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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

by Herb Johnson

**A**t the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt on September 13, the Council once again extended the public hearing for Ordinance #97-27, which contains amendments to the planned Community Development (PCD-1) Ordinance. A Special Meeting of the Council was set for two weeks later, September 27 at 8:00 p.m., to continue the hearing and consider voting on the amendments, and also to consider either selling the Borough's F.W.D. Fire Truck or donating it to Monmouth County for display in a museum. John Piazza of Piazza Chiropractic Associates made the offer to purchase the fire truck for \$2,150. Kim Dexheimer presented a report on his efforts to have the County accept the historically valuable truck and display it with Roosevelt's markings on it. Michael Stiles' motion to postpone the sale of the truck (with most of its equipment) was passed.

The PCD-1 amendment ordinance was introduced in June, and was approved by the Council after the public hearing in July. Councilman George Vasseur had been absent from that July meeting, but all five of the other members of the Council voted in favor of the ordinance. At the August regular meeting, the Council announced that the Borough Attorney had advised that the ordinance cannot be considered as passed because of some omission from it. The Council continued the public hearing on it with the omitted part included. About 25 residents of Roosevelt were in the audience and at least seven of them spoke about the proposed amendments. Six were strongly opposed: Ralph Seligman, Nona Sherak, Jane Rothfuss, Dina Coe, John Impellizzeri and Ann Baker. Ms. Coe said the building of 65 houses on the Notterman tract, as proposed by the developer and permitted by the PCD-1 ordinance, was an "imminent disaster," because people would not buy big houses on small lots which would have taxes

much higher than any other house in Roosevelt. Vincent Vignuolo said although he did not like the idea of a lot of tall houses being built right behind his house, he was in favor of the development because he believed his property taxes would be decreased. He quoted the builder's statement that homeowners' taxes would go down 10%. He expressed concern, however, about the difficulty of selling the houses to be built on one-quarter acre lots whose taxes would be \$10,000 per year, as compared to \$4,000 per year for most of Roosevelt's houses on one-half acre lots and \$8,000 per year for their neighbors' houses on Eleanor Lane where lot sizes are at least 2.5 acres. Ms. Sherak asked the Council not to pass any amendments to make it easier for the builder to build on small lots with as small front yards, side yards and rear yards as the amendment ordinance would allow. Ms. Rothfuss predicted that if all 65 four bedroom homes were sold, Roosevelt would get more school children than our school classrooms

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE ROOSEVELT BOROUGH BULLETIN 1999-2000

**W**ith this issue, we begin our new publishing year and we look forward to making each of the nine copies, leaving out January, August and September, as informative and interesting as possible.

Not only will we continue to publish pieces by our valued contributors, but we hope to find new writers from among our talented residents. The deadline for each issue is the fifteenth of each month. We prefer typewritten copies but even hand written pieces are acceptable. Anyone supplying a disk must include a hard copy as well.

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The Editors

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# PLANNING BOARD NEWS

## Sixty-five New Houses or Fewer?

by Bob Clark

Members of the Planning Board, the Borough Council and the private Fund For Roosevelt enjoyed no summertime lull as they considered how many single-family houses should occupy the Notterman tract between the Cemetery and the Solar Village. As an October 13 decision deadline loomed, the Planning Board scheduled three special meetings to complete its public hearing and deliberations on the Matzel and Mumford (M&M) application for preliminary approval of a 65-lot major residential subdivision.

The number of lots rose to the top of many concerns, as members of the Board and public cross-examined witnesses presented by Monroe attorney Thomas Farino to support M&M's application. The Hazlet developer, recently purchased by building giant Hovnanian Enterprises, can build up to 66 single-family houses under the current planned community development ordinance (PCD I) governing the Notterman tract.

The Board and M&M want to cluster any new houses in the northwest portion of the 110-acre property. This would leave about 70 percent of the property open space, including a large, contiguous stretch extending from the woodlands surrounding Empty Box Brook to the Cemetery. However, newly discovered wetland constraints and the applicant's insistence on obtaining 65 building lots have left many residents and some public officials concerned that so many houses would crowd the northwest sector of the property. They

have been pushing for fewer lots there. Meanwhile, neither the developer nor the Board wants to shift any lots eliminated from the northwest section to dry areas near the Cemetery or other spots now designated for open space. That would increase costs for M&M and obstruct views popular with Rooseveltians.

At the Council's request, the Planning Board, at its September 14 meeting, reviewed proposed amendments to the PCD I ordinance then pending before the Council. The Board had suggested most of the amendments in 1998. The Council had postponed its public hearing on the amendments three times. It had scheduled a special meeting for September 27 to continue the public hearing and perhaps make a final decision. The proposed amendments would eliminate the need for M&M to receive several variances involving lot sizes and setbacks by making the following changes:

- Reduce lot sizes in the PCD I zone from a minimum of 14,000 square feet to 10,800 square feet.
- Reduce minimum lot dimensions from a width of 100 to 90 feet and a depth of 140 to 120 feet.
- Reduce front-yard setback minimum from 30 to 25 feet for lots adjoining green space and from 30 to 15 feet for lots not adjoining green space.
- Reduce side-yard setback minimum from 20 to 15 feet.
- Reduce rear yard minimum from 40 to 20 feet.

The amendments also would give the Planning Board express authority to vary the clustering configuration. In addition, they would require 100 feet of open space buffer between any new residential lot line and existing lots bordering Eleanor Lane. The same buffer requirement already applies to new lots that would border lots presently fronting North Valley Road.

In 1998, the Council had disagreed with the Board's recommendation and had adopted a housing density provision in PCD I zone that permits .6 houses per acre. This entitles any developer to zoning approval for up to 66 single-family homes on the Notterman tract. The Board saw the Council's referral for comment concerning the additional PCD I amendments as an opportunity to again criticize PCD I's housing density allowance. Vice Chairwoman Gail Hunton expressed concern that revised wetland delineation had narrowed the tract's developable area. She said that, as a result, the proposed 65-unit cluster in the northwest sector now looks crowded and clashes with the original PCD I objectives to encourage an appealing visual effect and to preserve Roosevelt's historic character. Bert Ellentuck said a change from the present density of .6 houses per acre to .55 houses per acre would permit the developer to obtain 60 lots in a reasonable configuration. Harry Parker, the Council's representative on the Board, said, however, that he believed there was "no strong feeling" on the Council to change the permitted density.

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could hold. Councilwoman Rose Murphy moved to postpone a Council vote on the ordinance and to continue the public hearing until the September 13 meeting. It passed with Councilman Harry Parker opposed and the other four members who were present in favor.

At the September regular meeting of the Mayor and Council, Bert Ellentuck, a member of the Planning Board, spoke critically of the Council postponing action on the PCD-1 Amendments Ordinance based on the Borough Attorney's statement that he was told the Planning Board wanted to review the ordinance again. Mr. Ellentuck insisted that the minutes of the Planning Board's meetings contradict the Borough Attorney's impression. This time, Mr. Parker, who is the Council representative to the Planning Board, voted in favor of another postponement, saying that he knew some members of the Planning Board wanted another chance to reconsider its recommendations to the Council.

During the public portion before New Business, Mr. Ellentuck questioned if a "conflict of interest" situa-

tion existed for two members of the Council who live within 200 feet of the land PCD-1 affects. Borough Attorney John Ross said that all Council members are entitled to vote on the PCD amendments, but Councilman John Towle has volunteered to neither take part in Council discussions or votes related to PCD-1.

Michael Hamilton requested the Mayor and Council to make it safer to cross or enter Route 571, North Rochdale Avenue, at its intersection with Pine Drive. A resident was injured last Sunday as she drove from Pine Drive to Homestead Lane and a vehicle on Route 571 collided with her car. Mr. Hamilton said the vision of traffic at or near the intersection is poor and vehicles travel too fast on Route 571. Mayor Lee Allen said he asked the County if the speed limit could be reduced to 25 miles per hour. He was told the Borough would lose its school warning lights on Route 571 if the speed limit was reduced from 35 m.p.h. Michael Tickin suggested the installation of a traffic caution blinker. Mr. Towle said 3 of 5 criteria would need to be met to qualify for a warning blinker and not one could be met now.

