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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Disorderly Conduct Ordinance Introduced: Budget Hearing Scheduled

by Herb Johnson

At the Roosevelt Borough's Feb. 8th Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council, a "Code of Disorderly Conduct" ordinance was "reintroduced" as Old Business, one other ordinance and the 1999 Municipal Budget were introduced, six resolutions were passed, five motions were approved of, Committee Reports were made and four members of the public made comments. Mayor Lee Allen presided. Council members Paul Hoogsteden, Rose Murphy, Harry Parker and John Towle were present and voted "Yes" during all votes except as noted.

Ordinance #188 about disorderly conduct was originally introduced last May. After comments from the public during the Public Hearing in June, the Council tabled the motion for final approval. It listed 14 kinds of behavior for which a youth or adult could be charged with "disorderly conduct," the first of which was "Soliciting," defined as "unlaw-

ful sexual intercourse or any other unlawful, indecent, lewd or lascivious act" invited by sign, word or act. Other disorderly acts listed are: erecting signs, fighting (brawling), misrepresenting age when purchasing beverages, carrying weapons (pistol, hanger, cutlass, bludgeon, picklock, crow, jack, bit or other implement to brake and enter), acts of graffiti and four categories of damaging property. Borough Attorney John Ross explained that most of the acts violate State laws but it can sometimes be more appropriate to charge someone with violating an ordinance rather than a State law.

The public hearings for the two introduced ordinances and for the 1999 Municipal Budget which was introduced are to be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8 at the Council's March regular meeting at the Roosevelt Borough Hall. The other ordinance which was introduced was #192, to increase the "CAP" appropriations to the maximum allowable 5 percent in the 1999 budget. The Borough's Auditor, Gerard Stankiewicz, and its Chief Finance Officer, Ed Debevec, are expected to be present to assist the Council in explaining the budget to all who attend the March 8th meeting. The

municipal tax rate proposed is the same amount which helped the Borough produce a \$415,000 surplus in 1998 for its \$767,000 budget. Most of the surplus is designated to be used for 1999 expenses and the accumulation of additional surplus. \$30,000 of the surplus is to remain in the Borough's reserves.

Resolutions passed were #29/99 to authorize the Borough of Roosevelt to enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Millstone Township Municipal Court; #32/99 to appoint Dianna Moore as the Superintendent of Public Works; #33/99 to introduce the budget; #34/99 for a temporary emergency appropriation; #35/99 to transfer

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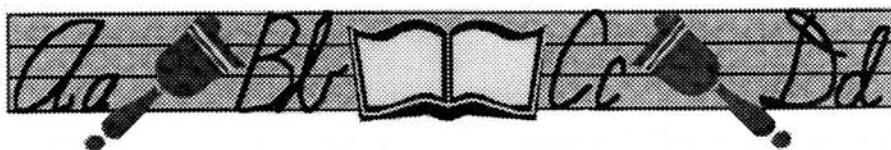
ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOGS! DOGS! DOGS!

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET. BE CONSIDERATE AND RESPECTFUL TO YOUR NEIGHBORS AND TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE RESTING AT OUR CEMETERY.

REMEMBER TO LEASH HIM/HER.
LEASHES ARE TO BE NO LONGER THAN 8 FEET.

LICENSES FOR MARCH - OWNERS WHERE ARE YOU?
FEES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH ARE \$11.20 ALTERED
AND \$14.20 UNALTERED.



Kindergarten Registration: Roosevelt Public School Class of 2006

Registration for kindergarten will take place in the main office of the school on March 16 and 17, 1999 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration materials and a health form will be provided at the time of registration.

Students who turn five on or before October 1, 1999 are eligible for entrance into kindergarten in September, 1999.

An official birth certificate with the raised seal is required for registration. A photocopy of the birth certificate will be made when you register your child.

All students must have the appropriate immunizations to begin school in September, 1999. This information will be provided when you register your child.

An informal afternoon orientation for parents and students will take place on Wednesday, May 12, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. in the school

If you have any questions, please call the school at 448-2798.

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

U.S. Home Sketches Proposal for Borough's Future

by Bob Clark

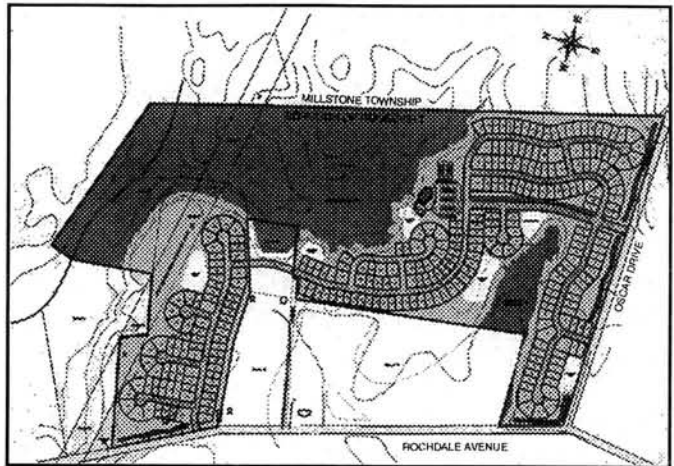
Representatives of U.S. Home Corp. of Freehold, a home construction and marketing firm, and Sydney Israel, an Eatontown land acquisition and development consultant, informally proposed a 290-unit adult community to the Roosevelt Planning Board at its February 10 meeting. The "concept plan" and sketch introduced by George Breen, President of U.S. Home's Land Development Division, envisions substantially fewer homes than the 350 maximum authorized by the Borough's amended planned community development ordinance (PCD II). However, they would locate many of the dwellings in areas not designated for construction under the ordinance, including 76 units in a northern pod and about 20 near the corner of Route 571 and Oscar Drive.

When Board members pointed out the restrictions to Mr. Breen and his attorney, John Halleran of Middletown's Giordano, Halleran and Ciesla, Mr. Breen indicated that they would alter the concept to address Board members' concerns. But he did not promise to present a plan that would eliminate the need for a variance or rezoning to permit construction of the number of units deemed fiscally necessary by the developer.

The ordinance requires that buildings be concentrated on the dry portions of the Beer tract in the southeast portion of the northern farmland between Oscar Drive and the Millstone Township border. Building elsewhere is severely limited by substantial wetland acreage spread throughout the area and the ordinance's mandate that rural views be maintained along the Route 571 corridor entering Roosevelt from the North.

Positioning of the proposed single-family houses presently also is limited by the fact that only the 144-acre Beer tract and the 22-acre Hoffman tract are under contract with U.S. Home. Mr. Israel said that letters, as required by PCD II, were sent in January to four other property owners in the area east of 571. As of February 10, two had responded with questions, according to Mr. Israel, and the other two had not yet responded.

Under the ordinance, all of the owners in the area have



to be given 90 days to indicate whether they wish to join in the project. If they do participate, they can share in the value of the buildable area, even though the land sold by some to the developer would remain as open space. At least 75 percent of the total acreage in the area has to participate. Mr. Breen and Mr. Israel contended that the Beer and Hoffman properties just barely fulfill the 75 percent requirement by themselves. However, some of the space designated by the ordinance for construction lies within a 29-acre tract owned by Paul Brottman, who had not yet agreed to sell his property to U.S. Home as of February 10.

