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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

New Administrator Appointed; Two Alternate Positions Added to Planning Board

By Michael Ticktin

Mayor Beth Battel opened the June 12 meeting of the Borough Council by saying how proud she is of all of the volunteers who give their time and effort to the community and thereby help make it a better place for all of us. She commended Dan Ward for donating his masonry services for the repair of damage done to the amphitheater by juvenile vandals. Materials used in the repair were paid for by parents of at least some of those responsible, who were supervised in the clean-up work by Kelly Mitchell, whose usual form of involvement with the students is as their crossing guard. Council members Pat Moser and Michael Hamilton thanked Mrs. Mitchell for her efforts in making sure that the work was done. Mr. Hamilton expressed his regret that not all of the parents of the students involved had recognized their obligation to the community by contributing towards the cost of repairs.

Mr. Hamilton then introduced a resolution to hire William Schmeling, a resident of Manasquan who serves as administrator in the Borough of Helmetta in Middlesex

County, as the new administrator, replacing Bob Clark, who resigned earlier this year. Mr. Hamilton said that Mr. Schmeling has degrees in psychology and law, both of which Mr. Hamilton suggested would prove quite useful in Roosevelt, and that he would continue to work in Helmetta as well. Mr. Schmeling will receive the same salary of \$15,000 per year that was paid to the previous administrators, Mr. Clark and Harold Klein.

Reporting for the Utilities committee, Councilman Bob Silverstein stated that the damaged Lake Drive lift station, in which a sock had gotten into the works, had been repaired and that the sewage treatment plant discharge license had been renewed by the Department of Environmental Protection. He said that work needs to be done to correct an effluent problem at the sewage treatment plant, that a water main near the municipal building needs to be replaced, that new dehumidifiers are needed at both plants and that corroded pipes at the water treatment

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Please Remember!

This is the last issue of the 2005-2006 season. The next *Bulletin* for the 2006-2007 season will come out in the first week of October. As usual, there will be nine issues from October through the following July, leaving out January, August, and September.

The Fund for Roosevelt will hold its 2006 Annual Meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Borough Hall. The public is invited.

Please report any bear sightings to:
State Bureau of Wildlife Management
Kim Tinnes
Wildlife Control
609-259-7955
As well as to David Schwendeman, 443-6204



Parents: It has come to our attention that many children and teenagers have been playing in the streets. Please make sure that this practice is stopped, before there is an accident because of on-coming cars, .

Be a good citizen and attend the Borough Council Meetings on the first three Mondays in the month at 7 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Thoughtful neighbors pick up after their dogs. Are you a thoughtful neighbor?

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Board Approves Diamond Machine Expansion Plan; Alison Petrilla Named as Third Alternate Member

At a special meeting held on May 23, the Planning Board concluded the hearing on the application of Diamond Machine Company for variances and site plan approval needed to build an addition and second building at 30 North Valley Road by granting its approval, despite the protests of some nearby property owners who expressed the view that the proposed construction was too large and would have a negative visual impact and who questioned the adequacy of the parking plan. George and Ilana Pall, the owners of the company had argued that the expansion was necessary to provide the manufacturing and storage space that they needed in order to allow their business to grow. The site plan incorporates a stormwater management plan that goes beyond anything that is required, and also an easement for the sewer line that goes through the property. It is the existence of this sewer line that necessitated the construction of a separate building on the other side of it. The vote on the motion to approve the application was five to two, with Beth Battel, Lou Esakoff, Ed Moser, Ralph Seligman and Steve Yeger voting in favor and Michael Hamilton and Tim Hartley voting against. Jamie Kosa, Jane Rothfuss and Bob Dermody were absent and Michael Ticktin was disqualified from participating because he is an owner of property within 200 feet of the property for which the application was made.

The regular meeting of June 13 was the first meeting following the adoption by the Borough Council of an ordinance expanding the Planning Board by creating two additional alternate positions. Alison Petrilla was appointed by Mayor Battel to be the third alternate, to serve until the end of 2007. The fourth alternate, who would serve until the end of this year, has not yet been named. Under an amendment to the Municipal Land Use Law that was passed in 2000, a planning board that also exercises the powers of a zoning board of adjustment can have four alternate members. The desirability of utilizing this provision in order to ensure that there would always be a quorum became evident in the course of the ongoing appeal of the Roosevelt Preservation Association regarding the establishment of Yeshiva Me'on Hatorah at the property of Congregation Anshei Roosevelt, when Mayor Battel and Councilman Hamilton were disqualified from participating because the nature of the case was such that it might lead to an application for a use variance, Mr. Seligman was disqualified by reason of owning property within 200 feet and Mr. Ticktin recused himself, on the advice of the Planning Board attorney, in order to avoid complicating the case because of an allegation, which he denied, that a letter that he wrote several years ago regarding internal synagogue matters demonstrated that he would be hostile to Yeshiva Me'on Hatorah.

At the June 13 meeting, the board received notification from the attorney for Yeshiva Me'on Hatorah that he was appealing the decision of Zoning Officer Bob Francis that the use of a house on North Rochdale Avenue to house students was a violation of the zoning ordinance, as well as a letter from the attorney for the Roosevelt Preservation Association requesting information about that decision. A special meeting that had been scheduled for June 20 for the continuation of the Roosevelt Preservation Association appeal was postponed.

The Planning Board passed a resolution advising the Council that it approved the adoption of the consolidated zoning ordinance that had been prepared by board member Tim Hartley, with the assistance of his wife Lorraine. The board thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hartley for their work, which should prevent a repetition of the difficulty that arose in the course of the Roosevelt Preservation Association appeal when there was confusion as to the ordinance provisions actually in effect.

Mr. Hartley, reporting for the Service Station Redevelopment committee, said that he had received several ideas for re-use of the property and would welcome more from the community. Mr. Ticktin pointed out that the first question that the Council has to decide is whether or not the property is needed for municipal pur-

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From the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

Congratulations to all the graduates in town, RPS, high school and college. Those of you who attended the Roosevelt Public School commencement exercises know what a fine group of students are moving up to their high school careers. Best of luck to them. The ceremonies highlighted one of the best things about Roosevelt – the school, and along with it, the sense of community that exists in the borough. It was very kind of the Bard brothers, Arnold and Don, to return to town to present awards and gifts to the students, in honor of their family members who were original settlers in Jersey Homesteads.

Two weeks ago there was concern that the amphitheater wouldn't be ready for the graduation, due to damage to the brick seating, but Dan Ward stepped forward to volunteer his time and expertise, and, along with Kelly Mitchell and her clean-up brigade, put the area in excellent condition. Dan said that although he no longer has children in the school, his kids had attended there, and he was glad to help. Thanks, Dan!

We welcome our new borough administrator, William Schmeling, to the borough hall. He is working on a part time basis, and will be attending Council meetings, so please come make his acquaintance. ■

By Linda Silverstein

Summer's here and townfolk seem to be as busy as ever. immortalize your accomplishments and milestones by passing them along to me (Thesilversteins@aol.com) for print in this fine publication, *The Bulletin*.