Nona Sherak asked if the Borough could prevent residents from having vicious dogs. She said a new resident has two pit bulls which got loose and threatened a resident walking her dog. The Mayor said dogs have to be proven vicious before they can be removed. People who have been attacked have to file complaints with the State Police.

Under New Business, a resolution appointed Mary Alfare as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Alternate Representative. A motion approved of Mary Tulloss being a school crossing guard. A motion authorized advertising for bids to make Americans With Disabilities Act improvements (entry door renovations) at the Borough Hall. A motion was passed to approve of the Consumer Confidence Report for water quality being mailed to all municipal water users. The resolutions to pay the bills and to renew membership in the Monmouth County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund were approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m., exactly one hour after it began. ■

**SCHOOL is OPEN!**  
**Watch your Speed!**

**The speed limit on most streets in Roosevelt is 25 mph,  
on School Lane it is 15 mph.**





# SCHOOL NEWS

## School Board News

by Nancy Hamilton

The Roosevelt Board of Education has had a busy and productive summer. Of major significance were the several successful meetings with state officials to seek ways to rectify the unfair State aid formula. These meetings began in May, when Assemblyman Joseph Malone was invited to and attended a Board of Education Finance Committee meeting to discuss our tax burden. This meeting resulted in a \$25,000 appropriation to the Borough to be shared with the school. On June 21, members of the board and administrative team (Mrs. Ellentuck, Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Minutolo, and Mrs. Weinbach) met with Michael Azzara and Doug Groff from the Department of Education. The Roosevelt committee presented data that clearly illustrated the inequities in the funding system that deprives Roosevelt of its fair share of state aid, making us one of the highest taxed school districts in the state.

On August 23, Assemblyman Malone again met with the Finance Committee regarding our need for state aid. He advised that our town could benefit from being more involved politically in the county, in order to raise awareness of our needs as a small town. Mr. Malone also suggested that a petition be circulated in the town in support of the Board's efforts to seek tax relief.

On August 25th, Assistant Commissioner of Education Doug Groff met with Helen Barth, Sharlene Ellentuck, Michael Hamilton, Karen Minutolo and Dale Weinbach. Mr. Groff was given a review of Roosevelt history and an eye-opening tour of the town. This meeting was very positive, and the Assistant Commissioner reiterated that Roosevelt has been classified incorrectly and should be eligible for more State aid.

In addition to these activities, the Board of Education has approved many other changes and improvements in the school. New to the faculty this year are Ms. Jamie Cvecich and Ms. Janette Brindle who are teaching kindergarten and first grade respectively. These teachers were greeted and welcomed by the Board at their July 22nd meeting. Mrs. Heather Philhower's role in the school will also change. In addition to directing the music program, Heather will also be delivering the foreign language program, which will offer Spanish this year rather than French. Mrs. Philhower presented the Spanish curriculum to the Board on August 22nd.

The school will continue to be busy at night this year. The computer lab will be open on Monday nights for community use. Sheila Jaeger will be at the school on these nights to provide technical assistance. The Astronomy Club received financial support from the Board to continue its activities.

The Board of Education and the Teachers' Association completed their negotiations, and the Board approved the agreement at the July 22nd meeting. The formal contract is forthcoming. The unused oil tank was successfully removed and there appears to be no contamination of the surrounding ground. The gym will have new windows, and new carpet was installed in one of the classrooms. The reports from radon testing indicate no problem.

Thank you to Jim Howley and Moore Document Systems who donated paper and binders to the school. The school shared a portion of this donation with the Borough. A special thank you to Dianna Moore and Ralph Warnick who donated their time to pick up and unload the almost 400 cartons of paper. Thank you also to Henry John-Alder who donated a microwave to the school.

And finally, on July 22nd, the Board accepted with regret the resignation of Helen Barth who currently holds the position of: secretary, health aide, Child Study Team secretary, and attendance secretary, effective November 6. Mrs. Barth has been an integral part of the school for over 18 years. While the Board wishes her well and will festively celebrate her retirement, her smiling presence in the school will be missed. ■

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WITH MORE TO COME.**

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# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Meet The New RPS Principal

by Gladys Nadler

**W**e have a new school administrator. Since May, Dale Weinbach, Ed.D., has been at work in the Roosevelt Public School preparing for the 1999-2000 school year.

How does she feel about Roosevelt? "I love it! I feel like I'm walking on a kibbutz," she said. She explained that her husband Zvi is Israeli and they have returned there many times to visit his parents. This town is "peaceful...feels safe, yet not isolated. Every one is part of the community," she added.

Asked about her philosophy of education, Dr. Weinbach said, "We are the only country that attempts to educate all children. I believe in public education...I want to educate all kinds of kids, with the best teachers and with ongoing teacher development." She said that she is particularly interested in seeing to it that girls "get a proper education and encouragement" to enable them as women to move into professions that have been unavailable to them. She also spoke about teaching immigrant children and "celebrating diversity."

As for the teachers at RPS, she said, "I believe that if it's not broken, don't fix it." She explained that she thinks highly of the staff, that we have good teachers who are doing some very creative things in their teaching.

She sees the New Jersey law for inclusion of special educa-

tion students in regular classes wherever possible as an opportunity for creative cooperative teaching which could make the special education teacher less isolated.

Her job qualifications are impressive. Her elementary school teaching, special education teaching and consulting, and administrative work add up to 29 years of experience. Except for four years of teaching in Los Angeles and one year in Germany, all her work has been in New Jersey, primarily in Monmouth County.

In addition to a BA in elementary school education, an MA in psychological foundations of education with a specialty in reading, and an EdD in administration and supervision, she has two certifications. One is as a Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant (LDTC), and the other as a Principal. Dr. Weinbach and her husband Zvi, an account manager at Peterson's in Princeton, live in Manalapan. They have two daughters, both college students. When not working, Dr. Weinbach enjoys traveling, reading, language study, foreign movies, music, art, walking and aerobic dancing.

In keeping with Roosevelt history, she sees the role of the school as a community as well as an educational center for children. She said she'd also like more people in town to become involved in the school, and invites Roosevelt residents to come in and volunteer. ■

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## Roosevelt Community Nursery School

by Ginny Weber

**F**all is here and we are very busy at our nursery school. During September our class made many new friends. We shared things about ourselves and learned about the things our friends enjoy. We also learned about some of the different kinds of houses people call home around the world. The children learned about their addresses as well.

During October we are planning many special activities. During Fire Prevention Week, a visit from Chief Dexheimer of the Roosevelt Fire Department is planned. Our class is also looking forward to a visit from a State

Police officer to teach us about safety.

October is National Pizza month! What a great time for a visit to Rossi's. The children will learn first-hand how pizza is made by actually making it themselves!

Since Halloween is at the end of this month, we will learn how pumpkins grow and how spiders live. The children will also make Halloween decorations for our Halloween party. We will also have a parade outside our school at 10:45 on Thursday, October 28th. Please come and see our children in their Halloween costumes!

Our annual hayride to the pumpkin patch is also this month. After a fun-filled hayride, the children pick their own special pumpkins and visit the farm animals. It's always truly an enjoyable day! ■

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# SCHOOL NEWS

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## From the Desk of the Chief School Administrator, Dale Weinbach, Ed.D., CSA

**H**ola! The 1999-2000 school year is off to an exciting start in Roosevelt Public school. First of all, welcome to new members of the community and their children who have joined us either at the elementary school or in East Windsor schools.

Over the summer months, members of the Board of Education and school administration worked actively to continue our dialogue with the Department of Education in Trenton. Presently, we are awaiting a response from the Assistant Commissioner of Education regarding the status of some measures that would alleviate the tax burden for Borough residents. We are attempting to change the status of our District Factor Grouping (DFG). The State awards financial aid to a school district with a formula based on this DFG. Because the DFG in Roosevelt is inaccurate, the school district has not been allocated funds for which it would be eligible should the DFG be adjusted. To that end, we have gained the assistance of state legislators Senator Singer and Assemblymen Cottrell and Malone. Members of the Board of Education are preparing a petition that acknowledges support of community members requesting that the Department of Education take the necessary steps to adjust the DFG in Roosevelt. Please show your support by signing the petition.

We are delighted to extend to community members the opportunity to access the internet in our school computer lab. The lab will be open on Monday evenings, from 6:00-9:00, with a staff member available to help anyone who

would like to go on-line. As we assess community interest, specific lessons will be incorporated. In other technology news, The Roosevelt Public School web site will be ready the beginning of October. In addition, an after school computer club is being organized.

