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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

### Council Approves Filing of Housing Element U.S. Home Responds by Filing Exclusionary Zoning Lawsuit

By Michael Ticktin

The Borough Council, at its May 14 meeting, voted to file the housing element and fair share plan previously approved by the Planning Board with the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH). The intention of this filing was to allow the Borough to implement a fair share affordable housing plan involving the purchase, rehabilitation and resale with affordability controls of five existing houses and the satisfaction of the obligation to provide an additional three units through a regional contribution agreement with another municipality. Pending filing of the housing element and fair share plan, no action was taken on the proposed repeal of the Planned Community Development and Planned Retirement Community Development ordinances.

The next day, however, attorneys for U.S. Home filed a lawsuit alleging that the Borough had failed to fulfill its obligation to provide an opportunity for the development of its fair share of needed low and moderate-income housing. By filing its lawsuit immediately following passage of the resolution to file the housing element and fair share plan, U.S. Home prevented COAH from exercising

jurisdiction by removing the matter to the courts. Under Council rules, the Borough's obligation would be limited to eight units. The courts, however, are not bound by those rules, and U.S. Home is seeking to build 266 units, including a "substantial number" of low and moderate-income units. U.S. Home's claim is based upon the original COAH number of 32 units, which does not take into account affordable housing already provided. Whether the court can be persuaded to take these units into account remains to be seen.

Also at the May meeting, the Council approved the annual salary ordinance. In response to a complaint by Nona Sherak regarding brown water, a jug of which she provided to illustrate her point, Councilman George Vasseur pointed out that usage had risen to 200,000 gallons per day during hot weather, while the water tank only has a capacity of 85,000 gallons. As a result, water was going directly from the well into the system without any chance for settlement of the minerals that cause the discoloration. He emphasized the importance of compliance with the restrictions on the use of water for sprinkling

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Pine Valley Swim Club, on Eleanor Lane, is open for new share-members. Anyone interested in joining? There is a need for a part-time lifeguard. If anyone is interested in becoming a member or filling the position of part-time lifeguard, just call Frieda Anish at 448-2365.



A belated "Thank you" to Michael Rossi who contributed the liquid refreshments the evening of the Blood Drive in April.



## CAN 911 FIND YOU?

Emergency services depend upon a visible number on the front of your house. Roosevelt Borough Ordinance #167 requires Arabic numerals at least three inches in height clearly visible from the street both day and night. During June 2001, a survey to determine compliance will be done by the Borough Zoning Officer, Ed Goetzmann. Of course there are fines for non-compliance but that's not the point. Your life and those of the ones you love could depend upon it!

If you have questions telephone Borough Hall at 448-0539. Your call will be returned promptly by the Zoning Officer. Check it and do it. NOW!! (Tomorrow? Soon?? Sometime???) BUT BEFORE JUNE 4, 2001.



## June School Events

June 1	Pizza Day
June 6	Field Day, Early dismissal (rain date June 7)
June 14	Board of Ed meeting
June 16	Graduation, 4:00
June 19	Awards Assembly, last day of school
June 15, 18, 19	Early dismissals
June 28	Board of Ed meeting



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# PLANNING BOARD NEWS

## Nottermans Sell Entire Tract to Green Acres

By Bob Clark

In a move long rumored but still a surprise to many, Daniel and Abby Notterman in late April sold their 110-acre tract to New Jersey's Green Acres program. Planning Board Chairwoman Gail Hunton announced the transfer at the Board's May 2 meeting. The sale ended a long festering development controversy concerning the property located between the Solar Village and the Cemetery. The area will now remain open space forever. The price the State paid for the property was not announced.

The deal was finalized a couple of weeks before the deadline for an appeal by the Nottermans of a Superior Court decision upholding the Board's October 1999 denial of an application by the Matzel and Mumford (M&M) Organization to create 65 residential building lots on the tract. Judge William Gilroy, hearing the case at the County Courthouse in Freehold, decided in favor of the Board and against the Nottermans. M&M did not join the Nottermans' lawsuit.

The Board debated how much information to disclose to the public from several meetings closed to the public during the Notterman litigation. The *Borough Bulletin's* reporter had sent a three-page letter to the Board setting forth the legal rationale for disclosing a written settlement proposal sent from the Board to the Nottermans in mid-2000. Minutes of a closed meeting must be disclosed under the Open Public Meetings Act when the reasons for continued secrecy no longer apply. The letter argued that the common law right to know also required disclosure of the settlement proposal itself. Board Attorney Michele Donato had suggested at the April meeting that someone ought to provide a legal basis for disclosure. She declined to do the research herself, citing cost and lack of time.

Chairwoman Hunton revealed for the first time at the May 2 meeting that, on the advice of Ms. Donato, no tape recordings had been made of the discussions from which the public had been excluded. It was not clear whether the Board, which tapes all of its open meetings, ever voted on this procedure, or which members were aware of it. Ms. Hunton contended that only the written minutes summarizing the discussions should be disclosed, not the Board's settlement proposal to the Nottermans. She noted that the Nottermans' attorney continued to object to disclosure of the settlement proposal and added that Ms. Donato "thinks she will have difficulties in some way" if it

were disclosed. Ms. Donato was not present at the May 2 meeting. To Ms. Hunton's suggestion that anyone interested in obtaining the document could ask Judge Gilroy, the *Bulletin* reporter responded, "You only go to a judge with a lawsuit."

Mayor Michael Hamilton, who also sits on the Planning Board, said, "People have a right to see the way decisions were made." He contended that, especially since tape recordings of the closed meetings were not made, it was "time to release the settlement proposal," which constitutes the most comprehensive indication of the Board's position on development issues. Board Vice Chairman Joseph Zahora urged continued secrecy. He said, "The other party has requested we not share [the settlement proposal] and trusted in us to keep it confidential." Michael Ticktin said the Board, which represents the public, should decide the disclosure issue, not an agreement between Ms. Donato and the Nottermans' attorney. He added that the issue involves "the public's right to have confidence in what their officials do."

The Board voted 6 to 3 in favor of David Ticktin's motion to disclose the settlement proposal when the Board receives formal notification of the conclusion of the Notterman litigation. Voting in favor of disclosure were Mayor Hamilton, Michael and David Ticktin, Councilman Neil Marko, Kate John-Alder and Jane Rothfuss. Voting to keep the document secret were Ms. Hunton, Mr. Zahora and Ralph Seligman. Mark Roberts was not present.

Since no development will ever occur on the Notterman tract, the Board had to make changes in the Housing Element of the Master Plan and the Borough's Fair Share Plan. The Borough Council was scheduled to decide at a May meeting whether to submit the Plan to the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH). Drafted by Board consultant Alan Mallach, with demographic information added by Mr. Seligman, the document specifies how Roosevelt intends to meet its fair share of the regional need for low and moderate-income housing. Delaying filing of the Plan would make the town susceptible to "builder's remedy" lawsuits. This could lead to uncontrolled development in the remaining large tracts available for development in the northern farmland east of Route 571. The Fund for Roosevelt has arranged for purchase of development rights on the lion's share of the agricultural land west of Route 571.