Board members gave other feedback to Messrs. Breen, Halleran and Israel. They said they preferred landscaping alone to low berms plus landscaping. They asked the developers not to include a wide boulevard from the main entrance to the clubhouse so that the road would not contrast with the width of the roads elsewhere in town. They asked that the northern entrance road meet 571 closer to the point where Nurko Road exits onto 571, in order to improve visibility for traffic. They said that curbs should be slanted to conform to those installed in road projects constructed elsewhere in town over the last few years. They asked that the main entrance off Oscar Drive be located closer to North Valley Road.

The developers indicated that their application to the State Department of Environmental Protection for wetland delineation is still pending. They said their preference to meet the development's affordable housing requirements would be to make a contribution for affordable housing elsewhere, an option permitted by the ordinance. They agreed to try to stagger house locations on lots and to do what they could to comply

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SCHOOL NEWS

Letter from the Interim Chief School Administrator

Richard S. Messner, ICOSA

Our winter concert was held on January 25 and 26. The students and adult chorus performed wonderfully. Mrs. Philhower, our music teacher, directed and coordinated the entire program and did a wonderful job. Reverend Philhower volunteered his services for the sound and lighting portion of the program. Thank you.

In February, Mr. Herb Johnson dressed as Abraham Lincoln, addressed our students about the life and

accomplishments of "Honest Abe." Our students enjoyed the assembly and it certainly was educational.

The Winter Carnival was held at the school on February 27th. Thanks to our PTA for the various programs that benefit our school. The activities organized by the PTA were fun and the food prepared by our PTA members was delicious.

On March 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. we will conduct our annual Health Fair. Screening tests for cholesterol and blood pressure will be provided to the residents of Roosevelt. Ms. Kathy Elliott and Ms. Joy Marko are coordinating this effort. The Board of Education is currently working on the 1999-2000 school budget and we will have a financial plan in place by the end of March. ■

Roosevelt Community Nursery School: March Newsletter

by Ginny Weber

At the end of January, we celebrated Chinese New Year - the year of the hare. Beth Lust contributed to our festivities by sharing many wonderful Chinese articles with our class. The children were amazed to see how others live on the other side of the world. Thanks so much, Beth!

Since March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, we will be learning about wild and domesticated animals. We will also talk about how lions and lambs relate to March weather; let's predict how many "lion" days and how many "lamb" days we will have this month.

March is also Nutrition Month. What a great time to learn about food groups and healthy foods. It's also a great opportunity to use our math skills to keep track of the different foods we eat each day. Where does all our food go when we eat? We will learn about our digestive system and how it works.

Since the beginning of spring is at the end of March, we're having a "circus" at school to celebrate. Some activities will include making clowns, "tightrope walking", and having an elephant parade. What a fun-filled way to greet spring and end the month! ■

Senior Citizens News

by Helga Wisowaty

Before this meeting, Under Sheriff, Thomas Pegrout, took photos for I.D. cards. He will mail the I.D. cards with our medical information to each member photographed.

Thelma Thompson presided at the 2:00 p.m. meeting. Mollie Bulkin was our hostess this month for refreshments after the meeting.

On February 16 there was a trip to the Freehold mall. On February 23 there was a box lunch meeting at 12:30 at the Solar Village. All senior citizens of Roosevelt are welcome to come to regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. Pay \$2.00 per year dues and get a schedule for other events planned!

There are many birthdays in March. We wish them all a happy day and many more.

'til next month... ■

SCHOOL NEWS

School Board News

by Nancy Hamilton

Major issues confronting the School Board in February included the selection of a Chief School Administrator, the preparation of a draft of the 1999-2000 budget, and meetings between our interim chief school administrator and various government officials. The board and administration were also successful in getting a \$64,500 technology grant award as well as a significant reduction in our East Windsor tuition bill.

The February 11th meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education was called to order by President Lauralynne Cokeley. Also in attendance were Board members Mrs. Ellentuck, Mrs. Grayson, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Newrath, as well as interim CSA Mr. Messner and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Karen Minutolo.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected and correspondence was reviewed. Mr. Messner reviewed upcoming events in the school including the Winter Carnival, Health Fair, and the Writers in the School Program.

A welcome presence at this meeting was two members of the public. Dr. Rod Tulloss announced an opportunity for the school to participate in *Discovering Life in America*, where students would create web pages about various species of wildlife. He also reported the availability of plant and animal specimens for science students. Finally, Dr. Tulloss noted the special qualities of the Roosevelt Public School and asked the Board if it would consider becoming a Charter

School. President Cokeley suggested that the Board revisit this possibility.

Borough Councilman John Towle, liaison to the school board, expressed his wish to create a positive relationship between the Council and the Board of Education. Since there are many concerns relevant to both bodies, a working relationship is vital. The Board welcomed this opportunity.

Teacher contract negotiations will begin shortly. Applications for school board members are in the business office of the school. Three board seats are open for election.

Mr. Hamilton, chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting of 1/28/99. A "prudent, lean" budget is in the works. The times, date, and place for the April 20th school board election was approved. Ms. Levine is applying for another HIPP grant in order to obtain funds to further the astronomy program that is already in place. As of 2/11, the list of candidates for CSA was down to one. Representatives from the board plan to visit the candidate's current district and the candidate was to visit Roosevelt on 2/23 to meet with staff and community.

The Building and Grounds Committee is investigating the most cost-effective way to repair the leaking roof. Additional security measures are being taken; repairs to the sewer are underway.

The Legislative and Public Relations committee is responding to interest in a full-day kindergarten. A community survey will tap sentiment regarding this program change. Mr. Messner has met

with Mayor Allen. Their positive exchange of ideas was shared with the Board. Mayor Allen offers no objections to having a school board member sit on the Planning Board.

The Board entered closed session at 9:40 and returned to open session at 10:09. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10.

The February 25th meeting was attended by Mrs. Cokeley, Mrs. Grayson, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. John Alder, Mr. Newrath, Mrs. Silverman, Mr. Ticktin, Mr. Messner and Ms. Minutolo. Also in attendance was Ms. Dale Weinbach, the newly appointed Chief School Administrator.

Minutes were approved and correspondence reviewed. Mr. Ticktin reported that we could get *Britannica On-Line* for a modest fee (\$18/year) by joining the Central Jersey Library Co-operative. This possibility will be pursued with the staff. There was also discussion regarding implementation of foreign language instruction in the early years in accordance with the Core Content Curriculum Standards. There was debate about which language to introduce.

Mr. Messner proudly announced that Mollie Marko is the recipient of the Monmouth County School Board award for student achievement and citizenship. Upcoming events were announced.

Negotiations regarding the teacher contract are planned.

Mr. Messner has met with State Senator Singer to request supplemental aid, funds that would ease the burden on the local share of school costs. A meeting will be set

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Property Tax Reimbursement Program

Councilman Paul Hoogsteden presented this information about how senior citizens and persons with disabilities may be eligible for property tax reimbursement.