The Monmouth County Department of Education is participating in a program sponsored by Bell Atlantic Mobile entitled, "Wireless at Work Phone Recycling Program." The goal of this program is to enhance school safety by providing every Monmouth County public school with one reconditioned cell phone in working condition. If you would like to donate a phone, it should be the portable type that is turned off and no longer in use. Batteries and chargers must be included and placed in zip lock bags or boxes before drop-off. Bell Atlantic Mobile will donate their services by reconditioning the units for county use. Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday evening, September 29, at 7:00. This event allows parents and guardians to meet the teachers and hear an overview of this year's educational program.

It is my personal goal to enhance the concept of "community of learners" in Roosevelt. The school is part of the community and I will do whatever I can to nurture the relationship of school-community. I invite community members to feel free to call to arrange to meet with me regarding any pertinent issues, concerns or questions. ■

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## Senior Citizen News,

### September 7, 1999 Meeting

by Helga Wisowaty

**T**his was a change from our usual first Tuesday meeting. It was a "Pot Luck" meal. Everyone brought something. There was plenty and the selections were delicious.

The meeting did not begin until 2:00 p.m.

Gus Chasan was on everyone's mind. She was a nice person - liked by all! Unfortunately, she died after this meeting - we will miss her.

On the 21st of September we will go to Rova Farms. The box lunch will be on September 24th.

Until October.... ■



The Board voted four to three to urge the Council to amend PCD I to substitute .55 density for .6. Mayor Lee Allen, who also serves on the Planning Board, Vice-Chairwoman Hunton, Mr. Ellentuck and Louis Esakoff voted in favor of reducing the permitted density. Chairman Joseph Zahora, Councilman Parker and Mark Roberts voted against changing the density. Rod Tulloss, President of the non-profit Fund For Roosevelt, said the Fund is working to solve the problems of crowding and tax feasibility associated with M&M's development proposal. He said he had briefly presented some ideas to M&M's representative before the September 14 meeting. Mr. Tulloss said he is willing to meet with them to advocate creative options that would reduce the number of units M&M would have to build and at the same time enable it to obtain an attractive profit.

Mr. Tulloss noted that a lot of public funding is now available to preserve open space. He added that State environmental officials and County planning officials were interested in qualifying Roosevelt for State Planning Incentive Grant, Green Acres and other programs. According to Mr. Tulloss, such grants would provide funds to purchase wetlands, forests and the development rights of agricultural areas within the Notterman tract. Thus, the developer and the Notterman family could receive money from grant sources as well as from sales of houses. Consequently, the developer could obtain its desired profit without having to pack so many houses into the northwest cluster. Indeed, the remaining houses would bring more profit per unit to the developer because consumers would consider them more attractive. With fewer houses, there would be less risk to the school district's budget from having

to support too many students. The Borough also would retain some of the open space as farmable rateables. The property tax rate, therefore, would more likely decline or at least remain stable. In turn, a more favorable tax rate would foster even more consumer interest in M&M's houses, thus reducing the risk of its investment.

Mr. Tulloss said Roosevelt could possibly become the only municipality in Monmouth County that would receive expedited funding in 1999. He noted that the opportunity to protect farmland, wetlands and the historic character of a community appealed to funding authorities at both the State and County levels.

Meanwhile, five witnesses testified at the public hearing on M&M's application on July 14, August 11 and September 14. Roger Mumford of Rumson, President of M&M, testified on July 14. He complained about receiving confusing signals from Borough officials after spending 16 months and \$200,000 on the project. Board members defended the scrutiny of the application by the Board and Environmental Commission members. Board Attorney Michele Donato noted that part of the delay resulted from the applicant's re-issuance of notices and its failure to submit a complete application in the beginning. Mr. Ellentuck added that the plans accompanying the application deviated significantly from the informal concept plan that the Board preferred.

Roy DeBoer, M&M's Director of Land Development, testified on July 14. He called the application an improvement over a central strip of 54 single-family houses called for by the original PCD I ordinance. He told how the developer responded to feedback from the Board by submit-

ting plans for a clustered village with the number of lots reduced from 76 to 69, and finally to 65. Mr. DeBoer testified that when M&M received more complete and accurate wetland delineation, it shifted the cluster northward and eliminated some lots.

On August 11, David Fisher, M&M's Vice President of Land Development testified. He noted that M&M eliminated certain street features and an internal village green as requested by the Board. It also took into account revised wetland delineation by State environmental authorities that required a 150-foot "transition area" instead of the 50 feet indicated in previous plans. Mr. Fisher testified that the developer would apply for a waiver and averaging plan from the State. He said that, as requested by the Board, M&M also changed the lot configuration in the area north of Eleanor Lane (form) a loop road to a cul-de-sac. The first lots there were set back from Eleanor, affording better views for those traveling to and from the Cemetery. Mr. Fisher testified the developer would "look for cooperation from the Board" in the form of a variance permitting less than 100 feet of buffer between development lots and Eleanor Lane lots at two locations.

Ms. Hunton said that if the area north of Eleanor Lane were to be subdivided into lots, she would prefer that they conform to the 2 1/2-acre size found along the rest of Eleanor Lane. Neil Marko expressed concern that the plans showed no recreation area. Mr. Fisher said residents from the development could use the open spaces or recreation areas currently provided by the community, such as the facilities at the school. He added that this would help to integrate the development's residents into the rest of the community. Dina Coe said the new houses would be too close

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# Perception As Reality

## Radiation Protection Program

### New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

by Jill Lipoti, Ph.D.,

I have been thinking about regulatory effectiveness for several years - trying to come up with a way to measure the improvement in public health and safety caused by government regulation of radiation. It is not an easy equation to write. Particularly difficult to factor in is the public's confidence in government. So, when the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) asked if I would be willing to present a paper on the subject at an international conference in Paris, I jumped at the chance to try to put my random thoughts on paper and to learn from other participants.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is a member of the committee on Nuclear Regulatory Activities (CNRA) of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Nuclear Energy Agency. The Committee was set up in 1989 as a forum for the exchange of information and experience among regulatory organizations. In December 1996, the Committee came to the conclusion that changes resulting from economic deregulation and other recent developments affected nuclear power programs and had consequences both for licensees and regulatory authorities. One of the potential challenges for the coming decade that was identified was the measurement of regulatory effectiveness. On June 21-22, 1999 the CNRA Special Issues Meeting was held in Paris, France. The subject was an "International Workshop on Developing and Measuring Nuclear Regulatory Effectiveness".

Attendees included representatives of Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, France, Japan, Germany, Canada, Spain, China and the United States. The session in which I spoke was on public perceptions (maintaining public confidence). In many countries there is little or no interaction between regulatory bodies and the public for a variety of reasons. Moreover, for those countries where there is already an interface with the public, public participation varies widely from one country to another.

In preparing the paper, I had some help from several people here in Roosevelt. Honey Socholitsky offered to help me by proofreading the paper. As she read and re-read the paper, she thought it may be of interest to others in town and suggested that I provide an article for the

Borough Bulletin. Bess Tremper loves Paris as much as I do, and thought an article about the experience would be appropriate. With encouragement from both of them, here are some of the salient points of my speech.

#### **Nuclear Regulatory Effectiveness**

How can you measure the effect of government regulations? You cannot measure the emergencies that DID NOT happen. You cannot measure the releases that DID NOT occur...

How can you measure public confidence? You cannot measure the number of people who DID NOT attend a public hearing. You cannot measure the number of people who DID NOT call to complain...

Some things are easy to measure. It is possible to count the number of scrams at a nuclear power station and add up the releases to air and water. But how many would have occurred without government oversight? How severe would the consequences have been?

How do you measure government effectiveness? You can count the number of violations and even categorize the level of the violation. But that is little more than bean counting - what does it really say about the influence that government has over the operation of the nuclear power plant?

Utilities are motivated to keep their plants in operation without governmental oversight. Any release or mishap at one nuclear power plant has implications for the entire industry. What does government oversight have to offer? Why should your electric bill reflect the cost of government oversight?

