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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Council Endorses Farmland Preservation Grant Application; Summer Water Restriction Violators Now Subject to Penalty

by Michael Ticktin

By a unanimous vote, with Council members Murphy, Hoogsteden, Towle and Stiles being present and voting, the Borough Council adopted a resolution expressing support for the Monmouth County Agricultural Development Board's purchase of development easements on approximately 235 acres of farmland and open space in the northern part of Roosevelt, west of Rochdale Avenue. This grant is necessary for the implementation of a preservation plan submitted to the State and County by the Fund for Roosevelt, Inc., a community-based nonprofit organization headed by Rod Tulloss. Once the development easements are in place, the land will be resold for agricultural use only. The Council's support for this resolution was crucial, since a county is prohibited by law from undertaking a project of this sort in a municipality without the municipality's consent. The

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Marko And Hunt Win Democratic Primary - Will face Kaufman in November

by Michael Ticktin

Neil Marko, with 170 votes, former-Councilman Jeff Hunt, with 159 votes, defeated Councilwoman Rose Murphy, who received 62 votes, and Planning Board member Joe Zahora, who had 43 votes, to win the Democratic nomination for the two Council seats to be contested this November. They will face former-Councilman Stuart Kaufman, who ran unopposed in the Republican primary and received nine votes.

In the races for nomination for the United States Senate, victorious Democratic candidate Jon Corzine received 197 votes in Roosevelt, while former Governor Jim Florio received 89. In the Republican race, victorious candidate Congressman Bob Franks received three votes, as did State Senator Bill Gormley and Murray Sabrin. Essex County Executive James Treffinger did not receive any votes in Roosevelt.

In a result unlikely to have been duplicated anywhere else in the country, Alan Keyes and George W. Bush were tied in Roosevelt in the GOP presidential preference primary, with each receiving six votes. ■

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UNTIL OCTOBER....

From the Editors

As summer approaches, we end our publishing year. We volunteers look forward to resting in August and September to come back refreshed in October to begin our 2000-2001 year. (9 issues leaving out Jan., Aug. and Sept.)

We will continue to report as well as we can what goes on in our town. Let us know what's happening! We will be pleased to receive articles and letters to share with everyone.

Have a happy and rewarding summer! ■



The Dog Census taker will be going door-to-door to take our Borough's canine count. The purpose is to ensure that all dogs at least 7 months old and residing in Roosevelt for at least 10 days are licensed. If a dog is visiting and has been licensed elsewhere in New Jersey for this year, then there is no charge; but, a license is still required by the State. Remember too that the purpose of licensing is to ensure that all dogs are currently vaccinated against rabies.

The Dog Census Taker is Mrs. Kelly Mitchell, and your cooperation in responding to her inquire's is appreciated. She will be conducting this census between June and August 25.

Again, PLEASE be a good neighbor and pick up after your dog. Complaints have begun to come to the attention of the municipal staff members. ■



GOOD NEWS: The Borough of Roosevelt held an auction in May for various items, including computer hardware and software. Nothing sold. The County of Monmouth has declined to take advantage and add these items to its county auction. Therefore, on a first come, first serve basis, the items are available to our residents at no charge.



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We want to thank all of our neighbors who have given permission to use their names when contacting our Governor, the Commissioner of Education and State legislators about our school taxes.

A special thank you to those of you who have made a contribution to this effort, as well.

To date, we have sent a total of 1,537 letters, faxes and e-mails. The effort will continue.

Please call to add your name if you have not already joined us. ■

Helen Barth
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Planning Board meeting of June 14 was cancelled. The next meeting is July 12.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

New Jersey State Law [N.J.S.A. 40A: 60-5], states that "the mayor shall be the head of the municipal government" and "shall recommend to the council such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the borough."

by Michael B. Hamilton, Mayor

Since taking office in January, I have been meeting with Monmouth County and New Jersey State officials to lobby for our fair share of state aid.

Sustained advocacy of our taxpayers' rights, along with pressure from the School Board and Roosevelt citizens, has begun to produce results.

ROOSEVELT WILL BENEFIT FROM OVER \$2,000,000 AS A PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT: As a result of the efforts of the Fund for Roosevelt, under the tireless leadership of Rod Tulloss, the Borough will benefit from over \$2,000,000 to be used to purchase development rights on 235 acres of our northern 500 acres of farmland. This acreage was designated "agricultural" and zoned as farmland since our historic Borough was founded. The acquisition of the 235 acres requires no taxpayer contribution. Ordinarily, farmland preservation requires expenditure of some local funds. However, the Fund For Roosevelt will take responsibility for the Borough's share. State law specifies approval for acceptance of the grant by the local governing body; at the June action meeting the Council voted to approve it.

A \$25,000 PUBLIC WORKS GRANT IS RECEIVED: At the June 12 Council action meeting, I announced that Roosevelt has received a \$25,000 public works grant from the State Department of Community Affairs. As a former member of the School Board, I was active in seeking this grant. As Mayor, I continued to pursue funding through discussions with Assemblyman Joe Malone, who was indispensable in securing this grant. The \$25,000 will be used to replace the failing boiler in the Borough Hall, put a new roof on the water treatment building, purchase a new Borough lawn mower and pay for a fence around the radio tower. Without this public works grant, tax dollars would be needed for these expenditures.

A RECREATION GRANT IS APPLIED FOR: During the past few months, I have been working with a group of Roosevelt citizens, the School Board and the Borough Council to create a recreation program for our teenagers.

Assemblyman Malone has forwarded an official recommendation for our request for a recreation grant to the State. He said that he is confident that our recreation coalition will receive funding.

\$83,000 APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES: At the May Council action meeting, I expressed my opposition to costly water plant upgrades. My objection was based on a letter dated August 4, 1999 from our engineering consultants, G.P.M. Associates. That letter described the upgrades for "the planned addition of residential units." G.P.M. Associates recommended that developers pay for these upgrades. In spite of the fact that the engineer's letter did not mention brown water, Council members argued that the upgrades were necessary primarily to correct the town's brown water. I requested that the Council specify which repairs were intended solely to deal with our brown water and which upgrades were needed for the "planned addition of residential units" on the Notterman tract (PCD 1). The matter was tabled until the June Council meeting.

During the June action meeting, Utilities Chairperson, Rose Murphy produced two new letters from G.P.M. Associates. One letter, dated May 12, 2000, was designated by the engineering firm to be a revision of their August 4, 1999 letter of upgrade recommendations. This new letter identified brown water as the reason for the required improvements. Although the upgrades outlined in the new letter were the same as those proposed in G.P.M.'s earlier letter, there was curiously no mention of "additional flow brought about by the addition of 65 new residential units." In fact, there was now no mention whatsoever of development in this new revised letter.

Another letter from G.P.M. Associates was addressed to Rose Murphy, Chairperson of Utilities. It was dated June 12, 2000, the day of the Council's action meeting and was distributed during that meeting. Since I did not receive a copy of this letter before the meeting, I had no opportunity to review the information upon which a large expendi-

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235 acres being preserved constitute nearly one-fifth of the total land area of the Borough.