As usual, we'll start with our youth – they always seem to shine. Nicholas Impellizzeri graduated from The Peddie School in May. He graduated with Honors and was inducted into the Cum Laude Society for secondary schools. He will be attending George Washington University in Washington D.C. this fall pursuing his interest in Law. His brother, Travis, currently on a 3 week backpacking trip to Europe, (with fellow Rooseveltian, Jake Estenes) will be attending Logan Chiropractic College in St. Louis this September. Matthew Marko has graduated cum laude in four years from Stevens Institute of Technology with three degrees. He has achieved a Bachelor of Science in Physics, a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters in Mechanical Engineering. He will be employed by the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) in Washington DC as a civilian engineer. Mollie Marko has finished her first year of the Engineering Honors Program at the Rutgers University School of Engineering studying Biomedical Engineering and achieved a perfect

4.0 cumulative average. Jacob Marko has graduated with his Roosevelt classmates from the Kreps Middle School, and will, like his brother and sister before him, be attending the High Technology High School on the grounds of Brookdale Community College this fall. Jan Czyzewski, Hightstown HS Class of 2006, will be attending Johnson State College in Vermont this fall.

Others who have continued to strive for greatness and/or achieve new goals are Evelyn Johnson and Ralph Seligman. Evelyn Johnson will be graduating from St. Francis Medical Center's School of Nursing on June 15. Her whole family is very proud of her.

Ralph Seligman received the New Jersey Planning Officials Achievement in planning Award on May 19, 2006, at the Planning Awards Banquet held in Warren, N.J. This award is given to an individual of New Jersey who has demonstrated an unusual or significant contribution to planning. For pictures and more information, please visit www.web2sons.org/zoning/awards/ralph.htm. Congratulations to Ralph on receiving the Achievement in Planning Award.

Thanks to everyone who sent in this information. We look forward to hearing much more about all of you for our fall reading. ■

RESIDENTS!

This is your newspaper. We would be happy to hear from you either in the form of letters or articles which we would be pleased to include in our publication each month.

That's what this paper is for — to help us to get to know one another as well as to let you know what is happening in the town.

Let us know what you think, what you do.

How about it?

In Memoriam

Nathan Nadler, one of this town's original settlers, died on May 15 in Tallahassee, Florida, where he had lived for about thirty years. He was 83 years old. Nat was my first cousin and the brother of Clare Sacharoff. He was also the architect who designed the synagogue here in Roosevelt.

We called him "Nadie" when we were children. At some point after he became an adult, he turned into the more dignified "Nat." Somewhere, in Clare's house I think, there's an old photograph of Nat teaching me how to ride a tricycle. We were toddlers at the time. For me, that photo describes the nature of our relationship. Almost two years my senior, Nat was a nurturing, helpful older cousin. He was also my pal.

Until I was ten years old, we lived in the East Bronx, about a block apart. Every Saturday, Nat, our cousin Gloria, and I went to the movies. We packed our lunches, and spent the whole day watching two feature films, a chapter of the current adventure series, at least one cartoon, and the news. In elementary school, I resented the fact that girls had to take cooking and sewing while the boys studied science and "shop" (e.g. making useful things out of wood). In the evening, as Nat and I sat on a bench on Southern Boulevard, we'd look at the stars as he filled me in by telling me what he had been learning about astronomy and other scientific wonders.

In 1938, when Nat was 15 years old, he, his sister Clare, and their parents Sylvia and Sam Nadler moved to Jersey Homesteads (now Roosevelt). "Your Uncle Sam is moving to a farm," my mother told me at the time. After that, our family would occasionally make the long bus trip from New York to visit our relatives in "the country," and we loved it.

From their new spacious home, Nat attended Allentown High School, then our receiving district; Clare went to what later became the Roosevelt Public School; and Uncle Sam and Aunt Sylvia, members of the cooperative, worked in the garment factory and the hat factory respectively. They also grew their own vegetable garden on their half-acre lot.

Nat met Mildred Becker (Millie), also an original settler. They became teenage sweethearts, and were married in 1944. In time, they had three daughters: Ruth, Amy, and Siri. As young married adults, we two couples had many wonderful visits back and forth, and Millie and I also became close friends. It was during a weekend visit to Nat and Millie that my husband and I, who had started our own family, decided to move to Roosevelt. Nat, who by this time was a professional architect, helped us find and choose our Roosevelt house, and guided us through the process of house buying. Some years later, when we needed more room, Nat designed the addition to our house.

Nat, who could be philosophical at times, was also endowed with creativity and a whimsical sense of humor. I remember seeing him play with his oldest daughter Ruth when she was four years old. Nat gently created and played a game with her with a twinkle in his eye. Ruth twinkled back, father and daughter completely in tune with each other. Clare remembers that as children, she and Nat played Monopoly on a game that Nat had made out of shirt cardboard (the kind that commercial laundries used to fold men's shirts individually to prevent creasing).

As an adult, Nat was actively involved in sculpture as a hobby. He also used to play the piano by ear, without ever having had music lessons.

Though there were periods when we had less contact and times when we disagreed, I've known Nat all my life, and he was always supportive. With so many memories, it's hard to stop writing, and harder still to say good-bye.

Gladys Nadler ■

Attended an Awards Dinner with and for Ralph Seligman to receive the Planning Award from the NJPO. Congratulations to Ralph for this high honor.

Borough of Roosevelt Land Use Regulations and Zoning

This is general information on land use regulations commonly affecting activities undertaken by the public and administered by the Borough. It is not intended to be a complete statement of all applicable regulations and individuals are encouraged to contact the Borough for complete permitting requirements.

What is Site Plan Review?

The Borough of Roosevelt Zoning Ordinance was developed and adopted with the intent to address all development concerns that might arise. In order to allow for the proper integration of uses throughout the borough, the Ordinance necessitates a comprehensive examination, a Site Plan Review of most new commercial ventures, and alterations to existing buildings and property.

Why would my project require a Site Plan Review?

ARTICLE VI – Clip from the Zoning Ordinance

6.100 Site Plan and Environmental Review. No building in the Borough of Roosevelt shall be erected, externally altered or enlarged, no trees or other significant vegetation removed where there is danger of soil erosion or stream sedimentation, no building or land therein shall be used and no building or occupancy permit shall be issued except in accordance with site and building plans that have been approved as provided by this ordinance. (Ord.97-15)

The Planning Board meets once a month, generally the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall. Many projects can be decided after only one meeting. While more complex projects may take several meetings, not all projects need to go before the Planning Board. Contact the Zoning Officer.

Be part of your government and come to the Council and Planning Board meetings.

Contact zoning at the Borough Hall on Monday when available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.. Call the Borough and select option # 7 to leave a message.

Site plan forms for zoning can be found @ the UNOFFICIAL web site @ www.web2sons.org. Forms page is @ <http://www.web2sons.org/zoning/forms/forms.htm>.

Zoning is working on a chart like the one below to make it easy for the residents to comply with Zoning and Borough Housing requirements.

Project	Zoning	Borough Housing	Planning Board	State Building
Build a Shed Storage Building	X		X if on side yard	X If 10' x 10'
Add Addition	X	?	?	X
Add Parking/Driveway	X		?	?
Swimming Pools	X	?	?	X
Fences	X		?	?
Add a Roof	X		?	X
Commercial Vehicles in District	X		X	
Side Yard Distance	X		X	
Front Yard Setback	X		X	

? = Depends on other factors related to the project.

This is by no means a complete chart. This is only the beginning to help the residents and the zoning officer to have a quick review of projects that need permits. As you can see it is not cut and dried to decide if you need a permit. It is best to check before you start.

Your taxes at work for all Roosevelt residents. The zoning officer works for you. Thank you .

From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

The close of the 2005-2006 school year came in a flash. It was a busy, productive year. Graduation was held on June 17th on a beautiful sunny day. Our sixth graders were poised and delivered well written essays. Our own band was on hand to play *Pomp and Circumstance*. We are proud of all our students and their accomplishments.