A new spirit of cooperation is growing between the utilities and the regulators. The emphasis is on results that matter - using a risk-based prioritization. As part of this, indicators and data are collected to measure conditions, trends, and results. Public input is solicited. Efforts made to improve public understanding of science increases citizen involvement in decision-making.

This governmental change has not occurred in a vacuum. It has occurred because of a change in the attitude of the

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together and hard to market with the high tax rate in Roosevelt. She contended that students from the development would overcrowd the school and labeled the project "a total disaster." Mr. Fisher replied, "There has been compromise, and it is the best plan." During the September 14 meeting, attorney Farino put on the first two of four expert witnesses. Cyril Kucera, a professional engineer with Civil Engineering Corp. of Princeton referred to plans realigning roadways to meet concerns expressed by Board members. He responded to 15 comments in a letter from the Borough's engineering firm, James DeMuro Associates. Mr. Kucera pointed out that the Borough had never obtained official State and County approval of its draft wastewater management plan. He said that process would take five to nine months. Mr. Kucera indicated how the development would collect storm water to prevent flooding behind North Valley Road houses elsewhere. He described how the detention basin to be located next to the Solar Village would operate.

Harvey Yesowitz, a traffic engineer from Freehold, testified that traffic counts during peak commuter hours on roads that would serve the development indicated flows "within

acceptable limits of traffic safety." Susan Dermody asked Mr. Yesowitz why he had not counted the traffic at the intersection of Homestead/Pine and Route 571. He replied that the volume there would be about the same as the traffic at Farm Lane and 571, where a count had indicated that the additional traffic would not represent any special problem. Mr. Yesowitz further claimed that the traffic at the Post Office "would not become a problem by virtue of this development."

Mr. Farino said he would present testimony from two more experts at the September 21 meeting. Paul Symanski of East Windsor was scheduled to testify about planning concerns, and Joel Gove was scheduled to testify about environmental issues.

The Board continued to review the Master Plan Reexamination Report submitted by Planning Consultant Alan Mallach. Michael Hamilton, a school Board member and mayoral candidate, criticized the draft reexamination report for failing to emphasize the historical significance of Roosevelt or to refer to a 1991 resources inventory. He said it should have better explored why it is expensive to live in Roosevelt and

represented other planning perspectives. He alleged that the School Board had been "blackballed and gagged from participating in the process." He noted that the School Board has been addressing ways to address Roosevelt's financial burden without resorting to "massive development." He called the draft a "subjective document" that "should have provided a real valuation of the pros and cons" of development. Lastly, he decried the draft as "something to justify a decision that has already been made." Mr. Tulloss said he would submit something in writing about the draft report at another time. Mr. Zahora noted that Ralph Seligman had planned to forward written comments about the draft report, but a recent severe illness prevented him from doing so.

Zoning Officer John Reuter reported that construction has begun on the foundation for a new dwelling at 5 Lake Drive. He noted, "Residents have been very cooperative in complying with the non-essential water use restrictions." Mr. Reuter reported that he was preparing several notices for parking violations and unlicensed vehicles. He has begun to send the notices to residents. ■

**MARIBOE GALLERY PRESENTS  
HALL OF HEROES**

The "Hall of Heroes" is an ongoing project by the artist Bob Karstadt to understand, channel and categorize the essence and energies of hero entities. The figures addressed in Karstadt's drawings and sculptures are physical, mystical, biblical, historical, pop cultural and extraterrestrial. Examples include Mickey Mouse, Joan of Arc, Eleanor Roosevelt, Socrates, Paul Bunyan, Paul Revere, John Glenn, the Human Torch and many more. His sculptural works are drawn in space with fragments of wood obtained from fruit packing crates and old musical instruments.

The exhibition opens on Friday, September 24 and runs through October 15, and the gallery is located on the Peddie School's Swig Arts Center, in Hightstown, and is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For a season brochure of all Mariboe exhibitions, or for more information, call 609-490-7550.

# Loose Leaves by Ron Kostar

## "Dear Diary,"

7/29/99 Best times of the summer have been spent with Dev fishing in Assunpink Lake or watching the Trenton Thunder play baseball in Waterfront Stadium. Many days were so hot though, especially this month, and the heat lasted so long, that it became clear to me (and probably everyone else) why people need water. If not that, then shade or air conditioning.

8/3/99 Excessive heat is not conducive to thinking, but sitting and staring (and occasionally asking; "Is it hot enough for ya?"). Quote of the day comes from ex-Celtic basketball player Kevin McHale, who upon being asked an analytically inclined question by an ambitious sports writer, replied: "The last deep thinking I did was my last college history exam."

8/19/99 Water is conducive to dreaming, and when it's this hot, this long, jumping in. (The real story behind the Life and Death of Narcissus?)

8/25/99 Both fishing and baseball take place over Time, include Time, unlike basketball, for instance, which consists of a series of blurs. Both have a history consisting of a sequence of "facts" one longs to be objective and nostalgic about. (No need, though, to feel obligated to "stick to the facts". This explains the origin of many fish stories and much spitting in the dugout, tobacco and sunflower seeds.)

The most memorable - at least for me - sequences of both are usually VERBAL, especially when you go with a kid who won't and perhaps can't, stop talking; who really NEEDS to talk, since he's seeing all THIS for the first time.

"Why a worm? How do fish breathe? How big? How many? Where does this lake come from? Is there a spring nearby? What's that green stuff, Dad? etc etc."

Caught three bluegills this afternoon, and later thrilled to three long home runs and a couple acrobatic double plays at Waterfront Stadium. "Adam Everett, the Thunder shortstop, was born to play baseball." He emanates the joy of a talented young man just starting out.

But no signs of rain.

9/3/99 Stumbled on two passages that seem to say everything about sitting alongside a lake and watching baseball, respectively, that I would like to, only much better. The first is by Gaston Bachelard, a late French philosopher and poet; the second by Donald Hall, an American poet and author of a wonderful book entitled *Fathers Playing Catch With Sons*:

"The lake and the pond are there. They are privileged with presence Little by little, the dreamer is in this presence. In this presence, the dreamer knows opposition no longer. There is nothing against him. The universe has lost all functions of AGAINST. The soul is at home everywhere in the universe which reposes on the pond. The still water integrates all things, the universe and its dreamer."

And: "Baseball is a country all to itself. It is an old country, like Ruritania, northwest of Bohemia and its seacoast. Steam locomotives puff across trestles and through tunnels. It is a wrong-end-of-the-telescope country, like the landscape people build for model trains, miniature with distance and old age. The citizens wear baggy pinstripes, knickers, and caps. Seasons and teams shift, blur into each other, change radically or appear to change, and restore themselves to old ways again. Citizens retire to farms, in the country of baseball, smoke cigars and reminisce, running the base paths and filed spikes.

"Or they stay in the city, in the capital of the country of baseball. At the mouth of the river, in the city of baseball, young black men wear purple leather maxi-coats when they leave the ballpark. Slick dressers of the twenties part their hair in the middle and drive roadsters. In old barrios everyone speaks Spanish. Kids playing stickball, and kids running away from the cops, change into fierce adults rounding third base in front of fifty thousand people, and change again into old men in their undershirts on front stoops.."

9/6/99 Caught five bluegills and a bass, which sat up on its tail and did

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entrenchments. Fished the Delaware River, where Devin, perhaps inspired by its rapid current, ran a running commentary. Smooth stones and clear running water cooled, at least, our feet.

It's Labor Day, an oxymoron, a good day to celebrate by resting. The air - even the atmosphere - seems to be changing slightly. Fall leaves. Pumpkin flowers, but no pumpkins. This summer made it clear why people have always settled near water.

The kids go back to school tomorrow. ■

**RECYCLING  
DATES**

**OCTOBER 13**

**OCTOBER 27**

**NOVEMBER 10**

**NOVEMBER 24**

**DECEMBER 8**

**BIG GARBAGE**

**PICK-UP**

**NOVEMBER 18**

*O.T.*

**Weather Word**

A "ridge" is an elongated area of high pressure that generally runs north-south at the surface of the earth or aloft.

