The only other person receiving more than one vote for a Council nomination was Kate John-Alder, who received three Democratic write-ins.

There were no primary contests in either party for State Assembly or County Freeholder positions, the only non-local offices on the ballot this year. ■

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LAST ISSUE UNTIL OCTOBER

With this issue, we finish our 1998-99 season and do not begin to publish again until October.

We are grateful to those generous residents who have helped us through these last few months so that we could continue to bring you the *Bulletin*, but we are not yet "out of the woods."

If you have not yet contributed, please help us. Any contributions received will, of course, be published in our October issue. We look forward to hearing from you.

Herewith contributions received since the June issue:

Ruth and David Barth
Virginia Edwards
Marie Klein
Pearl and Ralph Seligman

NOTE: Because of the need for this interim appeal for funds, we are putting off our usual, annual July Fund Drive (1999-2000) until October. At that time, we will look forward to your normal, annual contribution.

Have a wonderful summer.

DOG OWNERS

Mary Klink, the Borough's Animal Control Officer, will be making the rounds, door to door, in order to perform the State of New Jersey's requirement of a dog census.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

REMINDER:

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- PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.
- LEASH YOUR DOG.
- DO NOT ALLOW HIM/HER TO RUN LOOSE.
- LEASHES CANNOT BE LONGER THAN 8 FEET.
- GET YOUR DOG LICENSED.

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

Notice Problem Delays M & M Hearing One Month

by Bob Clark

The Planning Board put off until its July 14 meeting the public hearing on the Matzel & Mumford Organization's application to subdivide the Notterman tract to permit 65 houses. The Board had expected to begin the hearing at its June 9 meeting, but M & M's attorney, Thomas Farino of Monroe Township, said he had advised his client to delay starting the hearing. He cited a potential defect in the public notices regarding the application. Board members expressed concern that the delay would permit less time for consideration of the application before the deadline for a decision 120 days from filing of a complete application. At that point, Roy DeBoer, M&M's director of land development, consented to extend the 120-day period by another 30 days. The public hearing is now set to begin on July 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall.

The Planning Board Engineer, James DeMuro, plans to meet informally with Mr. DeBoer before July 14 in order to review the plans submitted with the application. The Board's Subdivision Committee will receive notice of the meeting time. Board Attorney Michele Donato advised the Board that any meeting attended by three members of the Board should provide for the public notice required by the state Open Public Meetings Law. If there is no opportunity for a public notice of Mr. DeMuro's meeting with Mr. DeBoer, the Committee will limit its attendance to two members: Bert Ellentuck and Diana Moore. Other members of the Subdivision Committee are Gail Hunton and Louis Esakoff.

The Planning Board published a notice of Subdivision Committee meetings at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall for July 14 & 21, August 11 & 18, September 8 & 15, October 13 & 20, November 10 & 17, December 8 & 15 and January 12 & 19. The Board also noticed Subdivision Committee meetings for 8:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall on July 7 & 28, August 4 & 25, September 1 & 22, October 6 & 27, November 3 & 24, December 1 & 22 and January 5 & 26. Those members of the public interested in attending should double check just before the meetings, since the Board may cancel the meetings without notice.

Anticipating a heavy meeting schedule, the Board on June 9 set a "curfew" of 11:00 p.m. for adjournment of its meetings. Ms. Donato said she would suggest a set of model rules

and regulations for the Board to follow. She said the state Municipal Land Use Law requires boards to adopt rules and regulations for meetings.

Mr. Ellentuck noted that the Council adopted an increase in permitted density in planned community development (PCD I) zoning for the Notterman tract but not changes in buffers, yard sizes and setbacks as recommended by the Planning Board. Council member Harry Parker, who also serves on the Board, said the Council expects to adopt PCD I revisions that will include the rest of the changes recommended by the Board. Mayor Lee Allen, also a Board member, said the Council would correct the "oversight" with ordinance amendments introduced on June 14.

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Roosevelt Taxpayers to Pay 11.45% More in 1999

by Michael Ticktin

The Monmouth County Tax Board has certified a 1999 general tax rate of 5.331% for the Borough of Roosevelt. This represents an increase of 11.45% over the 1998 rate of 4.783%. Since the taxes billed for the first half of the calendar year are based on the previous year's taxes, the entire increase appears in the bills for the last two quarters, which will be approximately 23% higher than those for the first two quarters of 1999.

Municipal purpose taxes were unchanged at 0.769%, as were County Library taxes at 0.026% and County Health Department taxes at 0.010%. General County taxes declined from 0.506% to 0.493%, a reduction of 2.6%, while the County Open Space Fund rate declined by 4.5%, from 0.027% to 0.025%. The overall increase was thus entirely due to the increase in school taxes, which rose by 16.7% from 3.445% to 4.008%. School taxes, which constituted 72.03% of the total tax bill in 1998, now constitute 75.18%. ■
See schedule on page 20.

The public hearing on Ordinance #24-17, to repeal the fee for refilling swimming pools, was passed with four aye votes. Mr. Towle abstained, he said, because he has a well. (He is therefore not affected by water and sewer fees.)

There was one other ordinance which had a public hearing and passed after considerable discussion. It had been introduced at a special meeting of the Council on May 17. The short report on page four of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin last month listed the five salaries proposed for some Summer Camp jobs as revisions or new positions. Nona Sherak, during the public hearing, pointed out that she was relieved that the camp did not have to be subsidized last year and she believed it would be good to advertise to attract Millstone families to use the camp. Mayor Allen agreed and then Councilman Harry Parker called for correction of the problem of camp employees having to wait until camp was finished before they could receive their wages. The Mayor said that had been a thorn in his side for years. Councilwoman Murphy then made a motion to direct the Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Debevec, to pay camp employees at the same frequency that the regular employees are paid. All voted in favor and the Mayor voiced a sigh of relief.

In new business, an ordinance to amend the PCD-1 Zoning Ordinance was introduced with all in favor. The public hearing is to be at the next regular meeting, on July 12 at 7:30 p.m. The Mayor and Council did not discuss the contents of the amendment, but the copy provided for the public showed that it included six reductions of building standards, reducing minimum lot size to under one-quarter of an acre, side yards to 15 feet, rear yards to 20 feet and front yards to 15 feet for lots not adjoining

green space. During the "good and welfare" portion at the end of the meeting the Council was cautioned by this writer to be wary of a developer who has told the public that it proposes to build four bedroom houses on one-third acre lots (14,520 square feet) in comparison to the usual one-half acre size of lots in the historical district, and then requested the Council to allow a minimum size of 10,800 square feet, far less than one-third acre.

