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No Change in Municipal Taxes and Utility Rates New Rule on Public Discussion

by Adeline Weiner

At the regular March meeting of the Borough Council, business was dispatched in record time with a series of committee reports and resolutions that included the introduction of the 1991 budget and a report on the progress of the sewer repair program. The new budget includes no increases in either taxes or utility fees. This work, however, was followed by objections from the audience when the Mayor announced that, except for hearings on ordinances, there would be no public discussion until all council business is finished. This procedure was adopted apparently in response to events at a previous, turbulent special meeting on February 25.

Earlier Hubbub

At this meeting, a storm of protest arose over a report on the cost of expanding the current sewer treatment plant (STP), presented to this special session by Applied Wastewater Technology (AWT), the new supervisory engineers for the STP. Their memorandum stated that the purposes of such additions would be to provide for future growth in population to an estimated 1500 residents and to anticipate the advent of stricter require-

ments by DEP. The cost projected for this work would be between \$600,000 and \$700,000.

The response from the crowd was often angry and emotional. Brad Garton expressed the conviction that the current rate of \$140/month was so prohibitive that an added \$30 or \$40 a month, or over \$2,000 a year should be inconceivable. The only feasible course, said Henry John-Alder, would be for developers to pay for any sewer system additions; as for future DEP

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Rose Murphy Appointed to Council Seat

by Michael Ticktin

At a special meeting on March 18, the borough council appointed Rose Murphy to serve for the remainder of this year in the council seat recently vacated by the resignation of Kirk Rothfuss.

In selecting Mrs. Murphy, the council passed over a list submitted by Democratic committee members Ann Baker and Sol Libsohn that included the names of Anita Cervantes, Leslie Weiner and Jeff Hunt. By law, if a council member is elected as a nominee of either of the political parties, the party's municipal committee has the right to submit a list of three nominees if that position becomes vacant. If it does so within 15 days of the vacancy, the council is required to appoint one of those on the list within 30 days of the vacancy, or else the party committee gets to make the appointment.

In this case, however, one of the people on the list, Mr. Hunt, was not yet a resident for a full year. Thus, he did not meet one of the legal requirements for

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Remember the School Election, April 30

Polls open at RPS, 2:30 - 9:00 PM

Candidates' Night, April 18, 7:30 PM at RPS

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First Aid Squad to Hold Annual Community Fund Drive

by Susan Oxford

In April, the Roosevelt First Aid Squad will hold its annual community fund drive. Squad Treasurer Bill Counterman said the Squad did not hold a fund drive in 1990, so it is critical that members of the community respond to the 1991 drive. Historically, the Squad has relied on the annual fund drive to provide more than one-third of the Squad's annual budget. It is essential that the Squad receive this financial support from the community this year so it can continue maintaining the ambulance, restocking first aid supplies, and training the Squad's members, both new and old. Training Officer Jack Guyette said that expenses for certifying new members have increased in recent years, and squads are being advised that these costs will go up again this year. Insurance is another essential expense that has increased steeply in the past few years, according to Bill Counterman.

This year's fundraising efforts got off to a strong start with an end-of-year donation of \$4,000 from MIRA in December. The Borough Council usually provides a donation, as well, in the municipal budget. These two sources, combined with the fundraising events such as the annual Hoagie Day and the up-coming flower and plant sale, still leave the Squad far short of meeting its annual expenses. So when you receive the fund drive letter later this month, we ask you to give as generously as you can so that the Roosevelt First Aid Squad can continue to serve our community's emergency medical needs.

The Squad also thanks all those who participated in the Hoagie Day in January, the Blood Drive in February and the Pancake Breakfast in March. We received a very good turn-out on the Blood Drive, with 37 volunteer donors. We had so much fun with the Pancake Breakfast that we plan to make it an annual event.

The activities of the Roosevelt First Aid Squad are made possible, in part, through a donation from MIRA.

Crossing Guard Needed

The ad hoc Safety Committee of Roosevelt Board of Education and Borough Council have determined that a crossing guard is needed at the intersection of School Lane and Pine Drive. The position pays \$10.00 per hour. Please contact Michael Hamilton at 443-5227 if interested.

—Mike Hamilton

Semi-Annual Litter Pick-Up

Tired of looking at garbage on the roadsides in and around Roosevelt? Come and join us for the semi-annual litter pick-up. We will meet on Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Post Office. Bags and gloves will be provided and good food available at Lenny and Michele's afterward.

Hope you come in throngs—we need you!

Raindate: April 21.

—The Parks Commission

Were You Missed?

There is reason to believe that our 1990 census count of 884 was too low. If you were living in Roosevelt on April 1, 1990 and either did not receive or did not return a census form, please contact the Borough clerk at 448-0539 immediately. Any information that the Borough receives about residents who were not counted will be passed on to the Census Bureau so that the official total can be corrected.

Candidates' Night Scheduled for April 18

The Roosevelt PTA will be hosting a Candidates' Night on Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the school. All candidates for the Roosevelt Board of Education have been asked to participate and Mayor Leon Barth will be the moderator. This open forum will give the public an opportunity to ask School Board candidates various questions on school related issues. Please join us! Refreshments will be served after the forum.

—Adeenah Yeger

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Planning Board Reviews Rutgers Student Projects

by Susan R. Oxford

Rutgers University landscape architecture students, who have been hard at work over the past several months to design plans for the undeveloped land in Roosevelt, presented their final projects to the Borough Planning Board on March 13.

Professor Steven Strom presented an overview of the assignment and the student results, and then individual students fielded questions about their specific proposals. Professor Strom explained that the students examined potential uses for the undeveloped land in Roosevelt, primarily the northern 500 acres, considering the visual, historical and architectural character of the community, as well as the environmental features of the land itself.

Five of the seven resulting projects were on display at the Borough Hall. All seemed to reflect an overall sensitivity to preserving Roosevelt's unique character and aesthetic qualities. For example, each proposal retained as open space the field to the west of Route 571 and south of Nurko Road. One team explained that this was

done, in part, to preserve the visual effect of the tree in the center of this field that members of the community look forward to seeing as they return home. Another proposal included the "Shahn Community Cultural Center" as an integral part of the proposed development, reflecting the importance that Rooseveltians have placed over the years on encouraging the artistic talents of the community.

With one exception, each plan proposed some form of development concentrated in the area bounded by Oscar Drive on the south and Route 571 on the west. The plans all designated the remaining areas as open space, parkland or agricultural use that preserved the existing "viewscape."

The students appeared enthusiastic, poised and professional in answering the questions of Board members and public. Michael Sidlowski and Tom Reed explained their plan for 138 single family housing units on one-eighth acre lots in the southeast quadrant. They proposed houses that would

resemble the Borough's original architecture, in a design layout similar to the original Borough design that has houses backing up onto areas of publicly owned open space. The remaining undeveloped land would be retained as open space, possibly incorporating a garden center or nursery to make the plan economically viable.

A similar design plan presented by Eric Sinha proposed locating 250 housing units in the same general area, including a small number of lower income townhouses, along with single family homes on quarter-acre and eighth-acre lots and larger homes on one-acre lots in the northernmost part of the tract. This plan featured the use of cul-de-sacs to maximize open space and proposed a convenience store, as well as a day care center.

Jay McCahill presented a plan to create a public golf course on the land to the west of Route 571 and a corporate campus in the southeastern quadrant. The plan also included an environmental center (possible com-

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Planning Board Delays Master Plan Amendments until April

by Susan Oxford

The Planning Board discussed a proposed amendment of the Borough's Master Plan at its March 20th meeting, but postponed action on the change pending submission of the draft amendment to the Monmouth County Planning Board on March 25th. The Borough Planning Board set the matter down for public hearing and final action at its next meeting, scheduled for April 10, at 8:00 p.m. Also to be discussed at this meeting is the allocation of responsibilities concerning the planning study for the Trust for Public Land project.

The Board's discussion of the Master Plan focused on the area of

Roosevelt located along North Rochdale Avenue and Nurko Road that is currently privately-owned agricultural land or open space. The proposed amendment would acknowledge the Borough's decision to consider limited residential development of this area provided it is undertaken in accordance with a comprehensive plan officially adopted by the Planning Board which balances any development in the area with land that is permanently restricted from development and preserved as undeveloped open space.

The Trust For Public Land ("TPL") has met with both the Planning Board and the Borough Council over the past

several months to discuss a joint project of this nature designed to preserve a substantial amount of the "northern 500 acres" as permanent open space. In December, the Council adopted a resolution concurring with this proposal in principle, and agreeing to appropriate a small portion of the funds needed for the necessary planning studies. Funds for the remaining costs of the planning study are being sought from other public and private sources through a fundraising committee chaired by former Council President Marilyn Magnes.

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Architect Selected for RPS Renovations CSA Groveman Granted Tenure

By Bob Clark

At its March 12 regular meeting, the Roosevelt School Board selected the architectural firm of L. Robert Kimball & Associates to prepare a plan to meet renovation and expansion needs of the Roosevelt Public School (RPS). On March 6, the Board heard presentations from representatives of the Kimball firm and DECO of Moorestown, New Jersey. Kimball is a larger firm with headquarters in West Chester, Pennsylvania, and a branch office in Sewell, New Jersey. The two concerns were the finalists after eight were screened by the Board's Finance and Operations Committee and Chief School Administrator (CSA) Harry Groveman.

While the Board unanimously approved having an architect prepare a plan, six members—President Edward Grossman, Robert Petrilla, Allen Newrath, John Ord, Harry Parker and Michael Hamilton—voted for the Kimball firm. Members Jan Plumb and Margaret Schlinski favored DECO, and Edward Goetzmann abstained.

The Kimball firm will prepare a plan to meet state-mandated facility needs and to provide for other renovation and expansion that the community may decide to fund by itself or with state grants that may become available. The Kimball firm's fee for this phase of the project will be \$6,800 and will take the Board through state facility planning approval. Although DECO's fee would have been \$5,000, its estimates of construction costs were higher than those projected by Kimball. DECO's representatives also said they would charge seven percent of project cost for a total fee if it were selected to be the architect for the construction project. Kimball's representatives, on the other hand, said their fee would be six percent. In both cases the initial planning fee would have been applied toward the overall project cost if the Board were to proceed to construction.

Those favoring the Kimball firm also praised DECO's presentation and capabilities. They expressed more con-

fidence, however, in Kimball's ability to prepare a plan that would do more within Roosevelt's limited financial capabilities. They also said they were impressed by the ideas and attitude of Kimball's vice president, Edward Kirkbride, who would be the project architect for the Roosevelt job. They did note that Kimball's final plans should show more concern for the visibility of the Shahn mural than the original concept.

