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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Action On Landscape Ordinance Postponed Again; Residency Requirement for Municipal Officials and Employees Repealed

by Michael Ticktin

As promised at the April meeting, the public hearing on the proposed landscape ordinance was indeed continued at the May 10 meeting. However, while Councilman John Towle praised the ordinance as being "very tough" and "very unusual" in that it requires trees on lots as well as alongside streets, he noted that it imposed tree width requirements that would be very difficult for one to meet, as a practical matter, and that the proposed ordinance was being referred to the Planning Board and to Environmental Commission member Kate John-Alder, the drafter of the ordinance, for review of that issue. Confirmation of this practical difficulty in securing trees of the size specified in the ordinance was given by resident Charlene Miller, who is a nursery professional. Given the need to have a landscape ordinance in place before proposals for development in either the "Notterman tract" or the northern area are considered, Council members indicated that action might be taken on the landscape ordinance at a special meeting on May 17 (see page 4).

The Council did, however, take final action on one ordinance: the repeal of an ordinance requiring persons holding certain municipal offices and jobs to be Borough residents. While the Borough will still be free to take local residence into account in hiring decisions, applicants would not automatically be disqualified because of residence elsewhere.

In the public portion of the meeting, Nona Sherak expressed indignation that, despite her request that flushing on Maple Court take place only after 1:00 so that she could be home while it took place, it took place before that hour. Since she was not given prior notice of that fact, she unnecessarily took time off from work. She said that an unidentified male, whom she inferred was either the Mayor or a member of the Council, had called the neighbors but had neglected to call her, despite the fact that she is the only one who has been making a public issue of the water problem on Maple Court. The Mayor and the male Council members present all disavowed any knowledge of any such call.

Ms. Sherak's dissatisfaction with the Borough's response to the problems she has been experiencing with the water supply system has been an ongoing source of heated and extended dialogue at Council meetings in recent years. Referring to a recent payment that was apparently lost, as well as to her immediate concern, she stated that "If I didn't know better, I would say it was deliberate."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Roosevelt Public School Graduation

Saturday, June 19

4:00 p.m.

Roosevelt Memorial

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Monday, June 7

10:30 a.m. to Noon,

our own

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in connection with Jacob Landau's exhibition,

"The Art Of Jacob Landau"

(on view from April 10 to June 27).

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slide presentation on the

Job and Dante cycles

which are the subjects of
Landau's work in this exhibition.

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

M&M Application Faces June 9 Public Hearing

by Bob Clark

One month after it rejected as incomplete an application by the Matzel & Mumford Organization (M&M) for a major subdivision permitting 65 houses on the Notterman tract, the Planning Board on May 12 deemed a revised application to be complete. At its June 9 regular meeting, the Board will begin a public hearing to determine whether to grant preliminary subdivision approval to the Hazlet developer. Board attorney Michele Donato said she would provide a written summary of procedures to guide the public hearing.

In a unanimous vote, the Board conditioned its determination of the application's completeness on receipt of proof from the tax collector that property tax payments are current. Ms. Donato said that under state law, the Board has 120 days from the date the condition is satisfied to decide whether to reject or approve the application on its merits. The applicant may waive the 120-day requirement and voluntarily grant the Board more time, according to Ms. Donato.

The revised application reveals that just a half dozen of the 65 proposed building lots comply with all three of the zoning ordinance minimum lot size requirements for width (100 ft.), depth (140 ft.) and area (14,000 sq. ft.). According to the chart submitted by the applicant, the Board would have to grant 140 bulk variances for 59 lots before it could approve the subdivision. The applicant's plans call for lots to be not less than 90 ft. wide, 125 ft. deep and 11,250 sq. ft. in area.

A "supplemental statement" attached

to the letter forwarding the revised application declares that the variances would facilitate "the concept of creating a village style layout for the neighborhood." The statement, attached to the April 20 letter from M&M's project manager, Cyril Kucera of Civil Engineering Corp., Princeton, claims that a fully conforming 65-lot subdivision could be designed "within the environmental parameters" of the 110-acre site. According to the statement, such a development would not need variances but would counter "good, creative and appropriate planning" by causing additional site disturbances, reducing public open space and eliminating all internal open space "greens." The statement indicated the developer would demonstrate this with an exhibit presented during the public hearing.

The revised application notes that the average proposed lot area would be 13,286 sq. ft. It states that the zoning ordinance requires designation of 50 percent of the tract, 55 acres, as open space, whereas M&M's proposed "village cluster" would preserve 75.7 percent, 83 acres, as open space. The statement adds:

Lot widths have been reduced and varied to reduce amount of public infrastructure improvements, reduce impervious area, encourage less site disturbance and promote a village concept with a more varied streetscape.

Lot depths have been reduced in locations where lots back up to permanent open space areas. This promotes the preservation of additional permanent public open

space and reduces the total amount of site disturbance.

Varied front & side yard setbacks are also requested to promote a more varied, visually pleasing and interesting streetscape. This is consistent with the overall village concept reviewed with the Board during workshops in the spring of 1998.

The success of the proposal may hinge on the correctness of wetlands buffer delineation by the developer and the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). In an April 9 letter, the Site Plan Review Committee of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission asked the DEP to reconsider its grant of a 50 foot wetlands buffer between the proposed building lots and the tracts wetlands. Kate John-Alder, Vice Chairwoman, Rod Tulloss and Kirk Rothfuss serve on the Committee. They contended in the letter that the buffer should be 150 feet because of the presence of wood turtle habitat within the boundaries of M&M's proposed project. If the DEP were to reconsider its letter of interpretation, M&M would have to remove several building lots from the southern portion of the proposed village cluster. The developer would have to eliminate them from the project altogether or relocate them to other eligible, but cost enhancing, locations within the tract.

In an April 26 letter to DEP, two members of the Planning Board and five members of the Environmental Commission questioned the accuracy of maps on which DEP relied in granting a stream encroachment per-

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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

No Action on Landscape Ordinance at Special Meeting

by Herb Johnson

The Borough Council held a special meeting on Monday, May 17. Council President Michael Stiles presided. Only three items were on the agenda: public hearing on Ordinance #190 - the landscape ordinance; introduction of a salary ordinance; and, a resolution to establish policies and fees for the Roosevelt Summer Camp.