Special honors earned by the graduates are as follows:

Nathan Bard Social Studies Award
Ben Nulman

Graham Nisnevitz Math Award
Daniel Garton

Oscar Nisnevitz Citizenship Award
Savanna Carnevale

Mayor's Leadership Award
Marissa Ticktin

Fund for Roosevelt Environmental Issues
Abigail Schwendeman

Artist Award
Elliot Ellentuck

Musician Award
Alex Velasquez

We are grateful to the members of the community who generously give these gifts each year to our graduating class. Thank you to all who have supported the school!

Roosevelt Public School is pleased to announce that Virginia Weber, Director/Head Teacher for the Roosevelt Cooperative Nursery School (RCNS), has accepted the position of Pre-Kindergarten Teacher for RPS for

the 2006-2007 school year. The Pre-Kindergarten is a five day per week program and the hours are 8:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. It is free of charge for Roosevelt residents and available to non-Roosevelt resident students on a tuition basis. (See insert for additional information.) We are looking forward to this exciting endeavor and are pleased to welcome Ms. Weber to our school community.

The RCNS will provide nursery school aftercare from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This service is on a tuition basis and parents/guardians have the option of sending their child(ren) one or more days at varied hours. Students that are not enrolled in the Pre-K program may enroll in the nursery school aftercare program. Ms. Weber will also serve as the Head Teacher for the nursery school aftercare. Additionally, before and after school care (7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and 2:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) are available for all Pre-K through sixth grade students as well. Pre-K children may join the after school care program from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. if additional care is needed.

The Board of Education held a community meeting on June 20th, as a follow up to last year's meeting where the Board informed the public about S-1701 and its unintended consequences. The Board of Education wanted to update the community regarding the current status of the

school, specifically with regard to the steps the Board has taken to assure compliance with S-1701 and to offer an opportunity for the community to provide input and give feedback. Additionally, the Board wanted to share with the community their plans for the 2006-2007 school year. If you would like detailed information regarding the meeting, please stop by the school to pick up the packet that was disseminated during the meeting.

Substitute teachers are needed for September. To be eligible, a candidate must have 60 college credits. Paperwork for substitute teaching can be obtained from Kathy Dileo at the Roosevelt Public School. I would be happy to explain the procedure to anyone who is interested.

The administrative staff will be in the building during the summer. Feel free to contact us if you need any information. Have a great summer! ■

Walkers!

Be visible on the
road at night.
Wear reflective
clothing.

On April 24, the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, in Pennington, gave me the first Richard J. Rotter Excellence in Environmental Education Award. At the ceremony, Jeff Hoagland, Director of Education there, talked a little bit about the award and also about my work in Roosevelt. Then he introduced one of my fourth-grade students, Jessie Hickey, who read a short essay that she had written. I would like to share this and my acceptance speech as a way of showing my appreciation for the Roosevelt community.

Why I Like the Deer in My Schoolyard

By Jessie Hickey

The deer in the schoolyard are so nice to look at. I see them at recess. They run gracefully through the woods, eat leaves that are on the ground, drink the puddles of water, and get along with the insects. I'm so glad the deer are still here.

And now I'd like to introduce my teacher, Ms. Ilene.

Thank you, Jessie, for reading your essay about nature in our schoolyard. Thank you to Jessie's family who came tonight and to my principal, Shari Payson, who is also here. Thank you, Jeff, for your kind words. Thank you so much for this award. I am truly appreciative of your honoring me today.

I'd like to tell you a little bit about my school and the town that I've been teaching in for the past 29 years. Roosevelt Public School is a small school with 76 children, K-6, in the small town of Roosevelt (2 square miles, 400 families).

Roosevelt has an idyllic setting. It's rural: almost every house has green acres around it. All the farmland in the town has been preserved.

Roosevelt Public School is an ideal place to work. Creativity and innovation are encouraged by the school board, administration, and parents, so

over the years, I've been able to try out many new curriculum ideas.

The children in Roosevelt come to school already feeling comfortable in the outdoors. They spend much of their free time playing in the woods and at the stream. What we do in class, such as raise frogs and monarch butterflies, care for geckos, newts, and anoles, study compost critters, and grow plants, is very natural and engaging for them. Personally, I love to see the children's excitement as they check on their growing animals and plants each morning and throughout the day.

When we extend these experiences by taking the children outdoors, their learning multiplies because they're making connections from their personal experiences at home and in the classroom back to the real world of nature. After growing tomato plants in the classroom, transplanting them in our local organic farm was a proud moment for the children. Simply harvesting beans and lettuce was a thrill.

My students have been visiting Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed for the past 20 years. In fact, I recently found a photograph of Jeff with my students at the pond from 1985! I remember Jeff enthusiastically trying to catch a frog in the pond, much to the delight of the children. Now Rick and Tara take the children to the pond and are equally enthusiastic.

This year, we had a unique partnership with the watershed: Jeff, Rick, and Tara came to our school for pre-field trip visits. They took the children on

walks around the schoolyard and asked them to observe and record what they saw and heard. These exercises truly helped the children appreciate what's in their own backyard and helped give words to their experience. The nature poetry and essays that the children

wrote during that time period were very touching.

I found something interesting and surprising then. When the children were asked to write a short essay

about something in nature in their schoolyard, about half of them wrote about a large, maple tree right next to the school. For the last several years, the children have called the tree Mighty Pete, and each one has had a special relationship with him.

I'd like to read to you a poem that one of my students wrote when Jeff led a recipe poetry workshop with my class.

All Nature Recipes are Good

By Luke Carnevale

First mound land.
Then add life.
Spread nature around the world.
Lay snowy mountains and clear lakes
in every state.
Blend children's voices in.
Then you have the world.
Enjoy it.

I feel so fortunate to have worked with people like Jeff, Rick, and Tara and so many other naturalists, scientists, and parents along the way who have given their time, energy and expertise to my students and me. In



Brianna Parsons

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Last Reported Black Bear Sighting

If my memory serves correctly the last sighting of the Roosevelt black bear was on May 28, 2006. I did forget the location but it was in the Borough boundaries. Please keep me informed of any sightings and we are still looking for a good picture for the *Bulletin* and borough archives. Even a blurry one like the infamous Bigfoot pictures will do. Thanks.

Other Business

The Arbor Day plantings at the school all seemed to have survived and have not been eaten by deer. Thanks to all the children (and teachers) who helped water and take care of them when they were just planted and fragile. Also the mulch around the other trees and the Roosevelt statue area looks great. Nice work.

Summer water restrictions are in effect. That means conserve water. Watering lawns and washing cars is based on your house number. Even days for even numbered homes. And

odd numbered homes can use the water for discretionary purposes on odd numbered days. At times even greater restrictions may be necessary where unnecessary water use is restricted for everyone. I remember the ambulance loudspeaker announcing such restrictions as it slowly rode throughout the town. Please do your part and be a good citizen and follow instructions to conserve.

The Bulletin will be on summer hiatus after this issue and will return in October. The Roosevelt Environmental Commission, however, will continue to meet through the summer on the third Wednesday of July and August. We will be discussing the Roosevelt Woodland Trail system and our Natural Resource Inventory. More projects may involve the School. We have also been asked to advise regarding invasive species and to check on mosquito control measures. All fun stuff and you can be a part of it!