Twelve resolutions were approved of and three motions were passed. The resolutions for 1999 were: #56 to cancel authorizations for improvements; #57 to refund overpayment of taxes; #58 to authorize the purchase of software to upgrade existing InfoComp budgetary program and the Y2K - year 2000 - situation (at the Agenda Meeting an estimate of several thousand dollars was given for this); #59 to urge the State Legislature to authorize municipalities to control traffic on local streets; #60 to support State Legislation A-2898 and S-1711 to require any handguns sold in New Jersey to be child-proof (Mrs. Murphy exclaimed that this was needed urgently; all Council members approved); #61 to approve renewal of Rossi's liquor license with no increase in fee; #62 to designate the PNC Bank as a depository for some Borough funds; #63 to award a contract for the reconstruction of South Rochdale Avenue to Mecos, Inc. of Perrineville for \$80,432, far less than the next two low bids of nearly \$93,000; #64 to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Project Agreement with Monmouth County for delivery of fiscal year 1999 Community Projects; #65 to have the Mayor sign a certification prohibiting the use of excessive force by Borough personnel and the use of Federal funds for lobbying; #66 to create a complete Count Committee. The

first motion to pass granted June Counterman permission to use the Borough Hall on Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for Tai Chi classes, pending certification of adequate insurance. The next motion authorized the Borough Engineer to apply for funding from the Transportation Trust Program for sidewalk construction along Rochdale Avenue between Pine Drive and Tamara Drive, and also to authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign the application forms on behalf of the Borough. Mrs. Murphy reminded the Mayor of the importance of writing letters about the project to residents along the stretch of Rochdale, the Planning Board, the Environmental Commission, the County and the Board of Education.

During the "Good and Welfare" portion at the end of the meeting, Nona Sherak spoke up for continuance of the Borough's sponsorship of the traditional fourth of July picnic on the school grounds with hot dogs and soda. She advocated charging 25 cents per frankfurter, but the collection and accounting problems appeared to outweigh the benefits. The Mayor thanked Ms. Sherak for her compliments on how he rescued last year's called-off picnic by rushing out to get the usual picnic refreshments and cooking up a storm for the enjoyment for those who had been in, or watched, the parade. Then he apologized for not speaking with the Council before this about making plans this year to get a caterer to handle the hot dog cooking. About 800 hot dogs were served last year. Mr. Parker suggested an appropriation of up to \$500. Mayor Allen asked for between \$1,000 and \$1,500. The motion to allocate up to \$1,000 was approved with Mr. Parker abstaining.

After approving the minutes for the three meetings in May, and the

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SCHOOL NEWS

School Board News

by Nancy Hamilton

In addition to overseeing the many aspects of our school districts' functioning, this month the Roosevelt Board of Education Finance Committee has begun important discussions with members of the State Department of Education. These discussions were the culmination of the board's long-term efforts to provide tax relief for our residents. The Board's efforts included a productive meeting with State Assemblyman Joseph Malone who helped arrange the most recent meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to explore the possibility of changing our district factor grouping (DFG), which would increase our state aid and provide tax relief.

On June 23rd, Chairperson Charlene Ellentuck, Michael Hamilton, Karen Minutolo and Dale Weinbach met with Director of Finance, Michael Azzara, and Assistant Commissioner, Douglass Groff. The Committee presented statistics that compared Roosevelt's standing on many economic dimensions, such as assessed value and income, to those of other communities who are in our same grouping. In addition, the flavor and character of Roosevelt was conveyed through pictures from the Visual Preference Survey, books (Fifty Years of Roosevelt, the Roosevelt Field Guide) and articles on the cultural history of Roosevelt.

Mr. Azzara and Mr. Groff were very responsive to the Board's presentation and acknowledged that we have been classified incorrectly. They will pursue ways to change our grouping so that we may obtain more state aid in future years.

In response to School Business Administrator Karen Minutolo's request for compensation for the school district for aid we should have received, the State Department of Education recommended that the board follow up on our meeting by contacting Assemblyman Malone's office. They suggested that we may be able to receive a "special appropriation" based on past inequities.

A summary of the May 20th and June 10th meeting was provided to this reporter by Karen Minutolo. A large portion of the May 20th meeting was spent in executive session to discuss teacher contract negotiations. During the public portion, Reuben Alt was honored for being the second place winner in the Monmouth County Fair Housing Poster Contest. The Board is looking into purchasing recycled paper. It has advertised the current two full time teaching positions and the part time world language position. The Building and Grounds Committee is discussing security measures during special functions.

During the June 10th meeting, end of the year activities were reviewed including a successful field day, DARE graduation as well as the upcoming sixth grade class trip and graduation. A corrective action plan as a result of special ed. monitoring is in progress; there has been a good response to the advertisements for the available teaching positions. Negotiations were discussed in closed session; Dr. Dumford, superintendent of Keyport Schools was approved to mentor Dr. Weinbach.

Under Finance, the insurance company is being reviewed in order to save costs to the district. There is a possibility of refunds for lock replacements and sewer costs. The purchase of recycled paper was narrowly approved. All bills and transfers were approved.

The second readings of the Policies on Medication and Access to Electronic Information Resources were approved. A policy on strep testing is in the works.

The Building and Grounds Committee reviewed their long range plans. Radon kits have been ordered and the ceiling tiles have been replaced. Special thank you to Reiphoff and Batel Farms for the donation and placing of mulch on the playground. Thanks also to Cathy Elliot who arranged for the beautiful map of the United States which is painted on the basketball court.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for June 24th, too late for it to be reported on in this issue. ■

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SCHOOL NEWS

From The Desk of The C.S.A., Dale Weinbach, Ed.D.

The Telephone Pioneers of America was founded in 1911 and is the largest corporation-affiliated service organization in America. Its membership consists of approximately 830,000 active and retired employees of telephone companies throughout the United States and Canada. Their main mission is to paint a 20 by 30 foot map on the playground of every elementary school throughout the United States and Canada. So far over 2,500 maps have been completed.

We were lucky to have the Telephone Pioneers at our school on June 7. The students and staff were able to observe the procedure by which this group of fifteen retired citizens created a map on the blacktop of our basketball court.

Each state on the map is painted a bright, vivid color. The finished product is decorative and instructional. The students will learn many activities which they can enjoy while enhancing their geographical skills regarding the United States. The map is in correct geographical placement, with the east coast facing true east, etc.

Aside from the gift of this beautiful map, we were given another very special gift by the Telephone Pioneers. We were able to see how they cooperated together to create a product. Their spirit of giving and camaraderie was a first-hand demonstration of how, by working together, a group can create separately. Please take a moment to come see our new map.

We are going to use the example of the Telephone Pioneers to involve Roosevelt students in several service-learning projects next year. We are asking for community input for suggestions of services the students can provide to the community. Students will be working under the direction of teachers and counselors. Thus far, arrangements have been made for one class to visit a nursing home once a month to share in activities with senior citizens. Please call me at school, 448-2798, if you have ideas for student community projects.

I wish everyone a healthy, safe and productive summer.

See you in September! ■

Celebrate The Differences, Concert at RPS on May 27

by Heather Philhower, Music Teacher - RPS

Recent national and international events have shown us that we must continually teach our children to accept and respect differences in one another. It was a refreshing and revitalizing experience to be able to celebrate our differences during the spring musical review at the Roosevelt Public School.

My objective in producing this musical review was three-fold. First, I am working toward the production of a full scale musical and saw this as a logical step in the attainment of that goal. This review involved simple costuming graciously constructed by some of our own classroom mothers. It also involved speaking parts and some simple dance routines. Secondly, I enjoy learning as much as I do teaching and I wanted to expose myself to music of other cultures. Lastly, and probably most importantly, I wanted to have the students feel positively and encouraged about

themselves and their uniqueness as we discovered and explored music, dress, culture and "differences" of other lands.

The original review, written by Michael and Jill Gallina, was meant to be a choral or all school vocal review. As I am responsible for the entire music program at RPS, both vocal and instrumental, I wanted to incorporate every music group and child in some way. After several months of listening to the review and perusing other music for band and recorders, I was able to rearrange, rewrite and rework the review so that all were included.