In other action, the Council adopted an ordinance allowing it to restrict the use of water from the municipal utility system for watering of lawns, filling of pools and washing of cars during the months of June through October. The ordinance, a copy of which accompanies this article, further provides that, even in the absence of special restrictions, watering of lawns is to be limited to alternate days and to the hours between 6:00 a.m. and noon.

In response to comments from Charlene Miller, who is a horticultural professional, that the hours selected were not those in which it was best for lawns to be watered, Councilwoman Rose Murphy pointed out that the objective of the ordinance was to prevent the water tank from being drained as a result of heavy usage and that it was therefore necessary to allow lawn watering only during those hours in which there would ordinarily be the lowest demand for water, due to people not being at home.

Similar restrictions were established by resolution in past years. However, due to the lack of an ordinance, the restrictions were unenforceable. Now, any person who continues to violate the ordinance after receiving a warning from the Code Enforcement Officer will be subject to a fine of up to \$50 for a first violation, up to \$100 for a second violation, and up to \$500 per day for any subsequent violations.

In his report, Mayor Michael Hamilton said that this was "a good night for the Borough of Roosevelt" because, not only did the Council have the opportunity to approve the funding for the farmland acquisition project, but the Borough had also been

notified of a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Community Affairs, obtained with the help of assemblyman Joseph Malone, to be used for public works improvements that would otherwise have required use of local funds. Mayor Hamilton also reported that he had sent a letter to Assemblyman Malone, at Mr. Malone's invitation, seeking funding for recreational programs and is hopeful that we will get it.

Councilman John Towle, reporting for the Finance Committee, announced that the Borough's annual audit had been completed and that there was nothing unexpected about the results. Speaking for the Community Development Committee, he also reported with alarm that the 2000 census for Roosevelt is still incomplete. Due to funding difficulties experienced by the Census Bureau, the forms that people have mailed in are not being tabulated. Instead, the only reports that are being used are those submitted by census enumerators after personal interviews. It is extremely important that our census results be complete and accurate, since this will affect our funding under various State and Federal programs. Therefore, any resident who has not yet been interviewed by a census enumerator is advised to call the district office of the Census Bureau in Freehold at 1-732-683-9727. The name of the district manager is Francine Schussler.

Councilwoman Murphy reported for the Utilities Committee that there had been a power outage at the sewage treatment plant that had necessitated emergency repairs. Insurance claims will be filed so that the Borough will be compensated for the expenses it incurred. Mrs. Murphy also reported that two sewer laterals, one on Pine Drive and one on Lake Drive, have collapsed on the street side of the

property line and must therefore be replaced by the Borough, and that the brown water problem has been particularly severe due to heavy usage of the system. In her capacity as Community Development Block Grant representative, she further reported that the door at the rear of the Borough Hall's large meeting room, which was required in order to make the room accessible to disabled persons, has been completed.

Resolutions were approved to pay bills to the Planning Board's planner and attorney for expenses incurred in connection with the Matzel & Mumford application and not covered by the escrow deposit, to renew the liquor license for the Roosevelt Deli, to express disapproval of Federal legislation that would allow property owners to appeal unfavorable local land use decisions directly to the Federal courts, to authorize the municipal

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RECYCLING DATES

July 5, 19

August 2, 16, 30

September 13, 27

SCHOOL NEWS

School Board News

Meeting, June 1, 2000

by KC Sensi

The Board of Education met on Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. Board members present at the meeting were Mrs. Ellentuck, Mrs. Grayson, Ms. Lipoti, Mrs. Silverman, Mr. Ticktin and Mrs. Tulloss. The Board Secretary, Mrs. Minutolo and the Chief School Administrator, Dale Weinbach were also present.

The meeting began quite efficiently with the disposition of routine matters including the review of previous meeting minutes and a discussion concerning the correspondence and press articles received since the last meeting. As usual, the more mundane matters were quickly dealt with, including the payment of bills and the reading of policy.

The staff thanked the Board for the new picnic tables, which can be seen at the front of the school. There was also more discussion on the matter of regionalization with the other Monmouth County Panhandle towns (Allentown, Millstone and Upper Freehold.)

From The PTA

by Kelly Mitchell

Well, the PTA has come to the end for this year. It has been a successful one. We wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer and cannot wait until next year for all the new and exciting projects to come.

Congratulations to all the graduates. Best wishes for all you will experience in the future.

The PTA would like to thank each and every volunteer who has come out and helped with our functions. Without your help and dedication, it could not be done. Keep up the good work.

We look forward to all the new volunteers to help out next year. Our functions are very important to us and especially to your children, so hope to see many new faces next year.

Thank you for all your support! ■

Dr. Weinbach reported about the recent field trips of the fourth grade to Trenton and the fifth grade went to Philadelphia and was involved in a senior citizen planting project. Princeton Insurance has donated \$15,000 worth of video equipment to the school.

The Board appointed new committee members at this meeting. The Finance Committee's chairperson is Mrs. Cokeley and the members are Mrs. Silverman and Mrs. Tulloss. Ms. Lipoti is the chair for the Policy Committee and the members are Mrs. Grayson and Mr. Ticktin. The Education/Personnel Committee chairperson is Mrs. Grayson and the members are Mrs. Silverman and Mrs. Cokeley. Buildings and Grounds chairperson is Mr. Ticktin and the members are Mr. Newrath and Ms. Lipoti. The Legislation/Public Relations Committee chairperson is Mrs. Tulloss and Mr. Newrath is one of the members, while the other member is a vacancy at this time.

The Board will be conducting interviews for the vacant position on the Board and will appoint a new member shortly.

Besides myself, one other member of the public attended part of the meeting, Nona Sherak. She voiced concerns about the art work in the school not being secured against theft. I made a comment asking the Board in their official capacity to request a "speed trap" on Route 571 during the first three days of school in September. And, although some people must be tired of hearing it, I reminded the Board that the speed limit on School Lane is 15 mph (happily some seem to be taking great effort to remember this even when the children are not coming and going from the school).

I hope to see some more people at the meetings in September. Have a safe and happy summer and please watch out for the little ones while you are driving!

"The Roosevelt Public School is a wonderful school," Malone said. "Don't let anyone take away this wonderful place which is the center of your community." ■

From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

The close of the 1999-2000 school year came in a flash. It was a busy, productive year that went by quickly. Everyone knows, however, that learning does not stop over the summer. I want to remind everyone that the summer recreation program is available for five weeks for children from nursery school through grade 6. Summer band camp is also available. This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective fourth graders to begin instrumental instruction. Band camp is open to students who will be in grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 in September. Anyone interested in information should contact Margaret Schlinski at 443-5180.

On June 14 many residents attended an open house at the school library, sponsored by the volunteer Library Committee. The goal of the Library Committee is to infuse new life into the Roosevelt library. To that end, ideas were solicited from attendees regarding the types of programs that would bring people into the library. In addition, volunteers are needed to administer the program. The library also appreciates donations of appropriate books and videos in good condition, that can be added to the shelves. Should you be available to volunteer your

time, please contact Kay Drury at 443-9325. We are working hard to try to have summer hours for the library. A town library would be a terrible thing to lose.