The Property Tax Reimbursement Program is designed to freeze property taxes at 1997 levels for senior citizens and persons with disabilities who were eligible as of December 31, 1997. A reimbursement will be paid annually to every eligible applicant, thereby freezing their property taxes at the 1997 level. The reimbursement will be the difference between the amount of property taxes that were due and paid by the applicant in 1997 and the amount of property taxes due and paid in subsequent years. The taxpayer must also meet eligibility requirements each year for both their base year and the year for which they are filing the application. The application, PTR-1, 1998 Property Tax Reimbursement application is due on or before March 15, 1999 (Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested is suggested as proof of filing). This application must be filed on an annual basis.

To meet the eligibility requirements for the reimbursement, taxpayers must

- Be age 65 or over OR receive Federal Social Security disability benefits;
- Own a home or lease a site in a mobile home park (*for mobile homeowners, property tax means 18% of the annual site fee paid to the owner of a mobile home park*);
- Live in New Jersey for the last ten years consecutively and have been a homeowner or tenant during that time;
- Have owned and lived in the home for which the reimbursement is being claimed for at least 3 years;
- Have total annual income of less than \$17,918 (single) or \$21,970 (married).

Note that eligibility requirements must be met for both 1997 and 1998.

To ensure that their 1998 applications are processed without delays, applicants are reminded to:

- Complete the entire application, providing information for both 1997 and 1998;
- Enclose copies of their 1997 and 1998 property tax bills;
- Enclose proof of the amount of property taxes paid for both 1997 and 1998. Homeowners may submit either copies of cancelled checks or receipts showing the amount of property taxes paid, or copies of Form 1098 which is provided annually by their bank or mortgage company. Applicants who cannot locate property tax bills, or proof of the amount of taxes paid, may use one of the verification forms (Forms PTR-1A or PTR-1B) provided in the Property Tax Reimbursement booklet. These forms must be certified and completed by the local tax collector and submitted with the Form PTR-1 application.

Applicants who receive the Property Tax Reimbursement may also be eligible to receive homestead rebates and/or property tax credits or deductions. The New Jersey Division of Taxation cautions applicants that they must file a separate Homestead Property Tax Rebate Application (Form HR-1040) to receive a homestead rebate. Volunteers in the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) Programs are available to help prepare Property Tax Reimbursement applicants at some locations throughout New Jersey. The Division has staffed Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline to answer questions related to the program. Representatives are available at 1-800-882-6597 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Information is also available on the internet site of the division at

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/>. ■

LOOSE LEAVES

"Why are there So Many Empty Seats at Boston Market?"

by Ron Kostar

The first few times we ate at Boston Market I was impressed, if not overcome, with the familiar smells and high expectations of their thin slices of turkey and roasted chickens. Here, I remember thinking at the time, was finally a restaurant worth returning to.

The excitement that surrounded the opening of the "Hightstown Market" was contagious. One friend likened it to the day Davidson's Market, a Princeton tradition, moved into a larger building and bought a new vegetable mist sprayer. Another purchased Market stock, while a third nodded with dumb rapture whenever talk of their side dishes came up.

For my part, I approached a startled store manager one night and volunteered to write advertisement blurbs for him for free. "Meals that Never Disappoint", was one less-than-snappy early attempt; later, "Stuffing That Knocks Off Your Socks", "Memorable Gravy" and "Our Sides Always Satisfy!"

In the beginning, Boston Market seemed to be a sure bet, and a negation of the title of Thomas Wolfe's most famous book. "Yes, indeed, visit us here at Boston Market. You CAN go home again."

The folks at BM served meals like the ones my mother used to cook.

But, alas, the present has not flowed seamlessly into the future for the

Marketeers, and from the looks of things, their customers are not coming back. So much so that now when you drive by their Hightstown chain, the most conspicuous thing you see is the "Help Wanted" sign in the window, or even at dinnertime, two or three lonely cars in the parking lot.

So what's happened?

Why has one friend hastily sold his stock, while another continues to reminisce about the Market's "Halcyon Days?"

And, why do even my kids insist on going to Wendy's, or The Court Jester or even the Americana Diner - which they don't even particularly like - when the possibility of eating out comes up. Why do they squirm uneasily when we bring up the possibility of going to Boston Market?

Is it because BM's turkey and chicken slices aren't juicy and thin anymore? I haven't found that to be the case. In fact, the last time I ate there they were as succulent as ever.

Is it then because their mashed potatoes aren't creamy, their stuffing moist or their sugared beets as sweet and syrupy as before? If my experience is representative, I'd have to say "No" to that too, and possibly in thunder.

Nor is there anything wrong with their cornbread.

The problems, I think, are TOO familiar. Too much like Thanksgiving dinner, maybe TOO

MUCH like the meals my Mom, and her Mom before her, used to serve.

And, in that sense their food, though good, is kind of predictable.

Consider this possible analogy: For people who dine out infrequently, eating at a restaurant is like going on a vacation. And, most people, when choosing a vacation, like a place they've never seen before, an unusual, even an exotic place.

Paris comes to mind. A remote, antidote for the February Blues, Caribbean Island would do. Prague, Key West, Venice, Bora Bora, Tahiti, Egypt, the Yucatan, Budapest, Cuba and the Swiss Alps are other possibilities.

I visited Wilkes Barre once but didn't misnomer it a vacation. And, Trenton may indeed "Make" but nobody's rushing there to vacate. Weekending in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, though interesting, is the same deal.

The same can be said about many overtread places.

Maybe the good restaurant is the one that offers us something we can't get at home. If that's true, Boston Market may be the victim of peoples' inexhaustible need to pursue new experiences, new smells and new tastes, new places, new food!

That's a possibility.

Or, maybe, as a friend once remarked offhandedly, it's much simpler: people don't keep going back to Boston Market simply because "they put too much salt in everything." ■

ROOSEVELT WEATHER ALMANAC

by Ron Filepp

March is known as the windiest month. Using monthly average wind speed as a measure indicates this popular belief is correct. The second and third windiest months in the region are February and January respectively. In the windiest months, the wind direction is mainly from the northwest.

When it comes to wind direction, Bob Dylan suggests that "you don't need a weatherman to tell which way the wind blows." But if you want to know the direction that the wind usually blows, it helps to consult government weather data. I did, and found that during most of the year in this area the wind blows mainly from the south. The idea that warm southerly breezes dominate the region may be difficult to accept in March when cold winds blow from the northwest. Northwest is the second most dominant wind direction in Central Jersey. Wind direction is an important indicator of the weather to come.

To forecast the kind of weather coming into the area consult Mr. Dylan's words again. "The answer my friend is blowing in the wind." In our area, northwest, north or west winds are usually signs of good weather. Winds from the south, southwest and southeast usually indicate foul weather.

The reasoning behind the theory is simple. Low-pressure systems usually bring bad weather and high-pressure systems deliver fair weather. Wind blows in a counter-clockwise direction around areas of low pressure. Wind travels in a clockwise direction around a high-pressure system.

