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Borough Council Report *Lake Drive Extension Debate*

by Adeline Weiner

The proposed Lake Drive extension was the major subject of debate at the Borough Council meeting of October 14. Mary King, joined by a group of other Lake Drive residents, offered a petition requesting that plans to pave a road through to Rochdale Avenue be discontinued. She spoke of other means of securing safe exit from S. Valley Road onto Clarksburg Road such as the use of flashing lights or a mirror to reflect oncoming traffic. The petition requested a survey of opinion of local residents and participation in the final decision, as was promised by several council members. The reasons given for opposing the cut-through were the feared danger to children accustomed to playing and riding bicycles in the western half of Lake Drive, as well as the traffic hazard made possible by providing a short-cut from Rochdale to Clarksburg, thus cutting the time it takes to go around the corner.

At the Other End

Bob Clark who lives at the east end of Lake Drive, opposed this view, explaining that children in that area are subjected to the increased passage of cars that use Spruce Lane to exit the Estates in order to avoid the dangerous intersection at South Valley and Clarksburg. And there are often kids from the west end that come down to look at the horses. He maintained that the matter cannot be weighed as to which part has the most number of children playing in the street. He said the danger is for everyone using South Valley Road and that this may well vary with age. The situation of children who, after all, grow into adolescent drivers exiting South Valley Road was a "fatal accident waiting to happen."

One Way Entry?

The discussion was lively and thorough, with many suggestions offered,
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Lyme Disease Advisory Council
Forum on
"Protecting Your Property"

*November 7, at 7:30 p.m.
Roosevelt Public School*

Ordinance Codification

by Bob Clark

After several months of volunteer work, the ordinance codification project is ready to move into the next stage of effort. Some 300 pages of the Borough's local laws were typed on word processors by Lauralynne Cokeley, Richard Dalin, Melvin Friedman, Shari Harding, Nancy Hamilton, Donald Lugannani and Maureen Clark. Paul Gerling and Ralph Warnick transferred this material into the computer at the municipal building. Deputy Borough Clerk Nancy Warnick proofread and corrected the documents. All of the ordinances have been entered into the Borough's computer system. They may now be organized by subject matter and indexed. Meanwhile, redundancies, inconsistencies, illegalities and weaknesses will be pointed out to the Borough Council so that it can decide whether to revise certain ordinances. It will be much easier to look up the town's laws when the process is completed.
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Democratic Write-Ins Fail to Accept Nominations

*Independent Council
Candidates Unopposed*

by Michael Ticktin

Despite their victories as write-in candidates for borough council seats in the June Democratic primary, Jeanette Koffler, Rebecca Rowe and Jane
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Bulletin Board

Senior Citizens News

There was no official meeting in October as we went to the Russian Flea Market on the first for shopping and lunch. The October 8 meeting was cancelled as many members attended the funeral of Jeanette's mother, Mrs. Tanya (Feldsher) Silver. Our condolences go to her daughters, Jeanette Koffler, Dr. Rebecca Notterman and Esther Marton also to their husbands, children and grandchildren.

Senior citizens have been offered services in areas important to us. We'll make decisions at the November meeting. Our November meeting will be a different date due to the election.

Until next month-

Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

Two Trashy Events

The Roosevelt fall litter pick-up will be on Saturday, November 2, in collaboration with New Jersey Clean Communities Program. We will meet at the Post Office at 10:00. A gather will be held at Lenny & Michelle Guye-Hillis' after the pick-up.

The Girl Scout "Adopt-A-Stream" litter pick-up is on Saturday, Nov. 9,

Candidates, continued from page 1
Rothfuss did not file acceptances of the nominations with the Monmouth county Board of Elections. Thus, the only candidate whose name will appear in the Democratic column is Councilman Stuart Kaufman, who is running for Mayor.

Councilman Kaufman is opposed by Councilman Lee Allen, who is heading an Independent slate that also includes Councilman Peter Warren and Councilwoman Rose Murphy running for full terms and Councilman Bill Counterman, who is seeking to fill out the remaining year of the term of Kirk Rothfuss. Mr. Rothfuss resigned earlier this year and was replaced by Mrs. Murphy.

from 9:30-12:30. We will meet at the Post Office and all volunteers are welcome.

Gayle Donnelly

Environmental Commission Report

The environmental commission of Roosevelt will soon begin to conduct a survey on water usage by all properties in the Borough.

The data from the survey will be included in the Commission's report to the Department of Environmental Protection on water conservation in Roosevelt.

Anyone wishing to help conduct this survey, or who has ideas on water conservation, please contact Jim Carnevale at 426-1728.

Thank you for your support.
Roosevelt Environmental Commission

From the Editor

Due to unplanned delays in the production of last month's issue, it appeared during the first week in October and was designated as the October issue. Consequently, the current issue is being designated as the November issue, while the issue that would ordinarily appear the the end of November will be designated as the December issue. Since we do not ordinarily publish a December issue, we should be able to get back on our customary schedule in January. I trust this explanation will allay any confusion. Please submit all articles for the "December" issue by November 15.

Since all candidates are incumbents, the only change in the composition of the governing body that will occur in January, barring any successful write-in campaign, is that Mayor Leon Barth will have been replaced and a new council member will have to be appointed to serve for one year in the council seat being vacated by either Mr. Kaufman or Mr. Allen. Since both Mr. Kaufman and Mr. Allen were elected to the council as Democrats, the municipal Democratic committee, which consists of Ann Baker and Sol Libsohn, will have the right to present a list of three candidates from among whom, if all are eligible, the council will have to choose one. •

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Planning Board Report

Rutgers Expert to Lead Fiscal Impact Study

Professor Listokin Agrees to Serve at No Cost

by Michael Ticktin

At the October 9 meeting of the planning board, Chairwoman Gail Hunton disclosed that the problem of paying for the fiscal impact study that will be needed prior to any rezoning of the northern part of the borough had been resolved in a truly ideal way. Professor David Listokin, the director of the Center of Urban Policy Research at Rutgers, whom Ms. Hunton characterized as "the guru of fiscal impact studies," had told her that, because of his interest in and support for our proactive approach to planning, and in appreciation both of our community's historical significance and its limited resources, he would be willing to oversee the preparation of a study of the effect of various levels and types of possible development on municipal revenues and costs at no charge. The board accepted this offer with enthusiasm and, needless to say, without objection.

Data will be collected, under the guidance of Professor Listokin, by members of the planning board and other residents assisting in the project. Ms. Hunton asked

Michael Ticktin to lead a group of people familiar with borough finances to work with Professor Listokin. Board member and former Mayor Bert Ellentuck agreed to serve. Peter Warren, the council representative on the board, recommended that Councilmen Howard Prezant and Lee Allen be invited to serve, along with Robert Eisner, the former borough auditor who is now a resident. Ms. Hunton made it clear, however, that all conclusions will be made only with the approval of Professor Listokin, thus satisfying the concern that many have expressed that decisions be based on findings validated by an impartial expert from outside of the community.

Ms. Hunton estimated that the cost of a study of this sort, led by someone of Professor Listokin's professional stature, would ordinarily be between \$20,000 and \$30,000. There will therefore be a substantial saving to the community that will be due, in large measure, to the success of Ms. Hunton and of Alan Mallach, the former board chairman, in interesting Professor Listokin in

Roosevelt.