Mr. Petrilla suggested that the Board address a flyer to the community explaining the project. Dr. Goetzmann said that since debate on the issue might affect whether the District's budget would be approved by the voters on April 30, a flyer is needed to explain that the Board is not committing the taxpayers to anything other than some exploratory work. Mr. Groveman will draft a flyer with assistance from Mr. Ord.

During the public portion of the March 12 meeting, School Board candidate Dolores Chasan asked for an explanation of lease-purchase as a funding mechanism for any work which would be carried out. Dr. Goetzmann explained that the standard method for a school district to finance capital improvements is to seek referendum approval for the district to incur the debt needed to pay for the project. In recent years some districts have been able to contract with private builders to complete their projects and lease them to the districts without the necessity of referendum approval by the districts' voters. The Board has not decided which method to use for its renovation and expansion project.

In another major action, the Board unanimously granted tenure to CSA Groveman. In a session closed to the public for personnel matters, the Board relied, in part, on routine second round evaluations to make its decision. The Board had originally planned to decide whether Mr. Groveman should receive tenure when

it considered renewing his present contract in May. However, a bill pending in the state legislature would eliminate tenure for chief school administrators. By granting tenure to Mr. Groveman now, he would come within the "grandfather" provisions of the bill should it become law.

When the tenure question was raised by School Board President Edward Grossman at the Board's March 6 meeting, Mr. Groveman commented, "I have never been concerned about tenure; I have always let my work stand for itself." He added, "But tenure is an accomplishment, like getting a doctorate is an accomplishment." School Board members have often publicly expressed satisfaction with Mr. Groveman's performance.

At the April 30 School Board election, six candidates will vie for three seats with full three-year terms. Incumbents running for these positions are Michael Hamilton, Margaret Schlinski and Harry Parker. Also running are Patricia Moser, Lauralynne Cokeley and Dolores Chasan. Two residents, Howard Kaufman and Henry John-Alder, are contesting one seat for an unexpired two-year term. Finally, incumbent Allen Newrath is running unopposed for a position with an unexpired one-year term.

MaryDeFoe will serve as an election worker for the April 30 election instead of Paul Eichler (as reported in last month's *Bulletin*).

On April 30, voters will also decide whether to approve the Roosevelt District's budget for the 1991-92 school year. As the *Bulletin* went to press, school districts finally received state aid figures, long delayed by legislative efforts to amend the Quality of Education Act of 1990. Board Secretary Debra Allen said the District would receive \$423,846 for all kinds of state aid for the 1991-92 school year. \$392,314 was received during the current school year.

Mrs. Allen said that, with a state-imposed cap of 7 1/2 percent on spend-

ing increases, the amount of money the Borough raises by property taxes for school purposes could not increase by more than about \$50,000, unless the Board sought a cap waiver from the State or from District voters. This maximum potential increase would only be about half the increase recently estimated by the Borough Council as the potential tax increase for school purposes.

At the Board's March 12 meeting, Dr. Goetzmann asked whether the Council had consulted any Board officials before submitting its estimate of increased school taxes at the Council's budget hearing. Upon learning that no one had been consulted, Dr. Goetzmann complained to Council member Stuart Kaufman, who has represented the Council at recent School Board meetings. Although Dr. Grossman noted that the Board might not have been able to supply a figure at the time of the Council's hearing, Mr. Kaufman said Dr. Goetzmann's point about the need for consultation was well taken.

The Roosevelt District is in the process of screening students for next year's kindergarten admissions. Mr. Groveman said that parents of any child born between November 15 and December 31, 1986, may apply to have the child evaluated. After an assessment, the child may be enrolled in Kindergarten if deemed appropriate.

Mr. Groveman reported that he had asked the principal of the Rogers Middle School for information regarding the performance of Roosevelt's seventh and eighth graders so that their academic and social adjustment to the large school environment could be assessed. He explained that the data would be used for program development at RPS. Realizing that the small number of students makes it difficult to draw general conclusions, Mr. Groveman said that the response did provide some useful information. He noted that, as a group, Roosevelt students appear to be adjusting well, except that math skills are not what they should be. He added that RPS recently upgraded its math curriculum and text, and he will be watching to determine if this results in math performance improvements as current RPS classes reach the Rogers School.

The Board accepted East Windsor Regional School District's suggested amendments to a draft sending-receiving agreement with Roosevelt. Instead of having a Rooseveltian serving as a non-voting member of the East Windsor Board, the draft would allow the CSA of one district to place items of interest to the other on his Board's committee or regular meeting agendas. Time limits for discussion of such items by the interested Board's representatives could be set. Mr. Groveman pointed out that East Windsor Regional is not legally obligated to do anything. Board President Grossman said that Mr. Groveman deserved a lot of credit for bringing about the agreement, which, among other things, would limit tuition increases to more predictable levels and formalize communication between the two boards.

Mr. Groveman reported that, with 75% of the town surveyed, there are approximately 26 children over age 5 and 18 children between ages 3 and 5 in need of a child care program. The survey was scheduled for completion by March 25 when a parent advisory group will meet to further plan a possible after-school child care program for the 1991-92 school year. Mr. Groveman said he hoped to have a more definitive report by the Board's April meeting.

Board Secretary Allen reported that the Board's bank, Midlantic National, had billed the Board \$618 in service charges. The bank had determined that an insufficient balance had been maintained in the Board's non-interest bearing accounts to cover the costs of services and the bank's contribution to the Board's IBS computer service. Mrs. Allen reported that she convinced the bank's area vice president to drop the charges, since the bank had given no notice of a change in terms from those offered to the Board by Midlantic Merchants, which had merged with National. Mrs. Allen said she would try to find a bank with a better deal before any additional charges are incurred.

Meanwhile, the Board approved moving \$50,000 in deposits from Midlantic National to Yardville National. Mrs. Allen had recommended the move so that, if the Board's main bank failed, the Board would have money available from another bank to run the

district while processing deposit insurance claims.

Mrs. Allen said she spoke with Anderson Bus Service about renewing its contract for next year. The contract could be renewed without competitive bidding provided the price did not increase more than 10 percent over this year's price. Board members noted that Anderson's prices have been lower than those bid by other bus companies in the past. Mrs. Allen added that Mr. Anderson told her he would do his best to submit a firm proposal to the Board prior to its April meeting.

The Board passed a resolution opposing state budget cuts that would sharply reduce the staffs of county superintendents' offices and regional curriculum service units. Mr. Groveman said these offices provide a lot of free consulting assistance which is particularly helpful to small districts such as Roosevelt.

The Board heard about three ideas submitted by the sixth grade class for its graduating class trip. They included: (1) a trip to Great Adventure and a dinner at a Japanese restaurant; (2) a day at the Jersey Shore and dinner out; and (3) a trip to Hershey Park and Dutch Wonderland. The Board decided to allow the sixth graders to select one of their three ideas.

The Board adopted the calendar for the 1991-92 school year. Mr. Groveman reported that the Gifted and Talented Program finished its project on Greek mythology. The students will study immigration and ethnic diversity, culminating with a trip to Ellis Island. The program will expand to the third grade next year. Mr. Groveman also said the school was planning a special art fair of student work to be shown some time toward the end of April.

The Board received a fully executed agreement transferring the sinopia for the Shahn mural to the custody of the federal General Services Administration. Mr. Groveman suggested that someone should ask Bernarda Shahn to provide an oral history of the mural and preserve it in a safe place for posterity. He said the town has a unique opportunity to obtain details of the mural project from one who was involved in its making.

PTA News

by Robin Carroll

The PTA has been buzzing these past two months. Our Winter Carnival was on February 23 and what an exciting day it turned out to be! We hope everyone had a good time. The added features this year included an expanded craft corner and Chinese Auction table. We would like to thank Carol Miller for the tremendous job she did in chairing this event again. We would also like to thank all of the parents, staff members and students who helped run the games and work the set-up and clean-up details. We would like to thank Girl Scout Troop 113/913 for their help too. Thanks go out to Gary Edelstein for creating a ski chute game which was the hit of the day, and to Jimmy Edelstein and Mike Cedar for helping to build and run this game. The participation of the parents is what makes this day so special for everyone.

The PTA provided refreshments for the Senior Chorus play on March 13. All the parents and children seemed to enjoy congregating in the lobby with

their drinks and donuts after the play. The performance was really a lot of fun for everyone and the band was great!

At the PTA meeting on March 21, we were able to see a video on effective parenting. This series deals with various parenting issues with discussions by both professionals and parents and lends itself to open discussion. We would like to thank Lorraine Reimbold for making arrangements through the Monmouth County Library for this video.

The PTA also provided refreshments for the school dance on March 22. All the students look forward to this all year and they really had fun. They're probably already planning next year's dance. We also surprised the students with ice cream on March 28 to celebrate the start of Spring vacation.

We would like to remind parents to continue saving their labels from the Campbells program. We were able to order more books and an atlas for our library. We will continue to save these labels and Scott apples to get a head

start on next years program. Thanks, Shelley, for counting those thousands of labels. We know how much fun it must have been. Any volunteers for next year?

The upcoming events for PTA include hosting a Candidates' Night for the School Board Elections on April 18 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Leon Barth has agreed to be the moderator for this event. Reminder notices will go home with the students and a notice will be posted on the bulletin board in town. School Board elections will be on April 30th at the school. The polls will be open from 2:30 to 9:00 p.m. We urge everyone to find the time to stop in and cast your vote in this very important election.

The next PTA meeting will be April 25 at 8 p.m. in the school lobby. The Nominating Committee will be formed at this meeting. It is the duty of this committee to seek out individuals who are interested in seeking PTA office for the 1991-92 school year. We hope to see you there.

Food Cooperative: Everything But Double Coupons

by Bobbi Teich & Judith Goetzmann

Alar in the apples, salmonella in the eggs, tropical oils in the baked goods...what's next? Each week seems to bring another food scare to concerned consumers who wonder if they can trust what they buy at the supermarket...

The Roosevelt Food Co-op offers an alternative. Founded 12 years ago, the Co-op buys bulk quantities of additive free food at wholesale prices (that's why there are no coupons). A partial list includes fresh produce, eggs, cheese, whole grains, legumes, fried fruit, nuts, baked goods, vitamins and personal care products. The Co-op orders bimonthly.

The excellent quality of the products available to members is a strong point for membership. The food is fresher and less "handled" than comparable supermarket items. Members can order as little as one pound of cheese, one bottle of juice or one box of crackers or as much as a case of herbal tea, 25 pounds

of rice, a wheel of cheese, or a case of oranges. Requests for items that are not on the ordering forms can usually be accommodated.

Each household belonging to the co-op pays a \$15 initiation fee.

Members spend approximately two or three hours every other month doing such jobs as distribution, order tallying, label making, cleanup, mailing, etc. Working on distribution is a great way to meet people, by the way. You can make the nicest friends, meet the most interesting people, while cutting cheeses or weighing walnuts.