High- and low- pressure systems generally come into this section of the country from the west or southwest.

Weather Word

Sharav is the Hebrew name for a hot dry south or east wind that blows in Israel, usually between March and early June.

When a low-pressure system is approaching the region, the winds at the edge of the system blow from the south, southwest or southeast. Picturing the swirling counter-clockwise winds around the approaching low demonstrates why this is so. In contrast, when the low-pressure system and its accompanying foul weather are leaving the area and a high-pressure system is close behind, the wind will switch to the northwest, north or west. Visualizing the clockwise winds spinning around the approaching high-pressure system demonstrates why the wind will come from the west, north or northwest.

The next time it rains or snows try to observe the switch in the direction of the wind and you will be rewarded with an early indication of the fair weather to come. Similarly, during good weather if the wind turns and comes from the south, southwest, or southeast be prepared, "a hard rain's a' gonna fall."

Many weather proverbs attest to the importance of wind as a forecasting tool: When the wind is in the east, 'Tis neither good for man nor beast, When the wind is in the north, The skilful fisher goes not forth; When the wind is in the south, It blows the bait in the fishes mouth, But when the wind is in the west, Then 'tis at its very best.

There's little use in praying for rain, If the wind is in the north.

When the wind is in the west, The weather's always best.

A northern air brings weather fair.

When the wind's in the south, There's rain in its mouth.

When smoke goes west, Good weather is past; When smoke goes east, Good weather comes next. ■

Weather Event

In a twenty-four hour period during March 21 and 22, 1951, the mean wind speed in Port Martin, Antarctica was 108 miles per hour. The monthly mean wind speed for that March was 65 miles per hour. Our windy March weather pales in comparison. The mean wind speed for the windy month of March in this area is eleven miles per hour.

LETTERS

January 15 - February 15, 1999

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	45.5	26.0	35.8	0.70
16	46.0	23.0	34.5	0.70
17	50.0	32.0	41.0	0.00
18	58.0	40.0	49.0	0.25
19	48.0	32.0	40.0	0.64
20	49.0	33.5	41.3	0.00
21	50.0	30.0	40.0	0.00
22	46.0	43.0	44.5	0.13
23	60.0	44.0	52.0	0.07
24	62.0	42.0	52.0	0.30
25	46.0	34.0	40.0	0.85
26	44.0	28.0	36.0	0.10
27	49.5	28.0	38.8	0.00
28	48.0	34.0	41.0	0.00
29	40.0	29.0	34.5	0.00
30	40.0	23.0	31.5	0.00
31	30.0	17.0	23.5	0.00
1	40.0	17.0	28.5	0.00
2	57.0	34.0	45.5	0.15
3	53.0	47.0	50.0	0.55
4	51.0	32.5	41.8	0.00
5	42.0	32.0	37.0	0.00
6	44.0	30.5	37.3	0.00
7	46.0	30.0	38.0	0.00
8	39.0	35.5	37.3	0.32
9	48.5	26.0	37.3	0.00
10	50.0	32.0	41.0	0.00
11	57.0	28.5	42.8	0.00
12	58.0	42.5	50.3	0.00
13	45.5	27.0	36.3	0.25
14	33.0	21.0	27.0	0.00
15	44.0	19.5	31.8	0.00

Total Precipitation 5.01

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a former resident of Roosevelt, I have been receiving the Bulletin regularly, and have noted the many changes it has gone through since the days in the early 60's when my mom had stacks of them in bundles on the kitchen table ready for delivery. Please find enclosed, my contribution (as an out-of-town recipient), and note address change, below. It is my dream to retire to Roosevelt someday (if I can tear myself away from the central coast of California - not an easy decision); since my dad recently sold his home, I have no reason to visit any more. And, even though I only visited once every couple of years, I already find myself missing the singularly fabulous setting where I spent my childhood. Keep up the good work!

Harriet (Weisberger) Atkins

New Address:

1535 6th Street, Los Osos, CA 93402



**Watch your
Speed!**

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

BREAKING BREAD

An Easy Pork Recipe

by Bess Tremper

Shan Ellentuck's great recipe last month, inspired me to continue our "the other white meat" recipes.



either boneless or bone-in. Boneless is best for even browning of the meat, but with bone-in pork, the sauce will have enormous flavor. If you buy boneless pork, ask the butcher for a couple of bones and add them to the pot.

Heat in a heavy pot, just large enough to hold the pork, over medium heat:

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

Add: 2 1/2 pounds boneless pork loin or 3 pounds bone-in pork loin, or other cut.

Brown the meat evenly on all sides, about 10 minutes total. If the butter browns too much, reduce the heat.

Add: 1 cup milk

At someone's home a few years ago, we had been served a particularly delicious pork roast and were most surprised to learn that it had been cooked with milk on top of the stove. When I asked our hostess for the recipe, her response was very vague, it seemed to me, although she did stress the point that it was very easy to make.

Having bought a very nice roast a few weeks ago, I thought I might try to make it that way, but not being comfortable with my friend's very unspecific recipe, I decided to do a little research. As usual, the first place to look is in "The Joy Of Cooking." My tattered and torn old copy had nothing, so I turned to my newly acquired updated edition which came out last year. There lo and behold!, there was a recipe actually entitled: "Pork Loin Braised In Milk."

The recipe begins with this:

Pork cooked by this Italian method was popularized in this country by the great Italian cooking teacher and cookbook author Marcella Hazan. Use a pork loin from the shoulder or sirloin end, as they are more succulent than the center cut. You can also use Boston butt, shoulder, or sirloin roast, and the pork can be



Bring to boil, reduce the heat to low, and simmer, with the cover just slightly askew, for 1 hour, turning the meat occasionally. The milk will reduce and caramelize.

Add: 2 cups milk

Bring back to a boil, reduce the heat to low, cover the pot completely, and simmer for 1 1/2 to 2 hours more, turning the meat occasionally, until it is very tender when pierced with the tip of a sharp knife. Remove the meat to a cutting board and let stand. Spoon off the fat from the surface of the sauce and bring to a boil. Cook until browned and thickened slightly, about 5 to 10 minutes. You will see lots of milk clusters, which will brown as well; if you cook the sauce down too far and it becomes too thick, add a couple of tablespoons of water and stir. Season the sauce, if desired, with:

Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Slice the meat and arrange on a platter. Season the slices with salt and pepper to taste, spoon the sauce over the meat with all the clusters of milk, and serve. ■

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The Hightstown Gazette

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HIGHTSTOWN GAZETTE, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27, 1998

THE STORY OF ROOSEVELT

The following is reproduced with the permission of The Hightstown Gazette. We were fortunate to learn about this article which appeared in their edition of August 27, 1998. Because of its length, the first half will appear in this issue of our paper and the second portion in the April edition.