At our annual awards ceremony, which was held on June 14, tribute was paid to Trooper Chris Reinhart, for his contributions to both the school and borough. Trooper Reinhart was assigned to Roosevelt as part of the Community Policing Unit. He has gone out of his way to establish a rapport with community members and students of all ages. To commend his efforts, as well as the efforts of Sergeant Osborn and the community program, Mayor Hamilton read a resolution of commendation from the Borough. Sharlene Ellentuck, President of the Board of Education, also presented Trooper Reinhart with a resolution from the Board of Education. I hope that during the next school year we will find many circumstances and events for which the Borough and school district will stand together and continue to work together.

The administrative staff will be at school during the summer months. Please feel free to stop by and visit. I hope your summer is filled with laughter and love. ■

The Bicycle Rodeo, Volunteers & The PTA

by KC Sensi

I'm sure many of you have read the recent article in the June 8th issue of the Examiner titled "Trooper's Beat Keeps Him In Touch With Borough." With respect to the Bicycle Rodeo, I'd like to thank the other volunteers who helped us so much, but were not named in the article. So, a big thank you to Kim Grasso, Shari Harding, Penny Lopez, Heidi Mendies, Faye Nulman, Ani Roskam, Angel Schwendeman, Linda Silverstein, David Tickin and of course all of the RPS staff.

Now a word about the Roosevelt PTA. The PTA relies on volunteers without whom, there would be no activities and assemblies (like the Fly With Eagles assembly) for the children and our fund-raising would be severely limited. One example of our efforts is the school Yearbook.

Without support from the PTA this Yearbook would cost over \$18 instead of the current \$10.

As someone who has no children (my cousin will be in the fifth grade in September), I still feel strongly about helping out when I can. In such a small school, the number of parents who can volunteer their time isn't very large and it is unfair to keep expecting the same people to help out each and every time. So, consider this an invitation. If you are somehow missed when the PTA is looking for volunteers, feel free to call. And, if you don't have any children, don't be shy...I can tell you from experience that you won't be turned away (they even let me serve as Secretary)! Be on the lookout for the membership drive in September. Have a safe and happy summer! ■

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Library at R.P.S.: Green Card Alert

by Frances Duckett

No, the INS paddy wagon is not about to pull up, but be advised, the old red Monmouth County Library cards need to be replaced with new green ones. When you fill out the application forms, be sure to use your street address. Manalapan does not want P.O. Box numbers only.

The Roosevelt Library's Open House on June 14 was attended by a varied group over 30 strong. Principal Dale Weinbach led off with a plea for additional volunteers to staff the library, because it is "at a crisis of non-use". Helen Barth suggested that seniors might prefer daytime hours. Gladys Nadler agreed. Prospective patrons were asked if a day other than Monday might be better for them. Adult and children's book clubs were suggested. Would you care to join such a club?

The library is trying to be more responsive to patrons' interests. All the old Monmouth County books are to be sent back and replaced with different selections. Sheila Jaeger will bring requests to Monmouth County each Thursday. Monmouth County will accept requests by e-mail in the near future for delivery to Roosevelt.

Certificates of appreciation were given to the following people who have made donations to the library; the Atwoods, Plaskas, Ellentuck and Adlerman families, Diana Klein, Mary Alfare, Frieda Anish and Dr. Koffler. New donations are too numerous to list, but a few which are already catalogued and ready to circulate are:

Novels: A House Divided, by Catherine Cookson
Run, by Douglas Winter
When The Wind Blows, by James Patterson
Autobiography: The Good Times, by Russell Baker (highly recommended by me)

To close the program a presentation of poetry was made by RPS students, who read poetry composed by first, fifth and sixth-grade classes. Each poem focused on a figure from the Ben Shahn mural - imagining the feelings that figure might be experiencing. Musical arrangements of these lyrics by professional musicians were then heard.

Please send comments and feedback on how to improve the library to Dale Weinbach at the Roosevelt Public School. Can you help out in any way? ■

Are you taking advantage of the Roosevelt Library in our school? To keep it alive, it needs to be used, Also, volunteers are needed to administer the program. As CSA Weinbach has said: "A town library would be a terrible thing to lose!" See the enclosed insert.

If you have not yet been interviewed by a Census enumerator, please be sure to call the Census Bureau at (732)683-9727. We receive Federal and State funds based on our official population. Our town loses money if you're not in the count

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water/sewer engineer to solicit bids for repairs to the water and sewer plants, and to place an announcement in The Bulletin advising residents of the availability, on a first-come, first-served basis, of items put up for auction recently by the Borough but not sold. The Council also approved introduction of an ordinance establishing salaries of \$20/hour for an instructor, and \$10/hour for an assistant, at the summer band camp and also approved a resolution appointing the following summer program and band camp employees: Margaret Schlinski, director and sports counselor; JoAnne Parker, nursery counselor; Barbara Atwood, art counselor; Hannah Stinson, theater counselor; John Dingle, band instructor; William Edelstein, lifeguard; and, Alicia Moore, Jamison Parker, Lindsay Possiel and Christine Rocchia, junior counselors.

Kelly Mitchell was appointed as dog census taker, at a salary of \$300. The dog census is required once every two years by State law in order to ensure that all dogs are duly vaccinated against rabies and therefore licensed. The dog census must be completed by August 25. During the public portion, the suggestion was made - by me, I must admit - that, given the problems that the Census Bureau is having getting a count here, we ought to ask them to allow Mrs. Mitchell to work for them as well, thus getting both species counted at the same time. ■

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF WATER AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE

BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey as follows:

A. In the case of scarcity of water from any cause and periods of high volume use, the Borough shall have the right, upon public notice, to have the use of water from the Borough water utility suspended or restricted for watering of lawns, swimming pool filling, air-conditioning purposes and car washing. Regardless of the emergency provisions set forth, the sprinkling of lawns with water shall be performed and accomplished on alternate days through the Borough from June 1 through October 31. All properties with odd number addresses shall water only on the odd days of the month. All properties with even addresses shall water only on the even days of the month. All property owners shall be permitted to water on the 31st day of the month. Water can only be used between 6:00 A.M. and noon.

B. In addition to the actions which the Borough may take pursuant to the State law for violation of this Ordinance, the Borough, upon determining that an individual or entity has violated this Ordinance, shall provide the individual or entity with a written notice of violation which shall be served by (a) hand-delivery to the address of the owner or resident of the property at which the violation has occurred or (b) regular or certified mail addressed to the owner or resident of the property at which the violation has occurred. The notice shall include a warning that any future violation will subject the individual or entity to a fine. Thereafter, any individual or entity that should be found guilty of violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). Upon a second violation, the individual or entity shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Upon a third violation and all subsequent violations, the individual or entity shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each such violation. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance.

II

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

III

If any section, subparagraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

IV

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication and according to law. ■

Natural Roosevelt. Native Wildflowers that Deer Never (Well, Hardly Ever) Eat

by Rod Tulloss

The Friday before Mother's Day, Mary and Sarah and I drove off to Bucks County, along the Delaware River, south of New Hope and north of Washington's Crossing; and, after negotiating an incredible detour (the tour of Bucks County, actually), we arrived at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve for the last two hours of the Members' Day of the annual Plant Sale.