**August 15 September 15, 1999**

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	84.0	71.0	77.5	0.30
16	87.0	67.0	77.0	0.00
17	89.5	70.0	79.8	0.00
18	89.0	72.0	80.5	0.00
19	83.5	63.0	73.3	0.00
20	74.0	64.0	69.0	0.00
21	67.0	62.5	64.8	0.42
22	76.5	62.5	69.5	0.00
23	82.0	56.0	69.0	0.00
24	81.0	64.0	72.5	0.00
25	85.5	63.0	74.3	0.00
26	87.5	70.5	79.0	0.60
27	85.0	67.5	76.3	1.60
28	85.5	66.5	76.0	0.00
29	90.0	67.5	78.8	0.00
30	70.0	59.0	64.5	0.00
31	74.0	59.0	66.5	0.00
1	80.0	60.0	70.0	0.00
2	82.0	58.0	70.0	0.00
3	84.0	60.0	72.0	0.00
4	82.0	68.0	75.0	0.00
5	80.0	71.0	75.5	0.00
6	87.0	73.0	80.0	0.40
7	86.0	73.0	79.5	0.00
8	87.5	72.0	79.8	0.75
9	89.0	70.0	79.5	0.08
10	78.0	70.0	74.0	0.57
11	77.0	58.0	67.5	0.25
12	78.0	54.0	66.0	0.00
13	80.0	57.0	68.5	0.00
14	83.0	59.0	71.0	0.00
15	72.0	66.0	69.0	0.03

Total Precipitation 5.00

# Roosevelt Weather Almanac

## Summer '99 Headline Weather

by Ron Filepp

A good headline informs, stimulates interest and fires the imagination. Headlines can communicate comedy and tragedy with equal force. From canoes with wheels and brown grass painted green to power outages and failing farms, the story of the summer heat and drought of 1999 is suggested below in chronologically arranged newspaper headlines. Fill in the blanks with your memories and imagination. The first headline is from mid July and the last from the end of August. Most of the titles come from the New York Times with a few from the Asbury Park Press and the Examiner:

- As Fields Dry Up, So Do Farmers' Hopes.
- Weekend Heat Sets Records and Pattern Is Expected To Continue.
- Plaintiffs In Monmouth See Power Company Negligence And Lack Of Planning In Blackouts.
- Whitman Says Drought Warning Is Likely.
- Heat Just Hangs On, Promising A Difficult Weekend.
- Heat Was On, Power Was Off.
- Water Is Getting Scarcer Than Paint.
- Under Arid Skies, Crops And Livelihoods Wilt.
- Heavy Smog Adds Insult To Injury.
- Across A Parched Land, Signs Of A Hotter Era.
- Wells Drying Up In New Jersey Hills.
- Long Island Winemakers Look At A Drought And See A Vintage.
- Whitman Urges Careful Use Of Water.
- Heat Is On For Monmouth To Cut Back On Water Use.
- Drought Emergency Rules Imposed Throughout State.
- Hot And Dry Weather Nags Allergy Sufferers.
- Forecaster Still Expects Big Season For Storms.
- Area Storms Provide Rain, But Not Much Drought Help.
- Bone Dry Summer Missing A Certain Bite.
- Brush Fires Multiply In Parched New Jersey, Snarling Traffic.
- Streams Dry Berries Dead, What's A Black Bear To Do?
- Limits On Water Use Are Working, State Says.
- Navigating The Fine Print Of New Jersey Water Rules.
- Farming Disaster Declared In New Jersey.

- Whitman Lays Down Law On Water.
- Water Supply Improves After Whitman's Drought Order.
- Who Needs Water For A Canoe Race?
- The Day Rain Crippled New York.
- New Jersey Officials Say It's Too Soon To Lift Drought Restrictions.
- Leaf Proud New England Braces For A Brownish Fall.
- Preparedness Urged As Storms Loom.

The storm that loomed at the end of August and early September was Dennis. It brought mostly cloudy skies and spectacular sunsets to the area for several days. It also left some rain. By mid September, when this column was written, a huge hurricane named Floyd was bearing down on the southeast. Floyd was four times larger than 1992's hurricane Andrew and had winds of comparable speed.

### Nattering On Numbers

There were at least 36 days in the summer of '99 with high temperatures of 90 degrees or greater. (My temperature readings were suspended for a couple of weeks in June due to a vacation.) Meteorological summer starts June 1 and ends August 31. It lasts 92 days. Thirty-six days of 90 or greater high temperature readings represents more than a third of the summer. In the summer of 1998, readings of 90 and greater occurred on only 20 occasions. The highest temperature of 1999 in Roosevelt was 100 degrees. It was recorded on July 19.

The longest heat wave in Roosevelt last summer lasted 10 days. It began on July 23 and ended on August 1. A heat wave is declared when there have been high temperatures of 90 degrees or above on at least three consecutive days. There were four heat waves in 1999. A year earlier there were only three heat waves, none lasted 10 days. The average temperature for July 1999 was about six degrees above normal average. The August average ran just over two degrees above normal.

Both June and July 1999 were dry. August brought above average rainfall. The total summer rainfall in Roosevelt was 8.01 inches. That is about four inches, or one third, below average summer rainfall. The first half of September had above average precipitation. ■

# **ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 1999 - 2000 SEASON**

The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 1999-2000 calendar of events, featuring a wonderfully varied array of readings and performances, a concert of computer music, an exhibit of the works of emerging artists and the return of your favorite performers and poets.

All events take place at the Borough Hall and will begin at 8:00 p.m., except for the Storytelling, which begins at 7:30 p.m.. At most events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, only \$4.00 for students and seniors. This year, we will ask \$10.00/ \$5.00 for admission to the Roosevelt String Band concert. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and the Bulletin for additional details.

## **Saturday November 6**

Under Milkwood, a play for voices. Written by Dylan Thomas Performed by the Roosevelt Players, Directed by Margaret Schlinski. A tale of a small peculiar town retold as only a small peculiar town can tell it.

## **Saturday December 11 An Evening of Storytelling**

The Second Annual storytelling evening presented by RAP, featuring professional storytellers Jamie Reeber Kosa, David Brahinsky, Arthur Shapiro and special guest, Susan Danoff, founding director of Storytelling Arts, Inc. of Princeton. Special time - 7:30 p.m

## **Saturday January 8 Poetry**

Join the Roosevelt poets for an evening of winter introspection (carrying coals to Newcastle) with musical accompaniment.

## **Saturday February 5 Piano Concert**

Following his Beethoven Sonata recital last year, Alan Mallach will return with a new program drawn from the master-works of the classic piano repertory, along with his usual illuminating commentary.

## **Saturday March 4 An Evening of Creative Technology**

Roosevelt resident, Brad Garton, is Director of the Columbia University Computer Music Center. Join us for a "concert" of new music and performance works by Garton and students/faculty/researchers working at the CMC - new interactive performance technologies and state-of-the-art music interfaces will be the norm!

## **Friday & Saturday April 28 & 29 Roosevelt String Band**

in concert. Returning for the thirteenth year, the band, featuring Paul Prestopino, David Brahinsky, Ed Cedar, Judy Trachtenberg and Howie Jacobson, will play and sing old favorites and introduce you to its new musical discoveries.

## **Saturday & Sunday May 19, 20 & 21 Light as a Feather**

Works by six Roosevelt artists will be on exhibit, each inspired by a single feather from birds as diverse as the Peking Duck and a Raven living at the Tower of London. Opening reception on Friday evening, 6-8:00 p.m. with gallery hours Saturday and Sunday.

We hope to see all of you at these exciting new performances, exhibits and events.

The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible entirely by your support. Donations given to the Roosevelt Arts Project, other than for admission to an event, are tax-deductible. We appreciate your continuing support of our efforts to bring the highest quality art and performances to Roosevelt. ■



# ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT WEBSITE

<http://www.music.columbia.edu/~roosevlt/>

by Richard Lloyd

The Roosevelt Arts Project website continues to grow, with some 68 Roosevelt artists represented in its Directory listing of current artists. This listing includes links to examples of the artistry of many of those listed, as well as listings of upcoming public events featuring different artists, and there are even links to the commercial websites of those artists who have taken to the WorldWideWeb as a way to market and disseminate their work. Some of our latest highlights feature the new web presence of Rod Tulloss and Ana Cervantes. Columbia University continues in the role of the website's beneficent sponsor, where we may be found at

<http://www.music.columbia.edu/~roosevlt/>. (And yes, the second "e" is purposely left out of "roosevlt" in that address.) If by some unfortunate omission, you have not been listed in the Directory of Artists, you should contact either David Herrstrom or Richard A. Lloyd, and we'll see about getting you included. Also, we are ready to assist artists with converting information to being presentable on the Web, and if there are those with any audio snippets of music or literature, we can call upon the assistance of Brad Garton to help with translating your audio into sound files that can be listened to on the Web.