First Resettlers Begin Rural Life Arrive Weary

Seven Jewish Families From New York & Brooklyn Move To Jersey Homesteads After Numerous Delays - Caravan Did Not Get To Site Till Dark.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article on the Jersey Homesteads was taken from *The Hightstown Gazette* issue of July 16, 1936. It was written by our late father, George P. Dennis. He also wrote about The Jersey Homesteads for *The New York Times*. The Gazette has one of the largest collections of articles about the Jersey Homesteads on record. They were all written by Mr. Dennis. The Jersey Homesteads was named Roosevelt after Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945.

From Brooklyn and the Bronx in New York City there arrived Friday seven Jewish families to occupy homes in the cooperative community, Jersey Homesteads, five miles from here. The settlers, totaling 25 persons, including nine children,

took a most uncomfortable bus ride over a 54-mile route from the starting point in New York, requiring four hours to make the trip. The women and children came in the bus and the household goods were transported in five vans. Two of the vans arrived with the bus while the other three vans did not appear on the project until later. The delay was caused by a bridge over the Passaic River going in for a bit of expansion with three of the four trucks caught in the traffic jam.

As a result of this and numerous stops for soda pop, lemonade and malted milks, the pioneers did not arrive at their homesteads until after 7 o'clock and the last of the furniture trucks did not roll down the dusty approach to the project until 8:35. They found their new homes ready for them, however, and long after dark they were still sorting household effects and setting up beds for their first night as resettlers.

The seven families who made the trip and who henceforth will be known as the first families of Jersey Homesteads, were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gushen and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rappaport and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Garber and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Imber and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Goldstein and Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Hecht and two children.

After waving goodbye to photographers at Union Square, these venturesome souls climbed the bus and started west. They carried with them small personal effects and parting gifts in shopping bags, bundles and paper sacks. The Goldsteins had a small chow puppy named Lizzie and Mrs. Gushen carried a small, potted plant, which gradually withered during the trip and apparently was quite dead on arrival.

As the bus passed through the Holland Tunnel, they shouted their hopes and sentiments above the roar of traffic. Just beyond the tunnel, the bus joined the five vans to form an impressive caravan which rolled by the green of the Jersey meadows.

The first stop for food and drink was near Newark Airport. The homesteaders lined themselves with all manner of soft drinks. This had an adverse effect in some cases. Twenty miles from their destination, it was decided to stop and wait for the furniture trucks. It was explained that it would be better for the photographers if the caravan arrived as a unit.

When the trucks caught up, however, there were only two. It developed that the other three had been caught in the traffic jam caused by

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up between Senator Singer and the finance committee in order to address ways to reduce the local tax burden. Regionalization may be brought up as such an option. There was discussion about the agenda of such a meeting. It would be useful if our District Factor Grouping could be adjusted in a way that would award us more financial aid.

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the expanding bridge. The bus stopped under some trees and the resettlers, perspiring and beginning to weary, stretched out in the shade. When the missing trucks had not arrived after an hour, it was decided to push on without them. The children were beginning to cry for drinks of water again and the mothers were having some difficulty holding them in check.

Tired as they were, their spirits revived as the bus passed through Hightstown and each family realized it would soon see its house and acre. On looking out at the green lawns of Hightstown, one girl of high school age remarked, "I hope our town is as pretty as this in a couple of years."

The Goldsteins had the distinction of being the first to move into a home on the settlement. Their arrival was recorded in the newsreel. The official welcome ceremonies, in which representatives of the resettlement administration and other officials were to deliver speeches, were cancelled owing to the long delays on the road and the accidental scattering of the caravan when they became lost in the traffic.

...to be continued next month. ■

The Finance Committee reported that we are the recipients of a \$64,500 technology grant. This money will be used to upgrade our computer system, create a district web page and provide e-mail access to the school.

A second piece of financial good news is that, through the efforts of Mr. Messner, Ms. Minutolo and the finance committee, we have renegotiated our contract with East Windsor. The per student tuition rate has been reduced, for a total savings of about \$90,000 in tuition costs that was originally anticipated for the 1999-2000 school budget. Even with this significant savings, the total tuition East Windsor bill for the 1999-2000 year will increase. Because the number of students entering the East Windsor district (this year's sixth grade class) exceeds the number of students graduating from Hightstown High School, there will be a net increase in tuition expenditures. Current projections indicate that this is a short-term bubble in our tuition numbers. Other areas of increase in the proposed budget include transportation costs and contracted payroll expenses. The proposed budget, as it currently stands, projects an increase in the tax levy from \$3.31 to \$3.87 (based upon last year's valuations). This situation may change if the School Board is successful in getting supplemental aid or a change in our

district factor grouping because of their meeting with Senator Singer.

The proposed budget calls for no other increases. The finance committee was congratulated for their sincere efforts in trying to reduce the impact of the local tax burden. The Board voted to adopt the 1999-2000 tentative budget, with all voting in favor except Mr. Ticktin. The public hearing for the budget is set for March 25th.

Education Personnel recommended and the Board approved the hiring of Ms. Dale Weinbach as Chief School Administrator. The Board also thanked Ilene Levine for participating in the search and Dianna Moore for welcoming potential candidates. The Board voted to approve Kim Schwartz' request for a maternity leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year. The Board offered best wishes to Kim and her family.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee continues to investigate the state of an underground oil tank. The Board decided to repair the leaking lobby roof but awaits information regarding status of the siren. It deferred action on the gym roof.

The Board voted to go into closed session to discuss matters related to school personnel. The open portion was resumed and the meeting was quickly adjourned. ■

OUR TOWN

Roosevelt - Small Town/Global Village

by Robin Middleman

"Hallo, my name is Margreet, I'm calling from Holland," said the voice on the phone. Since I didn't know a Margreet or anyone else in Holland I responded with a puzzled "Hello". Margreet explained that she had written her Master's thesis* in American Studies about Ben Shahn and was planning a trip to America. She wanted to include a visit to Roosevelt to see the mural. She was specifically calling to find out where the mural was located in Roosevelt. I was delighted by her interest in our town mural, but curious about how and why she came to call me. Her friend Barbara found my name and number on the Roosevelt Arts Project web page (another surprise). Margreet was so pleasant and easy to speak with that at the end of our conversation I told her I would be her guide to Roosevelt for the day. [*"There's Power in the Brush" - Ben Shahn's Political and Social Views As They Emerge from His Art and His Statements, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands.]

Helen Barth, gracious as ever, agreed to greet Margreet and Barbara at the school on February 11th. (Helen - how many out of town visitors and groups do you see at the school in a year?) When I called Bernarda to let her know about our visitors she immediately said that she would like to meet them.

Margreet and I stayed in touch via e-mail. The last message from the Netherlands came the day before they were to leave for Boston. Next they called from New York, where they went to the retrospective of Ben Shahn's work at the Jewish Museum (A wonderful exhibit

which runs through March 7 and includes studies for the Roosevelt Mural among many other works.) When I asked if they needed directions to Roosevelt they said that they already had them from the Roosevelt Arts Project web page!

We met Margreet Zoutewelle and Barbara Casel from Utrecht, the Netherlands, at the Roosevelt Public School on February 11. They spent over an hour looking at and discussing the making of the mural. Bernarda took them on a "tour" of the mural and answered Margreet's questions (Was there a competition to execute the mural? No, architect Alfred Kasnter invited Mr. Shahn to do the work.) Margreet and Barbara each focused their American Studies on the 1930's and were very knowledgeable about the politics and social issues of the era. As we talked, children streamed by waving to Bernarda, a regular visitor to the school.