Also at the October meeting, the board decided, by a vote of 4-3, to grant Leon Lawson of 2 Farm Lane a conditional use to keep his trailer in his fenced back yard. This trailer has been parked on Rochdale Avenue for many months. The application for a conditional use was heard by the board in August and was vigorously opposed by Martin and Renee Sokoloff, who objected both to the view of the trailer from their window and to the alleged commercial use of which, they said, the trailer was a part. Decision was postponed in September due to the absence of a quorum competent to vote.

At the October meeting, Mel Friedman moved to grant the conditional use, giving as his main reason his belief that public safety was better served by having the trailer within Mr. Lawson's yard than by having it obstructing the view, from Farm Lane, of oncoming traffic on Rochdale Avenue. In response, Jeff Hunt expressed his concern that the trailer was part of a commercial use that was harmful to the residential character of the neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Sokoloff announced their intention to appeal the decision, but their attorney's request for a stay pending a final court decision was unanimously denied by the board.

In another development, board member Harry Parker, who is also a member of the school board, presented the plans for the expansion and renovation of the Roosevelt Public School for planning board comment. He noted that the improvements are mandated by the State and that it is important that they be done as soon as possible, since both interest rates and contractor prices are now at their lowest point in many years. The planning board will offer any comments that it may have after copies of the plans have been made available to all members.

Environmental Commission Report:

Impact Study Preparations Move Ahead

by Peter Warren

Shortly after the Bulletin goes to press, the environmental commission will select a coordinator for the environmental section of the Planning Board's development impact study covering the northern 500 acres of our 1,200 acre borough. Final interviews with candidates were held at a special meeting on October 15.

The coordinator will be paid from the 1991 DEP environmental matching grant obtained by the Borough earlier this year. His low cost is possible because members of the community will do much of the actual work at a professional level.

The Commission intends to apply for a second DEP grant for 1992 for future work.

The Borough Engineer has submitted a quotation of \$2,500 to study the impact of our water and sewer utilities impact.

Coincidentally, the five-year plan now being carried out by the Board of Education will provide the educational impact data needed in the overall plan.

The task of the Planning Board will then be to integrate all these elements into a coherent plan and present it to the whole community for discussion and possible modification before the plan is submitted to the Trust for Public Land for consideration.

School Board News

by Bob Clark

In October, Robert Petrilla resigned from the Roosevelt School Board, citing the "press of business travel and other considerations." Mr. Petrilla had been a member of the Board for about three years and most recently was a member of the Policy and Ad Hoc Safety committees. Perhaps his most important work on the Board was to take primary responsibility for steering the District through labor negotiations with the Roosevelt Teachers Association. At the October 10 Board meeting Board President John Ord and members Harry Parker, Jan Plumb, Howard Kaufman and Allen Newrath voted to accept the resignation "with regrets." Members Margaret Schlinski, Edward Grossman and Michael Hamilton voted not to accept Mr. Petrilla's resignation. The Board will advertise to accept applications for the vacancy, and the candidate who wins Board appointment will serve until the next school district election in April 1992.

On October 10 the Board conducted a public hearing on renovations and additions to the school building. The hearing focused on plans described as Option 2A for a project with an anticipated cost of about \$953,160. At its September 12 meeting the Board had decided to authorize the architectural firm of L. Robert Kimball & Associates to prepare schematic drawings, which must be approved by the State Department of Education before the District can proceed to a public referendum as to whether the project should continue. Kimball Vice President Edward Kirkbride, assisted by Mary Jo Hopton of the Kimball firm, presented Option 2A to about 20 members of the public in attendance.

Board President John Ord said the Board believed that the residents desired

to keep the school open "and running at a level of efficiency the town can handle." He explained that the proposed project would address issues, such as repair of a 57-year-old boiler and asbestos removal, before they become emergencies. It would also allow the school to meet state standards requiring a larger library and health (nurse) area and to deal with increasing enrollments, according to Mr. Ord. He noted that the proposal would provide a classroom with a 20-student capacity for each grade level from kindergarten through sixth grade. He added that the approximate cost of sending a single class of 10 to 12 students to East Windsor is \$100,000. He said a previous study found that "closing the school [and sending students elsewhere] would be cost equivalent to keeping it open." Finally, Mr. Ord maintained that proceeding with these plans would not preclude Roosevelt from regionalizing with East Windsor or Millstone in the future.

Chief School Administrator (CSA) Harry Groveman said the Board is committed to a public referendum for final approval of the project because the District would qualify for a more favorable bonding rate, the State would pay about 1/3 of the project's debt servicing, and the undertaking would not adversely impact the regular, ongoing school budget. In response to Freda Hepner's expressed skepticism about no impact on the regular budget, Mr. Groveman acknowledged that a new teacher would have to be hired for the additional classroom. He added that the State would probably allow a part-time librarian to staff the library. In reply to Ms. Hepner's concern that the Borough would exceed its bonding capacity with the project, Mr. Groveman granted that the town would have to seek a waiver

from the State.

Mr. Groveman will attempt to have one or two financial management firms and a bonding attorney come to the Board's agenda meeting on November 7 to explain their services. He said there will be at least one public hearing on financing prior to the referendum. In response to a question from Leonard Sacharoff, Mr. Groveman noted that the state debt service aid is based on the formula for overall state aid (around 1/3 for Roosevelt) and should not change much in the next three to five years. He also noted that the State may fund a revitalization and refurbishing act, making the Roosevelt District eligible for about 1/3 funding of the entire project. Mr. Ord added that the present economic conditions are favorable for low construction bids. He also said the new kindergarten addition would allow a pre-K program that would make the District eligible for additional funding.

Noting the Board's estimated cost of roughly \$178 per household in additional annual taxes if funding could not be obtained from the State, Patricia Moser questioned whether the Board would "come back for more in a few years." Board President Ord said the venture would "have an impact 20 years from now" and was "worth the investment." He added that it would handle the trend toward increasing enrollments, perhaps "even if a major development occurred." He indicated that if development ensued that would exceed the school's new capacity (140 students in seven classrooms), the town would have to "deal with the developer of those units." Presently, there are 86 students in the school.

Brad Garton asked whether the Board was "planning for development" in Roosevelt, wondered whether the plan

was "skewed in favor of maximizing growth" and questioned whether the Board was "accommodating potential developers now." Mr. Ord responded that the Board was "maximizing the potential" of the existing facility "but not making major external construction." He said it was "not extravagant to go with one classroom per grade level."

Henry John-Alder asked for an explanation of the State's library mandate of a room large enough for 20 students. Mr. Groveman said that, with a present combined fifth and sixth grade class of 21, the District would be hard-pressed to argue that room for less than 20 would suffice. He added that the space requirements per student were based on a state formula and noted that at least one State Education Department official had indi-

cated a willingness not to insist on some standards, such as an office for the librarian. Mr. John-Alder said small districts "can't continue to accept these state standards." He contended that "crowding is not the issue" and urged that "boards should take it upon themselves [to question the State's requirements]."