The result was an hour-long celebration of music with different styles, sounds, beats, works, (we even sang in German and Hebrew), and dress. Thanks to Lisa Kavalos, our art teacher, our performance area was decorated with

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OUR TOWN

In Praise of Our Arts Festival

by Gladys Nadler

One emerged from the Roosevelt Festival of the Arts May 22-23 weekend with a heightened sense of what makes this town special. Sixty-three years after its founding, this community can still evoke creativity and a cooperative spirit.

In the school, people milled about with dreamy smiles on their faces. Old timers met, hugged and reminisced. For many who had moved away and others who had stayed, it was a reunion. Two full days of visual art exhibits, classical and folk music performances, poetry readings, and town history combined to make this a festival to be remembered.

The school gym had been transformed into an attractive, well organized art gallery. Free-standing white panels held paintings, photographs and collages. Along the walls, sculpture and other art works were displayed. Long abutting tables lining the entrance wall held "the gallery shop." Near the far end of this shop, Rod Tulloss, of the Fund for Roosevelt, gave a fascinating talk about plants and animals unique to Roosevelt, with slide illustrations.

Celebrate The Differences

character drawings from each grade level. We had each country's flag represented that we were singing or playing about. I think the children really learned that difference and uniqueness is a reason to celebrate.

This is a lesson to us all as we go through life. We all are unique and we all have something to offer this world. So, the next time you come across someone with a different opinion, look or culture than yours, don't distance yourself or be repelled by that difference. Instead, look at that opportunity as a way to learn, to grow and to expand your own uniqueness. Celebrate the differences! ■

In this town of fewer than 900 people, the scope of the arts festival was amazing. Thirty-three local visual artists exhibited their work in the gym-turned-into-art gallery. In the school lobby, there took place during the two days: six music recitals, six poetry readings, a mural talk each day by Bernarda Shahn, and Arthur Shapiro's talk with the dedication of a plaque to the original homesteaders and the unveiling of the restored aluminum bas-relief school doors that were on the Rochdale Avenue side of the building when the school was built. In the classroom section of the school, a historical video was shown in one classroom and refreshments were served in the corridor. In town outside the school, five of the visual artists opened their studios to the public.

The plaque dedication and the restoration and unveiling of the bas-relief doors were orchestrated by Roosevelt Historical Commission members Helen Barth, Frances Bard and Arthur Shapiro. In his presentation, Arthur told how Jersey Homesteads was planned and built by the New Deal administration as a garment workers' triple cooperative (factory, farm and commissary) symbolized by a tripod at the factory entrance, and how, in 1936, the first families came to live here and to work in the garment factory and on the farm.

In her talk about the mural in the school lobby, Bernarda Bryson Shahn related how she and her husband, Ben Shahn, were hired by the Federal Art Project to paint the mural in 1936/37. She explained how they painted it in fresco by applying paint, one section at a time, over wet lime plaster. She indicated how, looking at the mural from left to right, the viewer can see a depiction of the lives of people like those who settled here during the thirties, culminating in their move from city tenements and sweatshops to the planned Greenbelt community of Jersey Homesteads.

In keeping with the spirit of the triple cooperative, the arts festival was a joint endeavor of many people to create a triple celebration of the visual arts, performing arts and the history of Roosevelt.

Behind the scenes, many people had been involved in months of planning and joint effort to bring about the festival. As festival coordinators Naomi Brahinsky and

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OUR TOWN

Arts Festival Dialogue

by Judith McNally

- A So how was it?
- B Saw people I never knew cared a hoot for art.
- A I had to mow the lawn.
- B And the feel of the entire weekend.
- A One of my screen doors is busted.
- B Kids' art, paintings by people whose work I'd never seen before. Work by masters where the instant you saw it, you already knew whose it was.
- A Plus my mower barely starts, anymore.
- B Poets read aloud so I have new sounds in my head, now. And musicians singing and playing, making keyboards and strings come alive. One man stood up the entire time to videotape it all.
- A Then I started to clean out my shed.
- B Not to mention the brownies and king-sized chocolate chip cookies.
- A What an ordeal that was.
- B The schedule stayed on time. Lot of professional organizing behind it all. People even slept over both nights, to guard the work.
- A Never realized how much stuff was in there.
- B And sculptures, on pedestals. Most of the paintings on homasote panels, custom-built for the occasion. Filled the entire gymnasium. The place was packed, with people from town and out-of-town, both. And lots of wonderful volunteers.
- A I found three-inch pieces of wood - the kind you save because maybe someday you'll need it.
- B I needed this festival. Really pulled the town together.
- A By the time I was done, I just felt empty.
- B I'm buoyed up! Maybe you'll go next time?
- A Yeah. And maybe trade in my lawn mower for a paintbrush... ■

The Roosevelt Arts Project would like to thank the many artists, volunteers and helpers who worked together to create the Roosevelt Festival of the Arts on May 22 and 23.

Robin Axel
Barbara & Robert Atwood
Artworks
Eloise Bruce (and Eats by
Eloise)
Helen Barth
Naomi & David Brahinsky
Miriam Bell
Fran Bard
Dolores Chasan
Adrienne Cheshier
Mark Czeresnia
Dina Coe
Wes Czynewski
Anita Cervantes
Ed Cedar
Frances Duckett
Bob Drapala
Cat Dotty
Gary Edelstein
Paul Freedman
Ron Filepp
Brad Garton, his daughter,
Laan & her friends

Judith Goetzmann
Robert Husth
Gail Hunton
Lois Hunt
Kathleen John-Alder
David Keller
Stuart Kaufman
Jacob Landau
Beth Lust
Richard Lloyd
Ilene Levine
Bill Leech
Sol Libsohn
Amy Medford
Robin Middleman
Robert Mueller
Greg McGrath
Alan Mallach
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the Roosevelt Community
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The Roosevelt Historical
Committee

The Maman Construction
Company

And thanks to anyone else we
may have inadvertently left
off of this list. We couldn't
have done it without every-
one's support.

Thank you. ■

The families of:

OUR TOWN

The Jersey Homesteads Historical Advisory Committee 1998-1999 Accomplishments

by Art Shapiro

As Town Historian, I like to inform Rooseveltians of the activities of the Jersey Homesteads Historic Advisory Committee for the past year. The Committee has been active basically in three areas: presentations to organizations and historical government groups, restoration of historic items and bestowing awards.

Out-of-town presentations were made this year to: B'nai B'rith of Clearbrook, Retired Teachers of Manalapan, Menorah Lodge of B'nai B'rith of Woodbridge, Ruach Senior Group of Temple Beth Shalom of Manalapan, The Jewish Museum of New York, Women's League for Conservative Judaism of Temple Beth El, Cranford, Hadassah of Monroe Township, Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Colonia Chapter of Hadassah, Monmouth County Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women, Concordia Chapter of ORT, YM-YWHA of Raritan Valley, The Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society, and my annual talk to the Roosevelt Public School Third Graders. Several of these organizations followed up the out-of-town presentations with a later visit to the Roosevelt Public School where they were given a brief tour and a lecture on the Shahn mural by committee member Helen Barth. Just about everyone who comes is totally charmed by our town.