Kate John-Alder and four others in the audience spoke approvingly of the landscape ordinance. Nona Sherak and Rod Tulloss asked that the Council not postpone voting on

its adoption any longer. (It had been introduced on March 22.) Councilman John Towle seconded Councilwoman Rose D. Murphy's motion to postpone voting on adoption until June 14 at the next regular meeting. He said he wanted the full Council to vote on the matter. Paul Hoogsteden was absent. Council members Murphy and Stiles commented that this was the first time they had the 30 page ordinance in their hands. Councilman George Vasseur and Harry Parker joined them in a unanimous vote to postpone.

The ordinance to amend the salary ordinance would establish the salaries for five new positions for Summer Camp: Boating Camp Instructor for \$25/hour, Band Camp Instructor for \$20/hour, and assistant at \$10/hour and two Junior Counselor positions at \$6/hour. Its introduction was approved.

The Council approved of fees for camps: boating \$90/week, band \$30/week, nursery and K-5 camp \$40/week. ■

Council Report

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On another note, Ms. Sherak announced that she had joined Ellen Silverman in forming a committee to investigate obtaining funds to upgrade facilities in the Roosevelt Public School, so that the 7th and 8th grades could be "brought back" from East Windsor, a move that she claimed would save about \$200,000 yearly.

In another development, also in the public portion, Vincent Vignuolo announced that he and others were preparing to stage a "tax revolt" against the ever-increasing school taxes. Mr. Vignuolo stated that, once he secures the cooperation of 25 taxpayers, he will organize withholding and putting into escrow the portion of the property tax that goes to the Board of Education. The objective would be to "bankrupt the school" and force it to

close down so that the Board would be forced to "start over" and run a more economical system. Mayor Allen explained that this would not work, since taxes are collected by the municipality and must, by law, be disbursed to the school, and that any reduction in the rate of tax collection would simply mean that the Borough would be required to increase its reserve for uncollected taxes, which would necessarily mean even higher taxes next year.

In the new business portion of the meeting, the Council introduced an ordinance to repeal the section of the water and sewer ordinance that imposes a minimum fee for pools with a capacity of 10,000 gallons which are not drained. The Council

also passed the annual resolution imposing water use restrictions from the beginning of June to the beginning of October. Restricted activities (washing cars, watering lawns and filling pools) can only be done between 6:00 a.m. and noon, and then only on odd days by residents of odd-numbered houses and on even days by residents of even-numbered houses. The restrictions only apply to persons using water from the municipal system, since the restrictions are based on the limited capacity of the system, which was built to service 200 homes, and not on any expected drought conditions. Mayor Allen concluded the new business portion by proclaiming the month of May as "Older Americans Month." ■

SCHOOL NEWS

School Board News

Annual Reorganization Meeting

by Nancy Hamilton

The Roosevelt Board of Education met on April 29th for its annual reorganization meeting. All members were present, including newly elected Jill Lipoti and the two re-elected members, Ellen Silverman and Allen Newrath. Mr. Messner and Dr. Weinbach were also in attendance. The public was comprised of Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Nulman, Mrs. Petrics, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Cokeley. The meeting was called to order by Board Secretary Karen Minutolo, who announced the election results and swore in the elected members. The Board elected Lauralynne Cokeley as Board President and Henry John-Alder to be Vice President. The Board voted to approve the following: standing resolutions, rules, regulations bylaws, policies and procedures; the meeting schedule through April, 2000; depositories and signatories; curriculum guides and textbooks. There was some discussion regarding out of district tuition rates and it was decided to investigate tuition charges from other districts before setting a fee schedule. Appointments for attorney, physicians, auditing firm, insurance agent and accountant were approved, as were the minutes from the April 8 meeting.

There were several items of correspondence of note. Linda Silverstein requested that the Board look into the possibility of conducting strep testing in the school; the Board agreed to investigate costs. Ms. Elliot facilitated the collection of \$880.00 through a school wide jog-a-thon. An anonymous letter was sent to the Board regarding the way Officer Reinhart of the NJ State Police was treated by David Ticktin at the elementary school dance. There was considerable discussion regarding this matter, including a review of relevant policies, and the appropriateness of the presence of a State Policeman at K - 6 grade functions. Board members were reminded that they may only speak on behalf of the Board when asked to do so by the Board. The Board will send a letter of apology to Officer Reinhart for any misunderstandings that may have arisen from this incident.

In her statement, Mrs. Cokeley thanked Mr. Messner for his service to the school and welcomed Dr. Dale Weinbach who will become the CSA on May 1st.

Mr. Messner stated that he was aware that Officer Reinhart would be on the school premises the night of the dance. He announced the *Arts for Anyone* program and that ESPA testing would soon be underway. Mr. Messner offered the Board a heartfelt thank you for its support during his term as interim CSA.

During audience participation, Mrs. Petrics congratulated the Board on its successful budget. She stated, however, that the PTA was not in a position to offer support for the budget, since there had been no official budget presentation to the PTA. Mrs. Cokeley responded that both she and the School Business Administrator had offered to give such a presentation to the PTA. Mrs. Petrics also explained that Officer Reinhart had been invited to the dance, and supported his presence at this and future school activities.

Mrs. Fischer thanked Mr. Messner for his service to the Board and welcomed Dr. Weinbach. As director of the After School Program, she is requesting that the school be tested for radon.

Mr. Clark, Mr. Cokeley, Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Nulman all articulated their support for community policing, and expressed their opinion that the presence of Officer Reinhart was of value to the community.

After a break, the meeting resumed with a presentation by technology facilitator Mr. Morris regarding the technology plan. The new IMACS were demonstrated and there was discussion as to what would be ordered from the \$65,000 grant.

Additional Board business included meeting dates for negotiations meetings, review of our tuition contract with East Windsor and the approval of bills. Policies are being reviewed. Graduation is set for June 19th at 4 pm. RPS will be offering Spanish next year, and the computer lab will be available for public use by the end of May. There will be classes given to the public. The Board awaits additional quotes for the removal of the underground tank. The roof is repaired and the school passed its sanitary report.

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SCHOOL NEWS

RPS: Message From Dale Weinbach, Ed. D., Our New Chief School Administrator

During the first two weeks in my position of Chief School Administrator at the Roosevelt School, I have been charmed by the students and made to feel welcome by the staff and community members. It is clear to me that "community" takes on a special meaning in Roosevelt. It is my goal to foster strong ties between the school and the town. Like any significant relationship, this takes sincere effort that needs to be nurtured continuously to flourish.