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## ROOSEVELT UTILIZES A NEW APPROACH TO FARMLAND PRESERVATION

**T**he Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board (MCADB) prides itself on being flexible and user-friendly. As methods used for preserving farmland in New Jersey have been expanding, and communities have been tailoring the program to their individual needs, the MCADB has been at the forefront providing support and assistance. They recognize that the cookie cutter approach does not always work. Although most communities in Monmouth County are facing similar development pressures, the degree varies, as does the local governments' involvement in land preservation.

One example of a successful new approach can be found in the Borough of Roosevelt. Roosevelt has an interesting history, dating back to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's creation of the town in 1936 as a Works Projects Administration Community. The government planned and designed the community with the intent of creating a self-sustaining community for poor garment workers from New York City to live. The government built the homes, a factory, a public works system and a school. The town design provided for designated agricultural areas, home sites and green belts throughout the town. As a result of

this unique history and design, Roosevelt is the only municipality in New Jersey, in its entirety, to be registered National Historic Site.

The citizens of Roosevelt are proud of their town heritage and appreciate the historical design of their town. So, when they saw the pressures of development encroaching, they banded together and formed Fund for Roosevelt (FFR), a non-profit group dedicated to preserving the historical, agricultural and environmental features of the community.

As the group was deciding how to approach preservation of their farmland, the new Planning Incentive Grant legislation had just been published. The Planning Incentive Grants allow communities to submit a group of properties, or project area, to the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) for funding. If approved, the entire project area is granted funding. It is much more efficient than the traditional easement purchase program because you can preserve contiguous blocks of property simultaneously, rather than through the traditional route of one property at a time.

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The Board discussed at length how to allocate the required units between a regional contribution agreement with another town and engaging a non-profit organization to rehabilitate existing houses that the Borough would acquire by condemnation proceedings. Finally, the Board decided to split the Borough's eight-unit obligation 3 to 5 between the two programs. The Board thanked Mr. Mallach for his hard work on the project.

In other business, Mayor Hamilton said Roosevelt could benefit from having an historic preservation element in its Master Plan. Ms. Hunton and Mr. Seligman offered to bring some samples of such elements to the Board's June meeting. **Beginning on Tuesday, June 12, the Board will hold its regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month rather than the first Wednesday.**

Ms. John-Alder, the Board's representative on the Environmental Commission, reported that the Millstone Boy Scout troop has been improving nature trails in the Borough and testing the water in local streams. Councilwoman Marilyn Magnes, who attended the Board's meeting as a member of the public and represents the Council on the Environmental Commission, said she raised concerns at the Commission meeting about the propriety of permitting Boy Scout projects under the aegis of the Borough government. She explained that the Boy Scouts' national organization does not allow for the registration of avowed homosexuals as members or as leaders of the Boy Scouts of America. She contended that continuing such projects in the future would make it appear that Borough officials condoned the discriminatory policy of the national Boy Scout organization. ■

# FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

New Jersey 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."

**Latest Development: US Homes Corp. Files Suit Against the Borough of Roosevelt and the Planning Board**

**Council votes to submit its affordable housing plan to COAH...** On Monday night, during the May 14 Council Meeting, the Roosevelt Borough Council approved a resolution submitting to COAH, the Council On Affordable Housing, the Housing Element of our Master Plan which contains our plan to provide affordable housing. The Roosevelt Planning Board had approved this Housing Element in April.

**US Homes files a lawsuit against Roosevelt blocking our COAH submission...** Early in the morning on Tuesday, May 15, a copy of a lawsuit brought by US Home Corp. against the borough was faxed to the Council On Affordable Housing (COAH) in order to block Roosevelt from submitting its affordable housing plan to COAH. Our affordable housing submission was mailed on May 15th to COAH, and was received on May 16. The receipt by COAH of this faxed-in lawsuit effectively blocked our submission.

**The lawsuit alleges...**that our existing PCD II and PCD/PRCD ordinances are exclusionary because, among other things, we require the developer to pay the costs of all upgrades and improvements to the public water and sewer system and we also require the preservation of open space in our opportunities (for developers) to provide housing to lower and moderate income families. The suit alleges that these cost increasing factors are unfair and violate the New Jersey Constitution.

**The "builder's remedy"...** The matter of US Homes Corp., Plaintiff v. The Borough of Roosevelt and The Planning Board, asks the court to allow, as a builder's remedy, approval to build 266 homes "affordable to, and reserved for, low and moderate income households." It is significant that there is no longer any mention of senior housing, or a Planned Community Development (PCD) in the US Homes lawsuit.

Of course, everyone knows that Roosevelt is governed by an elected mayor and six council members. However, many citizens may not be aware that municipal governments like ours are required by State law to appoint municipal officers to help manage the business of running a town.

**Our municipal officers...**Among the officers that New Jersey State law requires are a municipal clerk, a tax collector, a chief financial officer, a municipal judge, a municipal attorney, a municipal engineer, and an auditor. These officers must be qualified by law and meet special licensing requirements. All of these officials are officers of the municipality, with the exception of the auditor who is an independent contractor. It is in the best interest of our community that the mayor and council hire the most qualified professionals.

**Meeting with our financial advisors...**On May 10, I met with our financial advisors (Robin Kirk, our Chief Financial Officer, and Gerry Stankewicz, our auditor), to review the financial management of the borough. The following are some of our recommendations:

- **A review of our purchasing procedure is needed...**Our CFO and auditor recommended that we review purchasing procedures with the Council to insure that proper guidelines are followed. Recently there have been times State purchasing procedures have not been followed and instances where more than one quote was required, none was secured. Merchandise and services were purchased before encumbering (reserving) money and before receiving the proper approvals. When the State law is not followed, the checks and balances in the system fail to be observed. The system of checks and balances in the purchasing procedure is designed by the State to safeguard the public from corruption and to ensure that taxpayer money is not wasted.

- **Spending limitations recommended...**Our financial professionals recommended that in a town as small as

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Roosevelt we should specify financial spending limitations in our local ordinances. These regulations should require either two quotes or signatures by the Mayor and a Councilperson for any purchase exceeding \$500. We discussed the automatic bank payment of certain bills mandated by State law in order to avoid fines for late payment and to save labor. An example of such payments are payroll, insurance, County and School Taxes, debt service, PERS, etc. I will continue to meet with our financial officers to study our financial practices and procedures over the next few months. Recommendations for policy changes will be made to the Council. These recommendations are intended to insure our compliance with State law and to save our taxpayers money.

• **"Public records should be readily accessible for examination"**...so reads the "Right to Know Law" N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 to 47:1A-4. In the past, public records such as bank statements, cancelled checks and other documents have been removed from the Borough offices for various reasons. I have asked that all public records be returned to the Borough offices and kept for public examination. Any member of the public should be able to review public records, such as bank statements and vouchers, to see how tax dollars are spent. Recently the New Jersey Senate approved an open records bill that presumes all government records are public documents unless specifically exempted.

**Meeting with our Borough Engineer...**On May 10, I met with Jim DeMuro, our Borough Engineer to review the condition of our municipal roads. Jim and I examined some areas where repairs are needed. We reviewed his cost analysis for roadwork on Pine Drive and Lake Drive and I directed Jim to develop a prioritized list of roads ranging from the most in need of repairs to the least. I also asked him to begin a systematic five-year plan for road repair in the borough.