Photos were snapped in front of the mural, good-byes and thanks exchanged with Bernarda, who had to leave for a business appointment. I suggested that the Roosevelt experience wasn't complete without a stop at Rossi's. As we walked across Rochdale Margreet exclaimed "Oh, great! A post office!" She and Barbara needed stamps for a handful of postcards, but Margreet also has a tradition of having her picture taken in front of post offices. She was very pleased to add Roosevelt, NJ to her collection.

Though it was the lunchtime crunch at Rossi's, a table near the window freed up and we settled in for lunch. Margreet and Barbara regaled me about the sights and sounds of Utrecht and asked more questions about Roosevelt. During

lunch we had a chat with Rod Tulloss and Mary King, who were at the next table with their daughter Sarah. In the small world department, Rod has a long connection to the Netherlands through work and friendship. (Another quirky Dutch/poetic connection, my spell-check suggests using "Tulips" instead of Tulloss!) I don't think Margreet and Barbara expected to sit down to lunch in our small town next to someone who not only speaks Dutch but is also up-to-date on contemporary Dutch literature and film.

After lunch we took a walk through town, and up to the cemetery. Margreet didn't know that Ben Shahn is buried there and stopped to pay respects. On our walk back through town we stopped by the factory and the synagogue. Then I gave them a tour of a Roosevelt house (mine). Over cool drinks we continued talking. They expressed concern at the prospect of development in town (Margreet documented the areas on her Roosevelt map). We parted with promises to stay in touch and an open-ended invitation to visit again.

During this time of potential major changes to our town, it is good to stop and take stock of the less tangible but critical elements that makes this town special. Margreet and Barbara are among the students, scholars, historians, artists and art historians that recognize and value those qualities. Sometimes it just takes a phone call to remind us that Roosevelt is not a treasure just for those of us who live here. Our visitors from the Netherlands know it is an international treasure with a unique origin, history, and world class art and artists. ■

Roosevelt Survey

Indya Kincannon, a Princeton graduate student studying community development and housing policy, did a research paper about our town in late 1998. As part of it, she conducted a survey of all residents living in original Roosevelt houses. Her objective was to investigate how the original design and planning elements affect the people who live in these houses today.

Of the 200 questionnaires she distributed, 95 were returned. The results, however, were based on 94 responses as one respondent provided a comment rather than answer the questions. Some respondents chose not to answer all of the questions or gave non-responsive answers. Percentages are based on the total number of people answering each question.

Ms. Kincannon had promised her respondents a copy of the findings and since she cannot afford to send them to each respondent, she has asked The Bulletin to publish them. We do so with the proviso that we do not take responsibility in any way for the research design or the validity of her findings.

Response Rate

The survey achieved an almost 50% response rate, 94 responses out of 200 surveys distributed.

Previous Surveys

The Princeton University Urban and Regional Planning Workshop conducted a survey of Roosevelt in February, 1979. Workshop participants surveyed 24 of the 276 Roosevelt households, collecting demographic data and analyzing community attitudes. Though it was a fairly small sample, it still serves well as a comparison to the more recent surveys. A second survey was conducted in 1983 by Roosevelt resident Peter Warren. He reported the results in the Borough Bulletin, but did not indicate the number of people surveyed. Below I will summarize the major findings of my survey, and, where possible, compare them to earlier research to measure any change. There were no big surprises, but the results do help inform the rest of the paper in subtle ways, and certainly exposed me to the challenges of survey research.

Major Findings

Years of residents. There are many newcomers to Roosevelt. More than 60% of the respondents moved to Roosevelt within the past five years. It is beyond the scope of this paper to compare this data with data from other communities, but the number does indicate a certain level of transience in Roosevelt, probably not unlike other small towns in central New Jersey.

Reasons to move to Roosevelt. People moved to Roosevelt for a variety of reasons, chief among them the affordability of the homes. Almost 3/4 respondents cited affordable homes as a major reason that they chose to move to Roosevelt. 66% responded that the community itself enticed them to move to Roosevelt. Other common reasons were proximity to jobs, the school system and to be close to family or friends. Similar reasons were cited in 1979.

What people like about Roosevelt. When asked what they liked most about the community, 63% of respondents listed something to do with the community itself, such as a sense of belonging, small town atmosphere and a place where people know one another. Proximity to green and open space was the second most cited asset listed by almost half of the respondents. In 1979 the URP survey found that 42% of the respondents liked the physical characteristics of the town. Again, the questions were not identical, so the responses are not directly comparable. Still, it is clear that green space has been a well-liked feature of the community throughout its history.

What people dislike about Roosevelt. Taxes and the water bills are by far the least favorite aspects to living in Roosevelt. Supporting a school and municipal services in such a small community has made taxes high since the beginning. The school budget problem, and the resulting ratables chase, is not unique to Roosevelt. It plagues many communities in New Jersey and throughout the country.

What people like about their homes. Almost 40% of the respondents cited green space as the favorite feature of their home. This included responses citing yards, gardens, the green belt, etc. A quarter of the

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respondents liked the windows in their houses, and 23% liked the design in general.

What people dislike about their homes. Concrete walls and lack of storage space are the least-liked features of people's homes. The inability to hang things, moisture retention and coldness of the concrete were frequently cited.

Lots of Renovations. Over 80% of current residents have made at least some renovations to their homes, some quite extensive. Many renovations were probably made prior to the tenure of current residents, according to Peter Warren's survey. Almost half of the respondents have added an addition of some sort to their homes. This indicates the general need for more space as people today tend to accumulate more stuff than people did in the 1930's. It may also reflect the relatively higher incomes of Roosevelt's current populations. People can afford to accumulate more things. Peter Warren's research indicated that 28 roofs had been replaced as of 1983, and that number has undoubtedly grown in the last 15 years, though it is difficult to tell by how much.

People own their homes. Except for the brief interlude when the government rented vacant homes, Roosevelt has never been a town of renters. Confirming trends in earlier research, 95% of the respondents owned their homes. In 1983 Warren found that 90% of people owned their homes, so the ownership rate has gone up, but it is impossible to determine whether the difference is statistically significant.

Gardens. Most respondents have a garden of some sort, although very

few have vegetable gardens. According to earlier research, the use of subsistence gardens was never very widespread. People had already stopped planting gardens by WWII and had to be taught how to plant Victory gardens. Deer problems were cited by several people as a hindrance to gardening.

Religion. Over a third of respondents identified themselves as Jewish. This is definitely higher than a typical New Jersey town, but a dramatic drop from 100% as Benjamin Brown originally planned. The remainder of the respondents were fairly evenly divided among Catholics and Protestants, with 16% responding "None" or "Other". In 1979, 30% of respondents said "None" and only 22% said Jewish. However, this is probably an artifact of the URP Workshop's small sample size, not an indication of an increase in the Jewish population.