In the educational field the importance of community is recognized for the critical role it plays in the healthy development of our children. In a vital school community the school, rather than being an isolated place to send the children, is an integral part of the social interactions of the town. What can we all do to ensure the perpetuation of this school-community environment? Open dialogue is essential. Residents with any questions or concerns regarding the school should feel free to call and meet with me. Sometimes simple explanations can clear up any misunderstandings. Residents with ideas should come forward. Volunteers are most appreciated. Together we can make the sons and daughters of Roosevelt feel that they are part of a large family of friends who support and care for them.

An example of school-community interaction is the help the school received from the Borough on Friday, May 21. On that day the student council delivered the goods they received from the "Kids for Kosovo" drive. They delivered the donations in the truck graciously on loan from the Borough. At that time the student council also donated the money they raised through this year's fund raising activities.

Congratulations are in order for Reuben Alt. Reuben is a sixth grade student who won second place in the Monmouth County Fair Housing Poster contest. His poster will be displayed next year in a calendar prepared by that agency.

During the 1999-2000 school year we will be introducing Spanish into our curriculum as part of the World Language Core Curriculum Standards. The Spanish language will be taught. In addition, the Spanish speaking world is quite extensive and teachers will be introducing the various cultures throughout the grades. Community members with expertise in Spanish or Spanish culture are invited to share their knowledge with us.

Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 19 at 4:00 p.m. I've requested a beautiful afternoon and look forward to seeing everyone there. ■

RCNS: Newsletter

by Ginny Weber

It's hard to believe that the last month of school is here. We've been very busy preparing for graduation, which is on Thursday, June 17th.

We're also studying about our sky - the moon, the stars and the sun. We will be making star-gazers so that we can view our own constellations. We will also see how strong the sun's rays are when we make sun prints.

In honor of Maurice Sendak's birthday on June 10th, we will learn more about dinosaurs, hunt for dinosaur eggs and make fossils. How much fun it will be to be paleontologists!

Flag Day is June 14th, so we will design our own flags. Let's see how creative we can be!

We will also "milk" a cow and make butter to eat with snack to commemorate Dairy Week.

Our end of the year trip is to Etra Park. I'm sure we'll have a great time since all children attend as do quite a few parents.

Good luck to our ten graduates in Kindergarten in September. Miss Joann and I will miss you! Thanks again to our wonderful parents for being so supportive. It's great to be part of such a dedicated team. I'm looking forward to another great year in September! ■

OUR TOWN

Roosevelt Summer Programs

by Ellen Silverman

Summer is fast approaching and with it Roosevelt Community Summer Recreational Programs. This year not only will we have the Community Summer camps that we have had in the past, but also two new programs. The new programs are the Summer Band Camp, for students entering 4th grade through 7th grade, and Boat Building/Sailing Program for campers thirteen through adult.

Most of you are aware of the Nursery Camp for ages 3 to 5 years and the summer camp program for children ages 6 to 12. Both these programs are morning programs meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and run for five weeks, from July 5th through August 6th.

Nursery Camp meets at the Roosevelt Elementary School on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The camp counselor is JoAnn Parker and the junior counselor is Jamison Parker.

The summer camp program for children ages 6 to 12 runs Mondays through Fridays. The camp counselor are Margaret Schlinski, Ellen Silverman and Michael Cedar. The junior counselor are Christine Rocchia, Alicia Moore and Jeff Possiel.

The Summer Band Camp will be meeting at the Roosevelt Elementary School, 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This camp meets Mondays through Thursdays. The instructor will be Heather Philhower and her assistant will be Bonnie Philhower.

The Boat Building and Sailing Program is offered to thirteen year olds through adult. This will be an intensive five week program for six to eight students. This program will start on July 5th and the meeting hours for this program will be (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.) The instructor for this program is Jay Goldman.

There are several parts to this program that require different meeting location needs. The research and planning stage, boat building, and using the boat on Barnegat Bay. These meeting locations will be announced later.

More Information on the Boat Building Program

by Jay Goldman

This summer I will be leading a workshop sponsored by the Roosevelt Borough. We will be building a traditional garvey, a type of boat seen at the Jersey shore a hundred years ago. The workshop will start by learning about lofting (the process of drawing the "lines" of the boat full-size on a plywood floor) and then translating them to 3 dimensional frames which make the skeleton of the boat. The boat will be planked with plywood, caulked, painted and "fitted out" for sailing. The workshop will conclude with a trip to Barnegat Bay to spend the day sailing and observing the coastal marine environment. For more information please call Ellen Silverman at 490-0557 or me at 426-1740. ■

Once the boat is made ready for the water, the program's meeting place will be at Barnegat Bay. First the students will launch the boat and learn basic rowing, sailing and small boat handling maneuvers. Then they will study the bay ecosystem and use the garvey as a research vessel to collect basic information about the bay environment.

Please remember that these recreational programs must meet a minimum participation level or they will be cancelled for the season. The deadline for signing up for these camps is June 15th. Registration forms which include costs can be found in the Borough Hall and Rossi's deli. There is a registra-

tion fee, of \$15.00 per family. This one registration fee applies to all of the Summer 1999 programs and all members of the immediate family, so please feel free to sign up for more than one of these camps. ■

Please Note: To ensure that this issue was published before the Primary Election, we were not able to include two of our usual feature writers and a full review of the Roosevelt Arts Festival. Please look for these in the July issue.

OUR TOWN

Senior Citizen News

Meeting of May 18

by Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

On May 18, many of us went to Rova Farms for lunch. We always enjoy ourselves there. Then, on May 25 we had our usual "box lunch" at the Solar Village Common room. This too is always very good.

One important issue that came up at our May 4 meeting was the fact that we have heard that there are a few people in town who do not approve of having State Trooper Reinhart here. Our club is definitely in favor of his presence and feel much safer for it. We are planning to write a letter to be signed by all of us to let the State Police know how much we appreciate having them around. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

On June 1 a speaker from AARP will come to us to discuss the possible changes proposed for Social Security and Medicare. We are all looking forward to this event as it is naturally of great importance to us. Since this June issue will not yet be out on this date, we hope to be able to report on this important subject in the next issue.