**I am delighted to report that: The 109-acre field bordered by the cemetery and Solar Village (the Notterman Tract) has been preserved under the State Green Acres program.**

The application by a developer to cram 65-homes on the small buildable portion of this land resulted in lawsuits by the landowner against the Planning Board and the Borough. Judge Gilroy issued his decision in Notterman vs. the Roosevelt Planning Board on March 28, before the court in Freehold. Judge Gilroy determined that the Board's refusal to allow the development in question was not arbitrary and capricious. The judge recognized the importance of our greenbelts as more than just an inconsequential visual buffer zone between houses. In his decision, he stated that our greenbelts were an important part of our town's plan and recognized our status as a community on the National Historic Register of Places. Recently, the Borough was notified that the remaining claim against it brought about by the Notterman's lawsuit was also dropped. There are no remaining claims against the Borough or the Planning Board from these legal challenges.

A few weeks ago, when I spoke with officials of the State Green Acres program, we agreed that we would like to celebrate the preservation of this land. Although a date has not yet been determined, a ceremony will be held to mark this important event in our town's history. The date of the event will be announced shortly.

As always, I continue to rely upon your suggestions and support.

Michael B. Hamilton, Mayor  
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**Notice:**  
The Planning Board Meeting is moved to  
the second Tuesday of each month at  
8:00 PM in the Borough Hall.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

**O**ur ad hoc technology committee has just completed a Three-Year District Technology Plan for board and county approval. The mission statement reads:

*Roosevelt Public School is determined to maximize each student's potential for learning. The district is dedicated to the infusion of technology into all areas of curriculum. Students will utilize technology to research, communicate, acquire knowledge, and foster creativity. The Roosevelt Public School District believes that technology should be used to enhance student skills of problem solving, critical thinking, deliberation, application of principles, and evaluation.*

Staff development in technology will continue to be on-going. Our plan outlines the process by which we will be able to maintain and update our technology in school while we assess our progress with integrating technology.

The library continues to be open each Wednesday evening. Volunteer librarians have not missed a single evening during the school year. The computer lab is also available on Wednesday evenings for community members. The library shelves are stocked with books to suit everyone's taste. You are most welcome to the library. Please, come! Community members help us create a rich, nurturing educational environment in school. We are constantly relying upon our people resources and are grateful for the way community members complement our curriculum. Career Day is an excellent example of how Roosevelt residents share their diverse knowledge with students. Students learned about careers in nursing, science, music, photography, book design, acting, law and eye doctor's technicians.

We are taking advantage of the lovely spring weather as we enjoy activities during the last school quarter. Members of the safety patrol went to Great Adventure in May. This was a special event planned for students across New Jersey who are members of their school safety patrol.. Kindergarten orientation for incoming students was scheduled for May 30. In September, full day kindergarten will be implemented.

On Monday, June 11, grades K-3 will have a special show called "Magic Carpet". This entertaining show stresses the importance of reading. It is being completely sponsored by East Windsor Floor Covering of Mercerville.

Sixth grade Roosevelt projects will be judged by Art Shapiro and Helen Barth. Each year the sixth grade students become very involved in creating a meaningful project that explores some area of the Roosevelt community. The projects will be on display after May 18. Please feel free to come see the projects.

I extend an invitation to one and all to join us for Graduation, 2001 on Saturday, June 16, at 4:00.

Our sixth grade teacher, Cindy Allred, will be moving to the west coast as she returns to her native state of Washington. We are all going to miss Cindy; she inspires us constantly with her collegiality, creativity and sense of fairness. Cindy is a master teacher whose shoes will be difficult to fill. We all feel lucky that she passed through Roosevelt and was able to reach our children with her many teaching gifts. ■

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FFR's first step was to approach the landowners in the community to discuss their options for preservation. They were successful with three landowners who were looking to sell their properties. FFR entered into contracts with the landowners to purchase their properties from them, with the intention of simultaneously selling the development rights to the county and then, selling the farms as preserved farmland. Working together, the MCADB and FFR put together a Planning Incentive Grant request for submission to the SADC. The grant was subsequently

approved. The project should be complete in the spring, with the addition of 246 acres of contiguous farmland preserved in Monmouth County. These 246 acres represent almost 50% of Roosevelt's remaining farmland. It will also most likely be the first closing in the entire state using the Planning Incentive Grant method.

Each year more State funds are being dedicated to farmland preservation. There are many options for landowners and communities to use to save their farmland. Hopefully, Roosevelt's example is just the beginning of new approaches to preservation using the county and State funding. ■

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## RCNS News

By Ginny Weber

June is a very busy month for us at RCNS. One of the children's favorite themes is the pre-historic period, in particular the dinosaur. The children will learn how the dinosaurs lived and that there were many different kinds. Some were carnivorous and some were herbivorous. We will make different dinosaurs and fossils as well out of paper and clay.

Our class will also study about space, including the planets, the sun and the moon. We will also talk about day and night and what different things happen at those times.

The theme of our last week of school will be the season of summer. We will see what types of life could be found in

the ocean. One of our projects will feature the octopus. The class will also make sand bottles and sun prints.

In May, we had a wonderful visit at the Wonder Museum, courtesy of Jim Carnevale. The children were very excited and couldn't decide what to do first. This month we are going to Etra Park for our end of the year picnic. It's wonderful to see all the students and parents together for a day of fun.

Our graduation will be held on Thursday, June 21st at 10 a.m. We have been busy practicing for our special day.

Registrations are being accepted for September. Anyone interested in seeing our school may call Ginny at 426-9523 to set up an appointment. We love having visitors!

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## Senior Citizens News

By Herb Johnson

**T**he change of date for the monthly box lunch from the last Friday to the third Friday, as announced in last month's news, resulted in cancellation of the box lunch party for May. The Inter-faith Alliance of Monmouth County already had the maximum number of lunches it could prepare and deliver for that date. Next month's party will be at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, June 29. Club members must attend the monthly business meeting on Tuesday, June 5, at 1 p.m., or send a message to the club for that date, to state their commitment to attending the party as well as to state their choice of sandwich.

The Garden State Cultural Fund did not send the club tickets for the club's first choice, as announced in the news, the Bob Newhart with the Mary DeRose Orchestra show, on June 28. Rather it sent 14 tickets for the Thursday, June 14, "Tribute to Nat King Cole," at 1:30 p.m. at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel. Members must confirm their commitment to attending by June 5, as only 14 tickets are available.

Membership Chair Thelma Thompson turned in \$2 dues from new member Bess Tremper. Sunshine Chair Louise Baranowitz sent get-well cards to John Millar and Tamara Galimidi.

The club discussed the possibility of making some contributions to charity from member's personal contributions. A committee of four will explore relevant recipient organizations.

Fourteen members enjoyed lunch at Rova Farms in Cassville on Tuesday, May 15, after about one hour shopping at the Flea Market.

Florie Johnson was the hostess for dessert after the May 1 first Tuesday business meeting. ■

Be aware of what's going on:

Attend the monthly Council and Planning Board meetings.

Be Involved ! It's Your Town !



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lawns, filling pools and washing cars, saying that only 120,000 of the 200,000 gallons had wound up in the sewer plant, meaning that the rest was being used outside of buildings.

Margaret Schlinski asked that the council make additional funds available to the summer camp, to be repaid from fees collected, so that Ed Cedar could be hired to run a music program. Mayor Hamilton advised her to submit a written request so that the Council could consider it.

