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Mandatory Recycling = A New Fact Of Life

By Carol Watchler, Councilperson

Two Waste Issues

The occurrence in Roosevelt of two special public meetings during the month of September was a clear statement that one of Central Jersey's most critical concerns is getting rid of waste. At the first meeting on September 11, the Mayor, members of Council, and other Roosevelt citizens met with Monmouth County solid waste coordinator, Larry Zaayenga, to discuss the mandatory solid waste recycling program being established by the County. A meeting the following week brought leaders from the Millstone Township citizen group opposing the siting of a toxic waste incinerator in Millstone to inform Rooseveltians of problems and dangers regarding this facility.

That the latter meeting touched a nerve in Roosevelt could be seen in the large contingent of people from Roosevelt among the thousands who attended the September 26 public hearing held at Great Adventure with members of the New Jersey Toxic Waste Siting Facility Commission. The other waste disposal issue, that of recycling, remains a less emotional issue but nonetheless a real question that must be addressed.

A Little History First

A little history about recycling in Roosevelt: According to Bill Counterman, Scout Leader and former Council member, recycling efforts in Roosevelt began in the early 70's when a collection site was established at the old Borough Hall by the local Boy Scout troop. The original plan was to collect glass, aluminum, and newspaper.

WE NEED A GRAND PIANO

The Roosevelt Arts or "Artists" Project (previously referred to in these pages as the "Roosevelt Coffee House") is planning, as its Fourth event (in March, 1987) a concert featuring at least two of the town's better pianists, Alan Mallach and Laurie Altman. The chief obstacle at this point is the non-existence of a decent concert piano in the Borough Hall. If you have one that you are willing to donate to the town or if there is any other conceivable help you can offer please contact Alan (448-4616), Laurie (448-5533) or the editor of the Bulletin.

The newspaper collection was discontinued because "it created too much of a mess". The accumulation of sufficient volumes of aluminum to sell took so long that its collection was discontinued after a time. The glass continued to be collected until 1984 when lack of adult leadership to carry out the project caused the operation of the collection site (by that time moved to the present Borough Hall) to be discontinued.

In 1984 the Borough Council passed its first recycling ordinance and prepared to build a more permanent collection site. The carrying out of the ordinance hinged on the possibility of having commercial haulers take the material collected from the collection site. Haulers were unwilling to come to this location because of the small volume of material that a small town would generate. The market for recyclable material was becoming so bad that the most promising company which the Borough had considered to remove material went out of business. Back to square one. All this work was carried on at a time when the cost of garbage collection was skyrocketing.

The following year's garbage contract was prepared so that companies could bid on the collection of garbage including recyclables and collection excluding recyclables. The hope was that the second plan would be less costly and that the money saved could be used to work out a recycling plan. Bids came back to the Council with identical figures for either collection system. Removing recyclable material from the general garbage collection would not directly save the Borough any money.

Observing East Windsor and Hightstown

The Council observed recycling programs in municipalities around us, both voluntary and mandatory. East Windsor provides voluntary recycling collection sites and it is clear that many Roosevelt residents take advantage of these sites for deposit of their own newspapers, glass, and aluminum. Once again the companies who collect East

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Windsor materials were checked and they refused to consider coming the further step to Roosevelt to collect from any site which we might develop.

Hightstown provided another model. This town has a mandatory recycling ordinance and provides curbside pick-up of the materials by the Hightstown Borough employees. The Council began a discussion with Hightstown officials to determine whether we could contract with that municipality to do pickup of both garbage and recyclables. No resolution could be reached by the time the 1986 garbage contract had to be finalized so both municipalities decided to continue the conversation for the following year.

The New Factor: It's Mandatory

1986 brought a new factor into the discussion. The Monmouth County Board of Freeholders determined that all municipalities within the county must participate in a mandatory recycling program. Projections showed that county landfill space was filling up too rapidly to provide for future needs. The county was also required to take some definitive step in reducing volumes of material coming to the

landfill because it had been cited by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for environmental hazards caused by operation of county landfill facilities.