At our meeting, our hostess was Honey Sochowitzky who served a delicious snack of fresh fruits, zucchini bread and cheese. Most of us could use more of that delicious bread!

Until next month. ■

Our Emergency Fund Drive

Money raising is an ongoing activity which is necessary to ensure our financial security.

We wish to thank those of you who have been very generous in pulling us back "from the brink", so to speak. We will be happy to hear from those who have not yet responded. Please keep the "good money" flowing! WE NEED YOU!

Herewith the names of those contributors whose donations arrived after our May issue came out.

Helen Kleinman
Geraldine & John Millar
Florence Fredericks
Marguerite Rosenthal
Rebecca & Joseph Notterman
Dina Coe and Greg McGrath
M & M Woodcraft

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Maria Del Piano
Mary & Rod Tulloss
Freda & Al Hepner (In memory of Paul Bauman)
Elly & Arthur Shapiro
M. L. & Jessie Norris

The Roosevelt Arts Project

Again, contributions received after we go to press will be included in our July issue. ■

LETTERS

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Together, we have taken important steps toward making our community more affordable. Together, we have stepped up, made hard decisions and repaired our sanitary sewer system relieving us of untold fines and penalties. We have also taken significant steps toward preserving our community's spirit and history together.

Following the example set by Mayor Emeritus Leon Barth, we have made our community's voice be heard from Trenton to Washington through both his and my reaching out to our legislators to protect us from the unscrupulous polluters of superfund waste sites. All of the Councils during my tenure as your mayor have steadfastly supported my initiatives to take our message beyond our community about the onerous burden we face trying to educate our children.

Together we have seen first, Farm Lane, then Eleanor Lane, then Tamara Drive, then School Lane, then North Valley Road and now South Rochdale Avenue be completely rebuilt with state and Federal funds that we could never have afforded to do ourselves. These actions saved us tax dollars both today and tomorrow. And, as promised, we have kept the municipal tax rate stable for an unprecedented five years.

Effective leadership is multifaceted. Like the Council's taking over the summer camp program to help ensure its continuation and lowering its insurance costs. Together we are expanding this and other programs to help our children during their precious time with us and showing that we care.

With your continued support in the primary election on June 8, both Mike Stiles for Council and Lee Allen for Mayor will continue to fight to preserve our community's ability to control our destiny, our spirit, our open space and our history.

Your Mayor,

Lee R. Allen

Neighbors:

With the June primary approaching, we as members of the Roosevelt Borough Council wish to recognize the successful effort put forth over the past eight years by Lee Allen as Mayor and offer him our full support. We believe that Lee will use his experience and contacts within and beyond the borders of Roosevelt to continue to address the problems of our community. Under his continued leadership, we believe that Roosevelt will continue to flourish in the future.

In like manner, we endorse Michael Stiles in his run for a second term on Borough Council. During his tenure, Michael has brought his experience from the private sector to Roosevelt and has evenly evaluated the issues that have come before him. His familiarity with the needs of the youth in our community coupled with his commitment to volunteerism will continue to serve us well.

Accordingly, please join us in voting for Mayor Lee Allen and Council President Michael Stiles in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, June 8.

Sincerely,
Paul Hoogsteden
Harry Parker
John Towle
Rose D. Murphy

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LETTERS

Dear Neighbor:

I am writing to tell you that I am a Democrat running for Mayor in the June 8 primary election. I am also asking for your vote.

This year's election is unlike the primaries of other years. This year your vote in the primary may well determine if we will be overwhelmed by the development of a 350-unit adult community and 65 single family homes as well. The value of your property as well as your quality of life is at stake. *This year the June 8 primary may well determine the November election results.*

Let me begin by saying that I am weary of the name-calling and bashing that often accompany political campaigns. Mayor Lee Allen and I do not see eye to eye on many issues, but I respect our right to disagree. If a campaign is to be meaningful, it should be about issues not personalities.

Managing Change

I believe that it would be better to manage change carefully and with respect for the delicate balance of the things that make Roosevelt a very special place in which to live and raise a family. This community has been like an extended family to me. Its unique blend of young and old, new and long-time residents has enriched my own family. I believe that such a balance is valuable: to achieve it demands a careful analysis of proposed development, avoidance of over-development and respect for the preservation of open space.

I believe in a cautious and well-researched approach to the way development is implemented in order to avoid unintended consequences and to assure maximum benefit.

Finances

Roosevelt is a very small town; we need to manage our finances carefully. *Every \$10,000 misspent or lost in revenue amounts to approximately \$30 per household in unnecessary taxes.* Let me give you just two examples of how we could have managed our finances better.

The Borough acts as the collector of school taxes, borough taxes and water/sewer fees. Because of this, our municipal accounts often total more than \$1 million. The interest earned on our tax money is an important

source of revenue for the town. It helps to keep taxes down. I have been puzzled for years why the Borough averages 3% interest on our municipal investments when we could safely earn 5%, as the school's investments do. This example of financial mismanagement costs us more than \$20,000 in lost revenue every year.

I also question why, under Mayor Allen's leadership, the Borough Council chose not to just repair the sewer system, but to build in *twice* the capacity needed. Have Roosevelt's taxpayers been paying the system's excess capacity to enhance the profits of a developer? Increasing the capacity of the water/sewer facilities is always the single biggest cost of a developer. In October of 1997 when U.S. Homes proposed building a 450-unit development, Mayor Allen said,

"The sewer treatment plant was built with excess capacity to handle this."

Most Roosevelt residents are not aware that for over 7 years they have been paying double what they should have paid each month for their water/sewer bills to pay for this excess capacity. Furthermore, the Borough Council funded the excess capacity by extending the term of the Borough's water/sewer loan from 25 years to 40 years, and borrowing hundreds of thousands of dollars. When a long-time resident asked a U.S. Homes representative why the company wanted to develop in Roosevelt, he replied, "because the facilities are *already* here."

The Decision-making Process

Failure to invite Roosevelt citizen participation in government has often resulted in poor public policy. Governing bodies can become insulated from the public and assume that only they know what is best. Officials should reach out to bring the citizens whom they represent into the decision-making process.