Several Roosevelt Environmental Commission members have resigned due to personal reasons and we are looking for new people interested in participating in a few meetings a year. It's definitely not brain surgery and you learn a lot of interesting things about Roosevelt. Please let me or Mayor Beth Battel know if you may be willing to serve – we need you.

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on July 19, 2006 where we will continue with environmental business as usual. Everyone is welcomed to attend and if anyone has a newsworthy nature note or comment of environmental concern, please give me a call at 609-443-6204 or drop a note to PO Box 203. Thank you for reading this column and I appreciate all your reports and calls. Together we can make a difference! Have a great summer. ■

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

By Clare Sacharoff

Twenty-one people attended the June 5th meeting. The senior citizen club voted once again to participate in the boat ride August 15th. The boat is called "River Lady" and includes an hour and a half and hot lunch served on the boat. We are expected to be there about 11 or 11:30 and return

about 3 p.m. Several people are interested in this activity.

For our regularly scheduled June trip we had volunteer drivers. We brunchd at Little Szechuan in East Windsor before a trip to the movies in Hightstown at 10 a.m.

Our regular monthly luncheon will be at the Borough Hall June 30th, Friday at 12:30 p.m..

The club voted to donate \$50 to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad for their new ambulance. ■

Ballad of the Light-Catcher and the Baltic Swimmer, A Love Story

Such a clatter on the cobbles—
carriages, horses, hawkers
in the streets of Malmö—no one heard
my father that spring day,
1893, cry out
at leaving the water world
of his mother. Ninth of twelve,
he's named Sten Gunnar
for the legendary Swedish warrior.

In his wealthy grain-merchant father's
house of many gables,
Gunnar wakes to the slap of water
and smack of sails in the harbor
where his brothers unload coffee.

Summers, father owned the Baltic.
Steam from hot rocks fills a hut
till the boys are woozy, then dash
through the pines like Hawkeye
in the *Last of the Mohicans*,
his favorite English book in Swedish,
and whooping to the water,
dive. Icy knives
of pleasure prick their bodies.
He swims and swims, all the way
to America, tough as an Indian
in his dream. The other boys
can't keep up with this seal.

His sister sits on the stoop sobbing.
He drops his school-bag.
"They're taking the house away,"
she blurts, "father's bankrupt."
His partner's run off with the money,
all of it." Five brothers
shiver in one room that winter.

Christmas Eve, no candles
on the tree, like spring without ribbons
on the Maypole, but a present waits.
He peels the layers of paper
and there, shining like a sun
in the endless Nordic night,
all the way by ship from Spain,



SG & NH Herrstrom Wedding

sits a single orange.
Graduated with a prize in geography—
not a river in the world
he can't name—he answers the call
of water and signs as a cabin boy
on a ship for the South China Sea.

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On the other side of the world
by flickering light of the Aurora
Borealis on the B.C./Yukon border,
Hugo Campbell Stratford, self-taught
mining engineer who dreams
of freeing gold from the earth's hold
and diamonds from darkness, signs
with a flourish the birth certificate,
1908, of his first daughter—
Norma Hazel Stratford.

Her mother packs up their bear skins,
and they move on to another hard-rock
mining camp. "The Fixer's here,"

a boss shouts, as they lurch into view.
Her elfin gypsy father
makes magic with scrap steel,
acetylene torch, and lathe,
famous in every hardscrabble town
for his beautiful improvisations
and daughters, four now. Hazel
attends six schools in five years.

Snows drift to 20 feet.
Sitting on the tops
of telegraph poles like stools,
my mother looks, her eye devouring
the snow sheen that greets
her across the white fields.
Her hand aches to catch the light,
and the improviser shows her how
to trap elusive fox-light
with white lead on canvas.

The year she learned to snare light
her father moved on, and her mother,
lithe and strong as a drilling rod,
moved out. She gathers her girls
and follows the Frazier River
south to Vancouver. Buildings tall
as firs, and the light, the light
ricocheting all over, my mother
takes days to believe in a city.
Its roast beef is dull as blubber—
no venison or bear tang.

* * *

A 16-year-old Swede
lands in a strange city
half-way around the world.
Musical languages
and almond-eyed people,
he revels in one strange city
after another, pearls on a necklace
draped from the Cape of Good Hope
up the coast of Indochina.

He eats anything anywhere.

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TWO SQUARE MILES OF STORIES

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Relishing a new dish,
he and friends want to know the meat
so play charades with the waiter,
first quacking like a duck.
The waiter shakes his head.
So they flap their arms and cluck.
The waiter shakes his head.
They moo and bleat and buck.
The waiter shakes his head;
then down on all fours, he barks.

Returned to Malmö and no work,
water calls again, and he sets out
to go around the world,
stowing on a tramp freighter.

Alone, he wanders New York.
He sees men flying, marvels
remembering the headlines—
this is the land of Kitty Hawk.
A shopkeeper hears his forest-dark
“r” and answers in Swedish,
invites him to a Swedish church.
Father delights in the tune
of his own tongue. But church is new.
His father railed at the church tax,
said it was against his religion
to attend church. The worshippers
offer grace and God, and father
takes both—a sea-change.

Driven by a family friend,
mother’s youngest sisters
thread a canyon road one night
north of Vancouver. The model T
slides off the road, rolling
and tumbling. The friend lives.
Grandma Stella leaves mother,
and now one sister
for the States to find work.

When Stella returns with a husband,
they all cross the border.

A New Man in a new land, father
lights out for the territory,
riding the rails with the hobos.
A company bull throws him off

a boxcar in Kansas. He walks
under a sky big as Sweden.
His bones rattle through Colorado.
He shivers by a campfire
at the uncanny cry of coyotes.
The freight inches up a long grade,
then hurtles down the western slope
of the Sierras, my father clinging
to the flat-car like a life-raft. Below,
the valley stretched to the horizon
like a leather sea. Only later
he learned, he’s in the Golden State.

Money to be made in L.A.,
so Stella and all board a train.
Coast rocks. Trees tall as cliffs,
then framed in their window,
suddenly, like a pod of whales,
California’s golden hills.

Oakland, apricot orchards forever.
A friend puts them up until Stella
and her husband move to Hollywood,
leaving my mother and her sister.

My aunt bleaches her hair platinum
and gives her heart to a man
who owns a mink farm,
while mother interviews
with drawings. She lands a job
in a shop, hand painting plates.

Mother’s invited to church
by a new friend. She can hear
her gypsy father quietly
insisting the only God he knew
was Method and the Northern Lights.
Embarrassed to admit she’d never
been to church, she accepts
and gives her heart to Jesus.

The harbor, the sounds of home,
but not the fog, father thinks,
awed by a Frisco risen
from the great shaking and fire.

He joins a Lutheran church,
meets a girl who greets him

in Swedish and hears of a job,
apprentice machinist in Oakland.
Be come master tool & die maker,
he saves up and starts pre-med.
Drafted in the Great War
he drops out of U.C. Berkeley
after two years. Declaring himself
a Conscientious Objector,
he’s assigned to the Ambulance Corp
and sent to train with mule skinnners
in Oregon. Tough as the mules
and just as stubborn, he can run
a marathon, then swim a river.
The men bet on him and win.

On Flanders field father stanches
their bleeding and lifts the wounded
into the ambulance wagon.
Steady under gunfire,
the mules drag them to safety.

Back home, his Frisco girl receives
an embossed brass vase
he wrought with a railroad spike
out of a Howitzer shell.
It is filled with grief.

By day painting plates,
by night portraits for extra money,
my mother spends Sunday mornings
in church and afternoons in the temple
of light above the Oakland hills.
She traps the sun on canvas
before it drowns in the Pacific.

