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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Borough Hires Special Counsel for Notterman Litigation; Water Restriction Penalty Ordinance Revised and Reintroduced

by Michael Ticktin

Having been named, along with the Planning Board, as a defendant in the lawsuit filed by Abby and Daniel Notterman seeking reversal of last year's Planning Board denial of the Matzel & Mumford development application for their property, the Borough Council has hired Edwin W. Schmierer, Esq. of the Princeton firm of Mason, Griffin & Pierson to represent the municipality in the litigation. The Planning Board, which must have its own legal counsel, is represented by its regular attorney, Michele Donato. The Council authorized the expenditure of up to \$20,000 this year for Mr. Schmierer's services.

The proposed ordinance concerning summer water restrictions and penalties for violators was revised to delete language that duplicated language that was already in the water/sewer ordinance and to make certain other changes of a minor nature. However, Council woman Rose Murphy, who introduced the ordinance in her capacity as chairwoman of the utilities committee, moved that it be reintroduced due to the extent of the changes. Thus, action was deferred until the June 12 meeting.

In his report, Mayor Michael Hamilton thanked Bruce Reimbold for his efforts in removing trash from the abandoned gas station property and thanked both the Council and the Board of Education for funding a meeting at the school attended by members of the recreation committee that was recently established and local teenagers. The Mayor reported that the teenagers had shown considerable interest in ideas for recreational programs that were brought up. He also announced that buses would be leaving from Peddie School for the Million Moms March

against gun violence on Mother's Day and that he hoped that Roosevelt residents, both men and women, would take advantage of the bus transportation and participate.

There was an extensive discussion of the way in which the large garbage pickup had gone. Councilman George Vasseur stated that this was the worst pickup he had ever seen because things were not properly tied up and there were a couple of very large piles of debris. The owner of one of those large piles, Michele Murano, said that her

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The Pine Valley Swim Club is looking for new members. Call Freida Anish for more information. ■

We regret the absence of the Weather Almanac this month. Ron's computer with all his data went out of commission and was not back from the repair shop in time to make this issue. ■



You are cordially invited to the
Graduation of the
Class of 2000
at the Roosevelt Public School,

June 17th
4 P.M.
at the
Roosevelt Memorial

Refreshments to follow in the school.

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

Settlement Proposed to Nottermans In Secret

by Bob Clark

By a 5-4 vote on May 10, the Planning Board denied the public an opportunity to comment before giving Daniel and Abby Notterman its proposal for settling their lawsuit against the Board. The Nottermans sued the Board on January 21 in response to its rejection of an application by the Matzel and Mumford Organization to subdivide the Nottermans' 110-acre tract into 65 residential building lots. The Nottermans later added the Borough Council as a defendant.

New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act permits, but does not require, the Board to exclude the public from observing or participating in the discussion of matters involving litigation. For the third time in the last four months, the Board shut the public out of its discussion of potential settlement details. After the closed portion, the Board unanimously adopted a settlement resolution that was forwarded to the Nottermans' attorney by Board Attorney Michele Donato.

If the Nottermans agree with the Board's settlement proposal, the attorneys will file the settlement document with the court and the lawsuit will end. The public then would have its first chance to see the stipulation of settlement. The document would tell the Nottermans what a would-be developer would have to do in order to obtain the Board's approval of a development application.

A developer submitting an application that conformed to the settlement agreement could conclude with some degree of confidence that the application would succeed. Nonetheless, the developer would have to go through the formal process of a public hearing on the application, complete with public comment. If the Board then denied the application, the Nottermans would have to decide whether the Board had breached the settlement agreement and whether to again sue the Board.

Before the Board went into closed session, Michael Ticktin, the Borough's Tax Assessor and the public officer member of the Board, made a motion that would have provided for public input during the settlement process. Mr. Ticktin's motion called for the Board to make its draft settlement proposal available to the public and to provide notice to property owners within 200 feet of the

Notterman tract, which lies between the Solar Village and the Cemetery. Under the motion, the public could comment on the proposal and the Board could alter it in response before sending a final version to the Nottermans. Board Attorney Donato indicated that such a procedure would be lawful.

With the Nottermans' attorney looking on, the Board rejected Mr. Ticktin's motion by a 5-4 vote. Voting against the motion were Councilman Harry Parker, Vice Chairman Joseph Zahora, Louis Esakoff, Paul Henry and Mark Roberts. Voting in favor of the motion were Mayor Michael Hamilton, Chairwoman Gail Hunton, Kate John-Alder and Mr. Ticktin. Alternates Ralph Seligman and Jane Rothfuss were present but could not vote, since all nine full members of the Board were present and voted. Mr. Seligman later declined to indicate how he would have voted on the motion. Ms. Rothfuss was not available to indicate how she would have voted. The Board next voted to go into closed session. Ms. John Alder cast the sole "no" vote. Mr. Ticktin did not attend the closed session because he owns property within 200 feet of the Notterman tract.

During the May 10 discussion on Mr. Ticktin's motion, Ms. John-Alder said permitting some meaningful public input would be "reasonable." Mayor Hamilton noted that before the Board went into closed session at the April 12 meeting, it had discussed whether to inform the public about the status of settlement discussions and whether to hear public comments before submitting a final settlement proposal to the Nottermans. At that time, Ms. Donato advised there would be no legal impediment to hearing public comments before adopting a final draft. She added, however, that the Nottermans might object to such a procedure. On April 12, no member proposed a motion to involve the public, although Mayor Hamilton, Ms. John Alder and Ms. Rothfuss expressed a preference for public involvement. Finally, the Board went into closed session by a unanimous vote (Mr. Henry not present and Ms. Rothfuss, as 2nd alternate, not voting).

On April 12 and again on May 10, Mr. Esakoff expressed concern about the amount of time it would take to hear from the public about the draft settlement proposal. Mr. Seligman said on May 10 that settlement conditions

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husband had asked if there was a limit as to how much could be disposed of and had been told by the Deputy Borough Clerk and by neighbors that there was none. The issue, however, was not just the quantity but also the nature of the material, which in the Muranos' case included materials from the renovation of their house.

Stuart Kaufman, who is seeking the Republican nomination for a Council seat, stated that disposal of construction materials is part of the responsibility of a construction contractor. Ann Baker, who is seeking election as Democratic committeewoman, expressed her opposition to having other residents pay for disposal of construction debris. Dolores Chasan agreed that such materials should not be part of the large garbage pickup. Neil Marko, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for a Council seat, expressed the view that we cannot justify not collecting whatever the Monmouth County landfill will accept (this being an issue that had been raised), but we should establish volume limitations and provide a list of prohibited materials. Kirk Rothfuss, who is seeking election as the Democratic committeeman, said that dumpsters should be required as a condition of a building permit. Council members Rose Murphy and John Towle both stated that future notices should make clear what is and is not permitted and how it should be tied up. Councilman Paul Hoogsteden pointed out that the notice given to residents was not consistent with the agreement with the garbage contractor and recommended that, in this case, the non-hazardous materials, once separated, be accepted but that limitations should be made clear so that this does not happen again. This recommendation was accepted by the Council.