Louis Esakoff asked why the District would spend a lot of money to fix its boiler and remove asbestos if it cannot bring the school up to state standards except at substantial cost. He wondered whether the Board had thought of sending the sixth grade to the East Windsor Middle School since that school offered a 6-8 program. Mr. Ord said it was "debatable whether we are always better served by East Windsor." He referred

again to the \$100,000 cost of sending a class to East Windsor. He reiterated that the Board is looking into regionalization. Mr. Esakoff replied that he could not "imagine we have anything to give to East Windsor" that would make it want to regionalize with Roosevelt. He also warned that Millstone "has a lot of building" that creates problems in regionalizing with that town. Mr. Groveman replied that the State may offer financial incentives for regionalizing districts that would make the idea "attractive" to the parties.

Dolores Chasan expressed concern that the largest addition would be devoted to a half-day kindergarten program. Mr. Groveman said he could use that space for any of the classes, but it would be suited to the kindergarten because the

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School Board Ad Hoc Committee on Public Relations Meets

[Ed. The following minutes of the School Board's Ad Hoc Committee on Public Relations were submitted to the Board at its October 3, meeting:]

The first meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education's ad hoc committee on Public Relations met October 1, 1991. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present were Mike Hamilton; chairman, Dolores Chasan, Stu Kaufman, Jan Plumb and Margaret Schlinski.

Mr. Hamilton opened the meeting by asking those present to brainstorm ways in which the committee could receive community input and involvement with the intent of getting a two way interaction going between the school and the community as a way to foster better relations.

Mr. Kaufman suggested small group meetings between the committee and various groups in the community, such as the Senior citizens.

Mrs. Chasan indicated that she senses

an unwelcome feeling when she attends Board meetings. She would like to see more agendas and other materials laid out for the public so they can better follow what is going on at the meetings. Mrs. Chasan also suggested that index cards be made available to the public for the purpose of writing down any questions that the public may have. The cards would then be turned over to the appropriate person or committee for reply by the next meeting if possible.

The committee will be working to put together a survey in which to gather public opinion. This will enable the committee to assess RPS's strengths, weaknesses and areas that may need improvement as perceived by the public. The committee welcomes input from other Board members.

Also discussed was the possibility of handing out question cards at the open public meeting on the renovation project.

Mr. Hamilton suggested writing a monthly article for the Borough Bulletin.

The article would serve to overview what's been happening at RPS and to preview upcoming issues.

The idea of using what are called "key communicators" to help foster better relations between school and community was also discussed. A key communicator would be a non-polarized, well respected member of the community who would serve as ears for the school. This person would let the committee know what people in the community are thinking and saying so that any misconceptions or rumors could be dispelled.

The committee will also be working on a slogan for our school.

The committee plans to meet once a month and hopes to become a permanent committee of the Board. The committee is aware that Board approval is needed before any of its ideas are put into action.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. •

Omnia Mutantur... Everything Changes..

by Peter Warren

New Kids on the Block... Andrew Edward Davis, Dana Lee Monroe, Benjamin Dorsey Silverman.

Married... John Kilyk & Deborah Jan Gardik.

Moving In... David & Susan Buck to the Prusik house on Lake Drive; Mike & Jane Kiersnowski to their new house on Eleanor Lane; Joseph Newman & Sherri Simon to 18 Pine Drive; Laura Giordano to the Loyer house on Rochdale.

Moving Out... No one.

Return of the Native... Laura and Joanna Giordano.

On the Market... As of October 15, 11 houses for sale; two houses for sale or rent.

Awarded... To TSC Junior Haylee Schneider, NJCAA appointment as Academic All-American for academic excellence while participating in junior college sports.

On Safari... Laurie Altman's jazz group Bright Moments to Saint Petersburg, Russia, and perhaps Helsinki, Finland; Mark & Karen Kangas to California; Neil Marko to Seoul, Korea, as computer consultant.

Hallow'een... Displays at Steele's and Turiano's.

Registered to Vote... As of October 7th deadline, 601 residents, 95% of those eligible.

Enrolled... At RPS on October 15, 86 pupils, compared to 85 when school opened in September.

Renamed... To Roosevelt from Jersey Homesteads, the Borough, by vote of 193-40 in election referendum November 6, 1945.

Crime Rate... 1990, per thousand: Roosevelt 10; Monmouth County 39; New Jersey 55.

Flowing... Month of September average, sewerage 154,000 gpd (DEP ceiling 250,000 gpd); water, 142,100 gpd (conservation goal 90,000).

The Bulletin is published nine times a year - in September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May and June.

The deadline is the 15th of the month, except by prior arrangement with the Editor.

Please send all articles and letters in clean typescript, or as files on Apple, 3 1/2 inch diskettes.

Lyme Light

by Mary Alfare

New Members: Ann Goldman, Parks Commission liaison, Harry Parker, School Board liaison, and Elly Shapiro were appointed to the Roosevelt Lyme Disease Advisory Council (LDAC), by Mayor Leon Barth on October 24.

Lyme Forum: As of this writing, a Lyme Disease Information Forum is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, at Roosevelt Public School, at 7:30 p.m. The panel and question/answer session will be moderated by Joan Grossman and will feature internist Derrick DeSilva, Jr., M.D., veterinarian Madan Khare, D.V.M., Ph.D., and Michael Meddis of the Monmouth County Health Department. This first forum will focus on personal protection.

Property Protection Forum Planned: A second forum, on property protection, is being planned for Thursday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the RPS gymnasium. Dr. Terry Schultze, of the N.J. State Department of Health, will be the featured speaker. Dr. Schultze, who has conducted studies on the control of deer ticks will advise property owners on appropriate tick control measures. Please watch the bulletin board for information.

Studies Planned: Dr. Schultze, assisted by Michael Meddis, will be contacting residents for their consent to participate in a tick control study within our Borough. The study will attempt to characterize tick populations and involve the use and evaluation of deer tick control measures, along the borders of some 120 properties along the common areas. Please return the consent forms promptly.

The LDAC is developing a community survey questionnaire for the purpose of clearly defining the incidence of Lyme Disease in our community, and assessing community needs.

The LDAC meets every Thursday, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Borough hall. Residents may direct questions and suggestions to the Lyme Disease Advisory Council, C/O Roosevelt Borough hall. We'll do our best to respond. •

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**Don't
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School Board, *continued from page 5*

school could also use the space for a pre-K program. Mr. Ord noted that providing such space would make the District eligible for an additional 1/3 funding. He added that the addition, which would extend from the present main entrance and have separate restrooms, could also be used for community activities. Mrs. Chasan replied, "To me that's a frill."

Herb Johnson asked whether money could be saved by bringing back the seventh and eighth grades from East Windsor. Board member Michael Hamilton said that would require two additional teachers. Mr. Groveman noted that state requirements would mandate more than just additional classroom space for those grades. He explained that the District would have to provide space for an industrial arts shop and a science lab. Board member Edward Grossman added that the necessary construction to retain grades seven and eight was determined to be too costly three years ago when the Board decided to send those grades to East Windsor.

Educational specifications in connection with the project, prepared by Mr. Groveman, have been submitted to the State. The Board received notification that the State Education Department's Bureau of Facility Planning had tentatively approved the educational specifications.

Members of the Board's newly-formed Ad Hoc committee on Regionalization are John Ord, Edward Grossman, Allen Newrath and Michael Hamilton. Dolores Chasan suggested that non-Board members be included on the committee.