In my role of Local Historian, I would like to publicly thank committee members Helen Barth and Fran Bard for two important projects they accomplished this year. Helen took the lead and responsibility for the restoration of the Otto Wester aluminum doors depicting agriculture, manufacturing and retailing - three ideals on which our town was based. The doors were an original part of the school that faced Rochdale Avenue. Upon their removal, they languished hidden in a closet until our committee,

under Helen's leadership and the craft skill of her husband, Leon, were restored and now hang in the school lobby where they can be enjoyed by all. They were dedicated at the town's Festival of the Arts on May 22. Also unveiled at that time was a plaque honoring the original settlers of the Jersey Homesteads. That project was managed by Fran Bard, who not only had the plaque produced, but took an enormous amount of time determining who's names should appear on it. Along with the displays from the State Museum, the Shahn Mural, the Jonathan Shahn bust of FDR and the sculpture by Lenore Thomas, our school is now an extremely interesting historical site. The Historic Committee is next exploring the possibility of erecting cases for a revolving display of Jersey Homesteads/Roosevelt memorabilia. In addition, I am working on a Jersey Homesteads Historical Website for the internet that will connect to that of the Roosevelt Arts Project. The Historical Committee is also involved with raising funds for the Arts Project by selling postcards of the Shahn mural at each presentation. In Roosevelt, art and history are closely intertwined! Every year the Historic Committee awards a certificate and fifty-dollar bond to the RPS graduate who writes the best essay or completes the best project on the history of our town. It is given at graduation. This year there were so many wonderful submissions, it really was hard to make one choice, so the selection committee made two. Congratulations to our two award winners for this year, Ina Clark and Zabrina Ortiz!

And finally, on a sad note, our committee grieves the passing of member Jeanette Koffler, who, since its formation, took an active part in our meetings and projects. Her knowledge, input and above all, her laughter and humor, will be extremely missed by us all. She helped make it fun! ■

RECYCLING DATES

**JULY 7 • JULY 21 • AUGUST 4 • AUGUST 18 • SEPTEMBER 1
SEPTEMBER 15 • SEPTEMBER 29 • OCTOBER 13**

OUR TOWN

Heroes Of World War II - 55 Years Later

by Bess Tremper

On this last Memorial Day at Fort Monmouth, Leonard Sacharoff of Pine Drive, a World War II veteran, was among the many who were honored for their part in the June 6, 1944 landing on the beaches of Normandy, France.

His unit of twenty paratroopers, one of many such units, were dropped by plane behind the beaches and their mission was to stop the Germans from firing on our soldiers coming ashore. When it was all over, only Lenny and one

other man from his unit were left to return to London some time later. He considers himself to be one of the lucky ones.

They received special medals from the Federation of French War Veterans and also certificates honoring their contribution to the liberation of France.

In his speech, Major General Robert L. Nabors, commander of the U.S. Army Communications/Electronics Command and Fort Monmouth, quoted from Lincoln's Gettysburg address: "The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

Thank you, Lennie. ■

A Rooseveltian Abroad

Jill Lipoti of Pine Drive, Assistant Director of the Radiation Protection Program of the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection, was invited to present a paper at a workshop on "Developing and Measuring Nuclear Regulatory Effectiveness" on June 21-22 in Paris. The title of Jill's paper is "Perception as Reality: Will the public maintain confidence in nuclear regulatory effectiveness as resources for oversight diminish?" Other attendants include representatives from Finland, Switzerland, Canada, Spain, France, Sweden, Japan, Germany and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. This is the first time a state representative from the United States has been invited to give a presentation. ■

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Location: 3161 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls

In Praise of Our Arts Festival

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Robin Middleman worked, "People came forward," Naomi said. Gradually it became more than an art show. It turned into a festival, she added. Roosevelt Historical Commission member Helen Barth "came up with the idea to include history," Naomi said. Dina Coe agreed to organize the poetry readings. Margaret Schlinski, who had been working with a group to do readings from Dylan Thomas's "Under Milkwood" with music by Brad Garton, brought this production to the festival on Saturday. David Brahinsky was in charge of music, which included classical piano recitals by Anita Cervantes and Alan Mallach as well as folk music performances by Judith Trachtenberg, Ed and Sue Cedar and David Brahinsky.

Gary Edelstein designed and built the display walls for the exhibit. Deirdre Sheehan and Ani Roskam undertook to hang and set up the art exhibit in the gym. There were even security guards, Deirdre Sheehan and Brad Garton, who took turns sleeping at the school one night each to protect the art works that had been brought to the school. Rod Tulloss offered to do his presentation about local flora and fauna.

And, there were others, many others, who "came forward" and further enriched the festival. ■

In Memorium - Jean Herman

by Clare Sacharoff

Jean Herman (born Eugenia Limerdorfer) and her family were an important part of our community for many years. For several years, Jean and her husband Frank (an artist) were busy at their home on Rochdale Avenue gardening and raising four children - Peter, Debbie, Mark and Ezra. Their home was a warm and welcoming place to friends and neighbors.

Jean had had a varied career before motherhood and then decided to try teaching. She taught at Lakewood High School for a few years and when an opening presented itself at Roosevelt Public School, she took it. She became the language arts and social studies instructor for the upper grades (Grades 6-8). She held this position teaching the students with sensitivity and humor. She had a vast background of information and was famous for her interesting anecdotes.

About this time, Dolores Chasan, Clare Sacharoff and Arthur Shapiro joined the staff. Under the leadership of Arthur Mitchell, the staff became a cohesive hard working group with a strong sense of camaraderie. Together they would often discuss how best to serve the specific needs of

individual students to provide a smooth transition as they went from grade to grade.

Towards the end of her career, Jean decided to try a change of pace and took an assignment as Kindergarten teacher during her last years at the school. She adapted quickly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Each Christmas, Jean would open her house to the entire staff for an informal afternoon of relaxation and delicious refreshments. Many funny stories were shared and everyone looked forward to these parties.

Even after her husband died and Jean moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, she remained active in her community. She volunteered her services to young needy children.

Jean kept in contact with her old friends and tried to visit Roosevelt as long as she was able.

Jean Herman died in April. She was a strong presence and although she is gone, she will always be remembered and missed. ■

Summer is Here!
Watch your Speed!

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



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Dennis Lawrence Mooney, born April 26 to Susan and Peter Mooney and big brother Joey (age 2 1/2) of North Valley Road. The proud grandparents are Daphne and Reginald Mooney of Arkansas, Virginia Cook of Yardville, NJ, and Richard and Carol Cook of Allentown, PA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dr. Arthur and Ellie Shapiro of Pine Drive. Ellie received her Masters of Science in Health Science with Honors on May 9 at Iona College, NY. Arthur, Associate Professor of Special Education at Kean University, was presented with the Presidential Excellence Award for Scholarship at the University's commencement ceremony on May 6 with Governor Whitman present.

FOND FAREWELL TO:

Jean Herman, former resident and RPS teacher, died April 30. Condolences to her family and friends.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

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.

FROM RPS:

6th Grader Reuben Alt won Second Place in the Monmouth County Fair Housing Contest. He attended an award ceremony with his family, the school's Chief School Administrator and art teacher on June 13. In addition to winning a \$100 US Savings Bond, Reuben's poster will be featured in next year's Fair Housing Calendar.

May Students of the Month in Health: Ashley Regan, Ashley Lawson, Emily Silverstein, Blaze Nolan, Samantha Cedar, Jan Czyzewski and Zabrina Ortiz. May Students of the Month in Physical Education: Sam Lopez, Justin Lenart, Megan Plaska, Christina Iacono, David Atwood, Niyasia Mendies, Joseph Zahora, Casey Wolfe and Anthony Grasso.