In other developments:

Mayor Hamilton announced that Herb Johnson was among a group of Lincoln impersonators featured in an article in *People* magazine.

Trooper Chris Reinhart reported that he will be teaching the DARE anti-drug curriculum at the Roosevelt Public School next term. He also spoke of efforts to educate children and teenagers about the danger of riding bicycles at night without lights or reflectors and said that he will visit the home of anyone who is reported to be doing this. He also thanked community members for the more than 70 commendatory forms that had been submitted in his behalf. Councilman George Vasseur announced that Dave Parsons had been hired to be in charge of public works.

An ordinance was introduced to reduce the salary of the Clean Communities Coordinator from \$1,000 to \$200, consistent with the law limiting such salaries to an amount not exceeding five percent of the Federal grant.

A resolution was adopted authorizing establishment of a general capital investment account at PNC Bank, at an interest rate of 6.05%.

Mayor Hamilton proclaimed May 2000 as "Older Americans Month" in the Borough of Roosevelt.

Towards the end of the meeting, there was a spirited discussion of proposed improvements to the water system. Mayor Hamilton read from a letter written last summer by the Borough's consulting engineer stating that the recommended improvements were necessary to accommodate

the proposed development on the Notterman tract. The Mayor expressed his objection to using any public funds for that purpose. Councilman Towle replied by saying that engineers often present improvements that benefit the existing community as being supportive of new development in order to facilitate payment by developers of the costs. It was ultimately agreed that the Council would seek clarification from the engineer as to just what was necessary in order to make the system work properly for current residents, but not before Councilman Vasseur had angrily left the meeting in reaction to statements made from the audience by Pearl Seligman regarding Mr. Vasseur's views on the subject of development. In the course of the same discussion, Councilman Hoogsteden protested the use by an audience member of words that he considered disrespectful of the Christian religion. ■



RECYCLING DATES

June 7, 21

July 5, 19

August 2, 16, 30

September 13, 27

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 Hamilton, Mayor

I have included this quote from the law in my monthly column because it is important to realize that my reporting to the community and the Council on "the requirements and conditions of the borough government" is an important function of the mayor as the head of the municipal government. Law also requires it.

During the last Council meeting I was asked to sign forms to open a new bank account to hold our long-term capital investment funds. When questioned how much interest this account would earn, Council members did not know. Since this is a long-term holding, the interest earned and compounded over time is important. I decided not to sign the forms until I had this information. During the week I called the bank and discussed the interest rate and fees on this account. By the end of my conversation, I was assured an interest rate in excess of 6% and little or no fees.

Interest earned is a force to be reckoned with; it is not a trivial detail to be ignored. During an interview with Albert Einstein a news reporter asked, "Dr. Einstein, what is the most powerful force in the universe?" Dr. Einstein paused for a moment and with a twinkle in his eye replied "Compound interest!" Anyone who has ever tried to pay down the balance of a credit card knows what a powerful force compound interest is.

This month I have acted in response to the following community concerns:

- Councilman George Vasseur, Bruce Reibold, and I "repackaged" and disposed of the perilous chemicals that were stored in the vacant gas station. All of the chemicals were transferred from 55-gallon drums to 5-gallon containers and transported by George and Bruce to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility. Thanks to the efforts of Councilman Vasseur and Bruce Reibold I am pleased to report, that there are no more dangerous chemicals left at this site.

- After our successful cleanup of the gas station, I met with Alan Mallach, Michael Ticktin, Rod Tulloss and Bruce Reibold, a citizens' advisory group that I formed to discuss Roosevelt's options regarding this site. The advisory group will continue to discuss this matter with the D.E.P., the Planning Board, and the Council. It was the opinion of the advisory group that, because of recent legislation protecting municipalities, the Borough could foreclose on this property.
- I met with the Emergency Management Coordinator Ed Miller to discuss our Emergency Management Plan. Our plan outlines how the Borough would respond in an emergency such as a hurricane, a plane crash or a snow emergency. We concluded that Roosevelt may be lacking in the manpower and resources to implement our Emergency Management Plan. Ed and I agreed to formulate a long-term action plan to address our inadequacies.
- Planning Board member Ralph Seligman and I met with Millstone Mayor Cory Wingertner and members of the Millstone Township Committee and Planning Board. Ralph has been authorized by the Planning Board to work on a cooperative planning grant with Millstone Township. The grant would provide funds for a Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) to be shared with Roosevelt. Other joint planning efforts are being discussed as well as ways that our communities could benefit by the sharing of services.
- I met with Hightstown Mayor Amy Aughenbaugh of Hightstown to discuss the sharing of services between our municipalities. We discussed school taxes and agreed to further explore ways that we could join together to obtain more State aid for our schools. We also discussed the joint use of equipment, the sharing of public works employees and other public works resources. Mayor Aughenbaugh

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"should not be considered by referendum." Ms. Donato advised on May 10 that a pre-trial telephone conference with the court, scheduled for June 6, would probably proceed unless halted by informing the court of an anticipated settlement.

During the public portion of the May 10 meeting, former Board member Bert Ellentuck said the Board's decision on any future application would be *fait accompli*, rather than a participatory process, because it would be swayed by the settlement agreement, not serious attention to the public's comments on the application. Henry John-Alder said public participation would encourage officials to re-evaluate what could be gained from settlement negotiations with the

Nottermans. He added, "We don't want to be in the business

of helping the Nottermans put together their next proposal."

So far, the Borough Council has set aside \$10,000 in the 2000 budget to pay for Ms. Donato's services to the Planning Board and \$20,000 for Special Council Edwin Schmierer to represent the Council in the Nottermans litigation. More could be allocated if the lawsuit goes to trial. Meanwhile, the Board owes Ms. Donato \$4,166 for services rendered during its 1999 consideration of the Matzel and Mumford (M&M) application. These bills, and additional money owed to Borough Engineer James De Muro (\$1768.00), planning

consultant Michael Sullivan (\$3122.00) and Borough attorney John Ross (\$ 76.50), were originally going to be paid with escrow funds provided by M&M as part of its application. However, no one demanded that M&M deposit sufficient funds in the escrow to keep pace with actual and anticipated billings by the Board's professional advisors. Other than escrow funds, the Board had set aside just \$500 for such fees during the 1999 fiscal year. Mr. Parker reported that on May 15 the Borough Council authorized payment of all professional billings not paid by escrow funds. ■

FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

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offered to invite our new public works employee to attend training seminars along with their public works employees.

- I requested that School Board President Laurelynne Cokeley meet with the mayors of Millstone, Allentown, and Upper Freehold and Senator Singer and Assemblyman Joe Malone to discuss school issues and school aid. Regional concerns were voiced as well as the possibility of cost sharing via a regional high school. According to Laurelynne, the conversation was more than lively. Further discussion was planned for a meeting on May 31. Each municipality was asked to invite two school board members and two members of the governing body to attend this meeting.
- On April 26, I toured our sewage treatment plant with our operator. We discussed plant operations, design specifications and capacity, maintenance procedures and the upkeep of the plant. We also dis-

cussed the conditions and requirements of our water treatment facility and wells..