Ordering takes place on the first Wednesday of every other month at the Goetzmanns (8 School Lane). Distribution is the third Tuesday of that month at the Borough Hall. May is the next ordering month. Call Judith Goetzmann at 443-4948 or Bobbi Teich at 448-5036 for a sample order form & experience excellent eatin'.

Synagogue News

by Michael Ticktin, President

This month, we observe Passover, which is variously referred to as *zeman cherutenu* (the season of our freedom) and as *chag hamatzot* (the festival of unleavened bread) and as *chag ha'aviv* (the festival of spring). As we remember the deliverance of our ancestors from slavery in Egypt, we renew our dedication to our beliefs and principles and give thanks for the blessings of freedom that we enjoy.

On the evenings of March 29 and 30, we celebrate the Passover seder in our homes. Morning services will be held at 9:00 on March 30 and 31 and on April 5 and 6. Yizkor memorial prayers will be recited on April 6.

We wish a happy holiday season to everyone.

Nursery School News

by Joan Grossman

March brought the children from Roosevelt Community Nursery School to the Roosevelt Public School for a very special visit to the community's library which is housed there, as part of the study of the letter "L". They also visited with community helper, librarian Miss Kathy. Students also made their own lamps, laced a pair of lips and enjoyed a visit from Leo the Lion during "L" week.

A study of the letter "R" included projects with raccoons and pet rocks. And treasure boxes highlighted the study of the letter "B" while egg shell projects reinforced the letter "E."

A special Dr. Seuss Week, included that all-time favorite story, "Green Eggs and Ham" and spawned a sampling of very real green eggs, cooked by the students especially for this lesson.

Registration for 91-92 Continues

Recruiting for the 1991-92 school year continues, with some slots still available in the Monday-Friday a.m. program and others in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday p.m. program. For information, or to arrange a visit to the school, please call head teacher Donna Ventola at 426-9523.

Special Sunday Program Just For Young Children

Upcoming in April is another special event for young children, an exhibit of current and former RCNS student artwork along with special projects to make that day with guest artist, Robert Mueller. Join us on Sunday, April 28, from 1-3 p.m. for this first-ever participatory exhibit, RCNS Gallery '91, at the school, located at Congregation Anshei Roosevelt, 20 Homestead Lane. For information, contact the school at the above number.

Tupperware Spring Sale

Our fundraiser for April is a Spring Tupperware Sale and Party, scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at 8 p.m. also at the synagogue. If you'd like the book but can't attend the party, please contact Faye Nulman at 426-1192.

Book Sale Reprised

Back by popular demand is our second used book sale. Thanks to our many friends in the community, who donated their used hardbacks and paperbacks, and who also came and purchased selections, our first sale a year and a half ago was a tremendous fundraising success. We hope to repeat it again in the fall on Sunday, October 27. Currently, we are collecting books, which can be placed in the barrels just inside the door at Borough Hall. If you

need pickup, please call Dianna Moore at 448-7742 or Joan Grossman at 448-9385. Any questions, please contact Alison and Bob Petrilla, the book pros behind the event, at 426-4222.

Special Financial Aid Fund Established

This month, we welcomed a new member to our management team, who has a brand new mission. Gail Ticktin has joined us as chairman of the newly established Contributions Fund Committee, set up to assist those families who need financial assistance in order to give their children a nursery school experience. Gail and her husband David hope to work with both individuals and businesses to fill the coffers of this very important fund. We hope it will help those parents of returning RCNS students who have met with tough financial times, as well as assist those of prospective students who may not otherwise be able to send their children. For further information, please contact Gail at 443-8007.

As always, special thanks to all who make our program possible, among them the board of Congregation Anshei Roosevelt. Activities of RCNS are made possible, in part, through a grant from MIRA.

For more general information about RCNS, contact the school at 426-9523.

... Et Nos In Illis... And We Change With It

by Peter Warren

New Kids On the Block... Sam Adam Husth, on Pine Drive; Emma Kennedy-Patterson, on Tamara Drive.

Married... Anita Scopel and George Meigs, at Margaret Schlinski's house.

Elected... Joshua Ticktin, President of Princeton Day School community council.

Released... A half dozen or so wild turkeys into Assumpink Park...; Millstone Environmental Commissions's 62 page Natural Resources Study, published January 1991 by Environmental Consultants of Flemington, showing the ecology of three sides of Roosevelt.

Checked Out... About 160 books a week from the Roosevelt public library since it opened.

Moving Out... Harry and Eileen Warner, after 11 years, to Allentown.

Moving In... No one, this month.

On the Market... As of March 14, 15 houses.

On the Phone... Purchasers of 104 January 1991 Roosevelt phone books, out of a printing of 250, sold to benefit the summer camp program.

Not On the License List... As of March 15, 13 or so dogs, with the borough consequently obliged to spend \$300 to census them.

Help! Fire!... In 1990, the Roosevelt First Aid Squad made 138

emergency calls in addition to routine hospital transportation calls; the Roosevelt Fire Company made 19 in service runs.

Received by the Borough Council... In 1990, 15 letters from residents; 126 letters from the former borough engineer.

Repiped... By March 15, about 2,500 linear feet of sewer line by Marvec, with DeMuro Associates as inspecting engineers, of the 4,000 feet originally contracted for.

Flowing... In February [uncalibrated meters], water for domestic usage 119,000 gpd (goal reduction to 90,000 gpd); sewage 305,000 gpd (goal reduction to 250,000 gpd).

From the Environmental Commission

by Stu Kaufman

There's something new in Roosevelt. It's the Environmental Commission. I think it's the most exciting thing happening in Roosevelt. That's a totally biased opinion, since I am the chairman. I'm thrilled to be given this opportunity and challenge.

I'm not going to bore you with a lot of environmental stuff. The truth is we're all rookies and are learning what an environmental commission can do. The important thing to remember is that the commission's powers come from you, the public. We are an advisory body; we rely on public support to achieve goals and affect policy.

Now that you know there is a commission, it's important to know whose on the commission;

Jim Carnevale: Jim is currently working on water conservation and will have literature, information, a water survey at our table for the Arbor Day Celebration.

Gayle Donnelly: Gayle is the liaison between the Environmental Commission and the Parks Commission. She is also the Chairperson of the Parks Commission. Gayle was instrumental in getting a matching grant from DEP, for the commission to do an ERI (environmental resource inventory). I see the two commissions as public bodies working towards the same goals.

Alice Fergau: Alice has taken on the task of building an environmental resource library for the public to use. I personally thank Alice for taking time

A View from a Council Seat

by Stu Kaufman

The other night, as I prepared to go out, my daughter asked me "Daddy where are you going?" I answered, "I'm going to a council meeting." "Again"? She said, "How many more do you have to go to?" "Lots", I said. Then she asked the inevitable question. "Why?". I immediately put on my best Robert Young look (*Father Knows Best*) and told her all the things a father is supposed to tell his daughter. I spoke to her about commitment, civil duty, and responsibility. As I left she gave me

to attend Environmental Commissioners seminars and sharing that information with us.

Brad Garton: Brad has been working on raising funds for the Commission through grants.

Michael Hochman: Michael is involved with creating a series of maps for the Commission's environmental resource inventory (ERI). These maps will identify and locate different features of Roosevelt (wetlands, vegetation, etc.). Bill Summers has been working with Michael to computerize all the data on to a disk.

Stuart Kaufman: That's me—enough said—let's go on.

David Kichula: David is our resident hazardous waste expert. There is a possibility of a bird watch on Arbor Day. David is a member of the Audubon Society and will try to arrange for a bird watch.

Deborah Metzger: Deborah is the link between the Commission and the Planning Board. This Commission wants to have a good working relationship with the Planning Board, in order to have a voice in the planning process.

Chris Travis: Chris has field experience and will be working on the ERI, by exploring our green acres and identifying our flora.

We are a dedicated group and are committed to doing something to protect our environment. Saying you care is not enough; we as a community have got to start doing.

a puzzled smile, shrugged her shoulders and said, "Daddy, get real."

What's all this fuss about our sewer plant? It seems to me, a more direct solution is needed. How about we start a Source Reduction Plan. We could eat less or, if possible, stop eating altogether. Make sure that you go to the bathroom before you come into Roosevelt. On second thought that's too drastic. I'm sure many of you have good ideas. Send them to me, I love getting cards and letters.

Until next month, stay well.

Commission Discusses Impact Study and Water Conservation

by Peter Warren

The newly-formed and growing Environmental Commission, just joined by Dave Schwendeman, wildlife expert, met on March 5 to discuss its two current, important and exciting tasks.

Commission members are preparing the environmental chapter of the Planning Board's impact study for the TPL project. By doing as much of the study as possible, the commission hopes to save a large part of the estimated \$20,000-\$38,000 cost of such a study.

In its 1991 budget, the council has allocated funds to the commission; the commission has also applied for a small DEP grant.

The 10-year old Millstone Environmental Commission has just received a natural resources inventory study, from Environmental Consultants of Flemington. The two commissions will join forces to fill in the Roosevelt piece of the jigsaw puzzle.

The second task facing the commission—and just as tough a task as doing an environmental study—is to organize and direct our water conservation program.

We are aiming at a target of saving of 20,000-25,000 gallons a day.

The commission has three reasons to save water:

Primo—It is a non-negotiable condition of our DEP water permit.

Secundo—It saves operating expenses.

Tertio—Since we are spending \$600,000 to reduce sewer flow by an unpredictable amount, it makes sense to enhance the effort by conserving water if we can.

To carry out its conservation program, the commission will call on a number of interviewees, on the Park Commission, on our two full-time utility operators, and on Mark Hartnett, our EPA-financed utilities advisor, who spoke at the commission's March 5 meeting.

Recycling News

by David Donnelly

On April 28, the people of the world, the nation and the Borough of Roosevelt will celebrate Earth Day. The hoopla over this annual event is evidence of increasing concern and awareness of environmental issues. On that day, the Recycling committee will join the Environmental Commission and the Parks Commission in sponsoring an afternoon of entertainment and education.

The featured events will include:

- The kickoff of the magazine recycling program. We have found a very cost-effective way of recycling the following items: magazines, junkmail, catalogs, notebook paper, color inserts & coupons from newspapers, and computer paper. Starting April 28th, these materials, *bundled and tied*, can be dropped off in the shed at the Borough Hall parking lot. The recycling costs should average about \$10 per ton. With landfill disposal costs at well over \$100 per ton and rising, the

benefits, economic and environmental, are obvious.