The BHWP Plant Sale is an enticement to any gardener; and, for a Rooseveltian, it is extra interesting because as you walk in you are met with a table of variously color-coded sheets of paper. My favorite is pale magenta. It's a nice color, and on this paper is a list entitled "Deer Tolerant/Resistant Native Plants." This paper is a Rooseveltian's guide to the Plant Sale. Buying plants at the sale, you know you are getting plants propagated by the BHWP staff from seeds or cuttings. You are not getting plants collected from the wild. Interestingly, you can buy healthy specimens of reasonably priced plants that, here in New Jersey, are rare, threatened or endangered species. And, you can rest assured that anything you buy is native to Pennsylvania and, hence, often also to New Jersey.

Mary always tells me to buy a few plants and experiment. I always want to bring home the entire understory of a forest. (I have a lot of enthusiasm for a worse than mediocre gardener.) Now Sarah has become an interested party and, this year, had to join in the compromise. She is especially interested in plants with unusual flowers like Shooting Star (not deer resistant, but we bought one anyway). Where was I? Oh, yes, I want to tell you how some

of our experiments with deer tolerant/resistant plants have worked out and to pass on the BHWP list.

The most successful deer tolerant wildflower for a dry, shaded area has been Celandine Poppy (*Stylophorum diphyllum*). This plant has filled in the understory in a patch of trees in our backyard. In late April and early May, the plants are about a foot high and bear groups of 1 inch wide, four-petaled, deep yellow flowers. The only sign of deer damage came in last year's drought, but this was after seed had set and been dispersed.



Blunt-Lobed Grape Fern was found in Roosevelt at two sites during April. This species is considered threatened in New Jersey (the same classification as the Wood Turtle, also known from Roosevelt). This is the threatened or endangered plant registered from the Borough. Photograph by Mike Hamilton.

Two years ago, we added two plants of Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*) also called Virginia Cowslip. These appear about the same time as the Celandine Poppy and produce tall spikes of blue-lavender bells a foot or more over the surrounding sea of yellow and green. By late May, all the stalks are fallen; and, in another month, the foliage has almost disappeared as the plants go into suspended animation until the following Spring. After two years we have four or five plants. They have sustained no deer damage at all possibly because they are fallen and disappearing by the time fawns are born and deer start appearing in Roosevelt in numbers. This year we are trying the following in shaded or partly shaded areas: Blue False Indigo (*Baptisia australis*) that already shows signs of deer

grazing, Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum pedatum*) that shows no problem, Tall Larkspur (*Delphinium exaltatum*) that shows no problem. For bright sunny areas, two long term successes with resisting deer damage have been Black-Eyed-Susans (*Rudbeckia hirta* and *Rudbeckia fulgida*) and Obedience or Obedient Plant or False Dragonhead (*Physostegia virginiana*). Both should be in wetter areas,

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ture of Roosevelt public funds was to be based. I discovered at the meeting that the scope of improvements specified in G.P.M.'s letter had been broadened to include sewer treatment plant upgrades, and the cost of the project had increased to \$83,000 from the \$50,000 estimated in May. The Council voted to spend \$83,000, despite my objections.

A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN IS NEEDED: While I am certainly eager to improve water quality for our residents as soon as possible, I do not want to flush \$83,000 down the drain for temporary repairs to an aging system that may need to be entirely replaced. During the Council's discussion of this \$83,000 expenditure, once again it became apparent to me that it is absolutely essential that we develop a comprehensive, well-studied capital improvements plan to address our infrastructure needs. That is why the Planning Board authorized Ralph Seligman to join me in working with a committee of Millstone officials to prepare a joint application for a planning grant from the State of New Jersey. This grant, when submitted jointly by two municipalities involves no local cost. Roosevelt's portion of the grant would provide for a professionally prepared capital improvements program.

I will continue to report to you in October when the Bulletin resumes publication. Until then, have a good summer. ■

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but they are surviving rather well in a mixture of peat moss and hard, old Roosevelt semi-concrete clay. The Obedience doesn't much exceed 2 feet tall (never reaching 5 feet as it might in a wetter spot). It's a member of the Mint Family and it gets its name because the pale purple or rose flowers on its spike will, for awhile, hold a position into which you twist them. Flowers of both plants appear in summer. Rudbeckia will continue blooming over an extended period of time.

Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*) and Butterfly Weed and various species of Milkweed (both belonging to the genus *Asclepias*) have lasted for several years in sunny places without serious deer damage (although I saw some nibbling on the columbine this Spring), but still have not produced a self-sustaining colony. Of course, several species of Milkweed can be seen around town, often with the accompaniment of the butterflies that lay their eggs only on these plants.

Now, as a public service, the list of deer resistant and deer tolerant plants that can be ordered from BHWP (with botanical names not repeated if given above): Herbaceous Plants

- Monkshood (*Aconitum uncinatum*)
- Doll's Eyes (*Actaea species*)
- Giant Purple Hyssop (*Agastache scrophulariifolia*)
- Wild Onion/Leek (*Allium cernuum* or *Allium tricoccum*)
- Blue Star (*Amsonia hubertii* or *Amsonia tabernaemontana*)
- Big Bluestem Grass (*Andropogon gerardii*)
- Wild Columbine
- Jack-in-the-Pulpit
- Goat's Beard (*Aruncus dioicus*)
- Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*) - sometimes browsed

by deer

- Butterflyweed and Milkweed - attract butterflies
- New England Aster (*Aster novae-angliae*) - sometimes browsed by deer
- Blue False Indigo - one plant browsed by deer in Roosevelt
- Black Cohosh (*Cimicifuga racemosa*)
- Virgin's Bower (*Clematis virginiana*) - sometimes browsed by deer
- Tickseed (*Coreopsis lanceolata* or *Coreopsis tripteris*)
- Fringed Bleeding-Heart (*Dicentra eximia*) - other Bleeding Hearts have proven immune to deer damage in Roosevelt
- Ferns - very deer resistant as our heavily browsed forests illustrate
- Wood Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*) - some deer damage on one plant in Roosevelt
- Helen's Flower (*Helenium autumnale*)
- Swamp Rose-Mallow (*Hibiscus moscheutos*)
- Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*)
- Twinleaf (*Jeffersonia diphylla*) - endangered in News Jersey
- Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) - this has suffered from deer browsing in Roosevelt
- Great Blue Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*) - sometimes browsed by deer
- Bee-Balm (*Monarda didyma* or *Monarda fistulosa*)
- Switch Grass (*Panicum virgatum*)
- Blue Wood Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*)
- Creeping Phlox (*Phlox stolonifera*) - this took hold by our back door and has not been browsed by deer
- May-Apple (*Podophyllum peltatum*) - sometimes browsed by deer

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club News

by Herb Johnson

Sixteen members attended the June 6 Regular Meeting to hear reports, discuss plans, consider new by-laws, have refreshments which had been prepared by Carolyn Ferraro, and hear Dr. Michael Tapia speak about improving health. He is a chiropractor from Millstone Township. He spoke about the five keys to good health: Nutrition, Exercise, Rest, Drinking 8 glasses of water each day, and Chiropractic control.