Household composition. The average household had 2.7 people. Over half the households (54%) did not contain any children at all.

Occupations. Although it is not always easy to categorize occupations based on a label, it is clear that well over half of the respondents have white collar occupations, defined as jobs that require at least a four-year college degree. This is a departure from the original Roosevelt plan, but one that reflects macroeconomic transformations, not necessarily anything unique to Roosevelt.

Journey to work. Less than one fifth of respondents work within Roosevelt. Roosevelt has not offered many job opportunities since the factory closed. Over 40% of the respondents drive over 10

miles to get to work. According to Warren's 1983 data: people averaged 37 minutes for their journey to work; over a fifth took an hour to get to work; 2/3 worked outside Monmouth County; 9% worked outside New Jersey; and, 59% drove to work alone.

Peter Warren's additional 1983 findings. Roosevelt is largely middle class, with an even distribution of incomes follows: 27% professionals; 19% managers; 12% administrative support/clerical; 9% sales; 8% crafts/repair; 20% manufacturing; 17% trade. Also: 3/4 homes have 2 cars; 60% have attended some college; 41% have graduated from college.

URP Workshop's Additional 1979 findings. The median age of Roosevelt's population was 32, three years older than the national median. Median income was \$25,000-30,000 per year. The average household had 2.29 automobiles, compared with the national average of 1.34 automobiles per household. Having a car is pretty much a necessity in a town with only one small store, and no bank or other conveniences. Hightstown, a much bigger town, is 4 miles away.

Roosevelt's Population Growth:

1940:	698
1950:	720 (3% increase)
1960:	764 (3% increase)
1970:	814 (7% increase)
1980:	835 (3% increase)
1990:	884 (6% increase)

Average home price:

1940:	\$ 4,000
1950:	\$17,000
1970:	\$\$25,000
1998:	\$130,000 ■

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILY OF:

Irina Florence Bochar, one year old, born in Novosibirsk, Russia, who was welcomed into the Bocher family of Arlington, Virginia early last December by her new mom and dad, Virginia and Robert Bochar, and big brother, Trevor, age 5 (also born in Russia). The newly expanded family visited the proud grandparents, Herb and Florence Johnson of North Valley Road, in December where they were joined for a three week January get-acquainted visit by Irina's new aunt, Leslie Johnson of Scotland. John Bochar of Brick Township is the other proud new grandfather.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lily Parrott, a 10 year old 5th grader RPS, won 1st Place All-around in the USA Gymnastics NJ State Championships for the Level 5 Open held December 20, 1998 in Somers Point, NJ. Her all-around score was 37.3. Lily placed 1st on Floor, Beam and Bars, and 2nd on Vault, winning 1st all-around in seven other Level 5 Open Competitions. Lily was undefeated this season in her age group. She is coached by Arthur Pelzer at Cranbury Gymnastics Academy.

FOND FAREWELL TO:

Joseph A. Gale, 50 year School Lane resident, died February 9 at the age of 79. Condolences to his family and friends.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Roosevelt Public Library needs volunteers to staff the library from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday 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 Captain Herb Johnson at 443-1947.

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

Volunteer Drivers Needed: If you could volunteer a

couple of hours occasionally to drive a senior citizen to a non-emergency medical appointment, please call Mary Alfare at 443-4243.

FROM RPS:

February Student of the Month in Health: David Atwood, Nicholas Gates, Danielle Petrics, Michael Silverman, Cecelia Ticktin, Lindsay Bernardin, Niyasia Mendies, Michelle Provost, Matthew Stinson, Casey Ward and Casey Wolfe.

February Student of the Month in Physical Education: BenAdlerman, Lexi Cheshier, Jack Curry, Nichole Leitner, Zabrina Ortiz, Michael Cordo, Jan Czyzewski, Josh Nulman, Ashley Regan and Lauralee Ward.

FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Blue Team Student of the Month for January: Lian Garton in Grade 7.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:

High Honors - 1st Marking period: Grade 9 - Molly Petrilla and Sarah Skillman; Grade 10 - Hannah Stinson; Grade 12 - Kathleen Alfare and Shoshanna Grunwald.

Honor Roll - 1st Marking Period: Grade 9 - Shaun Conover, Alicia Moore and Haley Reimbold; Grade 10 - Adam Axel, Naomi Cayne, Joseph Cheshier, Marissa Mellan and Victoria Taylor; Grade 11 - Elizabeth Carroll, Joanna Giordano, Dylana Possiel and Ronit Yeger; Grade 12 - Jessica Hamilton, Senayit Kassahun, Dawn Miller and Susan Skillman.

February Student of the Month for Spanish V: Kathleen Alfare.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Meira Yeger made Dean's List at Florida State University for the fall semester with a GPA of 4.0. Meira was also inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Delta Premed Honor Society and the American Medical Women's Association.

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. ■

In Memoriam: Joseph A. Gale

by Joe's sons, Ronald and Jan

Our Dad was a great man to us. He loved two things in his life, his family and his business.

He only went to the eighth grade in formal education but my brother and I learned more from him than any other man. We owe all that we are, and all that we have, to our Father and Mother. He was a man of the greatest integrity and discipline. He truly believed that your word was your bond, and living up to your commitments was of the highest importance.

He also had integrity in dealing with people. No one ever had to wonder what he thought of someone or something. He was never shy in saying exactly what he thought or felt in any circumstance.



His business and work was both a vocation and an avocation. He derived great joy from his business but he always kept it in perspective. He never let it interfere with his family obligations. He would get up to go to work at 4:30 in the morning, but he would always be home for dinner with his family. He would work every Saturday, but every Saturday afternoon he would take us out for an activity or a movie and dinner.

He always encouraged us as children and adults to try to attain anything we wanted. He also let us know that anything could be accomplished if you tried hard enough and worked hard enough for it.

Speaking for my brother and myself, he will always be part of us. ■

Lincoln Visits Local Areas

by Herb Johnson

The kindergarten through sixth grade students and teachers of the Roosevelt Public School and the Abrams Hebrew Academy of Yardley, Pennsylvania, and about sixty members of the Trenton Kiwanis Club had visits in February from an Abraham Lincoln impersonator.

Dressed in a stove-pipe hat and other appropriate garb, and whiskers of the kind that President Lincoln wore, he spoke at an assem-

bly at the Roosevelt school on February 3rd in the morning, then appeared at the Roosevelt Borough Hall at 11 a.m. to assist the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin production staff in collating their February issue, delivering three bags full to the post office at noon, and then addressed the Kiwanis Club members from 1 to 1:30 p.m. On February 17th, the Yardley school and the Association of Lincoln Presenters' member spoke first with about 50 students in grades K through 2 and then with about 40 students in grades 3 and 4. He told all the groups of Mr. Lincoln's deep respect and love he had for his parents, Thomas and Nancy, his stepmother, Sarah Bush

Johnstone, his sister, Sara, and then his wife, Mary Todd, and their four sons, and then the other children of his country, and then for the principles this country was founded upon, as expressed in the "Gettysburg Address." The third and fourth grade students at the Abrams Hebrew Academy kept their guest about an hour. They got answers to over twenty questions they asked. At the beginning of the presentation at that school, the presenter, Herb Johnson, told how he had gained a strong interest in Abraham Lincoln's life three years ago. He did not pretend to speak as President Lincoln there, except for the delivery of the "Gettysburg Address." ■

\$308 from Streets and Roads account to Snow Removal; and, #36/99 to pay the month's bills.