- I continued to meet with the C.E.R.C., our newly formed Roosevelt Community Education Recreation Coalition (C.E.R.C.) for short. We met at the school with our Teen Advisory Group (our kids) who held a meeting to plan the activities that they would like to see offered by the group (if possible and allowed by law.) We have a wonderful group of volunteers working to find meaningful activities for our young adults: Deirdre Sheean, Bruce Reibold, Laurelynne Cokeley, Ellen Silverman, KC Sensi and Valerie Plaska.

I am grateful for the ever-increasing group of volunteers who undertake community activities. It is only in towns like Roosevelt, with a real sense of place, that everyone pitches in. We owe a great deal of thanks to everyone who gives of themselves for the benefit of our town.. ■

Monmouth County HAZMAT Team Inventories and Stores Hazardous Materials Found at Gas Station

A report from Rod Tulloss, Chairman of the Environmental Commission to Mayor Hamilton

A handwritten note dated April 5 has been received from the Monmouth County HAZMAT team that visited the Roosevelt Auto & Truck site on that date. This note provides a list entitled "HAZ WASTE INVENTORY, Roosevelt Garage," a statement of how the materials were containerized, and the security condition of the building as the Monmouth County team left it.

The site was left in the condition described as follows: All doors were secured. Entrance to the site can be obtained by pulling nails holding the garage door on the side farthest from the office. One nail is in each side of the door approximately 4 feet from the ground.

The inventory included the following items;

1. 4 spray cans
2. 2 gallons of flammable paint
3. 2 gallons and one quart of combustible paint
4. 2 quarts of trichloroethylene
5. 1 quart of cleaner fluid (not otherwise identified)
6. 10 gallons of latex paint - in two 5 gallon pails
7. 80 pounds of Lithium grease
8. One 12V car battery
9. 30 gallon drum of oil and water
10. 30 gallon drum of oil
11. 1 gallon of battery acid. This material has been secured in a 3 gallon pail, in a black plastic bag with duct tape over the pail and a sign reading "DANGER ACID."
12. 13 empty 55 gallon drums
13. 1 empty 30 gallon drum
14. One 275 gallon Above Ground Storage Tank (AGST) inside garage. This was drained to 3" level. The remainder is to be removed when the AGST is removed.

15. One 275 AGST behind garage. This was drained to 4" level. The remainder is to be removed when the AGST is taken out of service (=removed).

Packaged as it is, the material can be taken to a household hazardous waste drop off. In particular, the team suggested that the Borough utilize the Upper Freehold hazardous waste day for disposal. They advised that the Household Hazardous Waste number is 922-2234.

For further contact, Monmouth County HAZMAT can be reached at 732-431-7456.

I think that many people in town should be very glad to learn that the hazardous materials issue has been well addressed after going unsolved for so long. Obviously, children were trespassing and exploring among the hazardous materials.

You deserve thanks for taking on this old problem and getting together the people who could bring us to this containment point.

Monmouth County HAZMAT deserves thanks for taking the actions that have contained the problem and prepared the materials for removal.

Bruce Reibold, Lake Drive, deserves thanks for using his expertise to interact with Monmouth County HAZMAT and coordinate with the team before and during their work in Roosevelt.

The Guyettes, owners of the site, are to be thanked for giving permission for you, Bruce, and the HAZMAT team to enter the grounds and get the job done. ■

SCHOOL NEWS

Roosevelt Board Of Education Reorganization Meeting, Thursday, May 4, 2000

by KC Sensi

The three incumbents in the School Board election were re-elected. Sharlene Hunt Ellentuck, Mary Tulloss and David Ticktin will serve another three year term. Also, the School Budget was passed by an 89 to 15 margin.

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Cokeley, Mrs. Ellentuck, Mrs. Grayson, Ms. Lipoti, Mr. Newrath, Mrs. Silverman and Mrs. Tulloss. New officers were chosen at this meeting. Mrs. Ellentuck was elected as Board President and Mrs. Tulloss was elected Vice President. Karen Minutolo remains Secretary of the Board.

Regular and/or usual business was swiftly dealt with at the meeting. Disposition of matters included the adoption and continuation of all standing resolutions as well as current rules, regulations, bylaws, policies and procedures for the Board. A motion was also passed to approve the curriculum guides and courses of study presently in effect. Appointments for legal counsel, school physicians, auditing services, insurance agent, Treasurer of School Monies and the appointment of the Board Secretary were unanimously approved and remain unchanged. Routine financial matters including the designation of depositories and signatories for the Roosevelt Board of Education for the 2000-01 school year were similarly dispatched. Also approval was given for the Board to empower the Chief School Administrator (CSA) and the SBA/BS (School Board Administrator/Board Secretary) to implement the 2000-01 Budget in accordance with the policies and regulation of the State and Local Boards. The non-resident tuition rate of \$4,000 for grades 1-6 and \$2,500 for kindergarten was approved and remains unchanged.

Dr. Dale Weinbach (CSA) gave a brief report on upcoming activities at the school, including the Bike Rodeo, the ultra-light airplane assembly and the Safety Patrol trip to Great Adventure. Congratulations to Dr. Weinbach on her first year at the Roosevelt Public School!

Also in interest to many parents is the After School Program. The YMCA of Hightstown is scheduled to make a presentation to the Board in the coming weeks.

There was also discussion concerning the survey of Middle

and High School Parents/Students Spring 2000. The Board is working on crunching those numbers into an easily understandable report. Mrs. Cokely also attended a meeting of the Panhandle (Allentown, Millstone, Roosevelt, Upper Freehold) Mayors at the request of Mayor Mike Hamilton and will be in touch with the Mayor of Millstone regarding tuition students.

All in all, the meeting was very interesting. I was the only member of the public there and the Board was kind enough to postpone their Executive Session (closed to the public) until all other business was conducted. I encourage people to attend. The Board was very accessible and quite willing to explain things and answer questions. I admit it was a little overwhelming, they covered a lot of ground that night, but it was time well spent. ■

From The PTA

by Kelly Mitchell

There is one important date to remember, June 6th. This is Field Day on which students, staff and parent volunteers run a whole day of games and activities. The PTA then provides a BBQ lunch for the school. The activities begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. All persons are invited to attend the fun activities.

The PTA would like to thank each and every volunteer who has come out and helped with our functions. Without your help and dedication, they could not have been done. Keep up the good work. Thank you for all your support! ■

From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

by Dale Weinbach

Each year, a teacher recognition program is sponsored for every county in New Jersey. Every school district has the opportunity to select a teacher to represent the staff at a program designed to recognize teacher accomplishment. This year I am happy to announce that Liz Gagliardi was selected to represent the staff at Roosevelt. Liz is our energetic second grade teacher. She has participated in numerous committees this year, and continues to inspire her students in all academic areas. Congratulations, Liz!