As the Borough Hall was being used for Primary Day voting, the meeting was held in the Solar Village Senior Citizen social hall conducted by Acting President Thelma Thompson. Some members said they were expecting the meeting to be held on the second Tuesday, as done in the past when elections require the use of the Borough Hall. They did not recall an announcement about the plan to meet at Solar Village, nor read the Senior Citizens News in the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. They just learned about the plan at the last moment by conversation with some friend. As a result everyone was advised to always read the reports in the Borough Bulletin. The minutes of

the last meeting, as prepared and read by Secretary Herb Johnson, were approved, Treasurer Dolores Chasan's report was accepted. Sunshine Committee chair Louise Baranowitz reported that cards had been sent to three members who were or had been hospitalized: Louise Roskam, Honey Socholtzky and Herb Johnson. Two new members' names were announced: Marilyn Magnés and Helen Kleinman. Three members whose birthdays are in June were given corsages to wear.

Councilwoman Rose Murphy, someone reported, said that to secure a SCAT bus for use from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., one hour longer than presently provided, for the senior trips on third Tuesdays, we need to write a letter to the Borough Council requesting it. The Secretary is to write it. Garden State Arts Center requested a letter from the club to say it wanted to be on its mailing list. Someone said he or she would ask the Hightstown Elks Club to send notice of when it holds Seniors Breakfast Day, an event several said they would enjoy car-pooling to get groups of the Club's members there.

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Attention Seniors and Disabled Residents

by Bess Tremper

Our June issue included an insert discussing SHARED RIDE SERVICE which we know is of great interest to those in Roosevelt who cannot drive.

Unfortunately, the telephone numbers listed at the bottom of the page were difficult to read as well as incomplete. We regret the error as we know how important this new service can be to all who need it.

Herewith are the proper numbers:

For Reservations, call 731-938-2888 or 732-938-2998

For More Information, call 732-780-1121

We have learned that it will be important to make reservations as far in advance of your need as possible.

We would hope that this valuable service will be used so that now that we've finally gotten it, it will remain available to us. ■

MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY ROOSEVELT BRANCH

HOURS:

MONDAY: 7:00 P.M.—8:30 P.M.

**350 NEW BOOKS HAVE BEEN
ADDED
TO THE COLLECTION WITH MORE
TO COME.**

COME AND BROWSE!



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- Jacob's Ladder (Polemonium reptans)
- Black-Eyed-Susan
- Skullcap (Scutellaria incana)
- Goldenrods (Solidago species) - several species are common in our area and obviously resist deer rather well
- Skunk-Cabbage (Symplocarpus foetidus) - flourishing in Roosevelt
- Culver's Root (Veronicastrum virginicum)

Trees and Shrubs

- Maple (Acer species) - careful here! some are aggressively invasive and are currently problems in town especially Red and Norway Maple. The latter is non-native (as the name indicates) and should probably be extirpated from Roosevelt.
- Service Berry (Amelanchier species)
- Birch (Betula species) - common in early stages of forest growth in our area
- Carolina Allspice (Calycanthus floridus)
- Hornbeam (Carpinus species)
- Redbud (Cercis canadensis)
- Summersweet (Clethra alnifolia)
- Leatherwood (Dirca palustris)
- Beech (Fagus grandifolia) - common in dryer forests in Roosevelt
- Ash (Fraxinus species)
- Honeylocust (Gleditsia tricanthos) - common in Roosevelt
- St-John's-Wort (Hypericum prolificum or Hypericum pyramidatum)
- Fetterbush (Leucothoe racemosa)
- Spicebush (Lindera benzoin) - important in the life cycle of Spicebush Swallowtail Butterfly, common in Roosevelt's wetlands
- Sweetgum (Liquidambar

styraciflua) - um, we sort of have a lot of these...

- Trumpet Honeysuckle (Lonicera sempervirens) - most of the common honeysuckles in this area are imports from east Asia and, as is easily observed, annoyingly invasive. despite the good taste
- Magnolia (Magnolia species) - sometimes browsed by deer
- Bayberry (Myrica pensylvanica)
- Sourgum or Blackgum (Nyssa sylvatica) - the lone tree in the field west of Route 571 in the northern part of town is this species
- Oak (Quercus species) - several species are common in the dryer wooded areas Viburnums like Arrow-wood, Maple-leaved Viburnum, etc. (Viburnum species) - common in town

The address of BHWP is P. O. Box 685, New Hope, Pennsylvania 18938-0685. Their telephone number is (215) 862-2924. Addresses of other purveyors of native wildflowers can be obtained from me at 448-5096.

You might want to check whether a plant of interest is already found in Roosevelt. An updated list can be found on the worldwide web at http://pluto.njcc.com/~ret/Roosevelt/flora_.html

Next to last, if you have a wet area and introduce Jeffersonia diphylla (Twinleaf), please tell me how it does!

Finally, you are invited by the Environmental Commission of Roosevelt to volunteer for cleaning dumped wood from public lands in Roosevelt. Volunteers, please call 448-5096. ■

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Dolores Chasan and Clare Sacharoff read the new by-laws they prepared. No one had been able to locate the old by-laws. They were discussed, revised and approved as revised by a unanimous vote. The age one can become a member of the Club was reduced to 55 years. The Club then agreed that it would not send plants or any other gifts to ill or injured members, but rather get-well cards only.

Thelma and Louise have been regularly responsible for waiting at the Solar Village Meeting Room on fourth Fridays for delivery of the Box Lunches. They asked for others to take over for them. Florie and Herb Johnson agreed to be there or to get Diane Klein and Ann Garnham to take over for them, as they offered.

PLEASE NOTE: For the next Regular Meeting, a motion was passed to change from the first Tuesday, which is Independence Day, to the second Tuesday, July 11, at 12:30 p.m. The next trip would be to Freehold Mall on June 20, the third Tuesday, and then to the Country Buffet in Freehold Township on Route 9 at the border of Manalapan Township, leaving Roosevelt at about 9:00 a.m. The Box Lunches this month would come on the third Friday, June 23, as the people who prepare them could not send them on the fourth Friday and be ready at the Solar Village at 12:30 p.m. The meeting ended with refreshments prepared by Carolyn. ■

LETTERS

This is a tale of rules and people.

I am currently disabled and wheelchair bound. I spent many weeks in a rehabilitation center after a serious accident. I did not know when I might be discharged so I applied for an absentee ballot for the primary election on June 6th. I had not yet received the ballot when I was discharged on June 3rd.

The day of the election a friend of mine consulted with one of the watchers, also a candidate, who approved my voting here.

However, when I arrived, in a wheelchair, accompanied by my Home Health Aide, I was refused the right to vote because it was assumed that I had already voted. When I objected, a member of the local election board was extremely unpleasant, even nasty, in his responses. All he could offer was the unfeeling suggestion that I go to Freehold before 8 p.m. where I could vote. Did he expect me to travel by wheelchair?