The Board approved the 1991-92 goals for CSA Groveman and Board Secretary Debra Allen. Mr. Groveman's goals are 1) "to provide the leadership necessary to help guide" the Board "through the task of developing and presenting to the Roosevelt community a bond referendum regarding" facility renovation plans, 2) "to strengthen [the] education program by focusing the staff on improving our student assessment process," and 3) "to revamp [the] outdated social studies curriculum." Mrs. Allen's goal is "to successfully prepare for and complete all necessary functions pertaining to annual and special school elections."

The Board approved a revised K-6 Physical Education Curriculum for im-

mediate implementation.

Second and final readings of revisions to several policies will occur at the November 14 Board meeting. The affected policies were listed in the October Bulletin.

The Board elected Harry Parker to be its representative on the newly-formed Lyme Disease Advisory Council.

The Board (with Allen Newrath voting no) gave Mr. Groveman discretion to approve or deny installation of a temporary sandbox with a locking cover near the school playground. The Roosevelt Community Nursery School had asked permission to install the sandbox so that it could meet state certification requirements.

Board Secretary Allen announced that Anderson Bus Company will provide free transportation for the grades K through two field trip. Also Dianna Moore volunteered to drive the bus for the trip without cost to the District.

The Board approved a request from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to install a geodetic survey instrument (monument) on school property. The monument would be open to the sky for satellite observation and be installed flush with the ground. DOT promised to walk materials to the site so that trucks would not disturb the turf.

Dolores Chasan asked the Board or Mr. Groveman to find out how Roosevelt students fared on the Basic Skills and Early Warning tests in comparison to other students and to make the information available to the public.

Board Secretary Allen advised that she had calculated that if the Roosevelt District participated in the state-authorized early retirement program the cost to the District for the one eligible employee would exceed any savings. This calculation was based on the assumption that the District would have to replace a retiring teacher and would require one with some previous experience.

CSA Groveman noted that he has been appointed as one of two Monmouth County representatives on the New Jersey Association of School Administrators Small School District Committee. At an upcoming convention he will be part of a round table discussion group working on legislation to require negotiations between sending and receiving districts. •

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A View from the Other Side of Town

With eighteen years behind me as a resident of Roosevelt and a "Borough Bulletin" reader - at least since it has been published - I have observed any number of heated political dog-fights, approximating nasty kinds of little civil wars that never seem to end. What I never did hear or see published - politically speaking - was anything nice said by anyone about anyone. Is that the Roosevelt mystique or is it possible that, under the circumstances, there just wasn't anything nice to say? With that in mind, I would like to propose that since January 1, 1991, the climate has changed and it is time to accentuate the positive.

It would seem that as a middle-of-the-road Republican - a distinct minority in Roosevelt - I would have very little of a positive nature to say about Liberal Democrats and I must confess, that until recently and for good reasons, that surely was the case. Roosevelt was not just standing still - as some people might prefer - but swiftly going down hill and the Democrats in charge were doing nothing about it. That, of course, is a purely political view of things. In reality, the situation had or has nothing to do with party labels, just people, since there were plenty of good Democrats around who were no happier with the way things were going than I was.

I am well aware that my observations are not likely to gain universal acceptance, but since I am not a politician and I am not running for office, I don't have to please everybody. In fact, as matters stand, I really don't have to please anybody.

What I am leading to - as you may have guessed - has to do with the events of the past nine months and it occurs to me that there is indeed something nice to say about a few somebodies. Soon after January 1, when the new council took over, things began to happen. Without listing all of the details that are now in the public record or have been published, we saw machinery out in the streets, digging-up and replacing carefully selected sections of sewer pipe, a project that had been in limbo for many years prior to that time. Simultaneously, plans for the sewerage treatment plant that had been the subject of study after study but little constructive work, were put on the front burner and believe it or not, actual construction started soon after that. The point is, that for the first time in recent memory, the voters of Roosevelt elected a group of people - who quickly became a team - with the wherewithal and the guts to take appropriate action. They succeeded in making timely and intelligent decisions, despite constant controversy, generated for the most part, by a cabal of people who, basically, had no alternative solutions to offer.

It seems however, that no matter what is done or how it is done, there are still complaints. One can hear remarks to the effect that, "Sure, it looks like the council is doing a good job, but look at what it's costing. And look at the streets, they're a mess". Without too much difficulty, I can provide an insight into both of these complaints. First, on the matter of cost, it is instructive to go back over the record for the last fifteen years, as I have done. That is where you will find the answers. Along those lines, one can wonder why it is that the municipality of Wrightstown, some twenty miles south

of us, was able to obtain a fifty percent grant for a \$3,500,000.00 sewerage treatment plant they are presently building. Do these people have special connections or is it simply that, to their own benefit, they were willing to do the hard work required in dealing with State or Federal bureaucracies?

As far as the condition of the streets is concerned, let's be reasonable and put it in the proper perspective. The first priority in terms of the funds available, had to involve doing everything possible to reduce infiltration, to meet mandated standards, a project by the way, that entails horrendous non-performance penalties. The penalty of driving over mildly bumpy streets for a while, can hardly be seen in the same light and frankly, it is no big deal. At any rate, plans are going forward for resurfacing and it only remains to resolve the quibbling over which street is going to be done first.

Far from creating a dangerous situation for the drivers who use these streets, let me share with you the observation that the bumps have produced quite the opposite condition. For instance, North Valley Road has always been something of a race-track, particularly since the construction of houses on the east side, when the road was widened by five feet. I am talking about people whizzing by well in excess of forty miles an hour. Now, with the bumps as a result of sewer line replacement, the pace is more sedate, with the drivers given little alternative but to slow down. Frankly, I don't look forward to a wide, smooth NVR again, when the former condition will again prevail, but being a reasonable person, I certainly wouldn't do anything to oppose resurfacing, but would only prefer that it be done last.

A View from a Council Seat

by Stu Kaufman

Do we really need a new Mayor? I say no. There's nothing wrong with the one we already have. A Mayor needs experience; he needs to have aged like fine wine, or is it aged like fine cheese? Either way Mayor Barth is a great Mayor. Unfortunately Mayor Barth is not running, too bad. Maybe I'll write his name in. (only kidding Leon)

Does this election remind you of a Doonsebury cartoon or is it only me. A little advice, don't elect Mickey Mouse as Mayor, he's over-qualified and wouldn't stay long.

Till next month, stay well.

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Another subject that I would like to comment on, is the perception and at times, even the accusations that the Borough Council is unwilling to share information with the public or allow for input when decisions have to be made. There is no evidence whatever, that the Mayor or the council or its members, have ever refused to answer questions or to provide information when asked. As to inputs from the public, in case you have not noticed, they are not lacking. The sound and the fury echoes monthly in the pages of the Borough Bulletin. What is germane to the issue, is that our seven elected officials have a mandate and a responsibility to judge the relevance and the utility of any proposal put forward. The problem there, is that for the most part, they have to deal with people who can't handle rejection.

The truth of the matter is, that this administration has made a considerable effort to reach out to the public and has done so in an organized manner. This evidenced by the continuing formation of specific commissions and advisory committees to study every possible concern imaginable, to provide guidelines and considered proposals for the solution of problems. That to me, is the effective way to handle people's concerns and certainly preferable to the activities of self-appointed over-sight committees. I would suggest a perusal of the Official Directory of the Borough of Roosevelt. You will find there the names of about one hundred and twenty individuals who willingly volunteer their time, to ensure that democratic government in Roosevelt survives. What more could you want?