Please mark the evening of June 14 on your calendars. An open house at the library is being planned and promises to be a most interesting event. Residents who have generously donated books to the library will be honored. Information will be gathered from residents so that next year, monthly activities will be planned, based on community interest. A student performance is planned, and refreshments will be served. (See Insert.)

Due to the resignation of Henry John-Alder there is a vacant seat on the Board of Education. Any interested resident should obtain an application from Karen Minutolo, Board Secretary, and will be interviewed by the Board. To be eligible for the Board, an applicant must 1) be a citizen of the United States, 2) be at least 18 years of age 3) be able to read and write 4) be a resident of Roosevelt Borough Municipality for at least one year preceding the

date of appointment 5) be registered to vote in the district. Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evening of every month. This is a rewarding position and interested parties should give this serious thought.

During the 2000-2001 school year, the after-school care program will be administered by the YMCA of Hightstown. In the near future, Y representatives will be conducting an open house at the school for any interested parents. Parents can rest assured that the after-school care program will continue to provide a safe, productive environment for our Roosevelt students.

Our annual spring concert is scheduled for the evening of May 25th at 7:30 p.m. All residents are invited. You are also cordially invited to 6th grade graduation for the class of 2000. This will take place on Saturday, June 17 at 4:00 in the afternoon. The final day of school for students is June 19.

The Roosevelt Community Summer Camp will run from July 10 until August 11 this summer. A nursery program, for children aged 3-5 will run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00-noon. Programs for school aged children will run weekdays from 9:00-noon. More information can be obtained by calling Margaret Schliniski (443-5180) or JoAnne Parker (448-5619). ■

Roosevelt Community Nursery School Newsletter

by Ginny Weber

Graduation Day is only a few days away - on June 15th. The children have been practicing and doing a great job. They are looking forward to their big day, but it is also sad to see some children and their families leave our school.

This month we are learning about dinosaurs. We'll see that there are meat-eaters or plant-eaters, small and large dinosaurs, and that they lived on land, in water, or in the air. We will become paleontologists for a day when we search for dinosaur bones. The children will also make their own fossils.

To celebrate the beginning of summer, our class will learn about the ocean and ocean life. We will also learn about

the sun and how it affects us and our weather. The children will also make ice cream for a special treat.

Although Father's Day comes just after graduation, the children are making special Father's Day gifts.

During the summer, we are planning a pool party for RCNS students as well as for children enrolled for September. Of course, families are invited as well. It's a great way for everyone to get to know each other.

Our school is undergoing renovations and will be ready for September. We are very excited about all the changes. We are currently accepting applications for September enrollment for children ages 2 1/2 - 5 . If you are interested, please call the school at 426-9523. ■

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB NEWS

by Herb Johnson

At the May 2 meeting of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club, held at the Borough Hall from 12:30 to 2 p.m., the minutes of the April meeting were corrected to show that Monmouth County offered a bus for all day use of the club for \$25 per day. The Club could provide their own qualified driver or pay \$10 per hour for a County driver. In relation to that, Dolores Chasan offered to call the Garden State Arts Center and McCarter Theater to see what daytime programs are available and how much tickets would cost which would determine whether we would want the bus for all day use.

Louise Baranowitz reported for the Sunshine Committee that a get-well card was sent to Honey Socholitzy who is recovering from having been run over in a parking lot.

To be able to use their tax-exempt number, the Club needs to approve new by-laws. Clare Sacharoff and Dolores will

write up by-laws and offer them for approval at a meeting soon. The Club will decide next month if it should lower its age minimum to 55 years of age.

The Club's next meeting was a trip to Rova Farms flea market and restaurant at 9:15 to 1:30 on third Tuesday of the month, May 16 and box lunches were served at the Solar Village at 12:30 on the last Friday of May, the 26th.

The next meeting cannot be held at the Borough Hall because it is Primary Election Day on June 6th. Our next meeting will be held instead at the Solar Village Seniors Room at 12:30. A chiropractor may attend to speak about good health.

Anthony Wisowaty was the host for refreshments after the meeting and delighted the group with his offerings. ■

COMMUNITY NEWS

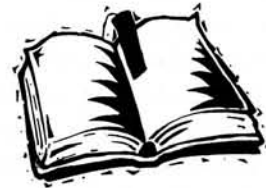
CERC?

by Deirdre Sheean

I'd like to introduce you to CERC. Yes, CERC, the Community Education and Recreation Coalition. A soon-to-be "officially" established (the Council and Board of Education have to sign the agreements) joint venture of the Borough Council, the Board of Education and a group of Borough residents to create and implement educational and recreational activities for the residents of Roosevelt. It's a mouthful but, when all is said and done, it's really very simple - we're here to provide meaningful activities for Borough residents with a special emphasis on teenagers (ages 13-19).

Some of the possible projects discussed to date include: movie nights (family and teen), summer dances, canoe and/or kayak trips, transportation to and from Hightstown and Twin Rivers, a recreational center with pool and ping-pong tables, pool parties, and a job-bank to name just a few. Plans are currently underway for a dance.

Your ideas and input are always welcome and if you'd like to volunteer your time or have something such as a pool table that you'd like to donate, please feel free to contact Deirdre Sheean at 443-5191. Please visit our web-site too at: <http://rcerc.homestead.com>. ■



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!



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

FOND FAREWELL TO:

Beatrice Nahmias, stepmother of Norm Nahmias, passed away on May 4th.

WELCOME TO:

Gillian Dauer was born on March 7, 2000. Parents are Adam and Debbie Nahmias Dauer and sister is Sarah Dauer. Proud grandparents are Judy and Norm Nahmias of Farm Lane and Sandy and Ron Dauer of Ewing.

The Cousineau family, Elise, Paul and Lyssa (sixth grade) moved to the new house on Lake Drive from East Hampton, Massachusetts.

PUBLICATIONS:

Portrait of the Outer Banks, A Pictorial Tour, was published on May 1st. First in a series of books by photographer Robert Drapala of Tamara Drive and writer Torrey Kim, the book contains breathtaking photographs of North Carolina's celebrated coastal islands called the Outer Banks.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL:

Liz Carroll and Hannah Stinson, members of the HHS flute choir, participated in the New Jersey All-States Solo and Ensemble Festival held on May 10th at Kean College.

At the Mercer County Red Cross Board meeting on May 15th, Liz Carrol was presented with the Woodrow Wilson Award for Exemplary Volunteer Service for the American Red Cross Mid-Atlantic Region in recognition of her significant volunteer contributions to the community and to the American Red Cross.

Penny Maria Lopez was accepted into the Mercer County Performing Arts High School in the dance program. She will be a sophomore next year.

FROM CAMPUS:

Meira Yeger of Lake Drive graduated summa cum laude from Florida State University where she majored in biology. She will enter New Jersey Medical School in Newark in August. Upon her graduation she received recognition for her community service work in Tallahassee, teaching biology at the University, for an independent study project on cloning and for membership in two honor societies, Phi Kappa Beta and Phi Kappa Phi.