- The Borough Paint Exchange. Do you have any half full, useable cans of paint around the house? Do you have a room in need of a fresh coat of paint? Do you have a tight budget? Do you know that a quart of improperly disposed of paint can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water? Bring yourself and your paint to the paint exchange if you've answered "yes" to any of the above. No money need change hands. If you have a sincere need for a small quantity of paint but nothing to exchange for it, that's OK. If you have a few gallons to get rid of, that's OK too.
- The Recycling Information Table. Members of the Committee will be on hand to answer questions on how to properly dispose of various materials, to offer advice on how to set up a home recycling center with maximum

results and minimum space, to help you set up a composting area, etc... We will have available the results of a questionnaire which every household in town will soon be receiving. It will address your current recycling practices, awareness and attitudes.

- We hope to have various members of the Roosevelt String Band on hand for your dining and dancing pleasure. Bring a picnic basket, bring refreshments, but most importantly bring yourself.

Upcoming recycling days are March 28, April 11 and April 25. That's for *all* glass, aluminum, tin and bundled newspapers. We are still under our mandatory levels, so don't let any of this stuff get in the garbage.

Look for the questionnaire in the mail in the next few weeks. Fill it out and get it back to us ASAP. A big response is vital to help us help you recycle more. I'm at 426-1315 if you have questions.

Roosevelt Earth Day Celebration

by Ellen Sorrin

On Sunday, April 28, Roosevelt will hold an Earth Day Celebration on the grounds of the Roosevelt Public School from 1-4 p.m. (in the event of rain, the event will be held in the gym in the School). Participating in the event will be The Parks Commission, Food Co-op, Water Action, Recycling, Clean Communities, Environmental Commission and String Band.

The Parks Commission will sponsor a plant exchange and the Recycling Coordinator will sponsor a paint exchange (see separate article in this issue). The Environmental Commission and the Roosevelt Water Action will have a display of water conservation equipment and litter education materials will be provided by Clean Communities. The Food Co-op will provide information about membership and products that are available for order as a member.

Music will be provided by the Roosevelt String Band and refreshments will be provided. A raffle will be sponsored with a number of prizes awarded. Each raffle ticket will cost \$1.00, and will be sold outside the post office Saturday, April 20 and April 27 as well as at the event on April 28. Your support of the raffle will contribute to the continuing effort of Roosevelt groups concerned with environmental issues.

The Parks Commission will hold an open meeting in Borough Hall on Thursday, April 11 at 8:00 p.m. to plan the event. All are welcome. If you would like to talk to someone about the event, please call Gayle Donnelly at 426-1315.

Murphy Appointed to Council

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eligibility for appointment or election to the council. Attorney John Ross, representing Borough Attorney Donald Lomurro, advised the council that the list therefore included the names of only two valid nominees, not the three required by law, and that the council was therefore free to appoint any Democrat, regardless of whether he or she was on the list.

Mrs. Murphy was appointed this year to serve as an alternate member of the planning board. Since a council member cannot serve in that capacity, her planning board position now becomes vacant. She must also give up her position as a crossing guard paid by the borough, although she has indicated that she will continue on an unpaid basis until a replacement can be found.

Plant & Paint Exchange Set For April 28

by Ellen Sorrin

One of the activities that you can participate in during the Earth Day Celebration is the "Plant Exchange". Bring your garden excesses and swap to receive some new treasures. Seed, seedlings, bulbs, divisions of perennials and groundcovers and offshoots of certain woody plants are all exchangeable items. Plants that you select from your garden should be healthy and have a sizable solid root ball attached. It is advisable to dig the plants up a few days before the exchange to make sure that they have survived the stress of uprooting. Immediately pot them up (or wrap the root ball securely in brown paper), water them well and keep them in a shady place until the exchange. Avoid any plants that are already flowering or that don't transplant well such as peonies and poppies. Following is a list of possibilities. If you have any questions, call Ann Goldman at 426-1740.

1. Seedlings or seed: flowers, vegetables, herbs & houseplants
2. Bulbs: canna dahlia, elephant ears, lilies
3. Rooted offshoots: lilac, burning bush, forsythia, dogwood, rose of sharon
4. Divisions: day lilies, lily of the valley, iris, chrysanthemum, phlox,

violets, ferns, herbs, blackberry/raspberry clumps, strawberries, ivy, ajuga, evening primrose, sedum, rhubarb, prickly pear cactus, bamboo, myrtle, pachysandra

Nearly all of us at some time buy paint, and probably just as many of us wind up with leftovers. These we probably keep for some time (just in case!) but then they usually end up being tossed. How we get rid of our unwanted paint has a direct impact on the environment. Disposing of any paint by pouring it onto the ground is risking groundwater contamination. Letting any oil-based paint products evaporate pollutes the atmosphere. And putting the paints out for regular trash pickup poses the threat of contaminating drinking water as the paint leaks into the landfills and finds its way into groundwater supplies.

So what can you do with your leftover paints that will be environmentally-friendly? Why let your unwanted paint go to waste when someone else could use it? Bring it to the free paint exchange table at the Roosevelt Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration! And if you are planning to do some painting soon, come by the table and help yourself to some new hues. The following

guidelines should be followed to make the exchange safe and successful:

1. Only paint and paint-related products can be brought to the exchange table. This includes latex and oil-based paints, thinners, solvents, stains, varnishes, and other finishes.
 2. All products *must* be in their original containers, properly marked and labeled. Containers may be partially or completely full. Please only bring things others will use and want! The products should be in useable condition and quantity.
 3. No money will be exchanged. You may give to or take from the table, or both!
 4. Please bear in mind that the exchange table is not a dump site. Be reasonable in the number of containers you bring. Any items not taken by other residents at the end of the afternoon will have to be driven by volunteers to Monmouth County's Hazardous Waste Day the following weekend.
- If you have questions about what can be brought to the Paint Exchange Table or how the exchange will work, please call David Donnelly at 426-1315.

Senior Citizens' News

by Helga Wisowaty

Jeanette presided at this meeting and brought much literature that is helpful to us. Among them was a letter from Governor Florio to Jeanette explaining the necessity to file the income tax and rebate forms and to sign them. Those who don't file both and sign will lose their rebate; Social Security payments are excluded from the income tax form.

She also distributed maps showing "Region 1"—Millstone Township, Roosevelt, "Share a Ride Services" in these areas on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Fares

are \$1.00 standard—\$1.25 for Freehold Borough. For reservations, a 24 hour advance notice is required, call 446-6872. For information call 780-1121.

We were invited to attend the dress rehearsal of a play being presented by the Hightstown Players on March 21 at Hightstown High School.

The March issue of "Senior News Line" tells us of an art show in May. Artists must apply by April 26. For information, call 201-431-7450 or 542-8251.

We have plans for a luncheon and, in the future, a trip with Starr Tours, probably to Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, etc.

Eye & Ear exams will be given to those who want them during the meeting on April 2 (Tuesday).

Clara and Ellie were our hostesses. Everyone enjoyed their "goodies" very much.

Until next month.

Environmental Awareness

by Gloria Hazell

John Robbins, the author of "Diet for a New America", will be speaking at the HHAPA Festival in Princeton on April 13th. John is the only son of the founder of the Baskin-Robbins ice cream empire, but decided to leave all the wealth behind him and pursue his own lifestyle of social, ethical and environmental responsibilities.

In his book, John gives examples of how we can help the earth by cutting down on our meat consumption. For instance, if everyone missed one meat meal a week, the savings in grain fed to cattle would be enough to feed all the hungry people in the world. Imagine that, one less meat meal a week. Ten acres of land can harvest enough soy beans to feed sixty one people, but it will only feed two people if cattle are farmed on it. It takes between 2,500 to 6,000 gallons of water to produce just one pound of meat, but only 25 gallons to produce a pound of wheat. Rain forests are being cut down at an alarming rate, and a lot of that land is used to support cattle. Those cows are then made into hamburgers for us to eat, so inadvertently we are causing the rain

forests destruction. McDonalds have been boycotted for a long time, which must have affected their trade, because now they are saying that their beef does not come from rain forest areas. (They are also changing their packaging, but that's another story.)

There are horrendous stories about how the animals we eat, including poultry, are treated all through their short lives. I used to think that only veal calves were grossly mistreated, but I was wrong. Some people say, "They're only animals, why care about them"? If you are one of those people, then that is between you and your conscience, but think about this, because these animals are hurting, they are given antibiotics and other medications to keep them alive, and that goes into the meat, and straight into us. Please don't think that kosher meat is treated differently either; it's not. The only difference is the way the animal is killed. Those chemicals are inside all of our meat. If you want to eat meat, buy free-range, from health food stores, or the Amish farmers (at markets around the area). That way

you can be sure that there are no additives to the meat that could kill you. The food will probably taste more like the meat your mother used to cook too.

In case you were wondering, I'm a partial vegetarian, I do not eat red or pink meat, but I do occasionally eat poultry, and I do eat fish. After seeing the way the cows were treated down in Texas, I could no longer live with myself for causing the misery I saw, heard and smelled. So I decided from that time on to no longer eat red meat. That was two years ago. Since reading John Robbins book, I have stopped eating pork as well. Veal I have never eaten.

John Robbins is a very eloquent and powerful speaker. He has a lot to teach, either by his seminars or his book, which incidentally was nominated for a Pulitzer prize. As well as being the keynote speaker, and moderating a panel discussion on the environment at the HHAPA Festival, he will be at the Natives of the Earth gathering for three days in June. If you need information on either of these events, please contact me (443-2869).

Allentown Library Gets Reader/Printer

The Allentown Public Library, a Branch of the Monmouth County Library, has received a State Library Grant to purchase a reader/printer. The grant, a State Library Aid Incentive Grant, pursuant to New Jersey Annotated Code 6:68-2.1, matches Allentown Library funds. Margaret Field, Project Director and A Branch Coordinator for the Monmouth County Library, says, "With the new reader/printer, researchers, genealogists, local historians, librarians, and the general public have greatly improved access to Allentown's weekly newspaper, The Messenger-Press, formerly the Allentown Messenger." The Allentown Public Library holds the complete run of the paper since its first issue, October 22, 1903. No other library duplicates these hold-

ings. The Library also has a subject index to the paper which is complete for 1903 through October 1941 and October 1962 through the present. Indexing for the missing years is in progress. The Library expects that the acquisition of the reader/printer will substantially increase use of this unique resource. The Library encourages written and telephoned requests for information as well as in-person visits to the Library. For further information call 609-259-7565.

—From a Press Release

Peddie Players to Meet

The Peddie Community Players will have its first membership/planning meeting on Monday, April 8, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in Geiger-Reeves Hall at The Peddie School, South Main Street, Hightstown, New Jersey.

The Players first season will begin this summer from June through August. Committees are being formed and plays and musicals are being selected. Anyone interested please call 490-7550. Volunteers are welcome.