As an elected official, I have always believed in the need for inclusive discussions. *Without respectful consideration of diverse opinions, there can be no well-balanced evaluation of any issue.* This became painfully evident during the recent public hearings on the drastic changes made to our existing zoning ordinances. It was clear that neither the scale nor the impact of the proposed age-restricted development was fully considered.

In fact, Council members were advised not to discuss the

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issues with the public during the hearings on zoning ordinance changes. The official record shows that during what should have been a meaningful exchange with citizens regarding the rationale for the most sweeping changes in Roosevelt history an attitude of *let them talk themselves out and we will vote our way later existed.*

Development

Both the 1979 officially-adopted community master plan and its 1988 update stressed the *critical importance* of a policy of *incremental development*. This means development with a moderate number of additional houses at any one time. Gradually phased-in development allows new residents to become part of the social fabric of our community. The concept of incremental development was considered so meaningful that it was specified as an essential component in every Roosevelt master plan. This important element is conspicuously absent from our new zoning ordinances.

Additionally the Council has refused to acknowledge that allowing such a large-scale adult development creates a government within a government. Homeowner association membership is mandatory in such developments. Residents pay fees (like taxes) which are used for services and maintenance of their restricted common-use areas. The adult-development residents will have the right to vote in Roosevelt elections. Roosevelt citizens will not be able to vote in the association, which governs the adult community. Nor will Roosevelt residents have the right to use the facilities and services of the adult community. However, the development's residents will have the right to use the town's facilities and services.

An article in the November 13, 1998 *Trenton Times* about the adult community of Concordia in Monroe Township clearly illustrates the real problems that can occur from the

existence of a government within a government. The headline read, "*Monroe Seniors Furious.*" More than 550 angry Concordia adult-community residents packed a meeting to protest plans to build a 125-room assisted-living facility. Residents had to show their Concordia photo ID to enter. Freshly-painted signs proclaimed "*Concordia Residents Only*". Monroe residents who were not Concordia homeowner association members were banned from the meeting. The press was turned away at the door.

Whose Interest?

Recently it has become unclear even to Borough Council members whose interests they represent - the people of Roosevelt or the developers proposing to build here. During public hearings on our proposed landscape ordinance, the Council suggested numerous changes. Councilman Towle stated that the changes were necessary, "*to make it less onerous for developers.*" Mayor Allen did not object to lowering our standards in order to accommodate developers. U.S. Homes has repeatedly demanded lower connection fees to Roosevelt's water/sewer system and lower monthly charges for the development's residents. Councilman Towle has stated that these charges were negotiable.

These are only a few of the serious issues that we will be facing over the next Mayor's four-year term. I am committed to acting in the best interests of Roosevelt citizens. That is why I am asking for your vote on June 8. I can assure you that my only concern as Mayor will be the welfare of our town, not the profit interests of prospective developers.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Hamilton,
Democratic Candidate for Mayor

Spring is Here!



Watch your Speed!

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

LETTERS

To the Editor:

Many times in the past, primary elections have served to determine the Mayor and members of Council. The upcoming primary will be no different. I am writing to express my support for the candidacy of Mike Hamilton for Mayor. I have chosen to support Mike because of his experience, his doggedness in pursuing his goals, and his sensitivity to the community of Roosevelt. Our town is going through a critical period in its growth, and it is extremely important that we elect the mayoral candidate with appropriate character to serve the interests of us all. I therefore urge other voters to join me in supporting Mike Hamilton.

Mike has served on the Roosevelt Board of Education for most of the last 10 years, a thankless but not unrewarding job. Through this involvement, Mike has gained experience and has demonstrated his innate knack for negotiating thorny issues. Having had the pleasure of working with Mike in hiring our current Chief School Administrator, I have observed first-hand Mike's sensitivity to the special needs of Roosevelt in his search for just the right blend of talents to suit us best. Mike played an instrumental role in guiding me to "read between the lines" in evaluating candidates, to go beyond a purely objective analysis of statistics and credentials tabulated on paper, to look at the data as revealing of character rather than as mere input to be crunched through a cold and impersonal spreadsheet.

In recent years, Mike has been acutely aware of the financial burden imposed on all of us by the need to provide educational opportunities for the children of Roosevelt. He has negotiated contracts and other financial matters, he has figured prominently in the Board's ad hoc Committee on Educational Alternatives, and he has chaired the Committee on Legislation and Public Relations. Mike has a proven track record of reviewing school budgets with a very sharp pencil. He was a leading advocate this year in negotiating a \$90,000 reduction in the tuition charges we pay to East Windsor, resulting in nearly \$300 in tax savings per house-

hold, and he has led us in our efforts for special legislative action that could result in additional tax savings of an equivalent amount.

In addition to having served on the Roosevelt Board of Education for most of the last decade, Mike has been very actively involved in a variety of other civic affairs. In all of these cases, Mike has pursued his goals with nearly unbelievable single-mindedness and energy. Mike has played a leading role in the current efforts underway to insure that any potential tax savings of special residential development will be realized without threatening the fundamental nature of our community. We are now on the verge of having a comprehensive Landscape Ordinance to codify our community's values, and we finally have an active and responsive Environmental Commission. As a result of Mike's insistence on pursuing development in a responsible manner sensitive to the needs and special circumstances of Roosevelt, we stand a far better chance of realizing tax savings than would have been likely without his efforts.

Perhaps the most important and lasting deeds of a Mayor are reflected in mayoral appointments to various boards and commissions. Mike Hamilton knows the importance of full representation and of seeking advice and expertise from all walks of life. Thus, rather than using a political litmus test, Mike will seek the most qualified individuals for his appointments to the Planning Board, for example. Mike will seek and value the advice of all of us, not just those of us who share his view of how Roosevelt's future should develop.

Perhaps at no other time in our town's history have we been in such desperate need of an open and responsive Mayor. Given the choices before us on the ballot, there is no question but that Mike Hamilton is the one for our votes.

Sincerely,

Henry John-Alder

RECYCLING DATES

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LETTERS

Dear Sir,

Because of the number of registered Democrats in Roosevelt, the upcoming primary election could well be the determining event in selecting our next mayor. We are writing to support the candidacy of Michael Hamilton for Mayor in the Democratic Primary, Tuesday, June 8th.