I understand the rules. But, certainly the restriction could have been modified in some way. How about his checking with the folks in Freehold to see if a ballot from me had ever arrived? How about asking me to swear an oath that I had never received the ballot. Surely there must have been some more civilized and less nasty and pompous way of solving the problem. I am very upset that I lost my vote.

Hortense Socholitzy



To the Editor:

To continue my history: Our group gradually dissolved after we were elected to the Borough Council. We did not try to perpetuate our hold on the Council either by running again or by bringing new blood into our group. We had overcome the sewer construction crisis, improved the streets and organized an efficient borough government. We assumed that these institutions were strong enough to continue.

When Lee Allen became Mayor in 1993, the Council had already provided him with an attractive legacy to fulfill. We had received the first state grant to pay for determining the pollution around gas stations. I had put one

abandoned house back on the tax rolls; across the street from it, there was now another abandoned house to be retrieved. We had approached the Trust for Public Land to help us preserve farmland. We were looking into whether selling the sewer plant to a private company would save money.

We even looked at the State offer to pay municipalities to store "low-level nuclear waste" in Roosevelt. We asked the Planning Board to study the impact of residential growth; also tried but failed to persuade the Planning Board to define what, if any, residential development would be suitable for Roosevelt.

The first two years of Allen's administration coasted by smoothly on the impetus of initiatives already in place. He made a few injudicious proposals which were ignored by the Council and then in March 1995, he scheduled a meeting with the promoters of the scheme to store nuclear-waste. Not one New Jersey municipality had shown interest in it. I was surprised that he did so because the scheme, by stipulating that the waste storage be located a certain distance from a school, effectively excluded Roosevelt. Ignoring this obstacle, he scheduled the meeting with the sponsors of the storage project but neglected to explain it to the public and seek public support. He ignored the strong anti-nuclear lobby in Roosevelt, which could have been expected to react to the proposal like a bull to a red flag.

Opposition was predictable. Michael Hamilton, acting as Paul Revere, spread the alarm far and wide in Roosevelt and beyond. The school gym might have held the multitude that came to protest. The Borough Hall was filled, far beyond the limits of fire safety. An overflow crowd stood noisily outside. The meeting was not a success from Allen's point of view. There was no more talk of storing nuclear waste in Roosevelt. And yet there was something disquieting about Hamilton's initiative. It set a poor precedent. The Mayor and Council had been elected to carry out town business. They should have been expected to arrive at a sensible decision after listening to the views of citizens and discussing the project among themselves.

This was not the first example of attempts to interfere with Council work. For the first several months of 1991, a mob disrupted town meetings until the Council shifted the public portion to the end of the meeting. Rather than wait until business was finished, the mob lost interest and

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stopped coming. The following year, a little group busily collected signatures for a petition protesting the Council's reconstructing Farm Lane, alleging that the Council intended to cut down all the trees along the road. There was a smaller but equally pointless protest when the Council moved to connect Lake Drive to South Rochdale Avenue.

In 1999, Allen ran for a third term. This was not totally unprecedented in Roosevelt. Irving Flicker was Mayor for twelve years from 1946 to 1958. Leon Barth was a three-term Mayor although in reality his third term was imposed upon him against his wishes by a zealous write-in campaign. Allen had not gained popularity over the years. Each election won him fewer votes. He ran too far behind Hamilton in the June 1999 primary to expect to win in November.

As a Republican, I ran in the primary for one reason - to ensure a contested election in November. Allen was so determined to be Mayor again that he quit the Democratic Party and joined the Republican Party. Then, through intermediaries, he made an unsuccessful effort to persuade me to quit the campaign so that he could be on the ballot in my place. The effort failed. He ran as a write-in after making a listless campaign. He got fewer votes than in June. Even if he had been on the ballot, he would have lost.

During the nineties, Roosevelt gradually lost two of its summer customs. The school graduation in June had attracted not only friends and relatives of the graduation students but many other residents as well. The exercises were followed by parties, lasting long into the night, to which everyone was invited. Now fewer people attended the graduation and the parties. In its heyday, a few weeks later, the Fourth of July had been a town event attended by parents, children and pets, with exhibits, hot dogs, soft drinks and beer, culminating in fireworks at night.

The original Roosevelt houses used oil heat. By the Nineties, most residents had switched to gas, usually leaving the disused oil tanks in the ground. I and Howard Prezant arranged to have our tanks removed. The removal was done efficiently and the cost was reasonable. Over the next three summers, I acted as go-between for the contractor and twenty-five people who also wanted their tanks removed, I enjoyed it.

In the next issue of the Bulletin, I will bring my informal history up to date, commenting on the first months of Mayor Hamilton's administration.

Peter Warren

Thanks for your contributions. The Bulletin has finished yet another successful year. However, we have done this without the benefit of the major donations received in previous years.

This fall we will be asking you once again to provide us with the support that we need to keep publishing. Before then, however, we will need your cooperation in order to get out our first fall issue. Your advance contribution will therefore be most welcome.

WEATHER ALMANAC

An Affinity for Heat and Humidity

By Ron Filepp

"I sweat!" was the shout from the man on the lawn tractor. The man was our landlord when Robin and I rented an apartment in Middlebush, Somerset County. Our little apartment was attached to his house and we would see him doing yard work. On this hazy hot and humid day he was standing and on a moving lawn tractor with arms raised shouting his victory cry above the roar of the machine.

The landlord was about 70 years old at the time and relished his vigor. He wanted others to witness his feats of endurance and strength. One July evening when I returned from work I found him working in a hole that he had dug. The hole, around the large stump of a tree, was about seven feet in diameter and almost as deep as he was tall. He did all the digging on a blazing hot and humid day.

Unlike our former landlord, mad dogs and some Englishmen, most people reduce their activities during a hot humid spell. Those who recklessly blunder on risk getting heat cramps, heat syncope, heat exhaustion or heatstroke.

Overexertion on a hot day can produce brief imbalances in body salts producing heat cramps. Leg muscles are particularly susceptible to cramping. Heat syncope or fainting occurs when over exposure to heat leads to a sudden drop in blood pressure. The cure for both heat cramps and heat syncope is to take it easy. Gradual acclimation to exertion during hot weather will reduce the likelihood of suffering from both of these conditions.

Heat exhaustion is most likely to occur after a few days of excessive heat and humidity. Exposure to heat leads to a loss of fluid and salt through perspiration. Body temperature can rise as high as 102 degrees. The loss of fluid and salt, or replacing them in an unbalanced manner may produce dizziness and weakness. Hospitalization may be necessary. Drinking plenty of fluids and limiting exposure to heat can help ward off heat exhaustion.

Heatstroke, the most extreme heat related condition described here, causes the body's thermostat to malfunction.