In addition to actors, actresses, singers, dancers and musicians, volunteer positions are available on the following committees: Sets, Lighting, Publicity, House Crew, Membership, Mailing, Special Relations, Photography, Props, Hospitality, Costume, Play Reading, Program, Bulletin, Season Ticket, Patron, Make-up, Hairstyling, Sound, Lighting, and Youth Theatre.

—From a press release.

School Board

Dolores Chasan

I am a long time resident of Roosevelt. The school and my commitment to the education of our children have been an important and extensive part of my life here. I graduated from the Roosevelt School. I was even married in the school. My two children attended our school, and I was a member of the educational staff for over 25 years.

My teaching experience in our school covered every grade from K-8 and the multi-graded classes. I applied for the initial grant and was coordinator of our federally funded Title I program. For many years, I performed the duties of Teacher of the Handicapped, Learning Disability Teacher-Consultant, Coordinator of Special Services, and Assistant to the Principal. In the absence of a Chief School Administrator, I also filled that role. At present, I am on the staff of both the St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center in Lawrenceville and comprehensive Mental Health Services in Pennington as a Learning disability Teacher consultant.

When educational issues arise on the Board, I can approach them with first-hand experience.

The budget for our school represents over 70% of the town's budget. I think that we are all interested in seeing it managed effectively and efficiently. I know that I am. My cost-accounting experience should prove helpful in this area.

There are important financial and educational issues that will have to be dealt with in the near future. Renovation and expansion of the school, additional staff, and new programs have been mentioned at recent Board meetings. I don't have answers to all of the questions these issues will raise, but I think I have the experience and background to play a constructive role in the process of making these decisions.

I can promise that if I am given the opportunity to serve on the Board, I will be as open minded, as creative, as informed, and as open to questions as I have always encouraged the students in our school to become.

Harry W. Parker

Our taxes are too high and our sewer and water bill is outrageous. Now that's out of the way, let's talk about our town. I have lived here for two years and have been coming to town meetings for the past five. I love this town! I have been on the planning board for the past year and filled a post on the Board of Education for about five months. If I continue on the Board of Education, I will be the liaison between the planning board and the school system.

This letter is to introduce myself and explain why I want you to vote for me to be on the Board of Education. I have been an instructor for the past ten years and am currently teaching a program through Middlesex County College. Because my children are in the school system, it's very important to me that our school be the best. How we achieve the best requires some difficult, well-thought out decisions. It's a lot of work, but I truly enjoy the challenge. We have a good group of people on the board and I hope to continue working with them.

One of the reasons I moved to this town was because of the unique school system. To me it's important that we maintain that unique school and try to enhance the building to be further utilized by the town. This has begun with the basketball program that has been started by Mike Hamilton and assisted by myself.

We need to do more, and in order to accomplish that we need some interaction and cooperation with the people in town. Please make an effort to get involved with the decisions being made in this town by spending the time to hear all sides of the story, debate the options being given, and then making informed decisions.

Thank you.

Pat Moser

I am writing to explain why I am running for a 3-year seat of the Roosevelt Board of Education. I want all of our children, regardless of their diverse needs, to get the best possible education available at a cost we can live with.

Here in Roosevelt, we pay the highest cost per pupil in the state of New Jersey. No significant financial relief will be coming from the State (\$423,846, an increase of only \$31,530 over last year), and the new school budget will almost certainly have in it \$200-\$500,000 for building expansion, plus other increased costs. If you thought that last year's school budget of \$1.2 million was a burden, wait until you see what's next!

To finance the expansion of the building, the Board is considering either a lease-purchase agreement of including the expenses in the operating budget. Either method will result in substantial increases in the school budget. The Board seems intent on not permitting the community to vote on the new construction as a capital expenditure, which would force the Board to abide by community sentiment.

The primary question facing us is, are we getting the best education for our children for our education dollars? The answer, I believe, is "no". I believe that we have a wonderful opportunity to send our children as tuition payers to another school district (probably East Windsor) where they have a diversity of facilities and teaching specialties which a small district like Roosevelt could never hope to afford. They would get a superior education at a lower cost: perhaps \$200,000 a year less as tuition students than in maintaining a mediocre program in an antiquated building which currently does not meet State standards.

If wishing would make it so, I would wish for a Roosevelt school our children need and deserve, at a cost we can all afford. But wishing won't do it. All I can do is run for office on an honest and open program of better education for our children at a lower cost in another district. I ask for your support. Please come and vote for me on April 30th.

Candidates' Statements

Michael Hamilton

I am running for a three year seat on the Roosevelt Board of Education. I have lived in Roosevelt for two years now and have three daughters, two of whom are students at RPS. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you through the "ambassadorship" of my children and through our contacts at the many school functions. Some of you have read articles I have written for the *Bulletin*; others have met us on our early morning walks.

I have been serving on the School Board in an unexpired term since September, 1990. I bring with me to this position the benefits of having been a teacher for five years as well as my experience as a trainer of new sales people. In my six months as a Board member, I have been active in many Board functions. I am currently chairperson of the Policy and Legislation Committee. I am a member of the *ad hoc* Safety Committee, a joint effort between Board and Borough council whose purpose is to study and to act upon ways to ensure the safety of the children in the community. I have worked hard in my efforts to become a good Board member. I've done my homework and have burned the midnight oil reading the policy manual and other materials sent to Board members prior to meetings. I have studied hard in order to make the best possible contribution to the decision making process that occurs at Board meetings. I have tried to be a good listener and to be open to their points of view. I have asked a lot of questions (some smarter than others), and I have learned a lot. I feel that I have "found my voice" through this learning process.

One of my goals as a Board member is to develop programs and activities that expand the use of school facilities. Along with Board member Harry Parker, I have organized and supervise the Roosevelt Youth Basketball League. Programs such as these allow the school to fulfill its role as a central part of our community.

I would like to make it clear that I have no political agenda or any groups to try to please as a Board member. I have no personal axes to grind based on my past experiences within the school or the community. I am not on the

Howard Kaufman

For the 12 years that I have lived in Roosevelt, the Roosevelt Public School has always been an essential part of my life. From the traditional schooling, to summer camp, to the Roosevelt Players, to the late nights on the school board. Yes, the school board was an important part of my life too. However, due to some personal commitments, I had to leave the board. Now, I am ready to join the board again if elected in April.

Many of you who have children in town, know me through my work with the Roosevelt Summer Day Camp. I have been director of the camp for the past 10 years. I have also taught for the past 25 years in New York City. My commitment to education is a central part of my life. If elected, I will bring this strong commitment to the Roosevelt School Board.

School Board to represent any specific group or any particular interest.

As public institutions, the Roosevelt School District and RPS have experienced and will undergo changes that reflect changes in the community at large. As a Board member, I will continue to deal with the complexities of these matters in an open and honest manner based upon the merits of each issue or decision and not based on personal bias or political view. I believe that I have shown, in my actions and statements, that I support the community as a whole and the welfare of all the students.

When we were looking for a community to which to move, one of our most important considerations was the quality of the educational system. We were attracted to the opportunities for excellence that this school has the potential to provide. Unlike larger districts, we have the opportunity to meet individually and personally the needs of our children as we prepare them for the world beyond their family and community. I would like to be given the opportunity to continue to serve you as your representative on the School Board.

Henry John-Alder

I am running for the two-year unexpired term on the School Board.

I am an educator, and I was raised by educators. My dad was raised in an impoverished, rural coal-mining town in southwestern Wyoming. His father before him had little formal education, but he was disciplined, inquisitive, and analytical. My grandfather instilled these qualities in my father, who then went on, not just to complete college, but ultimately to teach college. My mother taught high school chemistry.

I have been a professor of biology at Rutgers for nearly six years, and I expect to receive tenure within a few weeks. Enrollment in my upper-level, optional course has tripled since I began, while other professors have lost students. In addition to my teaching, I advise students. I represent the Department of Biological Sciences on the Rutgers College Board of Advisors, and I have served on advisory committees for the Dean of Undergraduate Instruction. I supervise two Graduate Teaching Assistants, and I manage an annual research budget that has exceeded \$50,000 per year.

I have seen first-hand the level of academic proficiency achieved by the upper 10% of New Jersey's high school students, and I know areas in which most students should be better prepared. My impression is that most high schools, and probably most public schools at all levels, preach to the masses and preserve the status quo. I think our students would happily achieve higher levels of excellence if they were pushed harder by the educational system.

I believe that students must start early to achieve the high level of preparedness required of them for competitiveness. An elementary school must instill intellectual discipline and intellectual curiosity in its students, and it must train its students to communicate effectively. In other words, while students must learn a lot of information, it is more important that they learn the value of analytical thinking, of discipline, and of communication. This is not to say that all students should be channeled toward college. To the contrary, students

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In The Beginning... What and How is Creativity? Roosevelt Artists to Discuss the Creative Process

by Bob Mueller

The next Roosevelt Arts Project will be held Saturday night, April 6th, at 8 PM in the Borough Hall. With David Herrstrom as moderator, Laurie Altman, Jacob Landau, Bob Mueller, Mark Zuckerman, Wes Czyzewski, Robin Middleman and Louise Roskam—representing the spectrum of creative Roosevelt artists-creators—will discuss such questions as:

- Are creative people born or made?
- How true is the myth of madness and creativity?
- What are the origins of style/schools/systems of art?
- How does a young person begin to become creative?
- What is the use of schools for creativity?
- Can art be brainstormed/made collaboratively?
- What techniques can aid creativity?
- How do analogies/metaphors/programs power art?
- To what extent does improvisation/randomness affect creativity?
- What is the use of creating new art?

The audience will be expected to fire creative questions! Are you ready to challenge/question/elaborate/improve/develop the discussion? RAP is creativity manifest! Come on down. Be a part of the process. Join in the creative fun!

Activities of the Roosevelt Arts Project are made possible, in part, by a grant from MIRA.

Liz Dauber Prestopino's Twin Shows Delight Gallery-Goers in Trenton, Hightstown

by Joan Grossman

Liz Dauber Prestopino, better known professionally as Liz Dauber and for her commercial illustrations, came into the spotlight this winter with two one-woman shows of her oils and oil-crayon sketches, one in December at the Ellarslie Museum in Trenton's Cadwalader Park and a second in February at the Mariboe Gallery at Peddie in Hightstown.

The Trenton show was so successful it was held over several days through the holiday season, filling the entire first floor of the spacious former mansion.

At Peddie, arts director Al Viola was amazed at the opening night assemblage, the largest of any exhibit to date in the intimate gallery which adjoins the arts department studios. But perhaps the most exciting for him and gallery director Catherine Robohom Watkins was the interest generated in the students, so drawn by the vividness of the works that they were unable to pass by the door without looking in.