Vincent Vignuolo cited the problems with the utilities that had been referred to previously and asked that the Council not dismiss out of hand the offer by U.S. Home to make improvements as part of a development proposal. He also took issue with the municipal attorney's determination at

an earlier meeting that Councilman Harry Parker could not vote on an ordinance affecting the rezoning of land within 200 feet of his property. He claimed that state law does not have such a requirement. Mayor Hamilton responded by pointing out that courts have held that a person owning nearby land was considered for that reason to have a personal interest in the outcome that would cause a conflict if he voted on an ordinance changing the zoning.

Stuart Kaufman advised the Council that Pine Valley Swim Club has once again made its pool available for use, free of charge, by the summer camp program. The Borough and the summer camp, however, would be responsible for providing a lifeguard. ■

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### In Memoriam - Colin Todd 1981-2001

by Ed Moser

**C**olin Todd was murdered the night of May 6 in Richmond, Virginia. The police captured his assailant. Colin was buried on May 11 in Richmond, at a funeral attended by hundreds of friends and family.

Colin Todd lived with his grandparents, Ed and Pat Moser, for several months in the spring of 1991. He attended the Roosevelt school, and played in the Roosevelt-Millstone Little League. Surviving are his mother, Sandra, his sisters, Loren and Autumn, grandparents, aunts and uncles, numerous cousins, and the love of his life, Tonya White.

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### About: Two Square Miles Of Stories

Everyone in our two-square mile town has old family photographs and memories of the people in them. These pictures 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:

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# Two Square Miles Of Stories

## Diversity

By Ann Kassahun

When I was a young girl, we went home for a visit with Mama to her hometown, New Bern, North Carolina and I whispered to her while in the kitchen "Who's the white guy in the living room?" And Mama said, "Oh, that is Cousin Harvey," one more of the family on her side who were half Jewish and half Black, only they were so light in color that it was a bit confusing for me, a kid from New York. Anyway, as I look back, I remember Uncle Joe who was my deceased Grandmother Bertha's younger brother, a big light man who built many of the nicer houses in New Bern. Seems his dad had him trained as a builder. The Jewish side was named Horne, two brothers who had black children. I often have wondered if the name had been shortened at Ellis Island and what the name had been and the origins of that side of our relatives. By my time, only Uncle Joe, Cousin Harvey and old Cousin Ida (who we called Con-Ida) remained in North Carolina.

My mother immigrated to New York State in the early 1930's. But a few things followed us, like Mama sending me to the Jewish Community Center as a girl and memories of me dancing the "hora" there. Also Mama would cook the cow's tongue and there it would sit on the platter at our house. Now I didn't really see that on other Black tables. But early memories stick with us, and I'm still going to the Jewish deli and buying a few slices of kosher tongue which is now about \$20 a pound for me to have a nostalgic sandwich about twice a year. And I remember other things like being stuffed with latkes by the neighbors back home in Albany, NY, where we lived in an

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Grandmother Bertha



Father

immigrant neighborhood and also singing the Kol Nidre (the prayer for the dead) in a citywide choir at the new Temple Israel there in Albany even though we were practicing Protestants.

Also I married an Ethiopian man and we moved to Roosevelt and were ever so comfortable here. There was my son, Ali, running around the synagogue with his friends with a round yarmulke on his square haircut. Never could understand why it didn't fall off, but it didn't. And we took membership and sent the kids to none other than the Jewish Community Center in W. Trenton. Is history repeating itself? And that big calendar comes every year in Hebrew and we hang it right up in the kitchen, along with the regular calendar and the Ethiopian calendar in the Amharic language that has 13 months and is something like 1993 because Ethiopia did not adjust the calendar in the Middle ages when Europe did. And the times my husband and I went over to the synagogue to do Israeli dancing which was toooooo vigorous for me unless I lose some weight (smile).

It is such a wonderful experience to live with different cultures. Our home has the Ethiopian Eastern Orthodox Coptic culture from my husband with its spicy food, wailing music, the old grandparents wrapped in the shawls (shammas) and speaking only Amharic. Then there is my father, the "little immigrant" and his folds (a blend of English, Black and local Indian) who came up from Jamaica bringing their lilting English, rice and peas and curried goat with them, reggae music and the Protestant Moravian and Anglican religions.

Then there were my mother's folks, Tar Heels who ate collard greens and fried chicken, corn bread (almost all Southerners eat these things) and that beef tongue. Our children have had a very diverse life and Roosevelt has been a great place to live, grow and expand horizons. I look back and it is like a beautiful patchwork quilt, each piece having its place and contribution. I remember those who went before me, those who came early with the slave ships, those who came as immigrants and worked hard, those who came in more recent times, all to America, the land of opportunity. We are a blessed people, a blessed land, let us never forget the diversity that has made us great. ■

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

Here's to the people of Roosevelt who act as volunteers and keep the town running, those people who work without pay to keep the system from shutting down. It is time to say "Thank you", and "What can I do to help?", so my name is on the ballot for the June 26th Primary as a Democratic candidate for Borough Council.

I am certainly not new to the volunteer scene. As a new member of the Roosevelt community in 1973, I had already had many years to get to know the town and the inhabitants. Some of you may know that my husband Arthur and his family lived in a home on Pine Drive, where they had moved when he was a small child. In 1964, as a "newlywed", I was certain that if Art and I moved to Roosevelt, the small size of the town and the proximity of my in-laws would put us under observation by "the neighbors" 24 hours a day. So, we moved to East Brunswick and then Willingboro instead. By then, my mother-in-law and her husband had sold their Roosevelt home and moved to West Palm Beach, where, after a time, she and he both became ill. After his death, her health declined and she came to live with us in our small home in Willingboro, where, with two young children and a dog, we rapidly outgrew our home. In 1973, when newer homes were built at the end of Pine Drive, we decided that the time had come for us to settle here. The sense of community, the small class size in the school and the serene beauty of the green belt made this the perfect place to raise our family. We structured our house to include an apartment for Eva with a separate bath and large bed/sitting room of her own. Unfortunately, she never really had an opportunity to use it, as she had a stroke and died only 2 months after we all moved in. As an aside, our water and sewer bill was \$15.00 per month, and the water was often beige, which we blamed on the Administration.

I quickly became involved in the town, and became active in many community activities. The annual 4th of July picnic was eagerly awaited and attended by the whole town and then some. The event required soliciting gifts from merchants to be raffled off and the sale of 50-50 tickets to defray the cost of the food. There were hot dogs to be roasted and many other roles to be filled. And filled they were, by an all-volunteer group containing many of the same people over and over. We also held an Art Fair each November. This too, required coordinating artists, getting their works, displaying them, and keeping track of the funds so that the monies raised could be accurately distributed. Same volunteers, providing spirited and fun times for the rest!

One day, we got a group together in the school to talk about a town newspaper, and thus what is now the Borough Bulletin, was born. Pat Kaye, Marilyn Magnes, John Grauel, Honey Sochowitzky and many others got together to write, type up (on ditto masters....remember them?) run off, collate and staple the issue each month. It was low-tech, high fun and very rewarding. We held a contest to find the best name for the newspaper, but who won, and what the prize was has slipped from my memory. We draped the school gym in a parachute and held a "Cabaret" night; we began to take our RPS mascot, the Dragon, seriously, and Stephan Martin helped to draw and paint it on the gym floor. It became a tradition to give a Ralph Warnick dragon to each 8th grade graduate (the school was K-8 then) during the ceremony, which was attended by most of the town. The year I was President of the PTA, I had the pleasure of presenting such a Warnick Dragon to then Senator Bill Bradley, who was the guest speaker.