At church a tall, serious man
who teaches Bible catches her eye.

Returned from war, father
finds a house in Oakland
and marries his Frisco girl,
who sickens and dies young
after giving him a son.

He dreams of a new life—leaving
the city and machine shop for a ranch
with a pond where he takes long
slow strokes into twilight.

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He and his 16-year-old son
are invited to church by a neighbor.
Father loves the sound of a choir
and the preacher reading aloud
from the Bible. He agrees to teach.

And one morning a new girl
appears who walks in sunlight.
Fifteen years younger than him,
he doesn't dare look, but he looks.

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She feels the light of his eyes
on her and is not displeased.
Thin as a paintbrush, this man
with a prophet's flinty presence
begins to live in her head.

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Father courts her slow,
persistent, like long stroking
across a lake. One day he asks.

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Mother explains that she's called
to be a missionary
and must go east to train.

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Letters crisscross for three years
over Kansas. Father gently insists
she'll marry him one day.
She answers tenderly but firmly.
One evening, walking with her letter
he stops. A Mariachi band blaring!
—"The Mission Board rejected me
for poor hearing. I'll be back
in California light in May."

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They honeymoon at the foot
of Yosemite's El Capitán,
the moonglow off its face
bathing them in blessings.

Her step-son leaves home
for the second World War.
Father leaves the machine shop.
Having put a down-payment
on an apple ranch in Sonoma County,
he packs up his micrometers,
smelling sweetly of lathe oil,

while mother packs easel and paints
in the fragrance of linseed oil.

Driving north to Sebastopol
they drive into a new life.
Traveling in the back,
tucked in a basinet beside
paints and tools is a new son—
their son named David Sten
for the Bible's warrior-poet.

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Mother stands on their porch
looking east to Mt. St. Helena
through a 30-mile crystal of light.

Apple trees but also orange,
pear, persimmon, peach and plum.
Father studies an orange
hanging like a lantern, lingers
until he's called to dinner.

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The making-ends-meet serpent
hisses in their Garden of Eden—
bumper crop, bumper price;
hot weather when they need cool.

Mother opens The Pottery House,
giving lessons, selling pots
and paintings, making plaster
molds to mass produce
for mail-order sale her designs.
In a small machine shop
father crafts prototype parts
for a secret submarine,
tempering them in her kiln.

On a rare day, with a picnic basket,
they go down to the wide bend
in the creek where father glides
forever, but his wedding ring
sinks. Lost. Gold
claimed by the earth. And clay
one day sucks the diamond
from mother's ring. She sits
under abundant fuchsias,
hummingbirds refracting the sun.
She holds her granddaughter up
to a blaze of bird and blossom.

Slowly, her arms sink, as mother
weakens, cells blinking out.
Making her own days of light,
she dies before my father.

At her funeral our ancient Japanese
neighbor stops before the coffin
and, slow as a tree, bows.
Everyone said mother welcomed them
with a smile like apple blossoms.
At 72 father graduates,
in Psych, gives himself to the Bible,
writes hymn lyrics, and piecemeal
sells the ranch for retirement.

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Their luck-struck son
escapes the war in Viet Nam,
the son who can't swim across a river
and can't paint, but is born into
"the practice of composing verses"

the son who returns to his grandpa's
hard-rock religion of light,
whose daughter's born in the year
his father saw the ship land
and a man walk on the moon

the son who accidentally
finds his way to an improvised place
—Roosevelt town—of painting
and all manner of ingenious making.

About Two Square Miles Of Stories

Everyone in our two-square mile town
has old family photographs and memo-
ries of the people in them. These pic-
tures and your memories are narratives
waiting to enrich us all. So, join us in a
Roosevelt Show and Tell project - find an
old picture or two and tell us a story in a
few paragraphs.

For information telephone:

Pearl Seligman 448-2340

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Pre-Kindergarten at Roosevelt Public School

Starting in September of 2006, the Roosevelt Board of Education is pleased to offer, as part of the Roosevelt Public School District, a Pre-Kindergarten program for children ages 3, 4, and 5.

This Pre-Kindergarten program provides an early learning opportunity for our children. The benefits of early childhood education are well established. Early learning opportunities enhance student achievement in later years.

The Pre-K program is free of charge for Roosevelt residents and available to non-Roosevelt resident students on a tuition basis.

Pre-Kindergarten students must be 3 years old by October 1, 2006.

This is a 5-day/week program. The hours are 8:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.

Additional Options

*There will be nursery school care available from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and before and after school care will be available daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **These services are on a tuition basis and can be for one or more days at varied hours.** Students not enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten may register for the afternoon nursery school care program, which is limited to the hours when the Pre-K program is not in session.*

***There must be a minimum of 5 students registered for before care in order for the program to be implemented.

Virginia Weber, current Head Teacher for the Roosevelt Community Nursery School, will be teaching the Pre-Kindergarten class and will also be the Head Teacher for the afternoon nursery school care program.

For further information please contact:

Shari Payson, Principal
Roosevelt Public School
(609) 448-2798

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Roosevelt Public School is accepting tuition students for the 2006-2007 school year. Nestled in a caring community, RPS offers the advantage of small classes (avg. 13) and individualized instruction. The comprehensive standards-based curriculum encompasses technology, foreign language, art and instrumental music. Our program includes **pre-kindergarten (8:30-12:30)** and **full-day kindergarten**. **An on-site after school program is available for all students.**

Roosevelt Public School
A BEST PRACTICES SCHOOL

Contact **Shari Payson, Principal** at **609-448-2798**
Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by October 1, 2006.

See reverse for additional information.

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poses. If it is, then there is no need to solicit redevelopment proposals from private individuals.

Mr. Ticktin, reporting for the Housing Redevelopment committee, said that he had been in contact with the individual who is in the process of foreclosing on 20 South Rochdale Avenue and had been told that the process should be completed by some

time this fall. However, he said, the company holding the lien on 19 South Rochdale Avenue had failed to answer repeated telephone calls, which indicated that the Council could not rely on them to get the property onto the market and it would be necessary to begin eminent domain proceedings. He also said that it appeared possible that the efficiency unit at Solar Village might be

counted toward our affordable housing quota, thus making it possible for us to present a plan that would not require any regional contribution agreement payments, depending on whether we can demonstrate that our 3rd round COAH obligation should be zero. ■

Roosevelt 4th of July

to be held on Tuesday July 4, 2006

9 a.m.

2k/5k run/walk meets at the corner of Tamara Drive and S. Rochdale

10 a.m.

Pet show—bring your pet to the back of the school (under Mighty Pete)

11:15

Parade meets at the corner of Tamara Dr. and S. Rochdale. Bikes, wagons, walkers welcome to join the fire truck and ambulance. Decorations encouraged.

12:00 noon

Picnic starts at the school grounds. Side dishes welcome to accompany the provided dogs and birch beer.

Have a question or want to lend a hand??

call Susan Dermody @448-6188

or email at cheyenneluke@net zero.com

Your Community Mural In The Making!

by Judith McNally

Plans for the Roosevelt community mural are coming along, and now the Roosevelt Arts Project looks forward to your further input at the town's July 4th picnic!

There will be a RAP-sponsored table where you can see conceptual drawings for the proposed mural. Also on hand will be a sign-up sheet for those interested in taking part in the community mural – no artistic experience necessary – and other information about the project.