RPS Graduating Class of 1999: Reuben Daniel Alt, Ina A. Clark, Nicholas Joseph Gates, Anthony R. Grasso, Laurel Grey Hamilton, Jennifer Elizabeth Iacono, Meredith Lawson, Mollie Klare Marko, Brian Patrick Moore, Joshua Aron Nulman, Zabrina Ortiz, Danielle Marie Petrics and Elizabeth A. Stinson.

Graduation Presentations: Nathan Bard Social Studies Award - Elizabeth Stinson; Graham Nisnevitz Mathematics Award - Ina Clark; Oscar Citizenship Award - Jennifer Iacono; Dominic J. Rossi Academic Achievement Award - Mollie Marko; Roosevelt Historical Committee Award - Ina Clark and Zabrina Ortiz; Edith Lachman Ernstein Science Award - Laurel Hamilton.

Classroom Awards for: Outstanding Problem Solving - Anthony Grasso; Exemplary Peacemaking - Brian Moore and Laurel Hamilton; Outstanding Display of Creativity - Reuben Alt and Meredith Lawson; Outstanding Writing - Danielle Petrics; Outstanding Art Class Contribution - Nicholas Gates; Outstanding Music Contribution - Joshua Nulman; and, Physical Education Award - Nicholas Gates.

FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Lindsay Possiel was Student of the Month for May. Nate Kostar was named MVP on the boys' basketball team and Jeff Possiel received the Best Sportsmanship Award for baseball. Shiri Yeger, Jessica Wolfe, Christine Septak, Jeff Possiel, Jamison Parker, Nate Kostar, Wesley John-Alder, Leah Howse and Katie Hamilton were awarded certificates of participation in athletic events.

Among the Kreps Middle School Graduating Class of 1999: James Richard Carroll, Ilan Grunwald, Katherine Anne Hamilton, Leah Kate Howse, George John Jackson, Jessica Drewitz (former resident), Wesley John-Alder, Nathaniel Kostar, Penny M. Lopez, Jamison Byron Parker, Jaime Leigh Plaska, Jeff Scott Possiel, Christina Lynn Wolfe, Christopher Patrick Wong and Shiri Yeger. Leah Howse and Christopher Wong won the Presidential Achievement Award.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:

Third Marking Period High Honor Roll: Grade 12 - Kathleen Alfare; Grade 11 - Joanna Giordano; Grade 10 - Naomi Cayne and Hannah Stinson; Grade 9 - Molly Petrilla and Sarah Skillman. Honor Roll: Grade 12 - Jessica Hamilton and Susan Skillman; Grade 11 - Beth Blaney, Elizabeth Carroll, Kate Freedman, Dylana Possiel and Ronit Yeger; Grade 10 - Adam Axel, Joseph Cheshier, Ryan Cybert, Marissa Melan and Victoria Taylor; Grade 9

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

- Shaun Conover, Alicia Moore, Haley Reimbold and Christine Rocchia. Varsity Sports Awards: Joanna Giordano - 2 year Certificate in Field Hockey; Molly Petrilla - Letter for Tennis; Vicky Taylor - 2 Year Certificate for Winter Track; Sean Parker - 3 Year Letter & MVP Trophy in Wrestling, 3 Year Certificate in Spring Track; and, Nicolette Wright - Coaches' Sport Award for Field Hockey.

June 10 HHS Senior Award Ceremony: Kathleen Alfare - Edward J. Bloutstein Distinguished Scholar Award, Ella Mount Burr Educational Trust Scholarship, HHS Spanish Award, HHS Music Award, and HHS Scholastic Performance Plaque for 4 years on the High Honor Roll;; Shoshanna Grunwald - Stacy M. Cutler Memorial Award, and Lawrence C. Rue Memorial English Award; Jessica Hamilton - Society of Women Engineers Award, and HHS Scholastic Performance Award for 4 years on the Honor Roll; Susan Skillman - Varsity letter for 3 years on the Honor Roll.

Among the HHS Graduating Class of 1999: Kathleen Alfare (Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA as a Marshall Scholar); Shoshanna Grunwald (Beaver College, PA); Jessica Hamilton (Rutger's University); Senayit Kassahun (Mercer County Community College); Dawn

Miller (Mercer County Community College); Susan Skillman (Albright College, Reading, PA, with a Dean's Scholarship and an Alumni Scholarship); Brian Joseph Taylor (Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA); and, Nicolette Wright (Mercer County Community College).

FROM PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL:

Zoe Czynewski graduated on June 13th. She was awarded the Bristol Myers Squibb Scholarship given by the Women's College Club of Princeton. Zoe will attend Brown University in the fall.

FROM MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

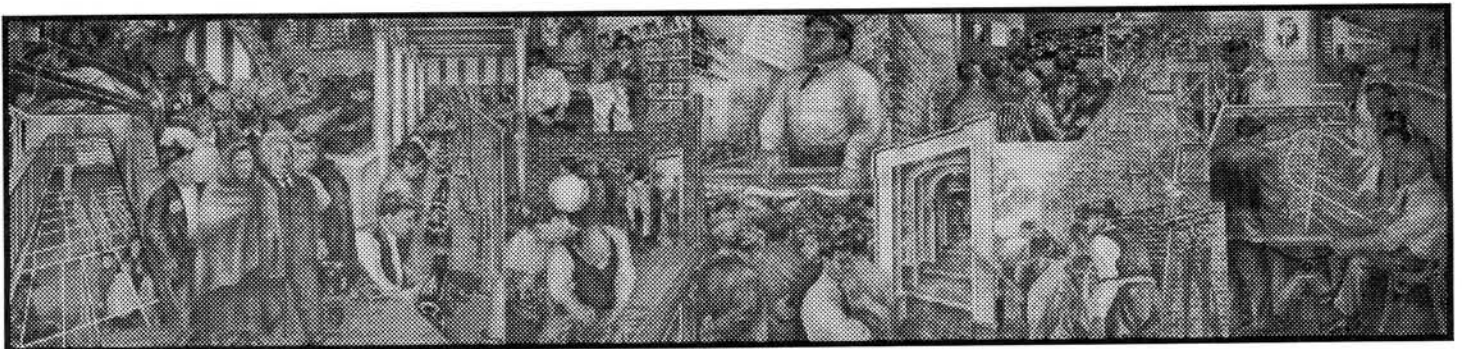
Stephanie Miller made Dean's List for 2 semesters; Victoria Estok and Linda Septak are on the President's List for spring '99.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Lian Garton and Alison Petrilla for their assistance in obtaining information for this column.

To have items included in this column, call Mary Alfare at 443-4243 or mail to P.O. Box 58, Roosevelt, NJ, 08555. Please include contact name and phone number. ■

MURAL POSTCARDS AVAILABLE THROUGH ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT



The Roosevelt Arts Project proudly offers for sale our beautiful three-panel reproduction of the Ben Shahn mural from our school. The postcards are available for \$2.00 each and a small number of flat, unfolded copies, suitable for framing, are available for \$10.00 each. All proceeds go to the Roosevelt Arts Project to cover the cost of these cards, enable us to produce future postcards in our Roosevelt arts series and to support RAP exhibits and events. Cards are available at the Borough Hall or by calling Robin Middleman at 426-4583, Deborah Metzger at 443-3759 or Judith Trachtenberg at 426-8867. The Roosevelt Arts Project is a tax exempt cultural organization funded exclusively by admissions and donations. RAP appreciates your support. ■

LETTERS

To The Editor

Well, the new property tax rate for 1999 for the Borough of Roosevelt has been set. The new rate is \$5.331 per \$100 of evaluation. The breakdown is: School \$4.008; Municipal \$0.769; and, other \$0.554.