The Peddie exhibit was a microcosm of the vast Ellarslie show, "with some pleasant surprises," Mrs. Watkins had advised. Both featured oils on canvas and linen, bright splashes of color focused against regional and New England landscapes so familiar to the artist who has resided in Roosevelt for most of her professional life, but who has summered in the New Hampshire artist's colony of Peterborough for several of her 80 years.

The oils were interspersed in both exhibits by what Mrs. Watkins characterized as "little gems," the framed oil crayon sketches, which in many cases are studies for the larger oils.

"Mood, mostly light," are what moves her, the artist explains. "When you hit a place or part of the day where color and light are so very special to that moment, you try to capture it—try to come close to your own reaction to it. I don't do it at all photographically".

Color and the arrangement of the shapes are the two strongest elements in the pieces, Mrs. Watkins explains. "The artist has taken a look at the rectangle and carefully balanced the elements within the frame. Together, they work subconsciously to give a strong emotional response."

The artist has been featured in several group shows, among them the Louisiana State Museum; the Frye Museum, Seattle, Wash.; in Texas at both the Fort Worth Art Center and the Dallas Museum of Fine Art; at the DeCordova and Dana Museum, Lincoln, Neb.; and here in New Jersey at the Newark Museum; the New Jersey State Museum, Trenton; the Princeton Gallery of Fine Art; Mercer County Community College and the Nabisco Gallery.

Her paintings have also won several prestigious awards, including the City Center Art Gallery of New York's First Prize for Painting, The Tercentenary Exhibition Award from the Jersey City Museum, and a Special Merit Award from the American Watercolor Society.

These twin exhibits at Ellarslie and the Mariboe Gallery, represent her first one-woman shows featuring oils and oil-crayons, at which she first began to work seriously some 20 years ago following her official retirement from the commercial art career which saw her meeting deadlines for publications like Harper's Bazaar, Mademoiselle, and Vogue, and book publishers Simon & Schuster, Henry Holt and Co., and William Morrow.

Viewpoint

"Guerrilla Theater" Comes to Roosevelt

by Lee Allen

Brad Garton complains that Council meetings have become an "absurd theater." He should know, since he has now established himself as the main actor. His performance at the February 25 meeting, before a house well-packed with his supporters, is something that certainly deserves the attention of the whole community.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss *all* of the sewer rehabilitation options available to the Council, with an opportunity for public participation provided. However, most of the "public participation" consisted in people attacking us under an assumption that we were planning to raise rates because we wanted to know the cost of bringing the plant back up to its original design capacity.

We were also attacked under an assumption that we were "encouraging development" because we wanted to know what the impact on the utilities would be of the new homes that have either already been zoned for or will have to be zoned for if anything comes of the TPL project that, as of last December, both the "pro-development" and the "anti-development" factions were supporting. And we were attacked for not allowing public participation, even though the meeting had been publicly announced and the speakers were being allowed to participate.

Then Mr. Garton, the star of the show, began a blustery, red-faced tirade, in which he preached to the Council and the four engineers present (who were being paid by the hour while all of this went on) as if we were wayward students in his seminar. The show got more serious, though, when Mr. Garton moved towards the Council table and brandished his fist in the face of councilman Howard Prezant while shouting at him.

Mr. Garton's use of physical intimidation tactics is inexcusable. Around here, we may disagree. But we do not hurt each other physically. If we are to have a civilized community, there have to be limits. This is not the 1960's and you are not taking over the Dean's office!

Then we have Mr. Garton's running-mate, Henry John-Alder. (They ran against us last fall and I assume they are still running.) His contribution to the discussion, both at the Council meeting and in his "... View From Pine Drive", is that we should "just say no" to DEP when it tells us to make the same additional upgrades to the sewer plant that it has already told other towns to make.

Never mind that Council members are sworn to uphold the laws of the State, including legal orders of State agencies. Never mind that, if you dare

DEP to levy half-million dollar fines, they are going to do just that, and keep levying them until you stop playing childish games.

It was this same kind of twisted reasoning, by some of the same people who are now supporting Mr. Garton and Mr. John-Alder, that has made it necessary for us to now have to pay an additional two and a half million dollars in construction costs. When we could have gotten funding from the state and Federal governments for 83% of the cost of the project, we were told not to become "grant junkies."

At the time, some people appear to have thought that not fixing the sewer system would keep the evil developers away and we should therefore "just say no." But it didn't work out that way, and we will be paying for that mistake for many years to come.

Mr. John-Alder claims that it would be "appeasement" for us to comply with a DEP order to make further upgrades, and he uses the example of the appeasement of Hitler in 1938. The alternative to appeasement, however, is war. When and where do we fire the first shot? Brad Garton starts by imitating Abby Hoffman, and Henry John-Alder follows by imitating Peter Sellers in "The Mouse That Roared."

The show goes on.

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demands, they should be met with a flat declaration of the community's utter inability to pay anything more. A question by Jane Kennedy seemed to reflect the general feeling: "We can't afford the fees now. Isn't it crazy to pay more for something in the future we don't even know we want?"

No Expansion Now

Although the questions and criticism were addressed to the Mayor and Council members, extensive replies were given by the engineers present. Lee Allen stated that the main

purpose of the memorandum was to be able to clarify future borough needs in order "not to be working in the dark" and since DEP requirements, by all accounts, will surely multiply in the coming period, repairs should be made now to save unnecessary costs later on. He acknowledged that immediate expansion would be too expensive, but said that technical adjustments could be made now to leave the STP prepared to receive add-on equipment when necessary, work that will then not have to be re-done.

Mayor Stops Discussion

A time limit had earlier been announced by the Mayor, but when he tried to enforce a curtailment of discussion, there were angry outbursts of protest. The Mayor asserted his right to conduct a meeting with decorum and order, but to no avail, the main objection being that public input was suddenly being cut off by this council in a complete departure from previous practice.

When things calmed down and the council resumed its immediate busi-

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Faits Accomplis

by Peter Warren

Between January 1, 1991 and mid-March, the new borough council has:

1. Improved borough office layout;
2. Reviewed back borough hall files;
3. Installed fax in borough hall;
4. Computerized municipal and utilities budgets;
5. Started ordinance codification;
6. Started DEP-mandated water conservation program, including water audit;
7. Established emergency management council, including DEP-mandated water emergency plan;
8. Sent historic materials to Rutgers Library and signed agreement for its conservation;
9. Introduced municipal and utilities budgets and salary ordinance by State-mandated deadlines;
10. Increased deputy borough clerk and assistant utilities operator hours from half time to full time;
11. Re-designated sewer line project and oversaw Marvec reconstruction of 2,500 linear feet;

12. Started preparation for TPL impact study sections on environment and utilities;

13. Received grants for clean communities (DEP) and for services of Mark Hartnett, and applied for DEP environmental grant;

14. Started process to become eligible for CDBG grant, WWTF low-cost loan and MCIA equipment leasing;

15. Adopted policy of utilizing volunteer services of Michael Ticktin as legislative counsel for ordinance drafting;

16. Established mayor's citizen advisory groups: Streets and utilities;

17. Recruited licensed utilities operator, as mandated by DEP;

18. Established supervisory and reporting procedures for utilities operators;

19. Revived monthly tax collection reports and CFO (treasurer) reports;

20. Financed Park Commission planting of 24 Japanese cherry trees in Homestead-North Valley triangle;

21. Merged zoning board with planning board;

22. Signed 2-Year contract for public lawn mowing;

23. Uncovered favorable information for Lone Pine litigation;

24. Started drafting bylaws for borough council;

25. Re-designed and started sewer plant construction; revised contract to meet DEP deadline;

26. Evaluated and signed inspection contracts for sewer line and sewer plant construction;

27. Ordered new meters to provide accurate water and sewer flow measurements;

28. Switched to bulk economy mailing rate;

29. Started to develop council, planning board and environmental commission ties with Millstone Township and with EWMUA.

Henry John-Alder *(continued from page 13)*

should be encouraged to pursue their interests, whatever the direction. But they must be encouraged to strive for excellence. Regardless of the ultimate vocation, the standouts will be those who are most thoughtful and most articulate. The best teachers, the best carpenters, the best mechanics, the best plumbers, the best managers: in all cases, the best are those who approach their jobs thoughtfully and who communicate clearly. Without analytical and communication skills, students (and all other people) are slow to recognize and articulate cohesive themes and unifying concepts in collections of facts.

Roosevelt functions well as a community, and we should strive to maintain this integrity. Roosevelt is more than just another place to sleep, and we must preserve the qualities that we cherish. Roosevelt Public School serves several integral roles in our community. First and foremost, of course, is that our children begin their

formal education here. This is important to us, and we are fortunate to have our children's first school so close at hand. We have an unusually good opportunity to participate directly in the formal education of our children.

We as a community should regain the supportive role that once made RPS so special. We are small enough to operate as one big family in collectively pushing our children to achieve excellence. We pay a high price to keep our school, and some would say that we cannot afford it. They're right, of course, at least in the ledger books. However, my feeling is that if we do our jobs right, we cannot afford to let our school go.

Some argue that we must expand our school to provide the various educational accoutrements available in some larger schools. Some argue further that we must expand our residential tax base so that we can afford the additions they envision. I

disagree. We should be able to do the job at hand with our present facilities.

I hark back to my father's experience in arguing that educational achievement is based more on an approach to learning than on the hardware of education. My father's is not a unique example. The top students to graduate from Rutgers College two years ago was a New Brunswick resident who graduated from New Brunswick High School. Suffice it to say that N.B.H.S. is not exactly a "magnet" school. The point is, this girl excelled beyond her peers even without having had the educational amenities of richer districts. She graduated at the top of her class and went on to one of the most selective medical schools in the world.

We do not need to be fancy in Roosevelt. We need to be honest and disciplined, inquisitive and analytical, articulate and well-read. The rest will take care of itself.

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ness, actions were taken to authorize change orders in the laying of pipes, to request permit changes, and to get estimates on installing appropriate pipe connections in the STP to accommodate future upgrading.

Some Good News

Mr. Allen, Chairman of the Utilities Committee, reported that nearly 3,000 feet of pipeline have been replaced to date and that a loan of \$500,000 was arranged with First Fidelity Bank at the comparatively low rate of 5.68%. He said he was able to announce that there would be no increase in the water-sewer rate but that, due to the obligations of the contract, neither could the savings realized go to reduce our high utility rates. Instead, savings would take the form of additional pipe replacement to further reduce infiltration. At another point in the meeting, Mr. Allen announced that despite many pressures, the new municipal budget would remain at the same level as last year with no added taxes levied. He reported that the cost of new pipe installation in the STP to provide additional equipment would be around \$20,000. In answer to a question from Dolores Chasan, Mr. Allen stated that the budgeting process met with great difficulty due to a 150% increase in uncollected taxes over 1990. It was noted, on the other hand, that there appears to be no marked increase in the delinquency rate on water/sewer payments for far.