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May 15 - June 15, 2000

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	69.0	44.0	56.5	0.00
16	73.0	43.0	58.0	0.00
17	77.0	54.0	65.5	0.00
18	84.0	58.0	71.0	0.00
19	64.0	50.5	57.3	0.80
20	53.0	50.0	51.5	0.76
21	57.0	52.0	54.5	0.72
22	56.0	54.0	55.0	0.06
23	69.5	53.0	61.3	0.22
24	81.5	58.0	69.8	0.59
25	77.0	57.0	67.0	0.26
26	77.5	54.0	65.8	0.00
27	71.0	50.0	60.5	0.00
28	75.0	50.0	62.5	0.00
29	69.0	52.0	60.5	0.00
30	66.0	52.0	59.0	0.00
31	70.0	51.0	60.5	0.00
1	87.0	56.0	71.5	0.00
2	92.5	65.0	56.5	0.00
3	77.0	62.5	69.8	0.23
4	79.0	51.5	65.0	0.00
5	71.0	59.0	65.0	0.00
6	59.0	55.0	57.0	0.00
7	73.5	51.0	62.3	0.78
8	84.0	52.0	68.0	0.00
9	89.0	62.0	75.5	0.00
10	91.0	66.0	78.5	0.00
11	95.5	70.5	83.0	0.00
12	90.0	60.0	75.0	0.10
13	67.0	58.0	62.5	1.28
14	63.0	57.0	60.5	0.04
15	83.0	60.0	71.5	0.07

Total Precipitation 5.91

Weather Word

A "cat's paw" is a very light breeze that ruffles the surface of calm water.

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tion. Body temperatures can rise to 105 degrees or higher. A person with heatstroke may exhibit lethargy, confusion and eventually may lose consciousness. Heatstroke can kill and therefore requires immediate medical attention.

How much heat is too much? As demonstrated by our former landlord's acclimation to heat, everyone has a different capacity for activity in the heat. Following is a heat stress index from the *USA TODAY* Weather Book by Jack Williams. It offers a general guideline for those who are active in hot weather. The index is based on apparent temperature. Apparent temperature is derived from a calculation based on temperature and humidity.

Apparent temperature	Category	Dangers
Greater than 130	Extreme danger	Heat stroke imminent
105 - 130	Danger	Heat exhaustion likely
90 - 105	Extreme caution	Heat cramps, exhaustion possible
80 - 90	Caution	Exercise more fatiguing than usual

It may become necessary to acclimate to hotter temperatures. A recent article at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) web site indicates that "the spring season (March-May) of 2000 as well as the year-to-date (January-May) was the warmest on record for the United States, according to statistics calculated by NOAA scientists. The U.S. national spring season temperatures averaged 55.5 degrees, 0.4 degrees warmer than the previous record set in 1910, based on preliminary data. This was 3.3 degrees F warmer than the 1895-1999 long-term mean temperature of 52.2 degrees F. During this spring season, every state in the continental U.S. was warmer than its long-term average."

Spring 2000

Spring in Roosevelt was warmer and wetter than normal. The average temperature for March, April and May was 54.5 degrees, a little over three degrees above normal. Precipitation for the period was 0.5 inches more than normal. However, only one of the three months of spring had precipitation at or above normal monthly levels. In May about 1.5 inches more rain than normal fell. March and April precipitation was below normal.

The year's first heat wave occurred when the mercury rose to 90 degrees or greater on the seventh, eighth and ninth of May. On May 8 the highest temperature of spring was recorded - 94 degrees. A second heat wave occurred near the start of summer - June 10, 11 and 12. Through June 17 there were a total of eight days when the thermometer rose to 90 degrees or greater. ■

BLOOD DRIVE

September 14

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

at the

Roosevelt Borough Hall

Mark your calendar

BREAKING BREAD

A Short Recipe Rates Only a Short Story:

by Lois Hunt

My itinerant theatrical/musical career had many obvious glamorous perks one of which was meeting obviously glamorous folks. One of these was Peggy Lee who bestowed upon me her favorite recipe for charcoal broiled steak marinate. The next perk was actually a necessary one: a housekeeper, since I was so seldom at home. Laura filled that position completely.

On my return from a swing through "La La Land", I gave her Peggy Lee's recipe to prepare for our next night's dinner and I quote myself: "Laura, here's a bottle of soy sauce (it was a six ounce bottle), marinate the steak in this whole bottle of soy sauce and the same amount of bourbon." She did, and used the whole bottle of soy, as I had said, and a whole bottle of my best bonded bourbon!

More accurately, the Peggy Lee recipe is:

3/4 cup soy sauce
3/4 cup bourbon
2 or 3 garlic cloves, crushed

Marinate steak for at least an hour, turning occasionally.

Moot point: maybe Laura had the right idea? We were left with a dilemma: to eat the steak or drink the sauce. The choice is yours. ■



FAREWELL

Farewell To My Second Mother, Elizabeth (Bess) Symons

by Nancy Warnick

A decade earlier, long before the much surprised thought of yet another child - my friend, my brother, Kenny Symons - Bess and George (Sy) moved to Roosevelt in 1940 with their three sons, George (12 years old), Linwood (10 years old) and Dennis (4 years old)..

Her life began on June 26, 1912 in Island Heights, and her growing up years were spent in Seaside, New Jersey. She and her family lived in Toms River as well. My Bess would have been 88 years old this month. To go back to the past, I dare to take a look into her thoughts, some she shared with me.....

Upon finally foreseeing the beginnings of community-parental oblivion or retirement from child raising, Bess discovered it was not early menopause she was experiencing, but the soon to be fourth love of her life, Kenny. That was in 1950.

It seems impossible for a child of any age to realize that parents had a complete, full life before their existence. Anyone who raises a family knows what it takes to do so. Your life becomes theirs everyday for what appears to be forever until they grow up too soon. Along with the experience, you become a part of the community, a beat in its heart. It surprises me when people have asked me "Who is Bess Symons?". For Bess, I think "Ha!, Are you kidding?". Bess did have a complete life and was a beat in the heart of this town long before Kenny and my existence.

Back in 1940, the Symons moved here with the Terrys, the Parrs; then, later in 1946 the Monks (my family) came. All four fathers worked for Scott Brothers, the Pennsylvania Railroad trucking company that transported all the materials to build our community. They liked it, they stayed.

I was only three years old when I began to inform my mother that I was going down to Kenny's or going down to Bess' - going down meaning down the street alone.

Her door was never locked to me, I never knocked just yelled her name "BESS!!!" and helped myself. The first thing I checked out was if there were bananas on the washer, then ham and Swiss cheese in the refrigerator, ice-cream in the freezer. If not, I asked "What happened, didn't Sy go shopping?"

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Bess never lost her patience nor scolded me. She in fact nurtured me nearly as much as my own parents. She remained my second mother always, always will.

The greatest gift she gave to me was a love and respect for all living creatures. She showed me how to care for abandoned or injured baby birds, rabbits and kittens. She gave a home of refuge for small ones, a hot bowl of oatmeal for her cats. I grew up there as well, 27 Pine Drive - never knew the number, never the street name, just Bess' - my second home in the company of Joe the crow who yelled "Foul Ball", chickens, ducks, dogs. She cared for Joe with the broken wing, he couldn't fly. One duck was attacked by a fox, it had its back torn out but she saved it. She penned them in because she explained that we could not be angry at the fox for doing what was his nature to do. So, she prevented the fox from gaining further access.