At the same time, I became President of the Congregation Anshei Roosevelt Sisterhood, where we had 1940's type sing-alongs, 1950's type "Mickey Mouse Club" shows, as well as a fabulous New Year's Eve party with home cooked food and home grown waiter staff.

Still, I had time to volunteer in the school, which later led to my being hired as a Title I Aide. For \$4.50 per hour, RPS got a part-time school nurse, a librarian and a media Aide all rolled into one.

And so, since everyone in Roosevelt takes turns being involved, it is my time to step up to the plate again. I am asking for your support in the June 26th Primary on behalf of myself and the other Democratic candidates, Marilyn Magnes and Pat Moser.

Your neighbor,  
Elly Shapiro



Dear Editor:

Two months ago I was appointed by the Democratic Committee to fill the seat for Borough Councilperson vacated by Judith Trachtenberg. My term expires on election day, Nov. 7, 2001. I have placed my name on the Democratic ballot in the June 26th primary so that I may continue as Councilperson for the remainder of 2001 and for the following year. If elected for this term my priorities will be:

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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- **The Water and Sewer Systems:** Little has been done in the past to accurately assess the current condition and future needs of these two systems. Therefore, my primary responsibility will be to work with Mayor Hamilton, the Council and professionals to develop both short and long range plans and budgets for the maintenance, repair and improvement of these systems. A well thought out plan will enable us to minimize crises and approach the operation of the water and sewer plants in a more systematic manner.

- **Debt Service Reduction:** Approximately one half of our water and sewer bill is attributable to the interest we currently pay on money we have borrowed. Just as one would refinance a home mortgage when interest rates fall, we on Council now have an opportunity to reduce our bill by transferring our debt into lower interest financing. I will actively participate in the exploration and selection of the most advantageous refinancing option.

- **Resident Concerns:** Of course for many our taxes and water and sewer rates are of major concern. However for the 2000 tax year, 75% of our taxes financed our children's' education. The members of the Board of Education have been working with the State to reclassify Roosevelt so that we see a fairer return of our tax dollar. The municipal share of the tax dollar you paid was just 14%. This portion of your bill has been reduced for the past two years. The remaining 11% financed the services we receive from the county. Other concerns expressed to me by my neighbors which call for action are: brown water, the unsightly gas station, unkempt properties, retaining open spaces, emergency medical assistance, and transportation for senior citizens to medical care in Mercer County. As I work toward solutions with my fellow members of Council I will keep you informed and seek your suggestions.

I previously served two terms on Council as President for one year and was also Chair of Utilities and Administration. In addition I have served on the Zoning Board and the Planning Board. For six years I was a member of the Roosevelt First Aid Squad as an EMT. I recently retired from my work as a developer of housing for persons with disabilities

My Democratic running mates are Pat Moser and Elly Shapiro. Please support us on June 26th.

Marilyn Magnes

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Dear Primary Voter:

Because I am asking you to vote for me for Borough Council, I think it is appropriate for me to put in a few words of introduction. I have lived in Roosevelt for the last 18 years. I recently retired from a management position with the Department of Corrections after 23 years of service in which I rose from Teaching Assistant to Supervisor of Minimum Security. I have developed skills over the years, for example, developing budgets and having to live within them, supervising employees, hiring new workers, arranging for repairs and replacements that will be useful on the Borough Council. When I was in the bargaining units, I volunteered as Shop Steward, and as President and Vice-President of the Yardville branch of Local 1040, CWA.

If elected, I assure you that not only will I be diligent with how I vote to spend your money, I will try to do things in different ways to be more efficient and to save you money. I realize that it takes a lot of tax money to run our town, but I promise to work with the rest of the Borough Council and Mayor Hamilton to follow the trend of the last two years to reduce taxes, and keep them at a minimum.

On another important topic, I believe that the brown water situation in Roosevelt is intolerable. I pledge to make it my personal task over the next three years to make brown water a bad memory with the least possible impact on the water rates (none, if possible).

I will not support, as a Council member, large development that will approximately double the number of houses and people in Roosevelt. I am not opposed to development as such, but it can not be large scale or sudden. I want to repay the community for providing me with a lovely, secure place to live over nearly two decades. I believe we can find a way to hold on to the features that have made Roosevelt so great.

Please support me in the Democratic primary on June 14, and support my running mates, Elly Shapiro and Marilyn Magnes.

Pat Moser

# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

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

by Mary Tulloss

## FOND FAREWELL TO:

Franklin (Martin) Salmansohn, son of Ethel Salmansohn of Solar Village and brother of Linda Block of Lake Drive, died on April 15th. Martin grew up in Manalapan and most recently lived in Woodbridge. He was a chemist at Sidmack Corporation.

## IN THE ARTS:

Mark Zuckerman's "Managerie", settings of six poems by Robert Desnos for flute, soprano, and piano will receive its premiere performance by Zara Lawler, Mary Ellen Callahan and Margaret Kampmeier on Sunday, June 3, 8 p.m. at Merkin Concert Hall, 129 West 67th Street, New York City. His "On the Edges" has been recorded by pianist Peter Vinograde and released on a Phoenix USA CD (PHCD149) with solo piano music by modern American composers Aaron Copland and Paul Creston.

## HONORS RECEIVED:

Kevin McNally was elected to the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Public Health Association.

Fund for Roosevelt, Inc. received the Monmouth County Department of Parks and Recreation 2001 Open Space Planning Achievement Award. The award was presented to Mayor Mike Hamilton and FFR President Rod Tulloss on March 29th at a dinner for Parks and Recreation award winners in Freehold. The Fund was cited for innovation in open space preservation. The Borough of Roosevelt was considered a very unusual community because of the very high percentage of community support and participation.

## FROM CAMPUS:

Matthew Marko, who attends the High Technology High School in Monmouth county, is one of 200 students selected nationwide to attend an eight week NASA apprenticeship program in Hampton, Virginia this summer. Matthew will be participating in research with NASA scientists and engineers.

## FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL:

Because of the high seating she achieved in the clarinet section of the NJ All State Wind Ensemble this past spring, junior Molly Petrilla has been invited to play in the NJ All State Orchestra, which will present two concerts in Atlantic City this fall.

## FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Students on the Honor Roll for the third marking period are: Reuben Alt, Lyssa Cousineau, Laurel Hamilton, Erika Heden, Nicholas Impellizzeri, Mollie Marko, Danielle Petrics and Jason Vazquez.

Heather Cordo participated in shot put and discus during the recently concluded track season.

## FROM ROOSEVELT PUBLIC SCHOOL:

Emily Silverstein received the Outstanding Student Award for Roosevelt School, which was presented by the Monmouth County School Boards Association at a recognition ceremony on April 5th.

Christina Iacona received honorable mention in the Monmouth County Fair Housing Commission poster contest.