In the business portion of the meeting that was completed before the public segment was opened, the council dealt with a stream of reports, motions and resolutions. During February, it received official notice that the seven month extension requested of the DEP by the previous council was granted so that the new completion deadline is September, 1992. In addition to the Utilities report, Stuart Kaufman, Chairman of Environment, Health and Safety, announced the receipt of a grant that had been applied for by Gayle Donnelly for \$4631 from the Clean Communities Program of DEP. There will be a major celebration of Arbor/Earth Day on April 28. He also proposed to introduce a measure to license cats after ascertaining the views of the community on this issue.

Community Relations Chairman Peter Warren described the agreement signed with Rutgers University on ownership and preservation of Roosevelt historical materials and reported on various contacts made for backup financing if necessary. Ordinances were introduced regarding salaries for municipal employees and putting out receptacles for garbage and recycling materials. Another proposed ordinance would establish the Emergency Management Council for the borough, consisting of ten members. After a series of "technical" budget resolutions, the ordinance containing the 1991 Municipal Budget was introduced. A copy will be published in the *Messenger Press* and posted at the Post Office and at Borough Hall. Hearings on these ordinances will take place at the April 8 meeting of the council.

Gags, Bias and Videotape?

Opposition to the Mayor's ruling to allow public discussion only after the council's business is finished dominated the rest of the regular meeting. Again, many voices were raised in criticism of this procedure as a violation of democratic practice. Speakers insisted that raising questions was pointless after all the decisions are taken. In defending his action, Mayor Barth declared that this procedure was followed in the past and that if residents wished to make their opinions known, they could attend agenda meetings, read the documents available during the week between agenda and council meetings and contact individual council members personally to convey their concerns. Discussion would always precede the adoption of ordinances.

Brad Garton, in a statement in which he expressed regret for being so overwrought at the last meeting, said he wished to emphasize the distinction between private conversations and public discussion where statements of elected officials go into the record. He stated that the public has the right to ask officials to give their views in a public forum, something, he said, members of this council have tended to resist.

This change in format, said Jeff Hunt, seemed to him to be part of a trend to exclude public participation and was tantamount to closing the barn door after the horse is gone. He urged the council to reconsider. Kirk

Rothfuss calling this measure a step backward, reminded the Mayor of the many late nights in the previous year when he allowed the debates to go on without limit, the bias now being clearly evident, in his opinion. He recalled Peter Warren's complaints about lack of public participation in the past. Jane Rothfuss stated that much of council business was through motions and resolutions, rather than ordinances, and that this new procedure negated the whole purpose of public input altogether. She concluded that the logical end would be "to come and see videotapes of meetings and put up a suggestion box".

Replies to these points were made by Peter Warren, Stuart Kaufman and Lee Allen, along with the Mayor, to the effect that the council was elected to carry on its business in the best interest of the community, and not in response to one group who happens to be in Borough Hall, and to do so in a decorous and efficient way.

Payments were authorized to Marvec construction for \$91,832 and to DeMuro Associated for \$6,426, both pending approval by FmHA. DeMuro was paid \$8735 for general engineering services for February and \$6100 was voted for further televising to identify damage in the sewer lines.

The council voted to accept with regret the resignation of Kirk Rothfuss and to thank him for his contribution to the community. His replacement is to be decided on by March 24.

Effects of a New Statute

During the public discussion, Michael Ticktin reported on a state bill about to be signed by the Governor that will have a profound effect on the link between developers and municipal sewer systems. The bill, called the "County and Municipal Sewerage Facilities Act," stipulates that the cost of a new connection to a municipal sewer system may be calculated on the basis of the total cost of the facility to the municipality divided by the number of units serviced, after previous contributions are deducted. Mr. Ticktin estimates that the charge to tie into the Roosevelt system could come to somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per unit under this formula, thus turning an issue that has long been seen as a problem into a simple matter of calculation.

Rutgers Student Projects *(continued from page 3)*

bined with a demonstration organic farm) north of the corporate campus and a community cultural center on Route 571 at the entrance to the corporate park.

Mr. McCahill explained that his team chose corporate over residential development in order to minimize the impact of development on public services such as the schools and the water and sewer system. (The corporate center would have its own on-site sewage treatment plan.) However, one drawback of the plan would be the estimated 1,500 cars that would stream in and out of the corporate center on a daily basis. In addition, Planning Board Chair Gail Hunton indicated that Monmouth County has surveyed the county for possible golf course sites and rejected this site because it is too flat. This information was evidently not available to the students when they designed their plan.

A second team also proposed corporate instead of residential development. This team, however, designed a plan for warehouse and light industrial use that would involve a much smaller number of cars commuting to the site on a daily basis (approximately 100 cars travelling to and from the site

each day). As Lisa Cameron explained, the plan also proposed farmland preservation for a significant portion of the area, various horticultural and agricultural uses in other parts, and a possible regional composting plant in the northwestern quadrant of the site.

The final plan on display at this meeting took a very different approach. As explained by Susan Stafford-Smith, this project included development within part of the existing residential area (extending Brown Street) as well as development branching out into the site off Oscar Drive and the Notterman tract. The site off of Oscar Drive would involve far fewer homes than the other student proposals, however, as a result of the proposed development at Brown Street and the Notterman tract. This team of students, which included Roosevelt resident Kate John-Alder, proposed adding a total of 165 houses on one-half and one-third acre lots and retaining the bulk of the northern 500 acres for profitable agricultural purposes, such as a nursery.

In contrast, this final group also showed what Roosevelt would look like if the northern 500 acres were developed entirely under a two-acre

zoning scheme, like the surrounding communities of Millstone and Upper Freehold. As Mrs. John-Alder and several other students were quick to point out, this kind of development would destroy the existing "viewsheds" in this area (the natural view that now exists with this land as open space).

Mrs. John-Alder also explained that such development would be highly inconsistent with the community's existing character. At present, Roosevelt has very clear boundaries and virtually all of the residential development is contained within an area that is easily walkable. Developing the northern portion of the Borough in a kind of suburban sprawl would create a large group of houses that were completely cut off from the rest of the Borough, according to Mrs. John-Alder.

Overall, the student projects were thoughtful and stimulating. It is unfortunate that more residents of the Borough were unable to attend, but those who did attend undoubtedly came away with a much broader idea of the kinds of development and non-development that are possible in this area.

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Master Plan Amendments *(continued from page 3)*

Former Councilmember Kirk Rothfuss asked the Board why it is considering this change of the Master Plan now, when the necessary planning studies for this kind of limited development/open space plan have not even begun. Board Chair Gail Hunton acknowledged that the TPL plan does not require the Master Plan to be amended at this time, but explained that taking this action now ensures that the Master Plan expresses the Borough's current plans for this part of town. She also suggested that the amendment will benefit efforts to raise funds for the planning studies because funding sources are likely to ask whether the TPL proposal is consistent with the Master Plan.

Several of the local property owners affected by the proposed Master Plan amendment attended the meeting, and the Board answered their questions about the TPL proposal. Other members of the public present inquired whether the explicit mention of limited high density development in the original draft would require the Borough to approve any development that an owner might propose, even if it is not consistent with the goals of the TPL proposal. Board members reassured the public that it is their intent to ensure this does not happen, and

that such a result is impossible without an amendment to the zoning code. Nevertheless, language in the original draft referring to a specific lot size was deleted to make sure this intent is clear. The Board also added language to clarify the intent that at least some of the land to be preserved from development is publicly-accessible.

The Board made a number of other changes to the original draft, based on the review of various members and comments from the public. Board Chair Hunton said copies of the final version will be available from the Borough Clerk prior to the meeting on April 10th. The Board is authorized by law to change the Master Plan without any action by the Council. Amendments to the zoning code, on the other hand, can be proposed by the Planning Board, but can only be adopted by the Council.

The Board also reviewed a two page document outlining the respective responsibilities of the fundraising committee, Planning Board, Environmental Commission and Borough Council in connection with the achievement of the various studies that must be undertaken before an appropriate of the various studies that must be undertaken before an appropriate limited development/open space preservation plan can be formulated for this site.

The document provides that the fundraising committee must coordinate its activities with the Planning Board and receive authorization from the Council before expending any funds for promotional materials.

The Planning Board will be responsible for coordinating the various phases of the planning study and for hiring the necessary experts in consultation, where appropriate, with the Environmental Commission. The planning study will include an examination of the economic impact of any proposed development on the Borough's tax and utility revenues and on the demand for municipal services.

The Environmental Commission will assess the environmental constraints on the land to determine which portions are developable and which portions should be protected either because of environmental sensitivity or to protect landscapes and environmental appearance. The Council will be responsible for the expenditure of funds either directly or by providing funds for this purpose to the Planning Board, although the Planning Board will have authority to spend any grant money this it receives.

— Letters —

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To the Editor:

I wish to thank the parents and friends of RPS so very much for all your help! The Apples for Computers Shop-Rite receipt program went very well again this year as last. We collected \$103,000 in Shop-Rite receipts. The school was able to get a printer for one of their computers and a few software packages.

Thanks again for all your help.
Vinnie Jackson
Vice-President, Roosevelt PTA

To the Editor:

I had the recent pleasure of meeting long-time Roosevelt resident Rose Corman. She is a lovely lady who lives at 54 Lake Drive, down near the horse farm. Rose has been a resident for 27 years and wanted me to let **Borough Bulletin** readers know that she would love to have visitors, cards or phone calls since she is house bound and rather lonely. Her phone number is 448-2008 and her PO Box number is 214. I hope everyone who reads this will find time in the busy days ahead to drop Rose a line. She'll be thrilled. Thanks.

—Robin Carroll
7 Lake Drive

— Letters —

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Mr. Allen's alarming *Sewer Status Report* in the February *Borough Bulletin*. As written, I'm sure his letter will make people furious with our previous engineer and Councils.

Mr. Allen stated "the plant designed by the previous engineer would cut the capacity of our *current plant* by 64%. Upon completion it would serve our current population, but would not allow any additional homes to be connected." (emphasis added)

I believe this "64% reduction" figure is a scare tactic, is wrong, and is an indication of what some Councilmen have in mind for the future of Roosevelt.

The previous engineer, T&M Associates, designed the plant expansion to accommodate waste from a population of 900 and to meet modern water quality standards. Apparently Mr. Allen's logic is that, as the original town was envisioned to be larger than the current population, T&M cut the capacity of the current plant by using only 900 people in the design. The problem with this reasoning is that, regardless of what it was intended to handle in 1936, the current plant can not handle a significantly larger population and meet 1990's water quality parameters, even if infiltration were reduced to zero.