The website also features information about past artists, and now includes a rendition of Ben Shahn's mural online. In addition, we have endeavored to present some-

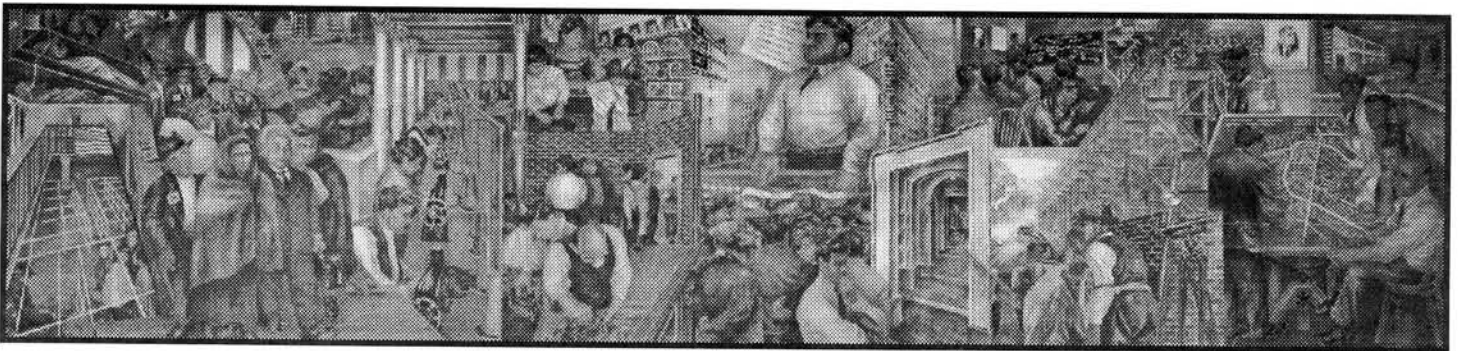
thing of a historical perspective for those visiting the site, with material about Roosevelt's past and present, including Ron Filepp's monthly weather almanac and Rod Tulloss's overview of the fauna and flora of Roosevelt. There's even been one reported instance of a resident artist being contacted by a long-out-of-touch relative, who happened to be browsing the Web for their name! One of the more active areas of the website is the new "Vintage Citizens" webpage, devoted to providing contact information provided by former Rooseveltians. Bell Atlantic Internet Solutions has previously advised us that we're included within its Internet Access Service as a "best of the net" site, and now the Monmouth County Library System has similarly advised us that they've included a link to our site from theirs. For further information, you're invited to contact Richard A. Lloyd at 443-8206 (e-mail: [richardlloyd@home.com](mailto:richardlloyd@home.com)) or David Herrstrom at 443-4421 (e-mail: [david.herrstrom@citicorp.com](mailto:david.herrstrom@citicorp.com)). We'd particularly welcome any volunteer that might like to transcribe one of Bernarda Shahn's mural lectures, currently on videotape, to text, so that the text might be included on the website to complement the image of the mural.

The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible entirely by your support. Donations given to the Roosevelt Arts Project, other than for admission to an event, are tax-deductible as charitable contributions.

Thank you for your support of the arts in Roosevelt. ■

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## MURAL POSTCARDS AVAILABLE THROUGH ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT



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

# LETTERS

Dear Neighbor:

I was honored to be chosen by Roosevelt voters as the Democratic Party nominee for Mayor of our community. If I am elected mayor, I will actively inform the public of the issues and seek participation at meetings before decisions that affect our lives are made. I will work with residents who have a wide range of opinions in order to arrive at public policy in a way that minimizes the risk of unanticipated consequences.

Our community has much to be proud of. *Public opinion polls all over the country indicate that we have what most people long for: a safe place to raise families, a good school and lots of open space.* Roosevelt was carefully designed so that residents of all ages and lifestyles could live side by side in harmony with each other and nature. This plan was so ingenious that we are the only town in New Jersey, and one of only fifteen in the U.S., to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The original plan has been remarkably effective. I believe we are a well-integrated social community that is a joy to live in. One of the reasons I am running for mayor is because I feel it is crucial that we manage change carefully so as not to risk our town's quality of life. That is why I am asking for your vote on November 2.

**Reducing Property Taxes:** As you may know, I am a long-time member of the Roosevelt Board of Education\*. As a school finance committee member, I have been actively investigating ways to lower school costs. School costs for children in Roosevelt Public School plus tuition and transportation for our seventh through 12th graders, amount to almost 75% of our local property tax burden.

(\* Of course, if I am elected mayor, I will resign my position as a school board member.)

The amount of state aid a school district receives is determined by a complicated and frequently changing state aid formula. Through my extensive research, I was able to present data in the form of spreadsheets and graphs that demonstrated that we were misclassified as a wealthy district. Because of my research, I was able to be effective and lead several productive meetings with the State Department of Education and with State Assemblyman Joseph Malone.

State Department of Education officials were astounded to learn from this research that their state aid formula had characterized Roosevelt as an affluent community. They agreed that their classification deprived our taxpayers of more than \$300,000 in annual state aid. The state's error resulted in about \$1,000 in additional property taxes for each household.

Since our meetings over the summer, we have been pursuing this matter with the state on almost a weekly basis and with good results. During our latest communication with the state, the two assistant commissioners told us that they were recommending that Roosevelt receive the \$300,000 supplemental aid package regardless of whether our classification is changed. This is good news for Roosevelt taxpayers. When implemented, the average Roosevelt homeowner's taxes will be reduced by approximately \$1,000 each year.

In addition, we have requested Assemblyman Malone and the Department of Education to grant us emergency aid for immediate tax relief. We have also requested the state aid that we should have received for the last two years.

**Working With Our State Representatives:** Over the summer, I had several exploratory telephone conversations with Assemblyman Malone, our representative in the New Jersey State Legislature. At subsequent school finance committee meetings with the assemblyman, he stated that this was the first time in his experience that Roosevelt elected officials sought to work with state officials in order to provide tax relief for property owners. The school board has been following Assemblyman Malone's recommendation that we circulate a petition to lend additional support to his efforts to help us. He stressed the importance of reaching out to make our state officials aware of Roosevelt's needs. Our unique town impressed him. He indicated that good communication with state representatives and officials was the way to obtain benefits for our community. He told us about the town of Springfield, where because of a single letter he had been able to obtain a special appropriation of over \$100,000 to construct a garage for the town's fire engine.

Due to the school board's efforts, Assemblyman Malone directed that \$25,000 in public works money be forwarded to the borough. He told us that this money was to be shared with the school.

**Development Issues:** The main issue in this election isn't whether or not we should develop, but rather whether or not development will be beneficial for Roosevelt residents. This will depend upon how carefully we manage development. Our next mayor will need to be a good manager and a skilled negotiator.

All business has a primary objective: to maximize profit. Already, developers who are interested in building here are negotiating with our Planning Board and Council so that they can assure the maximum profit for their companies.

**Negotiating With Developers:** Recently, Matzel and Mumford, the developer who has submitted a proposal to build 65 homes behind Solar Village, asked the Roosevelt Borough Council to change our zoning ordinance to allow more units on smaller lots (almost 30% smaller) than now permitted. The planning board has advised the council that it may not be in Roosevelt's best interest to do so.

The proposed zoning changes will allow the additional clear cutting of 1.7 acres of fully wooded land, and a 60' wide by 300' long wooded hedgerow near the cemetery so that a few more houses can be built.

In the case of the proposed 350-unit adult community to be located on the farm land off Oscar Drive, Sydney Israel, the development consultant working with U.S. Homes, recently stated that he would also ask for many concessions for his project. For example, in the August 5, 1999 Examiner, reporter Brian Donnahue quoted Mr. Israel: "it is difficult for (these new retirees) to pay high taxes. *Mr. Israel stated that he would ask for lower water/sewer hookup rates and fees as well as tax abatements for the U.S. Homes development.* Mr. Israel called these concessions "necessary in order to make it a successful project." Several council members have already stated their willingness to consider the demands of the developer.