Adam Axel was chosen again to be the D.J. for the Spring Family Dance and the students enjoyed the music very much. ■

If you or a neighbor has recently moved to town, please let this reporter know so that a welcome can appear in this column. Also, if your son or daughter in college has some news from campus please let me know. Thank you.

# WEATHER ALMANAC

## Dust Bowl Days

by Ron Filepp

I am mowing my lawn surrounded by dust so thick that it obscures the machine and lower half of my body. I'm not walking and pushing, but floating on a noisy dirt cloud. It is May 17 and 25 days have passed since the last rainfall in Roosevelt. It has been 32 days since the last rainfall that totaled more than 0.05 inches.

In addition to dirt dust, the dry days have allowed tree pollen to build up. Cars, trucks, garbage cans, benches, everything outside is tinged or painted in shades of yellow-green pollen. The pollen coats everything outside. While removing vines growing in some bushes, I noticed every time I touched a branch a cloud of pollen lifted from the bush.

A build-up of some of pollen dust occurs most years. This year has brought more than its share. Under normal rain conditions much of the pollen would be washed away. Brief showers alone would only aggravate the situation by agitating the allergen thus making it airborne again. Only rain in abundance will alleviate the situation.

Dry weather is fire weather and on May 14, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for the New York Tri-State area. To date over 100 wildfires were reported in New Jersey this spring.

Water levels in many New Jersey streams and rivers are running near or below record low spring levels. Locally, the Borough Council put seasonal water use restrictions in effect earlier than usual.

Why so dry? A television meteorologist explained that a blocking low-pressure system anchored off Nantucket is partially responsible for the dry spell. We are far enough from the blocking low to avoid its bad weather. However, the counter-clockwise winds that surround the low are pushing rain systems heading our way from the Ohio Valley southeast of our area. ■

### Weather Event

Though we have been in a very dry spell, it cannot compare with the great New Jersey drought that began in August 1961 and did not end until September 1966. The driest year in New Jersey history since at least 1885 was 1965.

### April 15 - May 15, 2001

Day	High	Low	Avg Precip	
15	68.4	40.8	54.6	0.00
16	60.3	46.2	53.3	0.28
17	41.0	41.5	41.3	0.05
18	54.5	38.3	46.4	0.02
19	55.0	30.9	43.0	0.00
20	67.5	36.7	52.1	0.00
21	75.2	52.7	64.0	0.00
22	83.7	56.5	70.1	0.05
23	86.9	57.9	72.4	0.00
24	86.0	59.5	72.8	0.00
25	62.4	46.8	54.6	0.00
26	63.7	34.5	49.1	0.00
27	73.9	33.3	53.6	0.00
28	64.8	48.7	56.8	0.00
29	65.5	33.6	49.6	0.00
30	73.9	40.8	57.4	0.00
1	83.3	79.3	81.3	0.00
2	87.1	53.4	70.3	0.00
3	89.2	58.8	74.0	0.00
4	90.1	62.6	76.4	0.00
5	79.7	52.9	66.3	0.00
6	68.4	47.1	57.8	0.00
7	66.0	34.5	50.3	0.00
8	72.9	36.9	54.9	0.00
9	77.0	42.8	59.9	0.00
10	83.1	47.8	65.5	0.00
11	86.4	52.0	69.2	0.00
12	89.2	57.9	73.6	0.00
13	71.4	53.1	62.3	0.00
14	74.5	40.6	57.6	0.00
15	73.9	42.6	58.3	0.00
Total Precipitation		0.40		

### Weather Word

Drought - a period of abnormally dry weather sufficiently prolonged for the lack of water to cause a serious shortage of water for agriculture and other needs in the affected area.

# NATURAL ROOSEVELT

## Volunteers, Climbing Ferns and Re-introducing Species Rare or Extinct in Monmouth County

by Rod Tulloss

The Environmental Commission has a line item in its 2001 budget for the purchase of native plants to be planted in Roosevelt. At the Commission's April meeting, a unanimous vote designated a maximum of \$1,000 to be used within the coming month for plants to protect or restore wetland in Roosevelt.

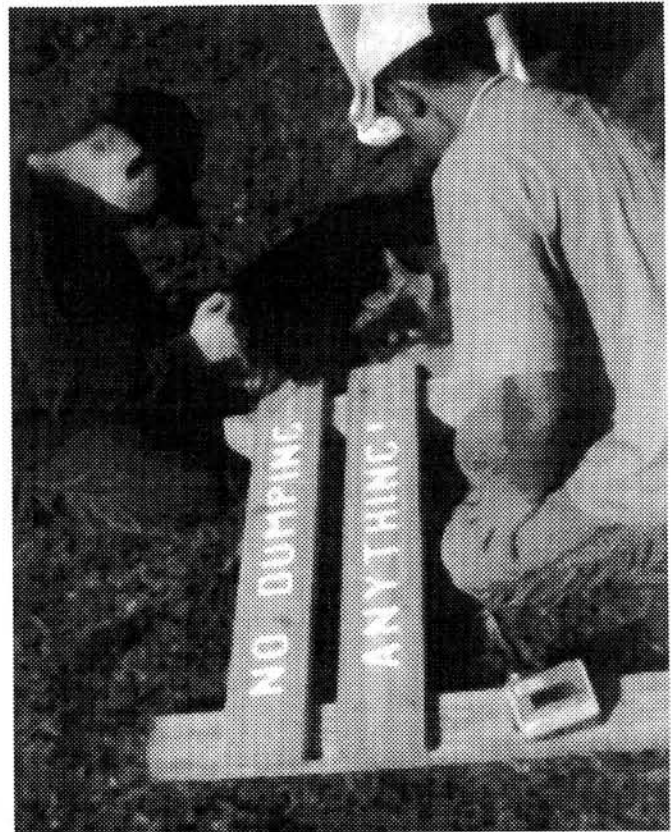
Ed and Pat Moser and I visited Wild Earth Nursery in Freehold in early May and were fascinated to see the range of plants available and appropriate for the Commission's use in town. We had several general criteria that we wanted to satisfy: (1) Some plants should be tall enough so that they would immediately generate shade along the east side of Rochdale Avenue between Rossi's Deli and Empty Box Brook. (2) To the greatest degree possible, the plants should be distasteful to deer. (3) Where both of the above criteria could be met, some of the plants should represent introduction (or re-introduction) of native species that are rare or extinct in Monmouth County.

It was also desirable that some of the plants have colorful fall foliage and berries - simply to serve as an illustration that native plants can provide some of the aesthetic qualities for which non-native invasive species (such as European Spindle Tree or Burning Bush) are often planted in landscaping.

The stock at Wild Earth permitted us to meet all of these goals. We got a 20% municipal discount and used considerably less than half of the authorized funds.

On May 11, Mike Farr and I drove back to Wild Earth with the Borough truck and picked up 53 plants. These included Red Chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*), Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melano-carpa*), Nannyberry (*Viburnum legatum*), High Bush "Cranberry" (*Viburnum trilobum*), Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*), and the ferns *Dryopteris celsa* (Log Fern), *Lygodium palmatum* (Climbing Fern), and *Osmunda claytoniana* (Interrupted Fern).

Among these plants only Red Chokeberry, Sweet Pepperbush, and Interrupted Fern previously were recorded for Roosevelt. In the case of Interrupted Fern, only two plants have ever been found in the wild here. Of the plants that were introduced, the most recent informa-



tion available indicates that Log Fern has been extinct in Monmouth County since ferns were first collected in New Jersey. Climbing Fern is believed to have existed in a single population in the county in recent years; however, recent attempts to locate this population have failed.