At the last special Council meeting a future population figure of around 1500 to 1700 people (heaven help us) was tossed about by Council and its new engineers. T&M could have *further* expanded the current treatment plant to accommodate this doubling of our population. It probably would have cost what the new plant engineer AWT estimates it will cost and the present Council discussed an additional \$500,000 to \$750,000. This extra capacity and expense would be of no use to the current residents, but it sure would help a land developer out! I suspect prior Council's didn't think it prudent to ask the existing residents to pay an additional

\$750,000 for the benefit of future developers. I know I didn't.

But if the council would like to back away from the future development needs justification for expanding the plant for developers' benefit, fear of more stringent DEP nitrogen requirements is the means for arriving at the same end. Although not discussed in Mr. Allen's article or the Bulletin in general, much discussion at the last Special Council meeting revolved around the new engineers (AWT) assessment that the current plant design may not meet *future* nitrogen requirements.

AWT states in their 2/11/91 memo to the Council that "The current (DEP) permit limit of 6.5 mg/1 for ammonia-nitrogen is higher than most current discharge permits. It is questionable as to whether this design could consistently achieve less than 6.5, particularly during the winter season, should the permit stipulate a lower limit in the future." I suspect AWT is a good firm. But T&M, also a good firm and designer of the plant, states in their Stage 1 & 2 submissions to DEP (pg. 5) that "This design is capable of meeting all current effluent limitations, as well as more stringent nitrogen limits which DEP has indicated may be imposed..." T&M goes on to say that the plant will achieve 1 mg/1 in summer and 2 mg/1 in winter months, significantly lower than the 6.5 mg/1 DEP is currently asking for.

Once again we have two engineers giving Roosevelt conflicting opinions. I suggest we wait and see if T&M is right rather than spend an additional \$500,000 to \$750,000 under the assumption that they are wrong. But I suspect that this assumption will be used as justification to add additional treatment units at the above cost in the future. Mr. Allen calls this "prudent planning." It is significant to note that this "prudent planning" in the name of protection against more stringent DEP nitrogen limits "may add the capacity to accommodate an additional 900 people." (AWT Memorandum 2/11/91).

I would have thought Mr. Allen would be pleased that T&M designed the plant as cost effectively as possible, namely to serve us, the existing financially hurting population. Instead, Mr. Allen, who stated that keeping the sewer costs down was one of his priorities, writes in his article that "We (the Council) are also concerned that... it (the sewer project) will not only satisfy the DEP requirements, *but will also serve the anticipated needs of this community*" (emphasis added). Needs anticipated by who? Are we to pay \$500,000 to \$750,000 more than necessary to satisfy Mr. Allen's or other Councilmen's assessment of our future needs? How about first finishing the \$2 million dollar project and evaluating the results before discussing another \$750,000!

I believe the decision to expand Roosevelt has already been made by many members of the Council—before public input, before any objective impact and financial studies, before the Planning Board's Planning Study has even begun. At Council meetings, Mr. Allen flies the Trust for Public Land Project as a flag to justify his leaning toward development. The Mayor and other Council people are curiously silent on this issue in public.

The residents of Roosevelt have a right to decide their own future and the future of Roosevelt. That right may be being circumvented behind smoke screens, hastily conducted Council meetings and Councilpersons who refuse to respond to public questions.

Kirk Rothfuss

3 Tamara Drive

— Letters —

To the Editor:

I have questions about three items that appeared in the February **Borough Bulletin**.

1. In Kirk Rothfuss's letter of resignation dated February 21 he wrote: "In my opinion you have already lost the opportunity to get this project completed to DEP's satisfaction. The smooth transition into the start of construction which could have led to a reasonable completion date, completion within budget and possible DEP leniency has been lost in confusion over who is responsible for engineering, field inspections, preconstruction meetings, preparation of documents, etc."

In the same issue of the **Borough Bulletin** councilman Lee Allen wrote: "On February 12 the Mayor and the Council were informed by the DEP that Roosevelt has been granted an extension of the Feb. 1, 1992 deadline. Work on the sewer lines began on Feb. 13, 1991 and is progressing faster than expected. Work on the sewer plant should have started by the time you read this issue of the **Bulletin**. At this rate we can be confident of meeting the remaining DEP ACP deadlines."

I wonder how Mr. Rothfuss could write about "lost opportunity" and "confusion"? Nine days before he resigned, the Mayor and the Council knew of the extension by the DEP. The DEP extension notice was on the town bulletin board and was also reported in the Asbury Park Press and the Messenger Press. Eight days before he resigned the repair of the sewer line on Farm Lane began. How could he miss the road closed signs, trucks and other equipment?

"Lost opportunity" and "confusion" when as of this writing over 2,500 feet of sewer lines are repaired, temporary financing at 5.68% is in place, repairs to the sewer plant are underway and DEP is pleased with our progress.

What "lost opportunity" and "confusion" was Mr. Rothfuss referring to?

2. In Brad Garton's letter and Henry John-Alder's "The View from Pine Drive" they both write about Applied Wastewater Technology's report to

Council on the sewage treatment plant. Both articles point out that the Council asked that the report state the cost if the DEP requires additional ammonia nitrogen control and what modifications should be made to the sewer plant design to provide for future development in the Borough. As both articles stated the cost was \$500,000 to \$750,000.

No where in their writings did they say what else happened at that meeting. AWT did not recommend undertaking the expansion at this time and the Council stated that the community could not afford this and voted "No" unanimously. I would like to remind Mr. Garton and Mr. John-Alder of what they wrote in the **Bulletin** in October, 1990 about why they wanted to be Councilmen.

Mr. Garton wrote "I believe in truth and in seeking the best solutions. I wish to see a Roosevelt with predictable finances and a well planned future. I wish to see a Roosevelt that has taken its future by the horns in response to legal and pragmatic concerns, not a Roosevelt that may fall prey to some unknown and ill-defined external force. I certainly support the most financially prudent approach to our problems. I would hate to see a short-term "cost effective" solution in place of long-term civic gain."

Mr. John-Alder wrote: "I am concerned about our water/sewer predicament. We must base our decisions on all of the best information available to us. I simply ask that we openly investigate potential costs and benefits in a balanced manner as we move forward. We must recognize that many of our decisions will ultimately depend on good judgement".

I wonder why Mr. Garton and Mr. John-Alder are now condemning the Council for doing exactly what Mr. Garton and Mr. John-Alder said they would do if they had been elected to Council.

The Council requested information from AWT on possible future concerns. The Council did openly investigate potential costs and the Council by,

voting "No", did act in the most financially prudent manner. In fact, at the March Council meeting, it was announced that there would be no increase in water/sewer rates or in taxes this year.

Also in October 1990, Mr. Garton wrote "We must stop the internal feuding if we are ever to address any crisis", and Mr. John-Alder wrote "We must work together to achieve an acceptable resolution. We must trust and respect each other".

I wonder why Mr. Garton and Mr. John-Alder don't practice what they write.

—Rose Murphy

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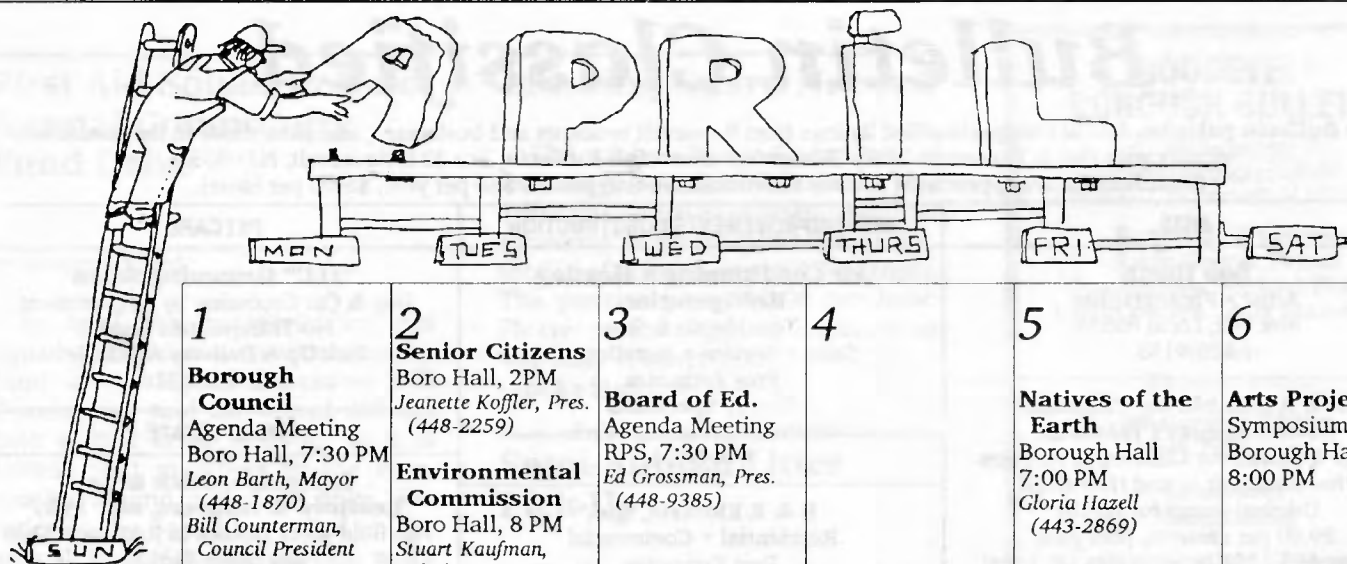
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	<p>Borough Council Agenda Meeting Boro Hall, 7:30 PM <i>Leon Barth, Mayor (448-1870)</i> <i>Bill Counterman, Council President (448-3182)</i></p>	<p>Senior Citizens Boro Hall, 2PM <i>Jeanette Koffler, Pres. (448-2259)</i></p> <p>Environmental Commission Boro Hall, 8 PM <i>Stuart Kaufman, Chair</i></p>	<p>Board of Ed. Agenda Meeting RPS, 7:30 PM <i>Ed Grossman, Pres. (448-9385)</i></p>		<p>Natives of the Earth Borough Hall 7:00 PM <i>Gloria Hazell (443-2869)</i></p>	<p>Arts Project Symposium Borough Hall 8:00 PM</p>	
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14	<p>Parks Commission Litter Pick-Up 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Borough Council Committees Boro Hall 7:30 PM</p> <p>Cong. Anshei Roosevelt Synagogue, 8 PM <i>Michael Tickin, Pres. (448-0363)</i></p>	<p>Blood Pressure Check Solar Village 12:30-2:00 PM</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>PTA School Board Candidates' Night RPS, 7:30 PM</p>	19	20
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