The county plan, made known to towns throughout the county in the spring, was finalized in August. It requires the recycling of glass jars and bottles and aluminum cans starting in April, 1987. These materials may not be a part of regular garbage materials when garbage is brought to the county landfill. Furthermore, there is a requirement for leaf recycling during the September to December season so that these, too, are excluded from regular garbage pickups. And in the following year, business and government offices must recycle cardboard and paper used in offices.

New Ordinance Introduced

The Roosevelt Council has introduced a new recycling ordinance which conforms to the requirements of the county plan. The ordinance provided for the appointment of a recycling coordinator; the requirement to separate glass and aluminum and leaves from regular garbage, and authorization for the Council to create a collection system. Hearing on the ordinance and the final vote on it will take place at the November Council meeting. Lou Esakoff, who did so much of the original work in developing the earlier recycling plan, has been appointed as recycling coordinator.

The Council has worked extensively over the past six months to contact commercial haulers, to devise collection systems that could be carried out by garbage contractors, and to determine the most feasible way of complying with the county recycling plan. No plan has been finalized at this time. Curbside collection seems strongly preferred to requiring all residents to take materials to a collection site. This is an area where the ideas and participation of all Rooseveltians is needed. Ultimately the town may work out a collection system with a garbage contractor or carry out

recycleable collection with Borough employees. The planning process is occurring at this time. The final decisions will be shared with all residents over the coming months as the Borough moves towards becoming a community that officially recycles.

Send Money (Please)

Once again we need our readers to send in subscription and contribution money. Last year you enabled us to pay our printing bill of approximately \$1300.00. This year's bill is over \$1600.00. Please be generous and be quick. Our continued life depends upon it. Our new treasurer is Lillian Warren c/o Roosevelt Bulletin, Roosevelt, NJ. 08555.

Thank you,
The Editor

Winter series in the works

The Roosevelt Arts (or Artists) Project is planning a series of events to be held this winter at the Borough Hall. At present the following events have been scheduled although plans are not completely finalized: December 6- an exhibition of the work of Herb Steinberg with a talk by Jacob Landau; January 10- A lecture on W. B. Yeats by Princeton professor A. Walton Litz and readings by town poets; February 7- an evening of folk music featuring the songs of Canadian song writer Stan Rogers presented by David Brahinsky and Paul Prestopino; March (date undetermined) - a concert by Alan Mallach and Laurie Altman; April (date undetermined) - an evening of poetry read by N.J. Poetry Fellowship winners Dinah Coe, David Herrstrom, David Keller and Rod Tulloss.

VIEWPOINT

The Borough and money

Now that I am a Councilman, Rooseveltians ask me about the mechanics of our government. Mostly, I tell them, it's about money.

We're a very small community. The Council's functions are largely of a housekeeping nature, and our budget is the single most important factor.

As inflation struck people and governments alike, everybody else was getting cost-of-living increases and Roosevelt's income went down. In the past, we received substantial sums as grants from the Federal and State governments. But the current administration in Washington eliminated this.

Our major source of income - real estate taxes - pays for roads, municipal building and grounds maintenance and repair; snow removal, payroll and a myriad of other tasks and emergencies, including full support of the Fire Company.

2/3 to 3/4 of our entire budget goes to the school.

Water and sewer are utilities, and are billed separately. As costs for our aging systems increase and receipts lag, the deficit is made up from taxes. Taxes have not increased to any significant extent for some time. As a result, our physical plant has been deteriorating.

But, as the saying goes, a worm in a jar of horseradish thinks its life is the sweetest in all the world. I think quite a few people in Roosevelt agree with that worm and with me that our little jar of local horseradish is sweet enough for us to want to stay.

So what can be done to keep us running sweetly with our limited income? The traditional, easiest and most abhorrent solution is to raise taxes. I think a better idea is to cut our expenses without cutting our services.

For example, our Borough engineer participates in much of the town's

operation for a fee of 13 to 15% of the cost of any contract he administers, plus payment for any additional work, such as drawings, etc. For complicated work, he is well worth it. But many jobs are not very complicated and a little effort by the responsible Councilmember could and has achieved substantial savings. Many Councilmembers routinely take the easy way of calling in the engineer and paying the price, often thousands of dollars for simple tasks.