A house assessed at \$100,000 will pay \$5,330 in property taxes. When you add the water and sewer fees of \$1,500 a year, it means that homeowners will pay \$6,830 in 1999.

That is a lot of money!!!

When some people in town say they don't care how high taxes go, how much higher are they talking about?

Instead of a fund to buy land for open space, maybe they could start a fund for those homeowners for whom the tax burden is getting harder and harder to meet.

Councilwoman Rose D. Murphy

Dear Neighbor:

I am writing to express my appreciation for the support that I received from Roosevelt voters in the June 8 primary election. I was overwhelmed by the 55% turnout.

I am thankful to have had the opportunity to speak with so many of you about the issues we must address together in the next few years. We spoke of the need for tax relief through responsible development that is respectful of the community we value. We talked about managing our finances carefully so that we are able to put money where it would provide the most benefit to our residents. We shared our thoughts and feelings about the community that we love.

Thank you for choosing me as the Democratic Candidate for Mayor. I am hoping to have more opportunities to continue our talks together, and I am looking forward to your continued support in November.

Sincerely,

Mike Hamilton
443-5227

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Mayor's description of ten correspondences, 8 of which were acted on during the meeting, the Council members gave committee reports and they discussed policing matters with Trooper Reinhart. Mr. Stiles mentioned how important it is for any resident who sees a possible injury to town property, or possible violation of a law, to be willing to sign a complaint. Trooper Reinhart has cruised by the Valley Road entrances to the paved walking path through the woods often, and by the cemetery, but has not found any person operating or pushing a motorized bicycle or go-cart anywhere in town. The Mayor referred to Rod Tulloss' letter for the

Environmental Commission about damage to wetlands by off-road vehicles between the Valley Road path and Rochdale Avenue. The audience, the Council and Trooper Reinhart enjoyed the suggestions that the trooper get a trail bike, and biker's uniform for this special assignment. Mrs. Murphy and Dina Coe related tales of how someone occasionally has a "drag race" on North Valley Road at 1 a.m., or 3 a.m. or drives a loud motorcycle between the Valley Road path and around Homestead Park at the east end of Homestead Lane, on North Valley Road, about three times and then disappears before they could get out to see who

it is in the wee hours of the night. Trooper Reinhart is assigned to Roosevelt and a part of Upper Freehold Township during daytime hours. He said other troopers who work at night will respond quickly if any resident calls.

During committee reports, Mrs. Murphy said water restrictions are in place. Three times she said, "Please," before asking everyone present to observe the ordinance. Complaints have been made for several years that the restrictions are an unnecessary imposition on families whose adults are out of town at jobs in the morning, and lawns need watering during

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BREAKING BREAD



PROVENÇAL BEAN AND GARLIC SOUP

by Herb Johnson

I was just saying how wonderful I thought Angel Cloughly's style was in her "You Want Me To What?" article for "Breaking Bread" last month when Bess Tremper said to me, "Do you have a recipe you could share with readers next month?"

Wow, I thought, here's my chance to become famous! And, maybe one of our Senators in Washington (both of them, as well as Representative Chris Smith and President Bill Clinton, get every copy) will pass my soup recipe on to the Senate Dining Room and it will replace the Senate's famous Yankee Bean Soup. (The manager of the Senate Dining Room is my son Steven; he would follow up on any suggestion made by Senators Lautenberg or Torricelli!)

I have become famous in North Jersey, among NJ Peace Action activists for this soup, which I brought for three years to an annual NJPA mid-day soup and dessert fundraiser in a ten quart pot. Eight of us volunteer-cooks do this each year. I put out 24 copies of page 112 of *The 8-Week Cholesterol Cure Cookbook* in front of an 8" x 10" sign leaning against the pot. It said, "Robert Kowalski's PROVENÇAL BEAN AND GARLIC SOUP - Vegetarian, French, cholesterol-lowering and scrumptious!"

Naturally, I penned in the scriggly little pigtail under the C in Provençal to accentuate that this soup came from Southern France's artist colony's province by the Mediterranean sea. My soup got sipped up fast. I had some of the other soups and realized they were just as delicious, but mine had the Madison Avenue promotion! So, when I attended this December without bringing my soup, I had a lot of admirers urging me not to skip next year. Wouldn't you think that by having the recipe they would have made plenty for themselves and their guests? They must have been intimidated. Don't let that happen to you. I almost never cook. If this simple soup could turn good for me, anyone could do it well. Now here's the recipe and what page 112 says:

Makes 8 servings - 2 and 1/2 quarts

Those who love it maintain that there may be too little garlic, enough garlic, but never too much garlic! This dish doesn't have too much, so don't cut back. And, to enjoy it to its fullest, use fresh basil leaves if you can get them, or the kind that come in a jar. (I used garlic from a jar too.) This soup comes from the country-side of France, and they say French food isn't healthy!

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1 tablespoon olive oil
3 cups soaked or drained canned navy, white kidney or pea beans
1 onion, chopped fine
6 cloves garlic, minced
4 tablespoons chopped black olives
3 carrots, chopped
10-ounce package frozen French-cut green beans, thawed
1 stalk celery, chopped fine
1 can 14+ ounces no-salt-added stewed tomatoes, chopped
2 tablespoons minced basil
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
black or white pepper, to taste

In a 6-quart saucepan heat olive oil, add onion, garlic, carrots and celery and saute for 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, thyme, drained white beans and enough water (about 5 cups) to make a 2-quart mixture. Bring to a boil, cut back to a simmer and cook over low heat, partially covered, for

30 minutes if you are using canned beans, or for 2 hours if you use soaked dried beans, in which case use 2, 4 or 6 ounces more of water to taste.

Add black olives and green beans (colorful, eh?), and basil if desired, and simmer 30 minutes more. Season to taste with pepper.

Serving size: 1 cup.

PROVIDES: Calories - 154; Cholesterol - 0; Fat - 3.6 grams; Sodium - 168 milligrams.

I'm sure you'll love it. If you want a simpler recipe (sorry, no garlic), with even less fat, calories and sodium, and almost as delicious, ask me for Kowalski's INDIAN LENTIL MULLIGATAWNY SOUP!, at 443-1947 from dawn till two hours past dusk. Eat heartily. Work for justice and non-violence. ■

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stressful times or when seed is planted.

George Vasseur said the platform for the new generator has been poured and the generator has been delivered. For the Finance Committee, Mr. Towle reported that the Comprehensive Annual Audit has been completed and submitted. Any resident of Roosevelt can now see how much the Borough had in Money Market funds or other investments on December 31, 1998, and how much interest was earned and added to the Borough's surpluses in its four accounts at the end of the year as "Unanticipated Income," as well as many but not all other aspects of the municipal government's handling of over \$2,000,000 in revenues last year.