**Managing the Cost of Development:** The Council has already discussed some of the major infrastructure costs that will be incurred by the development of even 65 houses. Engineering reports and testimony for the 65-unit M & M development have pointed out that our current water supply system is inadequate to meet even the present needs of the borough. They have proposed that an additional 150,000-gallon water tower be constructed near the Roosevelt cemetery.

- If we need a new water tower for only 65 houses, what costs will be incurred by the services required for an additional 350 houses?
- How will the water tower(s) be financed?
- What will your share of the development costs be?

The answers to these and many other questions will determine whether development will yield a tax benefit or a tax increase to Roosevelt property owners.

If I am elected, I will actively inform the public about town issues. I will value your input during public meetings. I believe that we must discuss our concerns openly and make decisions together.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Hamilton  
443-5227



# LETTERS

Dear Roosevelt Friends & Neighbors,

My thanks to all of you who voted for me in the June Primary Election. Unfortunately, we came up a little short on votes so I will not be on the November ballot. After reviewing the options and discussing them with many of you, I have decided to run as a write-in candidate for Mayor in November.

The Council and I have done a good job running the town for the past ten years. We've followed through on our campaign promises: by careful planning, the successful pursuit of grant money, and thrifty use of your municipal tax dollars we have completed essential infrastructure repairs while keeping the municipal tax rate stable.

But let's face it - living here is very expensive. We have 300 homes supporting a water & sewer system, municipal services, an elementary school and a sending school district. Taxes and water/sewer rates will inevitably continue to rise, and already too many people are having difficulty making ends meet. For years we've been exploring ways to broaden our tax base without changing the character of our community. We don't have a lot of choices and compromise is necessary.

The proposed adult community offers us the chance to broaden the tax base without increasing the demand on the school system, therefore significantly lowering the tax rate per family. Since any developer has to pay for required infrastructure changes, the increase in the number of homes on the water/sewer system will mean lower water/sewer rates.

Open space is an important quality of our community. The Council and I have carefully worked to assure that any land use plan respects this valuable characteristic. Both PCD I and PCD II preserve at least 70% of the properties as open space. The increase in ratables that the age restricted community would provide would give us, for the first time, the opportunity to finance the preservation of the remaining open space and still significantly reduce taxes.

If you agree with me and many of your neighbors that it's time to lower the cost of owning a home in Roosevelt, write in Lee Allen for Mayor on November 2nd. Let's continue the good work that has come from clear long term goals and commitment to community.

Sincerely,

Lee R. Allen, Mayor

## **MONMOUTH COUNTY'S PERMANENT HOUSHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY**

**Call for an appointment:  
908-922-2234**

**Hours:**  
8:30 - noon and 1:00 - 3:30  
Tuesday through Saturday

Monmouth County Residents Only  
Business must contract privately for disposal.

**Location:**  
3161 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls

## **LARGE GABAGE PICK-UP MONDAY OCTOBER 18**

Waste Management will collect all items not normally picked up on their regular run: Washers, Dryers, Water Heaters, Large Appliances and Furniture.

### **Remember !!!**

- Doors Must be Removed
- Bundle Tree Limbs and be no longer than 4 feet
- Pick Up will start at 6:00 A.M.

Items NOT Accepted: Tires; paint cans; car motors; small machines like lawn mowers (remove gas); Lawn Debris (grass clipping & leaves); Batteries; Hazardous Waste Materials; Recyclables

Contact the Borough Hall if you have questions.

## La fondue au fromage de Neuchatel

by Michele Guye-Hillis

"Well, send me a little of your extra heat and I'll exchange it for some rain!" That was my sister, calling me from the Jura mountains of Switzerland...in the middle of the heat wave all of us who stayed in Roosevelt in July and August will remember for a while. Sure enough, there we were, a month later, enjoying every minute of the 60 degree weather that made my hometown of Neuchatel such a pleasant change from parched and overheated New Jersey. My sister's garden contained none of the tropical veggies we grow here: instead, leeks, turnips, carrots, swiss chards and lettuce of all kinds were flourishing. This is a Swiss summer for you! And consequently, our very first family meal was a Swiss cheese fondue - simple and delicious on a cool summer night. So, here is my dad's own recipe that should warm you up now that we enter into long and cool Fall season.

**Bon Appetit!**



- Rub the heavy bottomed fondue pot with a **garlic clove** and add to the pot **three more minced garlic cloves**.
  - Measure 1/2 cup of very **dry white wine**. (Alsace wine is fine)
  - Grate 1/2 pound of **Gruyere cheese** (you may mix to it some raclette cheese - I saw some at McCaffrey's)
  - Heat the wine and add the cheese slowly, stirring constantly.
  - Add salt and **freshly ground black pepper** to taste.
  - Then add a 1/2 teaspoon of **corn starch** diluted in 1/4 cup of kirsh (cherry clear alcohol).
  - Finally, add 1/4 teaspoon of **cream of tartar** to make the fondue lighter and more digestible.
  - Cut up white or semi-white bread into cubes. (Rossi's bread, especially when one day old, is fine.)
  - Bring the pot onto the heater on the table and start turning and eating immediately.
  - Drink either hot black tea and/or white wine.
- I strongly advise against any dessert such as ice cream but a cake would be fine! ■

regulated community and the general population. The change is stinginess. The public is concerned about how its money is spent. They see some draconian cost-cutting measures being instituted in their workplace and they think that utilities and government should be instituting similar cost-cutting measures.

Deregulation of the electric utilities is the direct result of the pressure placed on elected officials by the public to reduce costs through increased competition. Regulators and the public are viewed as partners in a process that can benefit both the economy and the environment.

### **Public Information**

So what is it that the public wants? How does it use the information? What means of communicating the information are most effective? What context is given for making the information usable?

*The public wants a simple clear unambiguous message from a trustworthy spokesperson.*

### **The spokesperson**

Public confidence is enhanced if the spokesperson projects that he/she considers its family to be a part of the public. Condescension has no place in the spokesperson's attitude. Instead they must be open to public input and accept public criticism without making judgments.

### **The audience**

By consciously focussing attention on including all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, income, or education level in meaningful decision-making involvement, the audience becomes part of the message, instead of just the receiver of the message.

### **The message**

Simple, clear, unambiguous are the requirements for the message. Yet, radiation does not lend itself to a simple, clear, unambiguous explanation. The message from the regulator has to recognize the links between social, environmental and economic decisions.

### **Timing Building a relationship**

Communication with the public cannot be left until there is a crisis, but routine public interaction is difficult to foster. Federal and state agencies have historically used advisory boards to assist in decision-making. Serving on advisory boards can be time-consuming, and it can be a chal-

lenge for citizens to attend meetings following a hard day's work. These citizens are asked to serve without compensation.

### **The medium is the message**

One way to make public participation easier and more meaningful is through electronic access. Citizens who can read agency proposals in the comfort of their own homes, offices or community centers and respond to the proposals from the same location, are more likely to participate than those who must go to meetings and participate in discussions.

### **How do you measure public confidence?**

When regulators measure public confidence, performance indicators have to be developed that will illustrate the entire bell curve of public opinion. And, it is likely that the public cannot, in this instance, be described as a bell curve. There may be a bi-modal distribution of public opinion on radiation issues. Some people are so afraid of radiation that any potential exposure causes trauma. The other end of the bi-modal distribution is those who believe they are immune to the effects of radiation, or believe in hormesis (i.e., radiation in small amounts is good for you). But there are still a great many people apathetic about the issue. Just ask them to test their homes for radon...

### **Summary**

I wrote this paper to draw the regulator's attention to the people, the average citizens of each country. Regulations serve to protect their health and safety. During the process of regulatory change, their involvement will increase their confidence in the government's ability. No one has a single answer to how to involve the public. This quotation from Bill Ruckelshaus, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's first administrator, describes decision-making with public input.

This forward motion is akin to putting stepping stones in place when fording a river. Stepping stones lead to evolutionary, not revolutionary, change. This is necessary for two reasons: time allows for trust building, and no one is smart enough to know how to leap the river in one bound.