Finally, browsing back to the February '91 Borough Bulletin, I note that during a council meeting, a council member had the temerity to suggest that, "faith and trust on the part of the public toward the new council" would be appreciated. This, of course, was rebutted from the floor, to the effect that "faith and trust must be earned and not automatically given". Now, some eight and a half months later, it is time to recognize that the present administration, through dedication and the high cost in time and effort on the part of individuals, has earned our faith and trust, as well as our thanks for a job well done.

I further propose, that if something works, don't try to fix it.

G.C. de Malvilain

Council Analysis: Worse Streets, Higher Debt

by Henry John-Alder

The Allen-Warren "New Dawn" council has exercised poor judgment during its first 10 months. In concurrence with mayoral-candidate Lee Allen, this council removed money for street repair from the sewer contract and raised our debt to 40 years from the intended 25-year loan. Now, our streets are worse and our debt is higher than need be.

Had the council gone forward with the original contract, sewer progress would be just as good and fewer streets would be in disrepair. Lee Allen is unable to show that his additional pipe work (and additional street damage) made a positive impact on infiltration. Every month I ask the question, and every month he answers the same: Lee squirms and says he does not know. In short, further street destruction could not be justified back then, and it cannot be justified now. Our streets are worse, but infiltration is no better.

The higher debt we now have, compared to what had been intended, is a product of the financial wizardry of Allen, Prezant, and others. By borrowing money for 40 years rather than 25 and by raiding our cash reserves, they brought a bigger product without raising our monthly bills, even though we have to pay much more over the life of the loan. If there were some reason to believe that the bigger product (i.e., additional pipe replacement) had brought us

closer to our state-mandated goal, then at worst we could say that we paid more to get more. Unfortunately, we paid more but got no more. Roosevelt will be servicing this unjustifiable debt long after most of us are dead and buried.

When these ill-advised actions were unfolding, I and others argued for a wait-and-see approach: 1) wait until the originally-contracted work was completed to see what progress had been made, and 2) take a firm stand with the state, come what may, that further work would simply be impossible in our current state of poor financial health. Lee Allen, in rebuttal, argued that all additional pipe work would further improve the infiltration problem. There is no evidence, however, short of worse streets and higher debt, that the additional work has had any tangible effect.

I attribute the Allen-Warren council's poor judgment to reactionary pro-activism. In reaction to what they perceived as years of neglect, complacency, and ineffectiveness, the new councilmen dived into their work with nearly unprecedented vigor, failing only to see that we are broke. We have no money for discretionary expenditures. We cannot cope with our current burden.

I plead to those of you who have their ears: please preach moderation to these zealous men. •

Roosevelt's Local Candidates

Letter to the Editor:

If elected I want to be the last Mayor elected in Roosevelt. What I'm saying is that our present way of managing this borough is outdated. The way Roosevelt was run 30 years ago was fine for the times. We live in different times now and the way we manage this borough has to fit the times.

We need to reduce the Council from six to five members and eliminate the Mayor's position. Most importantly we need a town manager. I'm not saying we don't have a good council. This is a hard working group who give a lot of their own personal time managing this town. (for very little compensation-zero) This is not your usual council and won't continue forever. This town cannot afford to be mismanaged.

I also want to see politics taken out of our local elections. Anyone should be able to put their name on a ballot without having to be Democratic, Republican or Independent. When you buy a house in Roosevelt you get shares, they're called votes. Use your votes.

These are the reasons I want you to vote for me.

Stu Kaufman

*Stu
Kaufman*

*William A.
Counterman*

Friends and Neighbors,

It has been a pleasure this year to pursue the business of the Roosevelt Borough Council, without the tension and friction of the past. This has allowed more time and energy to be used in addressing the needs of our community in an open atmosphere. The accomplishments of this Borough Council are obvious.

I ask that you return this productive team next year.

Vote Lee Allen for Mayor, Rose Murphy, Peter Warren, and myself, William Counterman, for borough Council. We can be found in the Independent Column on November 5.

Thanks for your support,
William A. Counterman

Although many of you have seen me out painting street sign poles, my first ten months on the Borough Council have been filled with a variety of activities.

As Chair of the Community Relations Committee, and a member of the Administrative, and Roads and Public Property Committees, my contributions to the business of Borough Government include:

- Initiating cooperative meetings with neighboring towns in an on-going effort to save tax dollars.
- Introduced the ordinance establishing the Jersey Homesteads Historic District Advisory Council to preserve and publish information on our unique heritage.
- Brought in an E.P.A. funded water/sewer advisor, at no cost to the borough, who continues to work on increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of our water/sewer operation.
- Recruited Ed Miller as Chair of the Emergency Management Council. The Emergency Management Plan, drafted by him, was accepted and cited as a "model plan" by the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management.
- Took an active part in recruiting individuals with specialized knowledge to staff the Environmental Commission.
- Provided the Utilities Committee with official rainfall data needed to monitor I&I improvements.
- Met with numerous garbage contractors in an effort to get the best possible deal for Roosevelt.
- Worked with other Council and Committee members in seeking out all available grants.

We've worked hard and need the support of your vote on November 5. Vote Lee Allen for Mayor, Rose Murphy, Peter Warren, and William Counterman for Borough Council in the Independent Column. Thank you for your support.

Peter Warren

*Peter
Warren*

Roosevelt's Local Candidates

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Well, Leon won't run again (he didn't last time), so I am. As your mayor, I will work my tail off. It is going to take both hard work and leadership to get everything that Roosevelt needs. I am asking you to vote for me, Lee Allen, for mayor, Rose Murphy and Peter Warren for full council terms, and Bill Counterman for the unexpired council term.

As chair of the Utilities Committee and with the full support of the Council, we prevented very expensive cost overruns in the sewer line repair project by:

- Cancelling the removal of functional asbestos concrete sewer lines,
- Deferring major road repairs until it could be done properly, and
- Redirecting the work to areas needing both functional repairs and infiltration removal.

By seeking out more cost effective solutions, we are managing to expand the scope of the sewer line replacement project without increasing debt or user fees. By anticipating problems and suggesting alternatives on a timely basis, the sewer system project has been kept running smoothly and, despite the changes, ahead of schedule. By seeking funding for street repairs through DOT and Community Development Block Grant programs, more thorough and longer lasting repairs can be accomplished at no additional financial burden to the community.

Under the current economic conditions with contractors hungrier than they have been in almost twenty years, it is time to do all that we can creatively afford to do to address our infrastructure problems.

Vote Roosevelt first. Elect a team of motivated individuals in the Independent column: Lee Allen, Rose Murphy, Peter Warren, and Bill Counterman on November 5, 1991.

Sincerely,,

Lee R. Allen

Lee Allen

-My months on the Borough Council have been very busy. I serve as Chair of the Streets and Public Property committee, and am a member of the Administrative, and Community Relations Committees.

In addition to cutting back obstructive vegetation, alone and with the help of volunteers I have:

- Gotten the County to vacuum storm sewer basins at no cost to the Borough.
- Had Eleanor Lane and Spruce Street re-graded.
- Instituted regular cleaning of storm sewer grates.
- Met with the Senior Citizens and the County in an effort to improve transportation.
- Reviewed legislation that potentially affects our borough.

My fellow Councilmembers and I are committed to finding and applying for all available monies for Roosevelt. We are awaiting word on the following grant applications: community Block Grant Program, Department of Transportation Grant, DOT Discretionary Funds - all for road repair.