For the Community Development Committee, whose chair was absent, Mrs. Murphy said it is trying to have a meeting with the county's transportation director about improving the SCAT bus service for senior citizens.

During the environmental - Health & Safety Committee, Mr. Towle suggested that the Environmental Commission be asked to design and erect signs by the entrances to trails in the Borough's woodlands and parks. The signs are to point out the critical need to avoid disturbing the soil and plant-life in those areas. He asked for the commission to explain these matters to youth and adult readers by means of a letter, or article, in the Borough Bulletin.

As Community Development Block Grant representative, Councilwoman Murphy, reported that the Borough had received a grant for \$17,300 for widening certain doors in the Borough Hall to make it comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations.

Harry Parker, as the Council's Representative to the Planning Board, said that Matzel and Mumford, the Notterman tract developer, was granted a 30 day delay. The Borough Engineer, James DeMuro, gave M & M a list of questions which have not

been answered yet. The four M & M representatives at the Planning Board's meeting left as soon as they were given the extension. That action caused some dismay to some residents who had come to the meeting as directed by registered mail to explain objections they had to M & M's proposals. Those residents were told they should not object without the developer being present to hear the objections. The Mayor has not yet appointed a member of the School Board to the Planning Board.

Trooper Reinhart also spoke about the empty house at 19 South Rochdale being a hang-out for youth. He hopes the windows will be boarded up.

During the first "public portion" of the meeting, Nona Sherak said she had seen trails made by motor bikes coming from Millstone to the Roosevelt cemetery. She also requested the water lines under Maple Court be flushed again. Herbert Johnson reported as the First Aid Squad Captain that Jack Rindt was the elect-

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LOOSE LEAVES

"Rambling Around Public Places"

by Ron Kostar

A recurring theme among sociologists lately speaks to the rise of privacy, and private places in America at the expense of public places and activities. America, and Americans, the theory goes, have "gone private" as the family and other private organizations and agencies have taken over many responsibilities that used to have fallen under the domain of public bodies.

Though I'm not really in a position to argue the legitimacy of this theory, I do know that, unlike most suburbs, Roosevelt does have the feel and reality of being "a public place", of having a "public center;" and, a general feeling to it that encourages its residents to participate in shared activities. Which, of course, is good.

Roosevelt is one of the few places I've lived in during my adult years where people don't open most conversations by asking you "what do you do": a question that often leads to the interrogator saying "Oh," and then, especially if the answer is "I'm an English teacher," walking away.

In Roosevelt it is possible to see, and get to know, people in a number of different settings and contexts, which enables you to really get to know them - to see their character as they reveal themselves in their actions, while it enables them to become something more than a "teacher", "an electrician", "a carpenter", "secretary", "lawyer" or what have you. Shared public activities enable people to get to know each other in capacities other than their work.

Having public activities and places is also good for kids. It gives them an opportunity to "test" and stretch themselves somewhere other than in their families' living rooms or backyards. Outside, in the public park fields or woods, they meet other kids and learn how to cooperate and compromise, how to make up games and rules and abide by them; and, of course, they find out what and who they like, and dislike, and how to express their feelings, while discovering who they are.

At RAP's recent weekend art show, a famous photographer and longtime Roosevelt resident was overheard saying, "This (exhibit) is what Roosevelt is all about; a lot of different individuals coming together and expressing their personal opinions and visions within a group setting toward a common goal."

What a great image of a town!

But - changing images - if a town can be likened to a human body, its head is the school and as such, the head is the rightful center of town.

By day, the school's the place where ideas and information are disseminated, and feelings and values are formed. In late afternoon, it's the place where kids can run and shout and catcall with impunity across the playground; and, by night, as it should be, and in Roosevelt is, open to mixed aged groups coming together to explore more esoteric interests and friendships outside the constraints and circumferences of more private formal groups.

In this sense, particularly in terms of outside playgrounds and parks, the American suburbs, I think, could learn a lot from the cities, whose parks and playgrounds are constantly jammed with kids playing ball and talking or huddling in small groups singing or just hanging out every afternoon. And, please excuse my editorializing, but I think the teenagers of Roosevelt need to be cut a break. More specifically, they need to be cut a place where they can congregate, a place or places where they can socialize, lest they become disparate islands of compulsive e-mailers who, when they come back to Roosevelt every afternoon after school, long for Twin Rivers or even more exotic places like TGIF and Regal Cinemas.

After school, other good things!

Dances are good things, as would be a coffeehouse or some other periodic gathering place. And, again, the school, unless the Borough Hall were finally made available, would be the logical place.

The spirit and attitude that the unassuming, accomplished photographer was describing was one that encourages individuals to contribute their unique talents and activities, while also acknowledging that there is a common place and spirit. The common place and spirit that sociologists say is disappearing in America.

And if they're even partly right, then little towns like Roosevelt may have a birthright. ■

The Board received a copy of a May 28 letter from one State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) official to another regarding DEP's January 12 letter of interpretation (LOI) to M & M classifying freshwater wetlands on the Notterman tract. Principal Environmental Specialist Laurance Torok wrote to Joel Gove of Habitat Management & Design that the Roosevelt Environmental Commission had recently indicated "that the state threatened wood turtle had been identified in wetlands immediately downstream of the referenced property." DEP investigated the site on April 16 and May 21, according to the letter. Mr. Torok wrote that he will recommend reclassification of certain wetland points within the Notterman track as having "exceptional resource value" because of the presence of suitable wood turtle habitat conditions. He added that he also would recommend a 150-foot buffer adjacent to those wetlands instead of the buffer of 50 feet granted to M&M in the original LOI. Unless M&M can convince DEP to alter the classification again, it may lose some proposed lots because they would encroach upon the re-designated wetland buffers. In another action, Vince Mazzei, a DEP Engineering Section official, wrote to M&M on May 18 that the Borough had indicated that the proposed detention basin "storm water outfall structure" would extend into the flood plain on the tract. Mr. Mazzei concluded that M&M would have to obtain another stream encroachment permit before beginning construction within the flood plain. A "freshwater wetland transition area waiver" would also be necessary for the same outfall structure, according to Mr. Mazzei.

Board Planning Consultant Alan Mallach summarized a Master Plan Reexamination Report, which he drafted for Roosevelt. Dated May 1999, copies of the draft will be available in the Borough Hall for review by the public. Mr. Mallach explained that the draft updates the Master Plan and makes it consistent with current land-use ordinances. It recommends further action, including the preparation of Master Plan elements for open space, utilities and housing.

Mr. Mallach submitted copies of the draft Master Plan Reexamination Report to the Board's planning consultants, Clarke Caton Hintz, and Master Plan Committee, which consists of Mr. Ellentuck, Ms. Hunton, Mayor Allen and Mr. Esakoff. Mr. Mallach recommended having a public hearing and adopting a revised Master Plan "as soon as reasonably possible." He noted that there had been no formal reexamination of the Master Plan in about 12 years. He said the absence of an updated Master Plan "weakens the Borough's position in the event of any litigation" with a would-be developer.

The Board granted an application by the estate of Henry Goldstein to subdivide the combined house at 30-32 Tamara Drive into separate but attached houses. The Board conditioned approval on compliance with all provisions of the construction code, including an appropriate fire-proof wall separating the two units.