IN THE NEWS:

The May 8th issue of People magazine, "50 Most Beautiful People", contains a picture of Herb Johnson on page 259. Herb's picture was taken with other Abraham Lincoln presenters at a convention in Hodgenville, Kentucky in April. The presenters have a yearly convention at a site that is relevant to Lincoln's life. President Lincoln was born in Hodgenville. ■

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

Calendar of Events

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June

21 Wed. 8 p.m. Recycling Environmental Commission Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairman Rodham Tulloss, 448-

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22 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, President Sharlene Ellentuck, 448-4440

26 Mon. 7:30 p.m. Council Committee Meetings, President John Towle, 490-0692

July

3 Mon. 7:30 p.m. Council Agenda Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227

4 Tues. Independence Day

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Dear Neighbors,

As you know, I am running for Democratic committee-woman in Roosevelt and Kirk Rothfuss is my running mate. We are running with Jeff Hunt and Neil Marko, who are pursuing seats on the Borough Council.

I want to tell you why I am supporting Jeff and Neil in this year's election.

For several years we have had a Council and Mayor (until this year) who have made crucial decisions about Roosevelt's future based on their belief that major development is inevitable. And they have shown no willingness to consider other approaches to reducing taxes.

- This has meant that they actively pursued developers.
- They have amended our zoning laws to accommodate the developers' visions of what our town will become, permitting up to 350 units in the northern land parcel, and 65 four- bedroom homes on the Notterman land.
- They have overtaxed Roosevelt's homeowners in order to create a large budget surplus. With this surplus, the Council will be in position to make additions to our infrastructure that developers would normally have to make at their expense.
- They have attempted to sell this extensive development to the people of Roosevelt as the only way to reduce our tax burden. In short, they lack a creative approach to resolving our situation, and have resisted any effort by the public to consider other approaches.

In the meantime, the School Board, recognizing that more than 75% of our tax dollars support the education of our children, has spent a great deal of time researching possible ways of reducing taxes without reducing the quality of our children's education. They have been willing to think creatively in order to bring about tax relief.

One of the ways they have devised is to petition our District Factor Group changed so that Roosevelt receives a more equitable level of support from the State of New Jersey. The School Board reached out to all of us in town to get involved in petitioning the State into making this

change. They have demonstrated that we all need to be involved in seeking appropriate solutions to community problems.

I support Jeff Hunt and Neil Marko because I believe they will bring energy and vision to the workings of the Borough Council. I know that they are concerned about the single-minded approach to development that characterizes our current Council.

When they are members of the Council, I do not expect to agree with them all of the time. If I wanted to agree with someone 100% of the time, I would run for Council. I want responsible and creative approaches to everything that matters in our town. To get that, I know that we must change the current mind set. I think Jeff Hunt and Neil Marko will contribute to fresh approaches.

Sincerely,
Ann Baker



In the June 6 primary, Roosevelt voters will again have the opportunity to choose the best candidates to represent them on the Borough Council. I am writing to endorse Democrats Jeff Hunt and Neil Marko.

Unfortunately, some of our elected and appointed officials are still caught up in the idea that development is the only way to lower taxes. They have spent much of their time and energy in finding ways to promote development. They have actually spoken out against efforts to reduce taxes by demanding our fair share of state aid for the school. Councilwoman Rose Murphy has frequently said that those citizens who are not in favor of development do not care about the needs of their neighbors for lower taxes. They believe that development is the only approach to lowering taxes. The Council's approach to lowering taxes has been narrow-minded and wrong-headed. This neglects the fact that there are many ways to lower taxes, from earning more interest on the Borough's bank accounts, to obtaining our fair share of state aid for Roosevelt's school. Public officials owe it to taxpayers to investigate all of these alternatives, not just development.

Neil Marko is a self-employed businessman, like me. He knows that small towns, like small businesses must be managed carefully. Neil felt so strongly about the issues that he decided to run as a write-in candidate for Council

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in last year's general election. Although he started late Neil fell only a few votes short of winning a council seat. Neil does not embrace the belief that development is the only way to lower taxes. Neil has the critical thinking skills to analyze complex proposals with the necessary eye for detail that it takes to spot the pitfalls or weaknesses in any proposal. Neil is also an experienced negotiator who will not settle for anything that is not in the best interest of our residents. Neil has shown the willingness to work hard and serve the community through his volunteer efforts in Roosevelt. Neil has a genuine love for Roosevelt and recognizes those attributes that make this a very special place to live and raise a family. His heart is in it. In short, I think that Neil Marko would make an excellent councilman.

I have known Jeff Hunt for several years now. Before I knew Jeff personally, I admired the fact that even though he was the lone pro-community voice on a solidly pro-development Council, he often spoke openly and eloquently during meetings about the aspects of community that many of us love and value. He was alone in his skepticism regarding the free lunch that was offered to us by developers. Jeff spent three long years on the Council and the Planning Board representing the citizens of Roosevelt who moved here and stayed here because they love Roosevelt. It took great courage to go to meeting after meeting and speak out for what he believes in. Jeff is a long-time Roosevelt homeowner who has a full sense of the history and uniqueness of Roosevelt. The decisions made while in office, and the decisions that he will make as a Councilman, will reflect his sense of Roosevelt as a special place worthy of our efforts to preserve it.

I wholeheartedly support Neil Marko and Jeff Hunt, Democratic candidates for Roosevelt Borough Council.

Sincerely,
Mike Hamilton



Dear Neighbors:

In the last issue of The Bulletin, I announced my candidacy for Roosevelt's Borough Council in the June 6th Democratic Party primary. I would like to add some observations to those previously published.

I am running for office because the Borough Council makes public policy decisions that affect all of Roosevelt's citizens. That is the Council's sworn duty and primary responsibility. The Council's actions result in the ordinances that govern us, the taxes we pay, the management of town finances, the delivery of services and how Roosevelt is zoned. The judgement of each member of the Council can affect the quality of your life in our community. Since Council action and its outcome can benefit or harm each of us, carefully studied options relevant to important Council decisions must be discussed. That is why lively debate over public policy is not a personal attack - it is the essential requirement for democracy.

Right now important policy is being promoted by some Roosevelt officials with very little researched evaluation of expenses and risks. Councilwoman Rose Murphy and Planning Board member Joe Zahora, each running for a Council seat, have both strongly supported a development proposal for 65 four-bedroom houses in PCD-1, located between Solar Village and the cemetery. After one particularly contentious Planning Board meeting, Mr. Zahora, who was formerly the Planning Board's chairman, enthusiastically called the developer's proposal "a pretty darned good plan!" Both Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Zahora have promoted this poorly considered development when the risks involved are great and other less costly and more beneficial options exist. Both believe large-scale development will reduce taxes, and their public policy actions are intended to move this agenda forward. I believe there are safer and more effective options.