Motions passed were to appoint David Ticktin as the School Board's Representative to the Emergency Management Council (Mr. Hoogsteden voted against that motion); to appoint John Towle as the Council's Representative to the School Board; to approve the use of the Borough Hall by the Roosevelt Community Nursery School for a spaghetti fund raiser on March 7; to put out to bid the job of removing sludge from the sewer plant for five years; and, to send a letter to "Better Beginning" that the Borough Council can make no contributions of funds to organizations.

The first of the reports was Mayor Allen's. He said he had spoken with a State official about the narrow roadway on the bridge in Assunpink Wildlife Reserve near the end of South Rochdale Avenue. He asked that it be widened to give more room for pedestrians and vehicles to use the bridge at the same time. The official suggested that the Mayor ask for a footbridge to be constructed alongside of the roadway because widening a bridge takes so long.

For the Finance Committee, Mr. Towle reported that a budget workshop had been held and a budget was ready to be introduced. For the Utilities Committee, Mrs. Murphy said the water and sewer employees were expected to present reports the following day. For the Public Works Committee, with Mr. Vasseur absent, Mrs. Murphy reported that a meeting with residents on South Rochdale Avenue would be called soon to discuss the preliminary plans for improving that road this year. She also reported for the Environment - Health and Safety Committee that Kim Dexheimer was re-elected Chief of the Fire Department, which requested the use of the garages behind the Borough Hall for storing the fire trucks. For the Community Development Committee, Mr. Hoogsteden reported that he had submitted details to the Borough Bulletin about 15 scholarships for \$500 each being available, and also about how senior citizens and persons with disabilities and limited income may be eligible for a freeze of their property taxes at 1997 levels.

The Council Representative to the Planning Board, Mr. Parker, reported that Joseph Zahora was re-elected Chair of the Planning Board, three new members of the Planning Board met with the Board, and that the Board's attorney, Michele Donato, was present and has been asked to attend all meetings of the Board. For the Environmental Commission, member Rod Tulloss said Wayne Cokeley was re-elected Chair. Correspondence

included a letter of resignation from the commission by Chris Travis.

During the Public Portions, Nona Sherak complained that Borough officials have not kept their promises to try to provide clean water for Maple Court residents. She said that the blow-off valve installed at the end of the street has never been used to clear sediment from the water lines since the day it was installed seven months ago. Mrs. Murphy asked Ms. Sherak to bring in a sample of the water from her faucet.

Rod Tulloss asked about a letter discussing a rebate of school taxes. Mayor Allen said the State was fishing for support for the rebate. Michael Ticktin asked if the Borough Engineer, James DeMuro has provided a new tax map of the Borough yet. The Mayor said it was submitted to the Planning Board. This reporter asked why the proposed municipal budget would be advertised in the *Asbury Park Press* rather than in *The Times*, formerly *Trenton Times*, and why it would not be advertised until February 25, the latest date possible to meet the minimum requirement for notice to the public. The Mayor said, "Professionals advised us to do it that way." Copies of the Budget would be available for the public a week before the public hearing, he added. ■

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

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with the ordinance's requirement that a certain percentage of garages have side entrances. They said the lots would measure 55 ft. by 115 ft., and the houses would cost around \$175,000.

Mr. Breen said he would arrange for Board members to take a tour of other U.S. Home developments in central New Jersey. Mayor Lee Allen said the developers should present a plan likely to keep the entire Borough qualified to remain on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

A revised draft of a proposed landscape ordinance, drafted by Borough resident Kate John-Alder, was distributed to Board members. Board Attorney Michele Donato made a couple of technical recommendations. She called the ordinance "very well done" and said the town was "fortunate to have people donating their time" for such a difficult task. She called the proposed ordinance "very ambitious" and added that it "sets a high standard." Board members Bert Ellentuck, Gail Hunton and Mark Roberts, along with Ms. John-Alder and resident Timothy Hartley, served on the committee that reviewed drafts of the ordinance.

The Master Plan Re-examination Committee has not yet presented its draft to the full Board. Its members are Mr. Ellentuck, Mayor Allen, Ms. Hunton and Louis Esakoff. The Committee is working with the Board's Planning Consultant, Alan Mallach.

Public attendance at the meeting ebbed back to the usual figure of about four people, in addition to those with business before the Board. ■

POEM

Virginia Edwards thought we might be able to use the following which she received from former resident and RPS kindergarten teacher and "Um-pa-pa" leader, Ilse Riesenfeld. Ginny says, "Fourth of July parades have never been the same since she moved. They've been embarrassingly silent."

My Um-pa-pa Band

by Ilse Riesenfeld

I once led my very own
Um-pa-pa band
When I lived in one of the
Smallest towns of the land.

Because there wasn't
Much else to do,
I gathered people
Of whom I knew

That they had played
An instrument,
And, presto, "um-pa-pa" is
How we went.

But I on the piano
Counted measure for measure
That, at least, we started
And ended together.

At the beginning
When we players met,
There was only a flute
A sax, and a clarinet

But later, more people
Made up their minds
And joined with talents
And skills of all kinds.

Fourth of July
Was "our day,"
When we went outside
And played away.

"America, the beautiful,"
And patriotic tunes,
While townfolks raised flags
And floated balloons

December, too
Was our time
For playing a Holiday song.
Again, the people came and sang
And happily hummed along.

And thus, my band
Became, in time,
Part of this little place.
It cheered it up.
When trouble brewed
In many tuneful ways.

We players were happy
And the townspeople, too.
And that is the best
An um-pa-pa band can do.

Roosevelt Arts Project 1998-1999 Season

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

Unless otherwise specified, all events take place at the Borough Hall and will begin at 8:00 p.m. At most events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, only \$4.00 for students and seniors. This year we will ask \$10.00 for admission to the Roosevelt String Band concert and for Laurie Altman at the Peddie School. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and the *Bulletin* for additional details.

Saturday March 13 Poetry

An evening of readings by Roosevelt poets.

Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17 Roosevelt String Band

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

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

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

We hope to see all of you at these exciting new performances, exhibits and events. Visit us at our website – <http://woof.music.columbia.edu/~roosevlt/>

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



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2	Tues.	1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure check. Seniors Meeting.	25	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, Lauralynne Cokely, Pres., 443-6287.
3	Wed.		RECYCLE	29	Mon.	RPS Closed	Spring Vacation Begins.
8	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Michael Stiles, Pres., 426-4185.	30	Tues.	RPS Closed	
10	Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairman Joseph Zahora, 426-4187.	31	Wed.	RECYCLE	RPS Closed
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12	Fri.	RPS Closed	Professional day for teachers.	1	Thurs.		RPS Closed
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