Support our hard work with your vote on November 5. You'll find us in the Independent column: Lee Allen for Mayor; Rose Murphy, Peter Warren, and William counterman for borough Council. Thank you for your support.

Rose D. Murphy

Rose Murphy

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Michael Ticktin, Solomon Metzger and Robert Clark, all lawyers living in Roosevelt, have volunteered for this effort at the request of Council member Peter Warren. Other interested persons may contact Mr. Clark or Mr. Ticktin if they wish to participate. A commercial codification would have cost the taxpayers about \$10,000.

Roosevelt Ordinances

The following proposed ordinances will be considered by the borough council at its November 13 meeting. Ed.

(152) An Ordinance Requiring Payment of Municipal Liens and Charges by Companies Writing Fire Insurance

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt:

1. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2. of this ordinance, no insurance company shall pay to any claimant any claim in excess of \$2,500.00 for fire damages on any real property located within the Borough of Roosevelt, pursuant to any fire insurance policy issued or renewed after the adoption of this ordinance and after the filing of this ordinance with the State Commissioner of Insurance, until such time as any anticipated demolition costs and all taxes and assessments and all other municipal liens or charges due and payable, appearing on the official certificate of search, shall

have been paid by either the owner of the real property or by the insurance company.

2. The Borough Council may enter into an agreement with the owner of any fire-damaged property to pay in full all delinquent taxes, assessments or other municipal liens by installments, or for the payment in full of any anticipated costs of demolition by installments, if the Borough Council is satisfied that the claim for fire damages is to be used to restore or improve the fire-damaged property. A certified copy of any resolution of agreement shall be provided to the insurance company that has insured the property for fire damage.

3. This ordinance shall be effective upon publication and filing with the State Commissioner of Insurance.

(97-20) An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of Roosevelt

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt:

1. SECTION 6.211, entitled "Parking of Vehicles in Residential Areas", is amended to read as follows (additions underlined; deletions bracketed):

6.211 Parking of Vehicles in Residential Areas.

No parking of any vehicles off public streets shall take place in any residential zone except as provided in this section.

a. Vehicles shall be parked in designated driveways and parking areas exclusively within the front yard; [no vehicles shall] provided, however, that a vehicle may be parked in a side or rear yard [unless] if approval has been obtained as provided in Sec. 7.470 and that, in a case of a lot having frontage on two streets, the driveways and parking area may be in the yard fronting either, but not both, of the streets.

b. All driveways and off-street parking areas shall be maintained with graded, dust-free surfaces, such as gravel, stone, blacktop or equivalent surfacing material, that are well drained and suitable for use [such as gravel or

stone for light residential use and blacktop for all other uses as approved by.] That portion of a driveway which surfaces the Borough right-of-way shall consist of the same material as that which surfaces the street. In the event of any dispute as to the adequacy of any surface covering, the matter shall be referred to the Borough Engineer for determination, the cost of any such determination to be borne by the property owner.

c. No area used for parking of vehicles shall be within 15 feet of any adjacent property line, except with respect to an attached house, where parking is permitted to the property line of the adjoining connected house, as provided in Sec. 7.470.

d. [Neither the average width of any driveway, nor the width of any driveway where it connects to the street at the front property line, shall exceed 20 feet.

e.] The total area [in square feet] of all driveways and exterior parking areas shall not exceed 20 percent of the total area [in square feet] of the [front] yard in which the parking area is located, or 750 square feet, whichever is greater.

2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication.

Council Report

Neighborhood Petition Ignored

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such as multiple stop signs, curved road construction, a Y-shaped exit at the South Valley end and lower speed limits. David Savage, a borough resident and traffic analyzer for Monmouth County, clarified many points. For example, he stated that mirrors cannot be used on county roads and that speed limits are set only after statistical analyses of traffic patterns are made by the county. He said that, due to his own efforts, all the signs allowed were already posted on Route 571; too many signs can create a hazard also. He suggested that South Valley Road be designated a one-way street from Clarksburg into Lake Drive which would eliminate the danger at this exit of "poor sight distance" on the left. The new exit on Rochdale would have excellent "sight distance" on both left and right sides.

No Exit

Mayor Barth proposed a bolder move that might provide the safest measure of all: to close South Valley Road to traffic altogether. He further explained to the parents present that almost all the roads in Roosevelt are "through" streets so that parents everywhere in town have had to train their little ones to stay off the road away from traffic.

The subject of sidewalks for children's safety while walking to school was raised. As Councilwoman Rose Murphy reported, such sidewalks may soon be required by state law.

No Poll On Traffic

To the question of when and by whom the decision is taken on the extension issue, Mr. Barth replied that such matters cannot be settled by neighborhood surveys of opinion. Traffic safety is sub-

ject to decision by local government within the borough in the interest of the community as a whole and is determined by such needs as ease of access by First Aid and Fire Department equipment. Ed Miller, the borough Emergency Management Director, in a formal letter to the council, had approved the road extension as necessary for emergency access.

New Business

Reports by council committees were brief, generating few items of new business. Council member Lee Allen asked for a resolution (approved) for a permanent installation underground of electrical service lines to the sewer plant, since they must be moved temporarily anyway. Instead of restoring them above ground after renovation, they will be permanently placed underground for an addi-

tional cost of \$6,050.

An estimated decrease in water flow into the sewer plant reported by Mr. Allen was challenged by Henry John-Alder on the basis of alleged statistical invalidity. Mr. Allen, who argued the point, said that in any case, he expected that the additional new pipeline would reduce the flow to required levels.

An ordinance amending the zoning law was introduced updating borough parking rules. One change requires that driveways be graded with surfacing material that conforms to the surfacing material of the street in order to avoid the scattering of stones or gravel onto a paved road.

New appointments to the Lyme Disease Advisory Council are Elly Shapiro, Ann Goldman of the Parks Commission and Harry Parker of the Board of Education. •

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Day
is
November
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Patricia A. Bennett

Dear Roosevelt Residents:

On election night in 1986, Roosevelt was the first community to report results showing that I had won, in my bid for the office of Monmouth County Surrogate. Since then, I have had a fondness and warm feeling for the people of Roosevelt. I need your help again as I, Patricia Bennett, seek re-election on Nov. 5th.

The office of Surrogate is especially important because its services are needed at the most difficult time in one's life - when a loved one dies. The Surrogate is judge of the Surrogate's Court, responsible for admitting wills to probate, appointing Executors and Trustees, and Administrators in the absence of wills, and Guardians for children. The Surrogate is also Clerk of the New Jersey Superior Court for contested probate matters, adoptions and incompetency proceedings.

As your Surrogate, for the past five years, I have:

- Expanded office hours to allow convenient public access, without loss of time or money from work;

- Reached out through information sessions and lectures to hundreds of groups, including Roosevelt's Seniors, on such important issues as probate, wills, powers of attorney, living wills, living trusts and others;

- Authored and disseminated booklets to increase public knowledge of these topics;

- Established "self-proving" Will clinics for senior citizens;

- Personally visited homes of those

unable to get to the Freehold office'

- Developed a "Free Wills Program" for first aid and fire volunteers;

- Begun work on a registry for Living Wills;

- Computerized and streamlined office procedures and records management to increase service and save money.