An examination of the proposal for the 65-unit development under consideration reveals that there is no certain tax benefit. In fact, there is a significant risk of increased cost, as well as greatly increased residential density and loss of open space. Consider this: approximately 75% of your local tax dollar is consumed by the school budget. Roosevelt's present population includes a high percentage of homes occupied by families or individuals with no school-age children. The proposed 65 four-bedroom houses would most likely be purchased by families with school-age children. The potential cost to serve the 65 new homes could be overwhelming. If too many children are added to the present capacity of Roosevelt's school, expensive building expansion could result. Furthermore, every 7th- 12th grader who moves in will cost approximately \$9,000 to educate in Hightstown, and K-6th graders will become 7th-12th graders eventually.

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In my opinion, encouraging this 65-house development option is poor policy. The tax revenue from the 65 new houses would fall far below the costs the Borough would incur. A better solution is offered by an arrangement with Millstone Township. Because the schools of Millstone are overloaded with K-6 students resulting from development in the Township, Millstone officials have expressed interest in sending students to Roosevelt's school. The tuition paid for Millstone children to Roosevelt will lower your taxes. Furthermore, Roosevelt taxpayers would not be responsible for the cost of their 7th-12th grade education in Hightstown. Promoting such ideas, as Mayor Hamilton is doing, is good public policy because there is no risk or cost to Roosevelt homeowners and the tax benefit is obvious.

As a member of the present Council, incumbent Council member Rose Murphy, shares responsibility for poor management of municipal finances, which has cost every one of us tax money. Mayor Hamilton's article in the April Bulletin pointed out that a record level of surplus funds has been allowed to accumulate in municipal accounts. Inattentive oversight of Borough finances by the Council resulted in banking nearly a million dollars of your tax money in accounts that produced little to no interest! Until Mayor Hamilton's examination revealed this loss of revenue, at least \$30,000 a year was squandered, instead of being applied to tax relief.

I ask for your vote this Tuesday. I am dedicated to working with Mayor Hamilton to base public policy on thorough research and intelligent analysis in order to lower taxes while avoiding unintended consequences that will affect our quality of life in the unique town we all value. I support and strongly urge you to vote for Neil Marko, who is also running for Council in the Democratic Party primary. Please feel free to call me at 443-9475 if you have questions or would like clarification of my stand on the issues in this election.

Sincerely,
Jeff Hunt



Hi neighbors:

My name is Neil Marko and I am running for Borough Council in the June 6th primary election on the Democratic side. I hope you all come out to vote and can give me your support. In return for your support, I will be

the best Councilman I can be. My goal will be to objectively evaluate new ideas and even reconsider the old ideas to improve the quality of life for the current residents of Roosevelt.

I am running because I feel that the current Council has failed to address the problems of Roosevelt with an open mind. The most significant problem facing us is our extreme tax burden. The Council should be considering ALL ideas from ALL residents to reduce the tax burden. Instead, the Council has fixed upon one idea - residential development - as the cure all for our tax problem. I say, look around. My daughter, a student at Kreps middle school (as many of our children are) is very disappointed because some important programs at Kreps have been eliminated, in large part because of the recent and rapid residential development in East Windsor. Our Council thinks we are immune to such problems. Instead, they do things to make it easier for developers. During the recent hearings for development of the Notterman tract (behind Solar Village), on two separate occasions, the Council made explicit ordinance changes to benefit the developer, and still the developer wanted more! Furthermore, the Council used wildly unreasonable assumptions provided by the developer in assessing the financial impact on the community. The Council changed other zoning ordinances to facilitate a developer's request to build an age restricted community in the farmland entering town. Interestingly, a study outlining the dangers and pitfalls of large scale (proportionally) adult community development was done by Dr. Rod Tulloss and was presented to the Council. The Council seemed to ignore the conclusions of the study and went ahead with the ordinance change to benefit the developer.

I am not against all development, just development that requires Roosevelt to make significant changes to benefit developers without a clear reason to do so. It is very easy to be lured into a false sense that development will reduce taxes. It has been shown over and over again in towns all around us that that is just not the case. If there is to be development, let it stand on its own merits and be so beneficial to us that any reasonable person would conclude that it is in our best interest. This involves analyzing all information and having an open assessment process.

We need new ideas and critical thinking to solve the problems of Roosevelt, not just the same tired concepts that are known not to work. I urge you to support myself and Jeff Hunt who is also running in the Democratic primary.

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Together with Jeff, I promise to provide you with new ideas and critical thinking to the best of my ability and I know that, with your support for me and Jeff, we can reduce taxes and keep Roosevelt the wonderful family town that it currently is.

Thank you for your support,

Neil Marko
(609)443-3748



Dear Neighbors,

I hope you will all come out and vote in the June Primary election on June 6 and consider seriously our support for Neil Marko and Jeff Hunt as Democratic Council candidates. Both Jeff and Neil will add a balanced approach to municipal affairs and work with Mayor Hamilton on issues of concern to us all such as controlling the overall cost of living in Roosevelt. I believe they will do so while not losing sight of what makes Roosevelt special and unique.

Please consider supporting Jeff Hunt and Neil Marko for Council and Ann Baker and Kirk Rothfuss for Democratic Committee.

Thank you,
Kirk Rothfuss



Last year, voters in Roosevelt overwhelmingly voted to elect Mike Hamilton Mayor, signaling their displeasure with the then current state-of-affairs, and hoping evidently to change the balance of power at the Borough Hall. It was a good start, but it was not enough.

Our local elected government has by design a strong Council and a weak Mayor, whose power rests chiefly in the availability of a bully-pulpit. The Mayor cannot force the Council even to discuss an issue, let alone take action on it. Motions need to be made by one Council member and seconded by another before the discussion can take place, and on many important issues this year, the Council has been unwilling to do this.

Jeff Hunt and Neil Marko are two good, dedicated men who are running for the Democratic nomination for

Council. They have the interest and the energy to look for new solutions to the problems which confront us.

We elected a new Mayor. Now let's get him some help. Vote for Hunt and Marko.

David Ticktin



To the Editor:

In 1998, the Borough Council agreed to upgrade the sewer plant by the Department of Environmental Protection deadline. The new Council taking office in January 1989 had to study and approve every expenditure the engineering firms made; the more quickly we gave our approval, the more likely they were to meet the deadline imposed by DEP.

To move rapidly, the Council met four times a month instead of twice; adding two meetings, one for each of three committees, to the existing agenda meeting and public meeting. Even before we took office, we had painstakingly sought out and interviewed the best candidates for the mandatory positions of Borough Attorney, Borough Auditor, Borough engineers and Borough Finance Officer. Once in office, the Council worked hard and with a remarkable lack of friction.

We persuaded residents to serve on the various boards reporting to the Council. They responded eagerly, creatively and excellently. In 1991, the Council circulated a flyer summarizing no fewer than thirty-seven accomplishments during its first hectic twenty-four months.

By 1991, we had made eleven improvements in operations. We encouraged the Borough Clerk to qualify as Assistant Tax Collector and the Deputy Borough Clerk to qualify as Purchasing Agent. We installed a fast photocopier, a fax machine and computer equipment. We made a large meeting room out of two small junk-filled rooms, (filled with correspondence dating back to the thirties) so that two meetings could be held at the same time.