Perception as reality the reality is that the public's perception of and confidence in regulators determine the budget and the future. How to increase public confidence? Each regulator has to solicit the public's opinion, listen to their concerns, and respond directly, honestly, simply, respectfully and completely. ■



# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

Mateo and Rosa Ramos, and their three children, Erica (18 yrs.), Francis (17) and Gabriel (15) who have moved into 29 Homestead Lane.

Angel and Mary Ann Perez, and their three children Juan Ortiz (age 18), Christina Ortiz (16) and Joey Ortiz (15) have moved into 16 Homestead Lane.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Kevin William Kertesz, born July 17 to Karen and Paul Kertesz of Farm Lane. The proud grandparents are Beth and Carl Johnson of Pine Drive and Janet and Paul Kertesz of the Poconos, PA. As he was the first child born in New Jersey on the seventeenth, the New Jersey Transit's 20 birthday, Kevin was presented with a baby gift basket, the company's model train set and a lifetime pass for NJ Transit train, bus or light railroad vehicle. Great timing Kevin!

Carley Elizabeth Harness, born December 9, 1998 to Kristen and Glen Harness of Monmouth Junction. The proud grandparents are Beth and Carl Johnson of Pine Drive and Linda and Gary Harness of South Brunswick.

Alexandra Rose Campbell, born April 19 to Amanda Rose and David Campbell. The proud grandparents are Merle and Irving Rose who are former Pine Drive residents.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Dianna Moore for her hard work in keeping our storm drains clear and the Borough Council for the storm sewer upgrades, both of which minimized Hurricane Floyd's impact on our town!

## FOND FAREWELL TO:

• Leslie Wiener, former Homestead Lane resident died July 10. • Rose Corman, former Lake Drive resident, died July 15 at the age of 77. • Mildred DiGiorgio of Lake Drive died August 22 at the age of 76. • Augusta Chasan, former-

ly of Farm Lane, died September 7 at the age of 96. • Thomas Ferraro of Solar Village who died on September 15 at the age of 84.

Condolences to their families and friends.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Roosevelt Public Library needs volunteers to staff the library from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesday evenings on a rotating basis. Call Helen Barth at 448-2798 if you can give some time.

The First Aid Squad needs members. The squad pays for training. For information call Captain Herb Johnson at 443-1947.

For information on joining the Roosevelt Fire Department, contact Chief Kim Dexheimer or leave a message at the Borough Hall, 448-0539.

If you could occasionally provide transportation to seniors needing non-emergency medical attention, please call Mary Alfare at 443-4243.

## FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:

Fourth Semester High Honor Roll (from last spring): Grade 9 - Haley Reimbold, Sarah Skillman; Grade 10 - Hannah Stinson; Grade 11 - Joanna Giordano; Grade 12 - Kathleen Alfare. Honors: Grade 9 - Molly Petrilla; Grade 10 - Naomi Cayne, Joseph Cheshier, Ryan Cybert and Victoria Taylor; Grade 11 - Beth Blaney, Elizabeth Carroll, Sean Parker and Ronit Yeger; Grade 12 - Jessica Hamilton, Senayit Kassahun and Susan Skillman.

## FROM THE U OF ARIZONA AT TUCSON:

Alemayehu Bahiru Kassahun of Lake Drive made the dean's list for the '99 spring semester.

To have items included in this column, call Mary Alfare at 443-4243 or mail to P.O. Box 58, 08555. Please include contact name and phone number. ■

## If you love to sing or think you'd like to try, here is your chance!

Last year a parent/staff choir, under the direction of Heather Philhower, was started at Roosevelt Public School. It was so much fun and such a great success that she would like to invite members of the community who would be interested to join them. You do not have to read music! The group will meet on the following Tuesday evenings, from 7-8 p.m. in the Music/Art room of the school: Oct. 5, 19; Nov. 9, 16; Dec. 7; Jan. 11, 18. The choir will be performing at the RPS winter concert, to be held on Thursday evening, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, Heather can be reached at the school, 448-2798, Wednesday through Friday. Lift every voice and sing!

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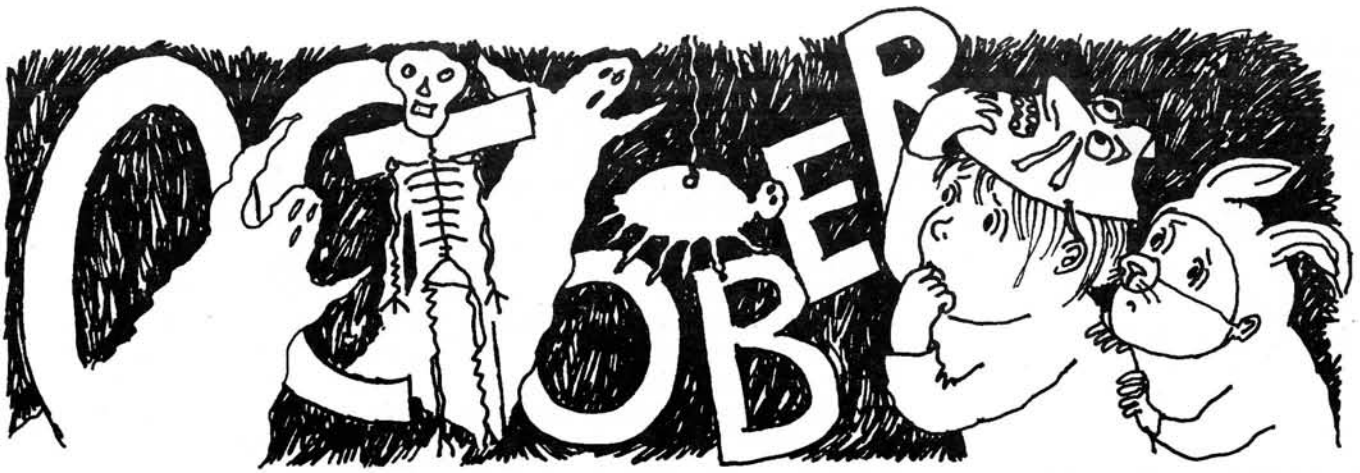
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3	Sun	10 a.m.	Town-Wide Litter Pick-Up, Dianna Moore, 448-0539.
4	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Michael Stiles, 426-4185.
5	Tues.	2 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall. Parent/Staff Choir Practice, RPS, Heather Philhower, 448-2798. Special Meeting of Planning Board, Joe Zahora, 426-4187.
6	Wed.	8 p.m.	Planning Board Subcommittee Meeting, Joe Zahora, 426-4187.
11	Mon.		Columbus Day RPS Closed - Professional Day for Teachers, 448-2798. 7:30 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Michael Stiles, Pres., 426-4185.
13	Wed.	10 a.m. 8 p.m.	RECYCLE TaiChi Class, June Counterman, 448-3182. Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Joseph Zahora, 426-4187.
14	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, Karen Minutolo, Board Secretary, 448-2798.
16	Sat.	2-4 p.m.	Rabies Clinic, Borough Hall, 448-0539.
18	Mon.		Big Pick-Up Day - Call Borough Hall, Dianna Moore, 448-0539. 2:30-3:35 p.m. Flu Clinic, Seniors Free, Non-seniors \$5, Borough Hall, 448-0539. 7:30 p.m. Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Michael Stiles, Pres., 426-4185. 7:30 p.m. Synagogue Board Meeting, Michael Tickin, 448-0363.
19	Tues.	7 p.m.	Parent/Staff Choir Practice, RPS, Heather Philhower, 448-2798.

20	Wed.		RPS PTA Book Fair, JoAnne Parker, 448-5619. 10 a.m. TaiChi Class, June Counterman, 448-3182. 7 p.m. Subcommittee Meeting of Planning Board, Joseph Zahora, 426-4187. 8 p.m. Environmental Commission Meeting, Borough Hall, Wayne Cokeley, 443-6287.
21	Thurs.		RPS PTA Book Fair, JoAnne Parker, 448-5619. 7:30 p.m. RPS PTA Meeting, JoAnne Parker, 448-5619.
25	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Michael Stiles, Pres., 426-4185.
27	Wed.		RECYCLE RPS Four-Hour Session - Parent Conferences, 448-2798. 10 a.m. TaiChi Class, June Counterman, 448-3182. 7:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, RPS, Karen Minutolo, Board Secretary, 448-2798. 8 p.m. Planning Board Subcommittee Meeting, Joe Zahora, 426-4187.
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