Mike is a thoughtful, well-informed, and congenial person with extensive experience both in private business and the business of Roosevelt's public affairs. He is a man of his word. He has a sense of humor in difficult times. He has proven himself able to work with people of diverse opinions. He is a long-term public servant of our Borough. Perhaps most important now, in these sometimes contentious times, is his ability to step back from a situation and analyze it...looking for what he calls "the right action." And then, create the conditions in which that action can be taken successfully.

When Mike's name has not been in the papers for awhile, it is often not because the papers are failing to report opinions expressed or actions taken. We have noticed with admiration that sometimes it is the case that he has decided he needed to take time out for reflection, to reassess his position, to find a more creative solution, to find a way that was constructive, to define the proper goal and a method of reaching it.

Mike's campaign reflects his constructive approach. He is providing ideas that will really help our town based on a careful analysis of facts. His analysis of the investment of the town's tax income is a case in point. His successful role in negotiating a significant reduction in the cost of tuition for our students in Hightstown schools next year is another. Mike has demonstrated his capability in analyzing the town's finances and acting on his analysis. When he talks of budgeting every year from scratch (zero-based budgeting), he is talking about an approach with which he has significant experience. He knows how to do it. We believe there are many Rooseveltians who would welcome such a fiscally responsible approach.

The town is going through a critical period of great change. At this time, the need for communication between our government and the citizens requires significant improvement. With Mike as mayor, we believe we will have a much clearer picture of what is going on. We will not be told by Mike that the only way to know what is going on in town is to come to a long evening meeting - something that may not be possible for many residents. We hope that, with Mike's calm and thoughtful approach,

we will see full use of the expertise of town officials. We trust we will once again have a School Board member as a full member on the Planning Board.

Most of all, we believe Mike can give us leadership in a number of additional forms:

- Leadership in the ability to listen - in Council meetings, in Planning Board meetings, in conversations with any of us
- Leadership in well-considered, undivisive, constructive, honest public speech
- Leadership in understanding consequences of words and actions
- Leadership in appropriate and constructive action
- Leadership in timely response to citizen needs and complaints

When you vote in the Democratic Party mayoral primary, we encourage you to vote for Mike Hamilton.

This letter is a statement of our opinions as individual citizens and does not represent the opinion of a group or organization of any kind.

Sincerely,

Ann Baker
David Brahinsky
Edward Cedar
Sue Cedar
Bob Dermody
Gary Edelstein
David Francis
Richard Francis
Constance Herrstrom
Leonard P. Hillis
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LETTERS

To The Editor

RE: *Damage to wetlands by off-road vehicles and dumping between Rochdale Avenue and the Valley Road bicycle/foot path and between Lake Drive and Farm Lane.*

This letter has been submitted to the Roosevelt Borough Council as well.

I have been delegated to prepare this letter by a unanimous vote of those attending the Environmental Commission meeting on May 19, 1999. In the last month, growing damage to the wetland area cited in the subject line of this memorandum has been noted by members of the Environmental Commission. Off-road vehicle use in this area, once largely limited to private property adjacent to the Rossi Delicatessen, has now greatly expanded. A jump ramp has been built in the area and high speed turns are essentially plowing the forest floor. Circular or figure-8 tracks now extend well into Borough property and have already destroyed ground cover and exposed tree roots in some areas to a depth of several inches. At the Rochdale Avenue end of this disturbance, grows the only known large population in Roosevelt of the Field Horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*). This population is being encroached upon at its northern boundary. At this time of year there are numerous seasonal streams that are in danger of being disrupted, and the soft, wet soil easily becomes rutted and mounded by the speeding vehicles. As members of the Council are aware, off-road vehicles

have occasionally been driven the full length of the area in question, an inappropriate use of forest paths.

The Environmental Commission unanimously recommends that, on each existing off-road vehicle trackway that enters Borough land, a post be placed bearing a sign advising that off-road vehicles are not permitted in the wetlands, that current activity has resulted in destruction of Borough property, and that destruction of Borough property is a violation of law. Similar signs are recommended to be placed on both ends of the Valley Road bicycle/foot path indicating that vehicles are not permitted in the woods and motorized vehicles are not permitted on the path.

At the Valley Road end of the cited area, there has been a notable increase in dumping of tree limbs and cut brush in the last months. The Commission urges that current piles be removed because (1) they are an unsightly mess on the trail side, (2) they are covering and destroying wetland plants, and (3) because they may include viable nonendemic invasive species that would destroy the nature and value of at least a portion of the wetlands. In the near future, it is recommended that a rented chipper be scheduled for a tour of the town so that residents may have their tree and brush cuttings chipped and removed in an acceptable manner.

Sincerely,
Rodham Tolloss

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. ■

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 Rd. The proud grandparents are Daphne and Reginald Mooney of Arkansas, Virginia Cook of Yardville, NJ, and Richard and Carl Cook of Allentown, PA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mayor Lee Allen who addressed the Monmouth County Municipal Association on the Progress of New Waste Flow Laws in New Jersey at their 4/21 meeting. His address was well received and he's been invited back next year. Mayor Allen is Chair of the Waste Flow Committee of the League of Municipalities and has represented the League in testimony before the State Legislature in Trenton.

1998 RECYCLING IN ROOSEVELT:

From Dianna Moore - Recycling totals from last year are in: 85.82 tons/newspaper; 14.67 tons/glass; 3.81 tons/aluminum; 0.57 tons/plastic; 0.58 tons/iron; 0.63 tons/household batteries; 19.73 tons/concrete, asphalt, brick & block; 1.35 tons/wood scraps. That's a total of 127.16 tons that didn't go to the dump!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

The First Aid Squad needs members. The squad pays for training. For information call Herb Johnson at 448-7701.

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

If you could occasionally provide transportation to seniors needing non-emergency medical attention, please call Mary Alfare at 443-4243.

FROM RPS:

April Students of the Month for Health: Allison Mitchell, Kimberly Grasso, Briana Parsons, Robert Lancaster, Danielle Cokeley, Lexi Cheshier and Joshua Nulman.

April Students of the Month for Physical Education: Michelle Provost, Jonah Atwood, Larry Van Brunt, Dan Fischer, Casey Ward, Ian Parsons, Caitlin Wong, Adam Adlerman and Elizabeth Stinson.

FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Third Marking Period Honor Roll: (Grade 7) Avery Axel, Josh Butler, Brian Davis, Lian Garton, Deirdra Lloyd, Lindsay Possiel, Tina Vasseur; (Grade 8) Leah Howse, Wesley John-Alder and Christopher Wong.

Many thanks to Lian Garton who has agreed to be the reporter from Kreps School and who sent in the following items:

Jesse Parsons (Grade 7) tied for first place in the Kreps Science Olympiad Contest.

Roosevelt students involved in sports for the spring season: Katy Hamilton - girls' track team; Wesley John-Alder, Nate Kostar, Jamison Parker, Brian Davis and Brandon Tyers - boys' track team; Jeff Possiel - baseball team with Tina Vasseur as team manager.

Leah Howse, Erik Cokeley, Deirdra Lloyd and Lian Garton are Roosevelt members of the Kreps Band that gave a concert for RPS students on April 16.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:

Liz Carroll has been elected Vice President of the HHS Student Council and President of the Red Cross Club, both for the 1999-2000 school term. She has also been elected President of the Mercer County Chapter of the American Red Cross Youth Council for the same period. In addition Liz has been nominated by HHS and selected to participate for the second consecutive year in the Daniel Fox Youth Scholars Program for Exceptional High School Students at Lebanon Valley College, PA. It's no surprise that Liz has also been named to Who's Who in American High School Students for the second consecutive year.

Katie Alfare has been awarded one of four scholarships awarded by the Trenton section of the American Chemical Society awarded to college bound seniors majoring in Chemistry.

FROM KEVA HIGH:

Orlando Ortiz made the 3rd marking period Honor Roll, received a trophy for excellence in gymnastics and an award for excellence in mechanics.

FROM MERCER COUNTY JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Joel Ortiz is on the 3rd marking period Honor Roll.

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

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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.

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DOG OWNERS - SHAME

Reports are that some dog owners are not keeping their canine family members on leashes; and worse yet, are not picking up after them.

PLEASE, be considerate of your neighbors and those visiting our cemetery by picking up after your pets. Visitors at the cemetery are wondering why owners feel that it is acceptable to leave their dog's fecal matter behind.

The same can be said of our triangular park areas and right of ways. It is unpleasant to have your children, your pet or yourself arrive home with a shoe or paw full of fecal matter when trying to enjoy our environment and quality of life in our community. It is also quite unpleasant to mow over these piles.

Also remember, keep dogs on leashes no shorter than 8 feet long.

It is the law.

BREAKING BREAD



YOU WANT ME TO WHAT?

By Angel Cloughly

When Sue Dermody, on behalf of *The Bulletin*, asked me if I wanted to write for *The Bulletin*, my heart leapt. I said yes without hesitation. Then she asked me if I wanted to share a recipe!...."What?!", I said, "Are you crazy? I can't write like Rebecca! She's so creative, I love reading her recipes. Are you out of your mind?", I asked again. Sue just laughed. "It's supposed to be fun. Enjoy yourself. Write it as if it were a conversation." Well, that was our conversation. So, now I share my recipe, without the wit and humor of our beloved Rebecca but with the deep desire to finally write for *The Bulletin!* Thanks for asking Sue.

This recipe just can't be made any better. I love to cook, I love to add my special touch to most recipes and even I know when to leave well enough alone. My good friend's father worked as a chef for years. I wouldn't feel right without giving him full credit for passing this on to us. Thank you Janney Lee. It's the perfect recipe to bring to a family gathering, there's an abundance of food. It's the type of dish you could feel proud of when having company. I've made it a number of times and have never been surprised by an unexpected turnout. I hope you enjoy it as much as my family and friends do. *BON APPETIT.*

Recipe on Page 18

BREAKING BREAD

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CHICKEN TETRAZINNI

Serves 4 to 6

Ingredients:

- 1 8oz. Pkg. of thin spaghetti or angel hair pasta
- 2 13 1/2 oz. cans chicken broth
- 1 1lb. pkg. mushrooms, sliced and cooked
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1/4 cup butter (plus 3Tbs. for flour)
- 3 Tbs. flour
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 3 cups of cooked chicken diced small
- 1/3 cup of grated parmesan or romano cheese
- extra lb. of mozzarella, onions, red, green and yellow peppers to taste for appeal (I have used as many as 3 of each of the peppers) seasonings: salt, pepper, basil — to taste

Instructions:

- 1 Fry garlic, mushrooms, onions, peppers, etc. ahead of time in the 1/4 cup of butter. Remove from pan and save residue.
- 2 Bring chicken broth to boil, throw in spaghetti, cook, drain, and save the broth, there should be at least 3 cups of broth left.
- 3 Melt 3 Tbs. of butter in a pan and add 3 Tbs. of flour. Stir well, dissolve any lumps, add some chicken broth to thin out.
- 4 Add the rest of the chicken broth, mix well.
- 5 Add the heavy cream, cook over med. flame until sauce is creamy smooth, don't boil.
- 6 In a deep casserole pan add ingredients in layers. 1st, thin layer of spaghetti; 2nd, layer of chicken and vegs; 3rd, sauce and cheeses. Repeat. Last layer - sauce and cheese.
- 7 Bake at 450F for about 10 minutes or until it bubbles and browns on top. ■

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

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Mrs. Ellentuck reported that the Legislative Committee has composed a letter opposing the State's proposal that schools be required to have a full-time certified school nurse on staff.

With a final good bye to Mr. Messner and welcome to Dr. Weinbach, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm. The May 13th meeting of the Board of Education was attended by Ms. Minutolo, Dr. Weinbach and all Board members except Mr. John-Alder and Mr. Newrath. Councilman Towle also attended. It was announced that 6th grade student Reuben Alt was the 2nd place winner in the Monmouth County Fair Housing Poster contest. Mrs. Cokeley assigned committee chairpersons and members. Dr. Weinbach discussed kindergarten enrollment, announced upcoming events and reported on an opportunity for students to present food donations to Kosovo refugees at Fort Dix.

Mr. Towle asked if there were Board members who would be interested in serving as an alternate on the Planning Board. He also encouraged the Board to continue its efforts to meet with state officials in the hopes of obtaining tax relief for Roosevelt residents.

The Board voted to have strep testing done on premises. A policy will need to set fees and determine eligibility regarding this testing. Ms. Minutolo is receiving quotes regarding radon testing. The phone in the lobby has been repaired.