This provided us with historical material which we sent to the Roosevelt archives at Rutgers and valuable blueprints which we restored and duplicated. We started a documentation library. We arranged with the Post Office for bulk mailing. We painted the exterior of the Borough Hall and

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landscaped around it. We cleaned the junk out of the Borough Hall garage. We bought a dump truck.

We made eighteen organizational improvements in town government. We created Council committees for such essential tasks as Administration, Community Relations and Environment. As noted above, we established regular and separate Council committee meetings. We merged the Zoning Board into the Planning Board. We created a Clean Communities committee.

We created a weekly Roosevelt community television program. We created an Emergency Management committee. We created an Environmental Commission. We created an Historic Advisory Commission. We created a Lyme Committee. We arranged to house Roosevelt's historic archives at Rutgers University. We initiated a residential growth impact study.

We negotiated a five-year garbage pick-up contract, in place of one-year contracts and moved the pick-up day to a working day rather than Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath. We started liaison meetings with the Millstone Township government and with the State legislature. We put up historic designation signs at the entrance to town. We returned the former (and non-tax paying) State owned autistic home to the property tax rolls.

We connected Lake Drive to south Rochdale Avenue. We started monthly reporting of Borough budget spending. We initiated discussions of privatizing the water and sewer plants which seemed to offer remarkable financial benefits to other towns where this had been done.

We applied for Federal, State and County grants. We received \$655,000 with which we paved Eleanor Lane (which had been gravel), re-paved Elm Court, Farm Lane, part of South Rochdale Ave., all of Tamara Drive and part of Nurko Road, the first four of which had been torn up to lay new sewer pipes. We obtained more than \$27,000 in home repair grants for low-income families, \$18,000 in environmental grants, \$17,000 in Clean Community grants and \$6,000 for spraying Lyme disease-infested areas. We obtained about \$5,000 for summer work programs to employ teenagers from low-income families.

Our newly established Environmental Commission promptly showed its value by informing the Council that we had scheduled laying the new sewer line along Empty Box Brook in June when the digging might kill the eggs of

box turtles. We rescheduled the work to a suitable date: DEP recognized our environmental concern by awarding Roosevelt a plaque which hangs in the Borough Hall.

We laid the groundwork for future improvements. We prepared the Council's first manual of administrative procedures. We applied for the first New Jersey DEP grant to test pollution at the abandoned gas station, a grant for a Rutgers study of the wetlands in Roosevelt, and grants to improve School Lane and South Rochdale Avenue. The Environmental Commission beautified the town by landscaping around Borough Hall, planting trees at the triangles and screening the sewer plant.

No previous Council had thanked mayors for their services. We presented Leon Barth with a plaque when he ended his third term and, at the same time, gave one to the previous Mayor.

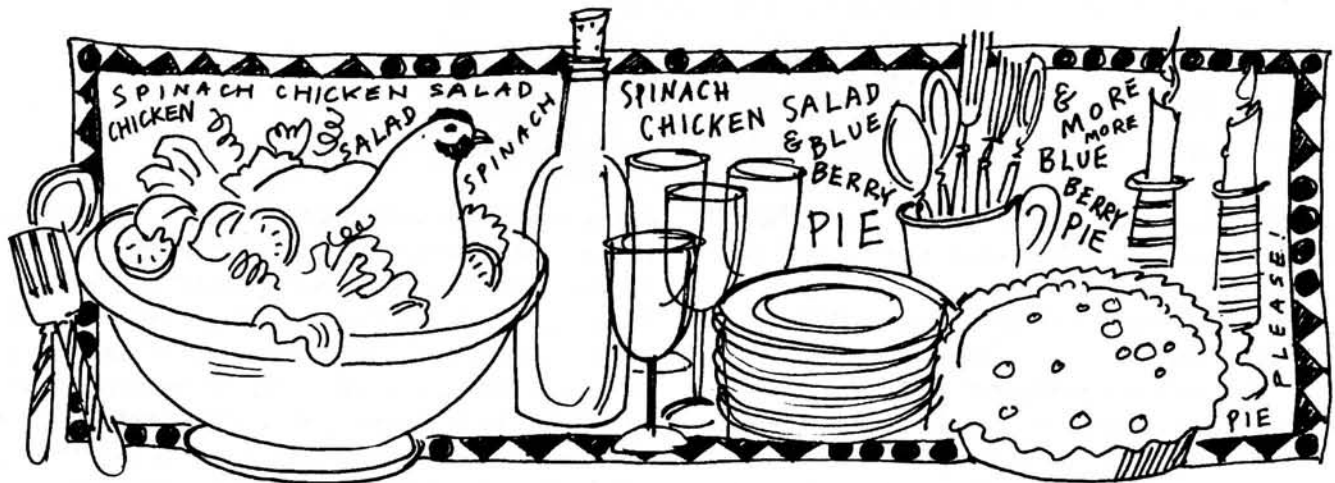
The original sewer plant was built in the 1930's with a capacity of treating 260,000 gallons of sewage per day. Even in 1990, the town produced only 90,000 gallons of sewage. Once infiltration of ground water had been eliminated, the plant could provide sufficient capacity for tripling the population. We could not change the contracts signed by the previous Council even though the capacity seemed excessive.

We concentrated on the expensive task of replacing the leaky storm sewer pipes which were carrying peak loads of 300,000 gallons per day of ground water into the sewer plant and made it impossible to treat the sewage properly but added to chemical and electricity costs. We eliminated all but about 540,000 gallons per day of ground water. It would have been expensive and unnecessary to eliminate all the ground water.

During the four years I was on the Council, we solved a lot of problems and made a lot of improvements. The question was whether we had succeeded in leaving behind us permanent improvements or whether, like Camelot, it was just a brief, shining moment.

Peter Warren





Spinach Chicken Salad with a Fresh Blueberry Pie chaser

by Dianna Moore

The recipe that I am sharing with you is easy and can be made ahead of time. It comes from a magazine that Florie Johnson and I share a love for: *Taste of Home*. If you enjoy cooking and trying different things, it is a great publication.

Spinach Chicken Salad

5 cups cubed cooked chicken (about 3 whole breasts)
2 cups green grapes in halves
2 cups packed torn spinach
2 1/2 cups sliced celery
7 ounces corkscrew pasta - cooked
1/2 large cucumber sliced
3 green onions sliced

Dressing

1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

In a large bowl combine chicken, grapes, spinach, celery, pasta, cucumber and green onions. Cover and refrigerate. Combine all dressing ingredients in a jar or small bowl and refrigerate. Just before serving, pour over salad and toss. If you desire, serve on a spinach leaf and garnish with oranges.

I usually double the recipe for my family of four or if I am taking it to a dinner or pot luck. This dish has been to my teacher luncheons and social events in Roosevelt. It is easy to prepare and very unusual.

I also have a dessert to share for the bakers and non-bakers pie. With blueberry season around the corner I thought this would be nice to share. The recipe came to me many years ago at a u-pick farm.