You'll also have a chance to see information about Katherine Hackle, the Lambertville tile muralist RAP has hired to help with the project. She'll oversee and implement the project, drawing on her wide professional experience. Katherine has completed a number of public commissions and installations, including the NJ Pinelands Commission, NJ Transit, the Trenton War Memorial and the Princeton Public Library. For more information and to see samples of her work, please visit her website: www.katherinehackle.com.

The community mural, RAP's gift to the town, will be installed on the front of the Roosevelt Borough Hall, replacing the existing old sign, by May 2007. The unveiling of the mural is planned as part of RAP's 20th Anniversary celebration. Included in the mural making will be all interested students in the Roosevelt Public School, senior citizens, and any and all community members who would like to participate.

Along with RPS art teacher Barbara Atwood and Roosevelt flora and fauna expert Rod Tulloss, Katherine Hackle will be giving hands-on workshops in the Fall of 2006 to get the project underway. The 4th of July table will

include a questionnaire as to whether weekend or weeknight workshops are best for people who work.

Much love and dedication has already gone into the planning of the proposed community mural. If you have questions or need more information, please contact mural coordinator and RAP trustee Deirdre Sheehan, 443-4179 or e-mail her at deirdresheehan@hotmail.com.

The Roosevelt Arts Project looks forward to seeing you at the mural table, July 4th!

Art From The Collections

by Frances G. Duckett

Art from the Collections at the Eleanor Gallery opened on June 17. It includes 44 works by 22 Roosevelt artists. A R.A.P. event, it features many works which the general public would not otherwise get to see, because they are not for sale.

As one enters the small gallery, the visually most dominant items are two large paintings by Gregorio Prestopino, and an equally colorful quilt by African-American artist Agnes Turner.

Including Ben and Bernarda Shahn, the roster of artists includes many local names, such as Jacob Landau, Liz Dauber, Josette Altman, Stefan Martin, and Ed Schlinski, whose work is as close as Roosevelt gets to Dada. What could be more appropriate for a Father's Day opening?

All the works are two-dimensional, with the exception of a carved chair by Leonid Silveriver, which is worth seeing, and two spirited reliefs by M. Chasan.

Especially excellent are the two small finely drawn pieces by Robert Mueller, a luminous painting by Jack Bermowitz (the *douanier* of Roosevelt), a large wood engraving of our woods by Stefan Martin, and a montage of photographed walkers by Sol Libsohn,

whose work has all the quality we've come to expect. Another nice surprise was a little print entitled *Olympia Frankfurters* by T. Wisowaty.

I'd like to thank Jim Hayden for assembling such an interesting show, and also all the donors, who allowed their property to be shown. Art from the Collections runs on weekend afternoons through July first.

RAP's 20th Anniversary Celebration

by Scott Carpenter

It has been almost seventy years since Ben Shahn came to Roosevelt to paint a mural in a school. Once he finished his work, Shahn found he could not leave our town and so he stayed. He invited his friends to come join him and they invited their friends. From that moment on a dazzlingly diverse community of artists has called Roosevelt home. Poets and painters, playwrights and musicians, potters and composers and creative people of all stripes live and work within these two square miles.

As their number grew so did their desire to be more than just the expression of their individual art. They sought to become a true community of artists interacting and working together, sharing their works with the world at large. It is in that spirit that a group of artists, notably Peter Berlinrut, Bernarda Bryson Shahn, Jacob Landau, David Herrstrom, David Brahinsky and Alan Mallach, founded the Roosevelt Arts Project. With RAP's first series of events beginning in the fall of 1986 these artists and their friends have created and sustained an artistic and cultural group unique in New Jersey.

Rather than devote itself to a single artistic medium or vision RAP celebrates all of our artists, proudly displaying the full depth and breadth

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of their variety during its annual series of events. Many of the programs premiered by RAP go on to be performed widely; a first reading of a libretto later becomes an opera, recordings from a concert at the Borough Hall are mixed as tracks on a CD and because of RAP Rooseveltians can say they saw or heard it first.

This fall RAP will celebrate its 20th Anniversary by kicking off a 2006-07 season that promises to be spectacular. Each event will commemorate some aspect of the history of RAP and Roosevelt, culminating in May with a weekend-long gala event. The schedule of events is in this edition of the Bulletin so remember to save the dates and keep an eye out this fall for more details on the 20th Anniversary celebration.



Roosevelt First Aid Squad Training & Response News

By Jack Rindt, Roosevelt First Aid Squad Training Officer

The First Aid Squad responded to 47 emergencies from January 1 to May 31.

In the month of April, the Squad handled five first aid calls. In Roosevelt, three were medical emergencies and two in Millstone were also medical emergencies.

In the month of May, the Squad responded to six first aid calls. In Roosevelt, two were medical emergencies and one was a motor vehicle accident (MVA), and the three in Millstone were medical emergencies.

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In the training for April and May, the Squad members re-certified with different medical equipment that the Squad uses.

If anyone or group is in need of any kind of first aid training, contact a Squad member and we can schedule that training.

The squad has started to put away funds for the new ambulance. Any contributions for the new ambulance would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate that your contribution is for the new ambulance fund. Please make out checks to Roosevelt First Aid Squad and send them to P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. The First Aid Squad is always thankful for any contributions. A second ambulance in town will help insure that one will always be around.

Do you want to be challenged, help your community, maybe start a career or just help people? Join the Roosevelt First Aid Squad: **We Need Members!**

If you would like to join the First Aid Squad, you can contact any squad member or stop in during our business meeting on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall, or the second Sunday of each month when we hold our monthly training, which starts at 10:00 a.m.

The squad has only six Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) at this time. We are always looking for new members to join and **we pay for all training**. New members can join at the age of 16 and become New Jersey Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Becoming an Emergency Medical Technician with the Roosevelt First Aid Squad could lead to a paying position with a career ambulance company.

In case of an emergency, dial 911.

Thank you. ■

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addition to teaching us, they have inspired us with their love of their subject. This has been a great gift to all of us.



Caitlin

One of my hobbies is photography. I spend a lot of time photographing the beautiful scenes of the outdoors, trying to hold on to those magical moments. I also photograph my students at work, trying again to capture special moments.

I would like to give to Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed two of my photos that are about friendship. The first one is at the pond and is of one child helping another out of the mud. The picture says to me that sometimes you get into tough situations, and your friends help you find your way out. The next photo is of two children laughing when their butterflies are tickling one girl's neck. That photo reminds me that when you're having a delightful experience, it's great to share it with a friend. I hope you enjoy looking at the photos.

I am thankful for my friends, family and extended family at Roosevelt, and thankful for your organization that does so much for the relationship children have with nature. Thank you again for honoring me today. ■

To the Editor:

Last August at a meeting of the Borough Council, I made a public statement about a matter of division in our town. Since a number of people in Roosevelt have asked me about my statement, it is safe to say that it has been repeated around town, both by those who heard it and those who have heard about it from others. I want to take this opportunity to restate what I said last summer.

I began by talking in general terms about the biases we all carry around with us, and the efforts we knowingly make to discard our biases. If we are honest, most of us can acknowledge that we are not free of racial bias as well as sexism, homophobia, and anti-Semitism, to mention the most obvious biases. Bias is part of human culture, cultivated by fear and sometimes, hatred. For most of us however these biases originate out of ignorance, not ill will.

I know that I possess those biases, and I try hard to understand what they are and to avoid them. Like everyone else, I blunder at times. I express biases that I am not even aware of. When I do so, I hope that someone is around who can help me understand better so that I don't blunder into the same assumptions again. Like most people, I try to correct those regrettable attitudes. And I appreciate others pointing out to me that I have just said something that is insensitive.