I am an attorney with experience essential in the legal responsibilities of this office. I have performed the judicial functions as Surrogate for the past five years. My opponent, however, is not an attorney and will have to hire one to fulfill her job requirements at additional cost to you the taxpayer.

Show by your vote for Patricia Bennett for Surrogate of Monmouth County, that you want a fully qualified professional to do the job. I look forward to your support.

Very truly yours,

Patricia A. Bennett

Surrogate of Monmouth County

Ralph Adinolfe

Letter to the Editor:

My name is Ralph Adinolfe and I'm running for the Assembly in the 30th Legislative District. I'm asking for your vote on November 5th, for I am everything a politician isn't. My ideals and goals are independent and simple. The people first, cut size of government, lower taxes, affordable housing, affordable health insurance, zero based budgeting, consolidate government agencies, I and R limited legislative terms

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and most of all give government back to the people.

I've never run for political office before, but being the publisher of a newspaper I have seen all the wrongdoings and broken promises of people in political office. I was taught by my mom, "never make promises you cannot keep," so I only promise one thing. I will work hard for you, the people of the 30th District, to give you respectability, honesty, and credibility as your Assemblyman in Trenton.

I am for the people who when he or she cannot pay their bills, feed their family properly, or find adequate housing or jobs. I am not for the cry baby who complains he pays too much taxes on his high salary. The people I will represent are the ones who would love to be in that situation and be glad to pay those taxes.

I am for the seniors who cannot live adequately on a fixed income anymore. I am for the environment and will be a watch dog, so the quality of life will be there for your children and grandchildren in the future.

I would like to bring government back to what our forefathers wanted it to be: "We the people of the United States of America", not we the Senate, Assembly, Democrats or Republicans. I want to give government back to the people. It is theirs, not the elected officials'.

That's why I am running for this seat: not because I want to be controlled by some political party or because I am looking for a political appointment, but because I put the people first.

Please vote for a person who cares on Tuesday, November 5th. Elect Ralph Adinolfi for the 30th District Assembly.

Very Truly Yours,
Ralph Adinolfi

Robert W. Singer

Dear Roosevelt Resident:

I would like to take a minute to tell you about myself, and what I want to do if I am elected to the Assembly.

I served in the Assembly from 1986 to 1989, chairing the Senior Citizens Committee and the Ocean and Beach Protection Committee. I also was the Vice-Chair of the Environmental Quality Committee.

I have been and remain committed to the service of our elderly citizens. I want to guarantee the integrity of the Casino Revenue Fund for our seniors.

My commitment to the environment is a proven one. I have been endorsed by the Sierra Club and the New Jersey Environmental Federation. I will continue to fight to protect our air and water quality, in addition to pressing for open space preservation.

I have always been strongly involved in my community of Lakewood, serving on the Lakewood Twp. Committee from 1980 to the present; now serving as Deputy Mayor. I also served as Lakewood's Mayor for three terms. I am the chair of the Ocean County Block Grant Committee and the Secretary/Treasurer of Ocean County Board of Health.

I am a member of the N.J. Israel Commission and was the recipient of the Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award. Additionally, I was National Legislator of the Year in 1988.

I want to go back to Trenton to represent the newly-created 30th District, comprising Monmouth, Ocean and

Burlington counties. I will do the very best job possible representing your interests because I listen to my constituents. I believe strongly in a sound and innovative educational system and in a social services system that delivers the best quality services at the most economical cost. That is perhaps why the State Nurses' Association and the National Association of Social Workers have endorsed my candidacy. My strong stands on women's rights have won me the support of the Women's Political Caucus and Pro-Choice.

I hope for your support on November 5th.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Singer

Kerry G. Zukus

Dear Editor:

My name is Kerry Zukus, the Democratic nominee for Monmouth County Freeholder, and I would like this opportunity to introduce myself to your readers.

I am a 33-year-old optician, the owner-operator of Zukus One-Stop Eyecare in Red Bank. I am married and have two sons — Ryan, age 5 and Jason, nine months.

If you know Red Bank, you may remember it as a center of commerce in Monmouth County—a place where people loved to work, live and play. During the 1980's it started to stagnate, as it was run politically by a group of monster in our backyard.

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men who did not give it the guidance, leadership and love which it needed to be the best that it could be.

I never intended to become a politician, but as a citizen and business leader, I found Red Bank's political leadership to be hostile and unresponsive, which is typical when "leaders" do not lead, or truly represent the wishes of the people. In 1989, I was asked to help make a change for the better. As an underdog running against a 4-term incumbent, the people elected me.

Since then, Red Bank has taken on a new look, with aggressive, visionary leadership; taxes are down, efficiency is up, and the citizens are getting more involved. Businesses are moving back and so are homeowners. Recycling is up and waste production is down.

Today, the County Board of Freeholders reminds me strongly of the "bad old days" in Red Bank, a group of "good 'ol boy" career politicians who are very testy and confrontational with the public they allege to serve. As they all belong to the same political party, they speak on all issues with one voice; and it's not the voice of the people.

Monmouth County needs a watchdog and a conscience; someone who cares about our taxes and our environment. We need a breath of fresh air...and I need your support to make that happen.

Some have said that the 1.5 billion dollar incinerator my opponent has signed a contract to build is the single most important issue facing County voters this fall. The decision to go ahead with it will be made on the Freeholder level, and I am proud to say that I am the anti-incinerator candidate for Freeholder. On November 5th, you will have the opportunity to tell my opponent that County citizens do not want this unhealthy, environmentally destructive, tax-raising

I want to be your County Freeholder. Remember me in November.

Sincerely,

Kerry G. Zukus

Councilman, Borough of Red Bank
Democratic Candidate for Monmouth
County Freeholder

*Neil
O'Connell*

Editor,

We face extremely difficult times in New Jersey and around this country, but I am excited.

I am excited, because I see people that are no longer willing to stand up and tolerate politics as usual. I am excited, because we as voters are mobilizing to bring government back to the people. We must bring real solutions to New Jersey, instead of selling out to special interests that line campaign treasure troves.

Roosevelt is the kind of community that so many towns wish they could be. Despite state government mandating programs that are next to impossible for small towns to implement, Roosevelt seems to continually bond and work together towards solutions. That is a rare quality, that sets you far above towns that are much larger and have many more resources.

During the course of this campaign I

have demanded that my opponent debate 10 times throughout the district, so that everyone will get the opportunity to hear the candidates and to ask them questions about specific issues. Sadly, he has refused to do that.

It is time for a health care policy in this country and I will fight for that. It is time for waste to be eliminated from government and as well, I will fight for that. It is time for true representation in government and that is why I will always be available to you. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at home at: (908) 928-0707, I would be happy to hear from you.

I hope you will consider voting for me on November 5th. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Neil O'Connell

- Letters - Letters -

How Does the Council Operate?

To the Editor:

With regard to the extension of Lake Drive, a simple request was put to the mayor and the Allen-Warren council: why not take the issue to the people? The answer, in effect: we do not operate that way.

Sincerely,
Henry John-Alder

Paradise Begins at Home

The Campaign for Borough Council this year is bizarre. I couldn't figure out why until I woke up one morning and realized: "Hey! There is only one slate of candidates running for Borough Council! No leaflets in the door! No snazzy signs on people's lawns! No Candidates' Night!" (an aside—the missing Candidates' Night didn't bother me too much; it's a thing of the past anyhow. You see, some people don't express themselves well in public, or the proper protocol for setting up an appropriate forum for public discussion is too convoluted to follow, or something like that. Besides, private conversations are much better for making unchallenged assertions and debating public decisions. Just ask Anita Hill or Clarence Thomas.)