Fresh Blueberry Pie

1 baked (9") pie shell
4 cups fresh blueberries
1 cup sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 teaspoons salt
1/4 cup water
1 tablespoon butter or margarine

Line a cooled pie shell with 2 cups fresh blueberries. To make sauce, cook remaining berries with sugar, cornstarch, salt and water over medium heat until thick. Remove from heat, add butter and cool. Pour over berries in pie shell. Chill until you're ready to serve.

I hope you will enjoy both these recipes. Have a wonderful summer! ■

Feeling Lucky - the Roosevelt String Band

by David Herrstrom

Kids sprawled on the floor up front and in the aisles, moms and dads standing in the back and settled in their chairs, everyone commenting on the songs and lighting (better than last year), the band tuning and tossing back comments and quips (How're our clothes?). This is more a community party than a concert. It's fair to say that in their 13th year the Roosevelt String Band has become an institution, lively and necessary. Over the years these musicians have built an audience not only with their superb musicianship but with hard work and charm. They have my vote for "Community Treasure."

Playing to a packed house for two nights, April 28-29, it's not hard to see why. Variety. We'd expect at a typical folk concert (memories of the 60's), of course, to hear songs about sea disasters (generally boring). But they open with "What does the Deep Sea Say," as if the sea itself were speaking. Its heart-rending chorus, "Keep my love where he sleeps," is sung with rare conviction, as if they had faced the sea and loss. Then, effortlessly, they move into their interpretation of Doc Watson's interpretation of a traditional song, as well as songs by Phil Ochs, Woody Guthrie, and Judy Collins. This we'd also expect.

But surprise. The band kicks into an edgy, sardonic song about the troubles in Ireland. They do everything from Stephen Foster to a rousing kid's song in Hebrew. The Stephen Foster tune is a "sigh for the weary," expressing the universal desire that "hard times come again no more." Who would have thought of Foster as social commentator? And a Hebrew song about thunder and lightning and a child's fear is clear to all, even though only one person in the audience understands Hebrew (that's right, the singer asked). Howie Jacobson's tenor is lightning itself. Characteristically deadpan, he asks the audience to sing along. This is the signature Howie wit, always taking us by surprise.

There are outright comic songs as well. Judy Trachtenberg and David Brahinsky join in an a cappella tour de force on

a song by a British writer about moving a refrigerator, an unlikely subject to say the least, called "Right, Said Fred." Beyond comic, Cheryl Wheeler's "Potato" song is an amazing display of wit. After hearing it, you'll never view the word "Potato" in quite the same way again. This band covers a lot of territory, literally, from Wyoming to California. Paul Prestopino's plaintive dobro in Kate Wolf's "Here in California" insinuates itself into our hearts. And David's rich baritone and guitar playing make a wry complaint about Wyoming.

In choosing their songs for the concert, David said the band came to realize that friendship was the theme, as expressed in Tom Paxton's "Anytime." But they are knit so tightly that theme is irrelevant. The audience in their hands, they could take us anywhere they wanted, from a song about a mandolin (really a love song) that featured Paul's dazzling virtuosity to a song about the promise of a hero. Underlined by Ed Cedar's pungent bass, his strangely haunting "Waiting For Elijah," with its wonderful textures and atmosphere of yearning, became a political-religious-personal hymn. As did Judy's rendition of Iris DeMent's "The Way I Should," which she nominated for the Roosevelt theme song-"I live the way I want to, and that's the way I should."

Sung the way she wants to, who wouldn't be delighted by Judy's version of Mary Chapin Carpenter's "I Feel Lucky." The band makes each song, traditional or contemporary, their own-a phrase from Howie's slide whistle or recorder, a riff from Paul's blues harp or banjo. Howie's wit flitting through the concert like a sparrow and Paul's astonishing concentration gathered solidly in his chair like a huge pink owl makes the event like no other folk concert. Add David's grounded guitar playing and the wonderful contrast of his and Judy's voices, with Ed's bass laying down a faithful beat and continually surprising us with his inventive lines, and, yes, we feel lucky. And so should Roosevelt. ■

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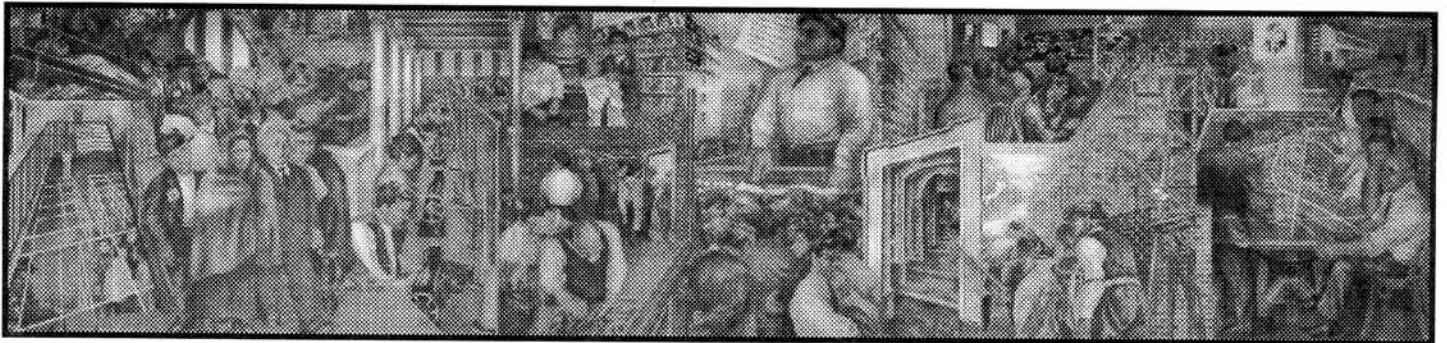
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Call Kathy Masella at RPS for more information, 448-2798.

June

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| 1 | Thurs. 7:30 p.m. | PTA Meeting, RPS, JoAnne Parker, President, 448-5619 |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Board of Education Meeting, RPS, Sharlene Ellentuck, President, 448-4440 |
| 5 | Mon. 7:30 p.m. | Council Agenda Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227 |
| 6 | Tues. 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Primary Election, Borough Hall |
| | | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. RPS Field Day |
| 7 | Wed. | Recycling |
| 8 | Thurs. 7:30 p.m. | Board of Education Meeting, RPS, President Sharlene Ellentuck, 448-4440 |
| 12 | Mon. 7:30 p.m. | Council Action Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227 |

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| 14 | Wed. 8 p.m. | Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairwoman Gail Hunton, 426-4338 |
| 17 | Sat. 4 p.m. | RPS Graduation, Roosevelt Memorial, refreshments to follow at the school |
| 19 | Mon. | RPS Four Hour Session - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, President John Towle, 490-0692 |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Synagogue Board Meeting, Michael Ticktin, 448-0363 |
| 20 | Tues. | Roosevelt Summer Camp registration deadline, Margaret Schlinski, 443-5180 |

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