Eight plants of Log Fern have been introduced at the edge of wetland near logs on which they can "crawl" out of the ground. Two plants of Climbing Fern have been planted under Spicebush and Sweet Pepperbush in which the fern likes to twine. To make sure they are kept wet in this drought, the site chosen is adjacent to a place where deer ford the stream and splash the bank where the ferns are planted. The Climbing Ferns are already sending shoots outward looking for something to climb on, and one of them has started to climb. This is such an interesting plant that I hope to have space to describe it in a future column.

Well, how did the plants get in the ground?

Two members of the Environmental Commission

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# BREAKING BREAD

## Diced Potatoes with Spinach

by Mary Tulloss



I had used Amazon.com once before to search out a text on tropical fish and found a great reference book, so when my mother asked me to pick out my own Christmas present, I decided to try to use Amazon again to find a vegetarian cookbook. There were lots to choose from and since we all like Indian food I decided to select an Indian Vegetarian Cookbook. There were still many choices, but the author Madhur Jaffrey showed up on a number of books and the user reviews were very favorable so I selected "Madhur Jaffrey's World of the East Vegetarian Cooking" with recipes from India, Bali, Japan, China, the Far East and the Middle East.

I am looking forward to making rasmalai, my favorite Indian dessert of milk curds in a rich, sweet cream with crushed pistachios, but so far this is the only recipe I have tried. This dish is quick and easy to cook and the ingredients are available year round. I usually use the yellow Yukon Gold potatoes, which do well in any potato dish and are very tasty. I don't peel the potatoes as the recipe calls for since I like to leave the skins on vegetables to get more of the vitamins (it also saves time!). Also, when I use fresh spinach I don't wilt it first and drain, I just add it to the sautéed onion and garlic and cook for 10 minutes.

The recipe calls for garam masala, a blend of spices that is

used in a lot of Indian cooking, and black mustard seeds. These can be found at any of the Indian/Pakistani grocery stores nearby. I had some on hand from many years ago and they were still fine to use.

All over North India potatoes are cooked with greens. Fenugreek greens are preferred, but spinach makes a good alternative.

(serves 6)

3 medium-sized waxy boiling potatoes (about 2 pounds)  
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon salt  
1 pound fresh or 1 package frozen leaf spinach  
6 tablespoons vegetable oil or ghee  
1/2-teaspoon whole black mustard seeds  
1 large onion (3 to 3 1/2 ounces), peeled and chopped  
2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced  
1 teaspoon garam masala  
1/16 to 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)

Bring 2 1/2 quarts of water to a boil. Peel potatoes and dice into 3/4-inch cubes, then add to boiling water with 1-tablespoon salt. Bring to a boil again. Cover, turn heat to low and cook potatoes until they are just tender--about 6 minutes. Do not overcook. Drain. Spread potatoes out and leave to cool.

If using fresh spinach, wash carefully and drop into large kettle of boiling water to wilt. Drain. Squeeze out as much liquid as possible from spinach and chop fine. If using frozen leaf spinach, cook according to instructions. Drain, squeeze out liquid, and chop. Set aside.

Heat oil in a heavy, 12-inch, preferably nonstick skillet over a medium-high flame. When very hot, put in the mustard seeds. As soon as the seeds begin to pop (this just takes a few seconds), add the onion and the garlic. Turn heat to medium and fry 3 to 4 minutes. Onions should turn very lightly brown at the edges. Now put in the chopped spinach and keep stirring and frying for another 10 minutes.

Add the cooked potatoes, 1 teaspoon of salt, the garam masala, and the cayenne pepper. Stir and mix gently until the potatoes are heated through. ■



# ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2000-2001 SEASON

The Roosevelt Arts Project was pleased to announce our 2000-2001 calendar of events, featuring a wonderfully varied array of readings and performances, concerts and exhibit of the works of Roosevelt artists.

All events, with the exception of the art exhibit, take place at the Borough Hall and begin at 8:00 p.m. At most events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, just \$4.00 for students and seniors. This year, we asked \$10/\$5.00 for admission to the Roosevelt String Band concert.

We hope to see all of you in the next season at these exciting new performances, exhibits and events. The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible entirely by your support. Donations given to the Roosevelt Arts Project, other than for admission to an event, are tax-deductible. We appreciate your continuing support of our efforts to bring the highest quality art and performances to Roosevelt. ■

## MURAL POSTCARDS AVAILABLE THROUGH ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT



The Roosevelt Arts Project proudly offers for sale our beautiful three-panel reproduction of the Ben Shahn mural from our school. The postcards are available for \$2.00 each and a small number of flat, unfolded copies, suitable for framing, are available for \$10.00 each. All proceeds go to the Roosevelt Arts Project to cover the cost of these cards, enable us to produce future postcards in our Roosevelt arts series and to support RAP exhibits and events. Cards are available at the Borough Hall or by calling Robin Middleman at 426-4583, Deborah Metzger at 443-3759 or Judith Trachtenberg at 426-8867. The Roosevelt Arts Project is a tax exempt cultural organization funded exclusively by admissions and donations. RAP appreciates your support. ■

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## REVIEW

### Roosevelt String Band: A Roosevelt Tradition

By Linda Silverstein

**T**radition. It helps us to connect to the past and plan for the future. Over the last nine years as a resident of Roosevelt, I've come to look forward to the semi-annual litter pick-ups, the town-wide yard sale in April/May, the R.P.S. graduation ceremony in June, the Fourth of July parade and innumerable events hosted by the school community. Our family's calendar keeps these special days in "mind" as we plan our schedules. Ranking right at the top of this list is the annual performance of the Roosevelt String Band, occurring the last weekend of April at the Borough Hall. On April 27th, I had the pleasure of attending the first show (the second took place the following evening) presented by our very own David Brahinsky, Judith Trachtenberg, Ed Cedar, Paul Prestopino and Howard Jacobs. This group of five had the polished performance and stage rapport which one would expect from a professional group. Their underlying friendships helped to create a comfortable (not to mention humorous) flow in the musical program and the dialogues interspersed.

The selections for the evening ranged from some folk tunes by the likes of Phil Ochs ("When I'm Gone," dedicated in memory of Sol Libsohn), Stan Rogers ("White Squall") and Peter, Paul and

Mary ("Gone with the Rainbow") to the works of more contemporary artists like Nanci Griffith (Workin' in Corners") and Cheryl Wheeler ("The Bank" - providing an amusing look at the institution, "Howl at the Moon" and "Rainy Road Into Atlanta"). A bluegrass number,

"Money Down" was followed later in the evening by a traditional Irish tune ("Johnny Be Fine" - simple story with a funny ending) as well as a rousing version of Leon Rosselson's "No Cause for Alarm," which addresses the hazards of nuclear energy. Ed sang solo to Jackson Browne's "Running on Empty" as did Howard to Sting's "Shape of My Heart." Both were riveting interpretations of modern classic tunes. Paul led the group in the anecdotal "The Gas Man Cometh" by Flanders and Swann. The primary vocals on most of the other numbers came from David and Judith, who have established themselves as very capable singers. An Everly Brothers Medley at the end of the first set had even the weakest singer in the audience (I confess - that was me!) joining in. The evening came to a close with the encore performance of The Weavers' "If I Had My Way."