The Board approved the certification of taxes as well as the tuition contract with East Windsor. A joint purchasing agreement for the purpose of paper was tabled until the possibility of purchasing recycled paper was investigated.

It was agreed that the school will participate in the New Jersey Child Assault Program, a preventative program for child maltreatment. The five year curriculum plan was discussed.

The Board approved the renewal of contracts on tenured personnel, and then went into executive session for the discussion of other personnel matters. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm. ■

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

Continued from Page 3

mit for the M&M project. Board Vice Chairwoman Gail Hunton and member Bert Ellentuck and Environmental Commission Chairman Wayne Cokeley, Vice Chairwoman John-Alder, and members, Dr. Tulloss, Mr. Rothfuss and David Schwendeman, signed the letter. Alleging incorrect designations of Empty Box Brook and associated streams, the letter writers concluded that they could not trust the 100-year flood line shown on the maps cited in the permit. They called for an independent party, such as the NJDEP, to establish the flood line.

The letter also expressed "grave concerns over the computation of storm water run off from the site." It challenged M&M's proposal to use a storm run off detention facility instead of a retention facility and to direct out-flowing water into a new drain from the proposed detention facility instead of into existing drains. Lastly, the letter warned of the threat to a wood turtle population and bog turtle habitat. It "urgently" requested that the DEP review the stream encroachment permit.

A committee to review M&M's application will meet at 8:00 P.M. on the first and fourth Wednesday of every month and at 7:00 P.M. on the second and third Wednesday of every month. Its meetings will be advertised under the Open Public Meetings Law. Mr. Ellentuck, Mayor Lee Allen, Louis Esakoff, Diana Moore, Chairman Joseph Zahora and Harry Parker, also a member of the Borough Council, all expressed interest in serving on the committee or participating in its meetings.

After considering three engineering

firms, Mr. Ellentuck and Board members Parker and Paul Henry, serving as a committee, recommended that the Board hire Borough Engineer James DeMuro to review plans for development applications. The Board unanimously agreed with its committee to hire Mr. DeMuro at the same rates that he charges the Council.

At the request of the Borough Council, the Board reviewed Council-suggested revisions to a proposed landscape ordinance. Council members John Towle and Parker, presented the Council's suggestions for change. Kate John-Alder, the primary author of the proposed ordinance, and other Board members defended the original draft provisions. Most of the debate centered around what diameters to require on tree plantings. Mr. Towle and Mr. Parker agreed that the ordinance could retain the original, larger diameter minimums so long as the developer could substitute a smaller diameter if New Jersey or Eastern Pennsylvania plant material of the larger diameter were unavailable. Mr. Towle and Mr. Parker predicted that the compromises reached during the discussion would satisfy Council members. Mr. Towle said he no longer had "any issues with" the ordinance and praised Ms. John-Alder, a certified landscape architect, for preparing "an extremely well-crafted ordinance" at no expense to the Borough. Board members Ellentuck, Hunton and Roberts, and Borough resident Timothy Hartley, served with Ms. John-Alder on a committee that reviewed the ordinance.

Mr. Ellentuck reported that Philip Caton of the planning firm hired to reexamine the Borough's master plan had promised a preliminary assessment

and work plan by June 20, a first draft by July 20 and a final draft by September. Ms. Donato advised that the Board could adopt a reexamination report without a public hearing, but adoption of revised or new elements of the master plan would require a public hearing. Such elements could include land use, open space and circulation. Ms. Donato said adoption of certain master plan elements would facilitate making developers pay for the cost of off-tract improvements. Ms. Hunton said that when she and other Master Plan Committee members meet with the consultant, they will ask for a written summary of tasks he will accomplish regarding the reexamination report and the preparation of master plan elements.

The Board unanimously denied a variance sought by Mark Zuckerman to erect six-foot-high, partially opaque landscaping fences near the entrance to his home on Farm Lane. Mr. Zuckerman said he wanted to discourage foraging deer and to screen his property from additional traffic expected from the proposed M&M development. The Board determined that those reasons did not meet the hardship standard for a variance from the three-foot limit and opaqueness prohibition pertaining to front yard fences. Board members advised Mr. Zuckerman that he could achieve his goals with plantings. The Board voted, after extensive debate, that Mr. Zuckerman did not have to obtain a variance to locate a gazebo in the back of his rear yard near the boundary shared with the house attached to his. Mr. Ellentuck, Ms. Hunton and Mr. Roberts dissented. ■

Roosevelt Community Summer Band Camp *July 5 - August 6*

Now Accepting Registrations for 1999 Programs
Weekdays 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Open to Children entering grades
Fourth through Seventh**

*Camp may be cancelled if minimum participation is not met.
See attached letter for rental information on instruments.*

Registrations **MUST** be in by June 15th
For more information - Call Ellen Silverman 490-0557
or Heather Philhower 732-866-1601

Roosevelt Community Summer Band Camp Registration Form

Parents' Names _____
Address _____
Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

Summer Program

Name	September - - W e e k - -						
	Grade	1	2	3	4		5
1 st Child _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30/week _____
2 nd Child _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30/week _____
3 rd Child _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30/week _____

Sub-total _____

5 week payment, subtract 10% Discount (_____)

Registration Fee **\$15.00**

Total _____

*Please return form with Check Payable to
Borough of Roosevelt
and mail to **P.O. Box 128**
Roosevelt, NJ 08555*

Check Number _____
Date Received _____

Roosevelt Community Summer Camp July 5 - August 6

Now Accepting Registrations for 1999 Programs

Summer Program

Weekdays 9:00 - noon

Nursery Program

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00 - noon

Toilet Trained children ages 3-5

Registrations **MUST** be in by June 20th

For more information - Call Margaret Schlinski 443-5180

or Ellen Silverman 490-0557

Roosevelt Community Summer Camp Registration Form

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

Summer Program

Name	September	1	2	3	4	5	Week	
1 st Child _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40/week	_____
2 nd Child _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30/week	_____
3 rd Child _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20/week	_____

Sub-total _____

5 week payment, subtract 10% Discount (_____)

Nursery Program*

Date of Birth _____

Child's Name* **Limited Nursery Camp Enrollment**

Summer Program Sub-Total _____

\$40/week _____

Registration Fee (Both Programs) **\$15.00**

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