Bess taught me to love the woods, our open space - not the farms which were the woods already destroyed. She took Kenny and me out every afternoon along her path at the back of her house. She showed us where smaller animals made their homes, places her older sons had camped along the creek which ran deep way back when they first moved there; and, she told us about the Indian tribe that had the land before us. I loved the special times I could sneak there late while she and Sy were sitting outside in the summer evenings and we'd listen to all of nature's sounds and see the beauty in the night sky.

I was a tomboy and Bess allowed me to be one. It was great being at her house. Kenny had the best blocks to build with, the best of all trucks - all sizes and shapes. We watched Popeye cartoons with Sally Star. She let us get dirty and play in the mud, ride rough on our bikes, play cow boys and Indians, set up red berry throwing wars with other neighboring children. Bess showed me how tadpoles came from eggs to become frogs. Too many adventures to tell.....

However.....

On Friday, June 16, Kenny called to tell me his mother had died. I will always have all these memories, and more, to keep. I will always miss my second mother, my Bess, my teacher. ■

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Items for this column can be submitted to Mary Tulloss by phone 448-5096, mail: P.O. Box 57, or email: mtulloss@njcc.com.

by Mary Tulloss

FOND FAREWELL TO:

Ernest and Florence (Babe) Mackey, former residents of Farm Lane, were killed in an automobile accident in June. We send our condolences to their families and friends.

Elizabeth (Bess) Symons, a 58 year, former resident of Pine Drive. Bess was 87 years old. Our condolences are sent to her sons, George, Linwood, Dennis and Kenny, and her many grandchildren and friends.

IN THE ARTS:

A collection of Ben Shahn's photography which originated at Harvard's Fogg museum, *Ben Shahn's New York: The Photography of Modern Times*, is now at the Phillip's Collection in Washington, D.C., 1600 21st Street NW. The show will be in Washington from June 10th through August 27th, and then it will travel to New York and Chicago.

FROM CAMPUS:

Carlo Alfare has been nominated for the third time to Who's Who of American College Professors.

Alemayehu Kassahun, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bahiru Kassahun of Lake Drive, graduated from the Eller College of Business and Public Administration at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Alemayehu majored in Management and Information Systems.

Katie Alfare, daughter of Carlo and Mary Alfare of Lake Drive, received High Honors for the Spring semester at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Katie was also nominated to the National Dean's List, and received the Chemistry Departmental Award for being the top Freshman Chemistry student. Katie will have an astronomy teaching assistantship in the fall.

Gabe Metzger, son of Sol and Deborah Metzger and brother of Alex, graduated from the College of Community Health and Education at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Gabe is working at Miraval - Life in Balance outside of Tucson. He will be coming home in July to lead a yoga and rock climbing course.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL:

Senior Elizabeth Allen will be attending Peru State in Peru, Nebraska next year. Senior Liz Carroll received an award for scholastic performance for being on the honor roll for four years, the Student Council School Spirit award, the Community Education- Community Service Award and also the Music Boosters Organization Award. She will be attending Monmouth University in the fall.

Senior Kate Freedman won second place in a writing contest related to Civil Service. Her essay was about Ben Shahn. Kate also received a National Merit Letter of Commendation. She will be attending Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts in the fall.

Senior Joanna Giordano received an award for scholastic performance for being on the honor roll for four years and also the French award. She also received the Bloustein Scholarship award and was a Times Academic All Star and a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. She will be attending Dartmouth in the Fall.

Senior Sean Parker received the MVP award for wrestling, the Coaches award for track and also the 3 plus 3 award which recognizes students who participate in three varsity sports while maintaining a grade point average above 3.0. Sean received varsity letters in soccer, wrestling and track. Sean also received the George Warshany Memorial award for wrestling, the Hall of Fame scholarship award which was presented for the first time, the Class of 1933 Athletic award and the Vincent Palmer Memorial award. He will be attending Rutgers in the fall.

Molly Petrilla received a Varsity Letter for tennis for the second year.

Haley Reibold received the 3 plus 3 award and received varsity letters in soccer, winter track and spring track.

Christine Rocchia received a Varsity Letter for field hockey.

Sarah Skillman received a Varsity Letter for field hockey and will be captain of the field hockey team next year.

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Senior Ronit Yeger will be attending Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania in the fall. She will be majoring in early childhood education.

FROM KREPS SCHOOL:

Avery Axel, Lian Garton, Lindsay Possiel and Tina Vasseur received the President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Lian Garton received the Math Award from the Evening Membership Department of the Friday Club.

Avery Axel and Lian Garton received the Melvin H. Kreps Outstanding Scholar Award.

Tina Vasseur received the East Windsor Education Association Award.

Ina Clark, Lian Garton and Danielle Petrics were students of the month for June.

FROM ROOSEVELT PUBLIC SCHOOL:

The following awards were presented at the sixth grade graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 17th: Nathan Bard Social Studies Award to Lexi Cheshier, Graham Nisnevitz Mathematics Award to Nicholas Impellizzeri, Oscar Nisnevitz Citizenship Award to Heather Cordo, Dominic J. Rossi Academic Achievement Award to Erika Heden, Roosevelt Historic Commission Award to Kelsey Reimbold.

Congratulations to all our students and graduates on their accomplishments this year. ■

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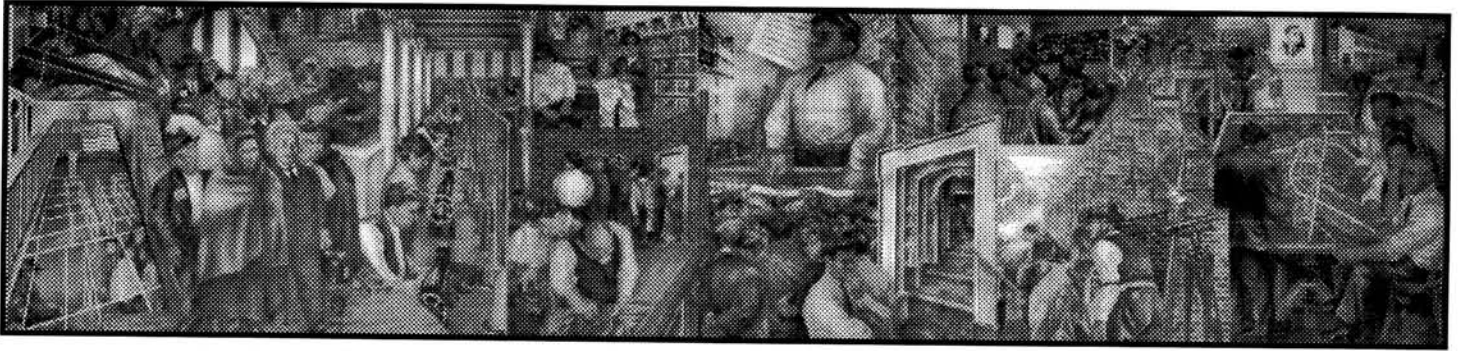
11	Fri.		Last day of Summer Recreation Programs
14	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council action meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Hamilton, 443-5227
		7:30 p.m.	Synagogue Board Meeting, Michael Ticktin, 448-0363
16	Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Recycling Environmental Commission Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairperson Tulloss, 448-5096
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30	Wed.		Recycling

September

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		5-9:30 p.m.	Blood Drive, Borough Hall,




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