Because I have been involved in social justice issues for so much of my life, I hope that I am sensitive to the obvious ways in which I can offend, and I make the effort to evaluate my

attitudes and get rid of them. There are many things which scream "Don't go there. That's a prejudice." As I said last August, when I recognize a "big issue," I examine my reactions to it and give it a lot of thought before I express myself on the subject.

This was the case when I became aware that a yeshiva was planning to open a school in Roosevelt. I heard people expressing a great deal of concern, so the idea came labeled "big issue." I gave this a lot of thought. I talked with many people whom I think of as thoughtful and open. I concluded that it was inappropriate to have a future boarding-school for 150 students located in Roosevelt. As a town we had just turned down a significant housing development because it was not the best thing for Roosevelt. This proposal felt like a similar addition to our town, and not in our best interests.

When I spoke at that August Council meeting I admitted to being anti-semitic, not about the proposed yeshiva, but because I recognize that I am like everyone else and have blindspots about many groups of people. I hope that my prejudices are small and unintentional, and that I am willing to rid myself of them, as I assume others are willing to root out their biases. This is our ongoing work as human beings.

At a recent workshop on bias, Rutgers Sociology professor Paula Rodriguez-Rust said, "It might not be possible to be non-racist, sexist, heterosexist, ableist, in a racist, sexist, heterosexist, ableist society. But we can strive to be anti-racist, sexist, heterosexist, ableist, and work

toward a society that is not racist, sexist, heterosexist, ableist." For me, the important step is to acknowledge my own bias such as anti-Semitism and racism, and oppose those biases in myself and in society.

Last August, I concluded my remarks by saying that I thought it was unfair to label the opposition to the yeshiva as anti-semitic. That kind of name-calling is designed only to stifle discussion, not to educate a community about a change that will probably affect almost everyone in town.

The supporters of the yeshiva have a responsibility to help the rest of us understand. You also have the obligation to accept the many reasons people might have for resisting such a change. Opposition can be based on many factors that don't include religious prejudice. Respect and openness cut both ways. If the supporters of the yeshiva have a right to expect an atmosphere free of recriminations, so do those whose opinion differs from yours.

Sincerely,
Ann Baker



BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

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plant need to be replaced. He also stated that the water tower was going to be inspected by divers and that its eventual replacement would, at current prices, cost at least \$450,000. In his capacity as Council representative to the Environmental Commission, he also reminded the Council and public that Elizabeth Jackson, an expert on bears, would be speaking at the Environmental Commission's bear forum on June 21 at 7:45 p.m.

Reporting for the Public Works committee, Councilman Dan Hoffman said that he was still working to get PSE&G to repair damage to the newly-reconstructed surface of Lake Drive caused by its utility repair work and that bids would be received for installation of a new siren at a central location where it would be audible in all built-up parts of the community.

Councilman Jeff Ellentuck, chairman of the Community Development committee, thanked Planning Board member Tim Hartley for his work in consolidating the much-amended zoning ordinance into a single coherent document that would be introduced for Council consideration.

Zoning Officer Bob Francis reported that Planning Board Chairman Ralph Seligman had recently been honored by the Federation of New Jersey Planning Officials for his long and distinguished career as a professional planner. He also stated that he had created a chart of permit requirements that would make it easier for property owners and others to know what requirements would apply in any given situation and that he had issued violation notices to the owner and tenant of a house on North Rochdale Avenue currently being used as a dormitory.

In the public portion, Frances Duckett asked how a citizen could inspect the ordinances or get copies. She was advised to contact the Borough Clerk. Dolores Chasan mentioned that she had read that Hightstown had gotten a grant from the Dodge Foundation to codify its ordinances and wondered if we not be able to do the same. Bill Battle, a new resident who is an electrician, offered to donate and install new park lights at the amphitheater. He even brought a sample light with him. The Council thanked him for his generous offer, but said that the design would have to be approved by the Board of Education, as well as by the Council, and local artists would also have to be consulted.

The 2006 municipal budget was passed without any public comment at the obligatory hearing. Also approved, without any public comment at the hearing, was an ordinance increasing the number of alternate Planning Board members from two to four, as allowed by statute in the case of a planning board that also exercised the powers of a zoning board of adjustment, as ours does. The increase was occasioned by the disqualification or recusal of four Planning Board members in a current case, and the consequent need to avoid the risk of not having a quorum. The Council also adopted an ordinance authorizing issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$85,000 to finance improvements to the utility systems. There was no public comment on that ordinance either.

In other matters, the Council introduced on first reading ordinances to consolidate the zoning ordinance (based on Mr. Hartley's work), to remove fuel tanks at the former gas station at a cost

of \$30,000, and to replace sewer lines and install a flushing unit on Maple Court and improve the water line on North Rochdale Avenue, authorizing issuance of \$45,000 in bonds and notes for that purpose. The Council adopted resolutions authorizing application for a Department of Transportation grant for improvements to Maple Court, Pine Drive and Oscar Drive, authorizing application for a Soil and Sediment Control Certification for Lake Drive reconstruction, approving renewal of the liquor license issued to R.R. & E. Inc., declaring summer water use restrictions, and requesting approval by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for use of the accounting procedure known as "dedication by rider" for developer escrow funds, parking fines and Public Defender fees. The Council also passed motions authorizing use of the municipal building for a piano recital on June 17, authorizing the Borough Engineer to seek quotations for repair of the depression in front of 32 Farm Lane and authorizing negotiations with Community Options, Inc. for establishment of a four-unit group home for persons with developmental disability on the front portion of the water plant lot. The water tower lot, which had been under consideration as the site of three additional units, was ruled out by Borough Engineer Carmela Roberts because any construction there would endanger underground pipes leading to and from the tower and the well. ■

Cherry Cheese Delight

This is the first recipe that I asked my mother, Mavis Middleman, to write out for me after I was out in the world in my own place, my own kitchen. Granted, it was a rental, the first floor of a house in Ocean Grove, but it was the first place that really felt, truly mine. Or that is – ours – because Ron and I were living together by then.

When I was looking for recipes to share in this column, this one, handwritten by my mother in red ink in her distinct florid hand on a now fragile sheet of paper, “spoke” to me. This dessert is easy to make, although it has a number of steps. It is a great summer dessert because, after the pastry is baked, cooled and topped with the cream cheese, whipped cream and cherry layers, it is chilled overnight.

This recipe uses canned cherry filling. Since fresh cherries are in season, you could make your own fresh cherry topping. You could substitute other fresh fruit, such as strawberries, but one of the joys of this recipe is the contrast of flavors and textures. The tart dark flavor of the cherry against the bland creamy filling and the crisp nutty pastry is the “delight” of this dessert.

Enjoy!!!



AFTER "The Plum" by Edouard Munch

- 1¼ cups sifted all-purpose flour
- ¼ lb. Butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- ½ cup chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans)

Combine above ingredients to form a pastry, press into 9" x 13" glass baking dish. Bake at 400-degrees between 15-20 minutes – watch for the pale golden color. Remove from oven and set aside to cool completely.

- 1 ½ packs of 16oz. Cream cheese
- 1 cup confectioners sugar
- 2 tablespoons whole milk
- Beat together until smooth.
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 pint heavy cream
- 1 can Comstock or other brand cherry pie filling

Whisk the cream by hand or in mixer till fluffy and light. Whisk in a little sugar if desired. Spread cream cheese mixture over cooled pastry. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Spoon whipped cream over all. Spread over with cherry filling
Chill overnight.