Zoning Officer John Reuter reported that for May and early June, he served notice of a fence maintenance violation on Farm Lane and later approved a fence at the same location. He also informed a resident of

vehicle parking and nuisance violations for a truck exceeding the weight limit in a residential area and creating noise from a refrigeration unit. Mr. Reuter also advised several residents of the need to remove or bring into compliance vehicles parked on lawns or without license plates.

Mayor Allen noted that proposed development might bring new roads to the Borough. He suggested making a list of possible new street names. He gave an example: "Libove Lane." During the public portion of the meeting, Herb Johnson began to comment about lot sizes and the effect on wood turtles of the proposed M&M development. Attorney Donato advised that such discussion should await the public hearing on M&M's subdivision application so that it could become a matter of public record in that proceeding.

Henry John-Alder said the Planning Board should send a letter to the Council explaining the rationale behind its recommendation of a landscaping ordinance and its positive role in the future of the community. The Board did not move to add anything to the previous recommendation forwarding the ordinance. Landscape architect Kate John-Alder drafted the ordinance. Board members Ellentuck, Hunton, Mark Roberts and Borough resident and architect Timothy Hartley reviewed the draft and recommended changes to the Board.

Ms. John-Alder asked whether the Environmental Commission could have copies of the plans submitted with M&M's application. Mayor Allen said such material is supposed to be available in the Borough Hall.

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Board Secretary Ann Kassahun will ask M&M for extra copies for the Environmental Commission, the First Aid Squad, the Fire Department, the Water-Sewer Utility Operator, the School Board, Ms. Donato, Mr. DeMuro and the public.

Neil Marko said he is concerned about light pollution from the proposed M&M development. He said the Board should take steps to reduce the amount of excess light pollution from any development, particularly that generated by sodium vapor lights. He noted that people no longer see the stars at night in many places because of light pollution. ■

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ed president of the squad and he recently became a State-certified Emergency Medical Technician at the advanced B level and has been at the EMT-D level, qualifying him, along with four other members of the squad, to use the portable automated External Defibrillator carried in the squad's ambulance or any other AED which may be available in public places. The squad now has six EMT-B certified members. Nevertheless, the Council was told, Millstone Township First Aid Squad crews have answered many calls in Roosevelt and members of the Roosevelt squad recommend that the Borough Council give half the funds it appropriated for the Roosevelt First Aid Squad to the Millstone Township First Aid Squad with expressions of gratitude for its extension of volunteer emergency care and transportation many times in the past two years. ■

WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

As per Resolution #54/99 passed at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council in May, the following restrictions have been imposed effective JUNE 3:

Non-essential Use of Water:

Watering lawns

Washing cars

Filling pools

Limitation is as follows:

Houses with even street numbers may use water on even numbered dates between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and Noon.

Houses with odd street numbers may use water on odd numbered dates between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and Noon.

MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION GENERAL TAX RATE CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT 1999

TAX LEVY	AMOUNT	RATE PER \$ 100	PERCENT
NET COUNTY TAXES APPORTIONED	\$172,193.31	0.493	9.25
LIBRARY BUDGET	9,104.85	0.026	0.49
DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET	1,401,267.00	4.008	75.18
LOCAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES	268,872.00	0.769	14.42
HEALTH BUDGET	3,397.82	0.010	0.19
OPEN SPACE FUND TAX	8,882.98	0.025	0.47
TOTAL TAX LEVY ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$1,863,717.96	5.331	100.00

Senior Citizens News

Meeting of June 1

by Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

At this last meeting until September, we had two speakers. The first, Albert Anderson, from AARP, spoke to us about various kinds of health insurance available to seniors. A number of people who are not members came to this meeting to hear Mr. Anderson as this is obviously an important matter to senior citizens.

His speech was well received and there was a lot of discussion. Many indicated that he had made them feel relieved that the kind of health insurance they carry was adequate.

Michael Hamilton joined us for a short time and gave us

information on many things. We all appreciated his visit.

The rest of the meeting was about our various trips. We were to go to the Quaker Bridge Mall on June 15, And finally, we reviewed our "Box Lunch" dates: June 25, July 23 and August 27. And then, we spent our time enjoying delicious refreshments and good companionship.

We wish everyone a good summer.

See you in September. ■

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER

** Roosevelt Public School schedule has not been released at the time of this publication. Therefore, dates noted may be different.

1	Wed.		RECYCLE First day of school for staff.
6	Mon.		Labor Day: RPS, Post Office & Borough Hall are closed.
7	Tues.	2:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	First day of school for students. Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall. Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Lee R. Allen, 448-6978.
8	Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairman Joseph Zahora, 426-4187.
9	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, Board Secretary Karen Minutolo, 448-2798.
10	Fri.	Sundown	Rosh Hashanah begins.
13	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Lee R. Allen, 448-6978.
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29	Wed.		RECYCLE

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4	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Lee R. Allen, 448-6978.
5	Tues.	2:00 p.m.	Seniors' Meeting, Borough Hall.
11	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Lee R. Allen, 448-6978.
13	Wed.	8:00 p.m.	RECYCLE Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairman Joseph Zahora, 426-4187.
16	Sat.	2-4:00 p.m.	Rabies Clinic, Borough Hall rear garage, 448-0539.

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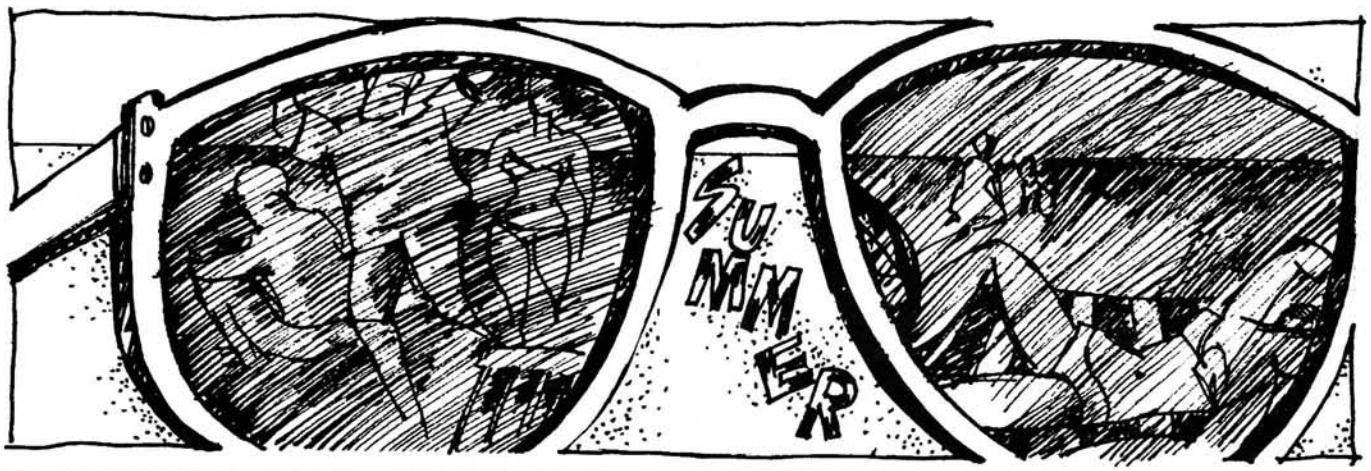
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5 Mon. Post Office & Borough Hall closed. Summer Recreation Programs begin, Ellen Silverman 490-0557.

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4 Wed. RECYCLE

6 Fri. Last Day of Summer Recreation Programs.

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