Once this Startling Realization hit me, I began to ponder why we are enjoying such a pleasant campaign season. It must be that the current Borough Council has done such an incredible job during the past nine months that they have created a virtual paradise here in Roosevelt.

Come to think of it, I believe I'm actually beginning to enjoy paying my

\$140 water bill. It's also nice to realize that the loan we are paying off with this money will last almost twice as long as was originally planned. you see, this was done in order to get more money to spend on our municipal problems. so far, we've managed to spend at least 50% more on sewer repairs than the original contract specified. And it seems that this has bought us an almost unmeasureably small reduction in inflow infiltration. Wow! Our Rooseveltian paradise has a Cost Effective Council!

It is also very nice that the Council makes all our decisions for us. just recently, they decided that we absolutely had to spend money to extend Lake Drive through to Route 571. Surprise! Did the Council ask the affected residents of Lake Drive if they wanted this extension? No, because this is a Council which knows best. As of this writing, the only recourse open to the Lake Drive folks is to lie down in front of the bulldozers.

Our thoughtful Council tried to save us from the horrors of massive property tax relief by petitioning the State to halve the give-back to property owners. This is so we will only have a moderately large property tax increase rather than a very large increase several years from now when the municipal coffers require replenishment. Naturally, the Council can do a much better job of investing our money than we mere mortals can. The evil State, however, denied the request. Darn, each and every on of us will get the full relief amount. Be sure to use your money wisely!

Speaking of the evil State, I'm very glad that the Council hasn't attempted to lobby higher levels of government for relief or tried to challenge any of the mandates coming down to local government. It would be a terrible thing if some

legislators realized that what is being forced upon our town is way out of line with reality. We don't want any State or Federal nincompoops messing up our paradise!

But as I thought about the election, it seemed that perhaps the amazing job done by the current Council isn't the real reason that there are no challengers for the Council seats. Maybe the political situation in Roosevelt is so bad that you would have to be totally stupid or crazy to run against the incumbents. Perhaps no one wishes to enter a climate of character assassination and innuendo. Look what happens—even those who simply want to question the wisdom of the Hard-Working council's actions are magically transformed into vile verbal creatures who desire only to play horrible attack-oriented word games, living in a radically interpretive land where all facts become "just opinions". The questions, of course, go unanswered. Or perhaps those who might run have become so cynical about the prospect of getting people to realize that thousands of their dollars are being flushed away, that... Naaah, these couldn't be the reasons for our unopposed Council candidates. Roosevelt of 1991 is too much like paradise!

Brad Garton,
Professor of Doom

Sorry

Editor's Note: In a letter published in last month's issue concerning the new day care program offered by the Roosevelt Community Nursery School, we inadvertently omitted the name of the writer. The writer was Lynn Lawson. We apologize to her for this error.

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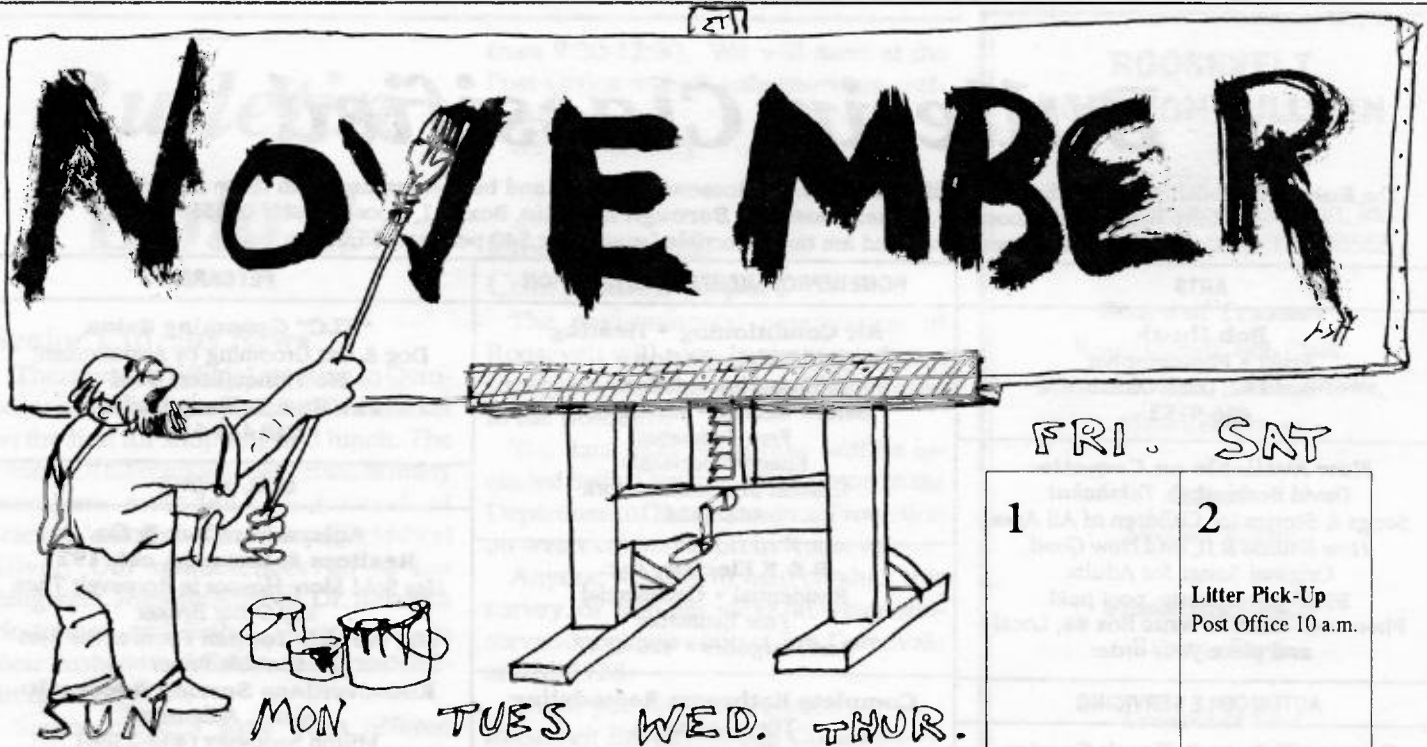
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	Litter Pick-Up Post Office 10 a.m.			Borough Council Boro Hall 7:30 pm Agenda Mtg. Leon Barth (448-1870) Deborah Boro Hall 2pm. Frieda Rockoff (448-0674)				Food Co-op 8:30 pm Ordering Judith Goetzman (443-4948)		Board of Ed. RPS 7:30 pm. Agenda Mtg. John Ord (443-1744) Senior Citizens Boro Hall 2 pm Jeanette Koffler (448-2259)		Natives of the Earth Boro Hall Gloria Hazell (443-2869)	
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				Borough Council Boro Hall 7:30 pm Leon Barth (448-1870)				Planning Board Boro Hall 8 pm. Gail Hunton (426-4338)		Board of Education RPS 7:30 pm. Action Meeting John Ord (443-1744)		Environmental Commission Boro Hall	
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