Is it just me or have you too noticed that flowers and trees seem to continue to be especially beautiful and productive this year? Our serviceberry tree has produced an unusual abundance of plump juicy berries. And there is stiff competition for the fruit of this tree's labor. A mockingbird and her fledglings are busy guarding the berries against any other birds that try to take a berry. I've read that bears also like serviceberries. But we haven't seen the local bruins make an appearance at the tree.

A bush in our yard that always attracts many bees is jam packed with the critters this year. I don't know what kind of bush it is. No one I've asked has been able to identify it. It has thousands of tiny flowers that are barely visible from a few yards away. Maybe the increased yield of the serviceberry tree and the anonymous bush this year has something to do with the continuing increase in CO2 in the atmosphere.

CO2 is a greenhouse gas. Increasing amounts of the gas may lead to other undesirable effects in addition to global warming. A New York Times June 4, 2006 article "Climate Change: The View From the Patio", reports that researchers at Duke University in North Carolina discovered that increasing CO2 levels may make poison ivy grow faster and become more toxic. Japanese beetles may live longer in higher CO2 levels. And the ranges for mosquitoes fire ants, ticks and other insects may also increase as the planet warms. These are all findings to consider as our national government continues to all but ignore this serious and growing problem. In Roosevelt, we had another warmer than normal month.

The normal average temperature for May is 60.3 degrees. This year, May's average temperature was 62.5 degrees in Roosevelt. Every month of 2006

through May has had above normal temperatures, not only in Roosevelt but also statewide. Weather records for New Jersey show that every month from June 2005 through May 2006, except December 2005, had above normal temperatures. December 2005's temperature was near normal.

In Roosevelt, meteorological summer started on June 1 with the first 90-degree plus day of the year. Whether or not you believe in global warming, there's no denying that summer days are frequently hot enough to create health problems. Don't become a victim of heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat stroke. You can find an informative Internet web page with definitions and tips from the American Red Cross that can help you avoid heat related health problems this summer at http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_586_,00.html.

But enough about temperatures, there is also precipitation to ponder. The rain in May stayed mostly in the range—the normal range that is. We had 4.49 inches in Roosevelt—just one-tenth of an inch above normal. Despite a very dry March, and drier than normal conditions in February and April, the total precipitation for the year through May is only about a quarter-of-an-inch below normal. Normal precipitation from January through May is 18.81 inches.

Weather Word

A *Heat Advisory* is issued by the National Weather Service within 12 hours of the onset of the following conditions: heat index of at least 105°F but less than 115°F for less than 3 hours per day, or nighttime lows above 80°F for 2 consecutive days. Source: National Weather Service at: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/glossary/index.php?letter=h>

May 15 - June 15, 2006

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	67.3	50.7	59.0	0.00
16	68.2	53.2	60.7	0.69
17	73.9	48.2	61.1	0.90
18	77.5	52.2	64.9	0.00
19	66.9	52.3	59.6	0.20
20	72.0	47.1	59.6	0.50
21	73.0	43.0	58.0	0.00
22	65.8	47.8	56.8	0.05
23	67.5	40.1	53.8	0.00
24	74.1	42.4	58.3	0.00
25	81.7	50.2	66.0	0.00
26	80.4	46.3	63.4	0.00
27	82.0	62.6	72.3	0.20
28	82.8	59.4	71.1	0.15
29	87.1	59.2	73.2	0.00
30	88.2	64.2	76.2	0.00
31	84.4	62.4	73.4	0.00
1	90.3	64.8	77.6	0.00
2	84.4	68.2	76.3	0.54
3	77.4	63.7	70.6	0.83
4	75.4	57.9	66.7	0.22
5	73.2	59.0	66.1	0.07
6	77.5	56.3	66.9	1.20
7	64.6	58.3	61.5	0.05
8	73.6	56.7	65.2	0.56
9	77.0	57.7	67.4	0.35
10	72.3	52.2	62.3	0.05
11	71.2	47.8	59.5	0.00
12	73.2	51.4	62.3	0.00
13	81.3	54.0	67.7	0.00
14	80.2	61.0	70.6	0.00
15	80.1	61.1	70.6	0.00
Total Precipitation	6.56			

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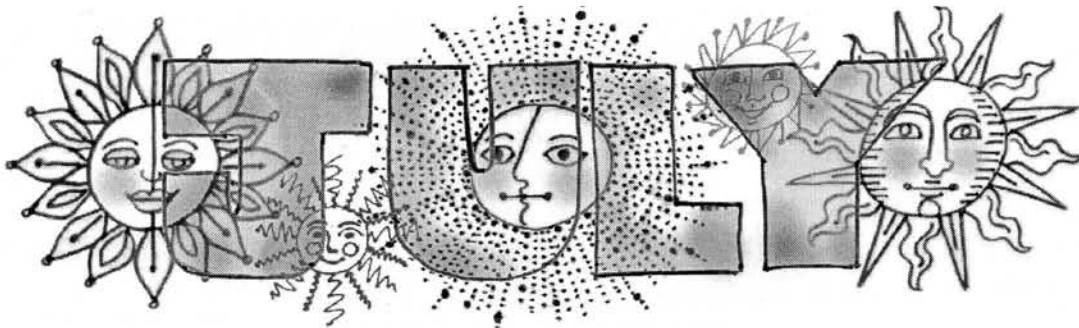
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		1 pm	Seniors Meeting Gerry Millar, President	Borough Hall 448-0351
		7 pm	Council Committee Mtg Pat Moser, President	Borough Hall 448-4865
		8 pm	Council Agenda Meeting, Beth Battel, Mayor	Borough Hall 448-7701
4	Tues		Independence Day Celebration (see Page 13)	
10	Mon	7:30 pm	Council Action Meeting, Beth Battel, Mayor	Borough Hall 443-7701
11	Tues	7:30 pm	Planning Board Meeting Ralph Seligman	Borough Hall 448-2340
12	Wed		RECYCLE	
17	Mon	7 pm	Council Committee Mtg Pat Moser, President	Borough Hall 448-4865
19	Wed	7:30 pm	Environmtl Com. Mtg Dave Schwendeman, Chair	Borough Hall 443-6204
24	Mon	7 pm	Council Committee Mtg Pat Moser, President	Borough Hall 448-4865
26	Wed		RECYCLE	
27	Thurs	7:30 pm	Board of Education Meeting Linda Grayson, President	RPS 443-6462

August

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		8 pm	Council Agenda Meeting, Beth Battel, Mayor	Borough Hall 448-7701
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9	Wed		RECYCLE	
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28	Mon	7 pm	Council Committee Mtg Pat Moser, President	Borough Hall 448-4865

September

4	Mon		Labor Day	
5	Tues	12 pm	Senior Blood Pressure Check	Boro Hall
		1 pm	Seniors Meeting Gerry Millar, President	Borough Hall 448-0351
		7 pm	Council Committee Mtg Pat Moser, President	Borough Hall 448-4865
		8 pm	Council Agenda Meeting, Beth Battel, Mayor	Borough Hall 448-7701
6	Wed		RECYCLE	
7	Thurs		RPS Opens - First Day of School	
11	Mon	7 pm	Council Action Meeting, Beth Battel, Mayor	Borough Hall 443-7701
12	Tues	7:30 pm	Planning Board Meeting Ralph Seligman	Borough Hall 448-2340
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