The instrumentals accompanying the twenty or so songs performed were as flawless as the voices already mentioned. David was on guitar for the evening, while Ed played the bass, Paul moved from the banjo to guitar to mandolin with ease and Howard managed the fiddle, recorder and harmonica, changing with the song at hand. Musical talent was in abundance.

As you can see, the evening was filled with diversity and talent. I hope that you will (if you haven't already) broaden your experience of Roosevelt with one of its greatest "traditions" - the Roosevelt String Band - next April. You know, it's never too soon to mark your calendars! ■

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**“ The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, someone else does.”**

**- Erma Bombeck**

## NATURAL ROOSEVELT

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(Corkey Rothfuss and I) worked with a large number of volunteers from a Millstone scout troop. On May 12th, the group removed a massive Multiflora Rose from beside Empty Box Brook just west of Tamara Drive. In its place were planted Red Chokeberry and Nannyberry along with one of the new trailhead signs made last year by Dave Parsons with additional posts and hardware obtained by Dave Schwendeman, who heads up the signage item for the Commission. The photograph with this article shows two volunteers assembling a no dumping sign also placed just off Tamara Drive. Additional Nannyberry and some ferns were planted at this site from which one can walk the Roosevelt Woodland Trail to the end of Pine Drive. This trail is one of less than 100 sites promoted by New Jersey as a place to walk and observe wildlife in the state. The trail also received recognition last year from the American Hiking Society and the Millennium Trail Council (sponsored by the federal government). On May 13th, the trailhead sign at the end of Pine Drive was installed by Bryan and Ryan Lancaster who volunteered to give an extra few hours to finish the job. A complete list of Millstone volunteers appears at the end of this article.

While one group of volunteers was working on the Woodland Trail segment, another group took the mulch pile at Pine and Tamara and spread it out over the trail that leads from that intersection to Roosevelt Public School. While there wasn't enough material to cover the trail completely, the pile (which might have become a concern as a source of mold spores) was eliminated; and at least a part of the trail was beautified and given better defined boundaries.

Meanwhile, back on Rochdale Avenue, Corkey was planting the shrubs that Mike Farr and I had dropped off in roughed out positions the previous day. This was a tall order, Corkey alone did about two-thirds of the planting that Saturday!. The tallest plants (Black Chokeberry and Sweet Pepperbush) are roughly 7 feet tall. These are placed in areas with the least pre-existing shade. Shorter plants were used where over-hanging tree limbs or existing shrubs already afforded some shade. (This whole shade issue was created by the butcher job done on the trees along the powerline last year. Not only were trees cut back in inappropriate ways, but whole trees were unnecessarily removed. This opened up the wetland forest floor to sunlight. The result is an increase in poison ivy moving from the roadside into the forest, and the appearance of exotic invasives such as Garlic Mustard.)

The Interrupted Fern was used to make a start at restoring some of the areas that were damaged last fall and winter by off-road vehicles illegally driving in the exceptional value wetlands.

Since May 13th, Sarah and Mary Tulloss, some unnamed deer, and yours truly have been watering our town's new plants...and hoping for rain!

The hardworking Millstone volunteers included: Paul and Casey Berg; John and Joey Bonanno; Thomas Cassera; Mark Fuller; Brian, Jill, and Ryan Lancaster; Clement and Matthew Lo; CJ Mafus; Brian Mayer; Marc Messiha; Joseph Meyer; Chris and Jonathan Minetti; Jason Skeehan; Robert Stinson; Ray and Raymond Tobias. ■

### CALLING ALL ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, COMPOSERS, SINGERS, POETS, DANCERS, PLAYWRIGHTS, ACTORS, DIRECTORS

**T**he Roosevelt Arts Project invites suggestions and proposals for events for the 2001-2002 series. If you have an idea for an evening of the arts of any kind, please let any of the Trustees of the Arts Project know. Whether it's something you want to produce or just something you'd like to see or hear, get your idea to any of the following by June 21 so that you can be included in the planning for next season. The Trustees of the Arts Projects appreciate your support and hope you'll help create a season that will challenge and delight.

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Please contact any of the Trustees or call Robin Gould at 448-4616 if you have any questions. Written proposals or suggestions may be submitted to Arts Project at P.O. Box 5, Roosevelt, NJ 08555-0005.

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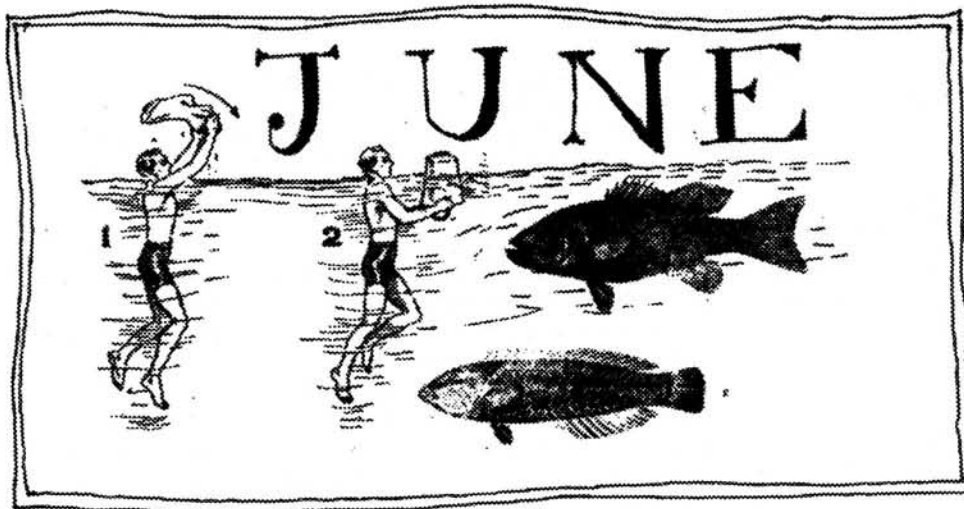
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### June

1	Fri.		RPS Pizza Day
4	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227
5	Tues.	1 p.m.	Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall Herb Johnson, 443-1947
		7:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting, RPS, President JoAnne Parker, 448-5619
6	Wed.		RECYCLE  RPS Field Day (Rain Date Thurs., 6/7)  RPS Early Dismissal
7	Thurs.		RPS Field Day Rain Date, 6/8
11	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227
12	Tues.	8 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Gayle Hunton, 426-4338
14	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, President Sharlene Ellentuck, 448-4440
15	Fri.		RPS Early Dismissal
16	Sat.	4 p.m.	RPS Graduation
18	Mon.		RPS Early Dismissal
		7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227

		7:30 p.m.	Synagogue Board Meeting, Neil Marko, 443-6818
19	Tues.		RPS Awards Ceremony RPS Early Dismissal - Last Day of school for Students
20	Wed.		RECYCLE
21	Thurs.	8 p.m.	Environmental Commission Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairman Rod Tulloss 448-5096
25	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227
26	Tues.		Primary Election Day - VOTE!
28	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS President Sharlene Ellentuck, 448-4440
<b>July</b>			
2	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227
4	Wed.		Independence Day

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