Equipment, supplies and services are routinely bought at costs far in excess of competitive prices when councilmembers don't take the time to comparison-shop.

There are also other methods that can be explored.

I have learned that being an effective Councilmember takes long hours and hard work. Only those who are prepared to submit to that yoke can help Roosevelt and we must continue to hope that they will volunteer.

By Bernie Leefer

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VIEWPOINT II**We need a Museum**

Last month, while travelling around Nova Scotia, I noticed the many local museums which communities have established to preserve and commemorate their heritage. These museums, most of which are neither large nor elaborate, contain documents, pictures, old tools and equipment, and other community artifacts which give both residents and visitors a better understanding of how these communities came to be what they are.

We in Roosevelt have, after years of effort by many people, gotten our community designated as a State- and Federally- recognized historic district. This past year, we had a very successful program to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of the first residents in Jersey Homesteads. Next May 29th, we will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough.

Yet there remains more to be done if we are to give real meaning to the historic district, to make it more than a legal mechanism to be used to prevent unwanted development. A proposal to insure architectural preservation by imposing restrictions on the right of owners to improve their properties was not pursued because of massive public opposition. Yet it would be most appropriate if a way were found to preserve some example of the original architectural style and, in the process, to commemorate the people and the historical events responsible for the establishment of the community and for its distinctive characteristics. If nothing is done, then those who are now here should not be heard to complain in later years if Roosevelt becomes nothing more than a comparatively affordable section of the Greater Princeton Metropolitan Area.

I think it is incumbent upon us to give serious thought to the establishment of a local museum that would include background information about the Great Depression and the New Com-

munities program developed by the Roosevelt administration as one response, the Jewish agricultural movement, the garden cities movement in town planning and the Bauhaus school of architecture and explain how these elements were all brought together here by Benjamin Brown, M.L. Wilson, Rexford Tugwell and others. A section would also be devoted to the lives and work of the prominent artists who have lived here. Ideally, the museum should be housed in a minimally-improved Jersey Homesteads house in which the integrity of the original design has been preserved.

While it might be possible to get some funding for this project from private foundations or arts and historical agencies at higher levels of government, we must recognize that we will only have a museum if the people of the community want it and are willing to both work for it and pay for it, both individually and through the municipal government, which has the legal power to establish and operate a museum or cultural center. Perhaps a bond issue will be necessary, but a museum may be every bit as necessary as more mundane public improvements if we are serious in believing that Roosevelt has a distinct and historically-significant identity that ought to be preserved.

By Michael L. Ticktin

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ISSUE & DEBATE**The Recycling Question**

By Peter Warren

Before a sparsely-attended meeting at Roosevelt Borough Hall on September 11th, Mr. Larry Zaayenga, an official of the Monmouth County Planning Board, dropped a bombshell by stating that by October 10th, each municipality must submit a draft recycling ordinance and description of its proposed recycling program; by December 20th, must pass a recycling ordinance; and by April 1, 1987, must start operating a residential program to recycle leaves and at least two other materials (such as newspapers, glass bottles or aluminum cans). One year later, non-residential recycling starts.

The State's goal is to recycle 25% of the solid waste now collected from each community. Landfill sites are filling rapidly, and recycling will postpone the day when they overflow. Compliance will be monitored at the waste site: if a community doesn't recycle, the hauler will not be allowed to dump its trash at the landfill. They'll peek through the garbage to check.

How much trash does Roosevelt produce? About 600 tons a year, I estimate, from a hasty survey last month. On a typical week, two thirds of the houses put out no more than one or two cans containing about 30 pounds of trash each. Only 14% put out more than three cans. Add in a figure for leaves in the fall, and it comes to roughly 600 tons.

How much could we recycle - including the materials that some of us are already recycling (by taking newspapers and bottles to the East Windsor collection point on Route 571 and by composting our leaves)? Perhaps, if we conform to county patterns, we could recycle a total of about 200 tons a year: including 100 tons of leaves, 50 tons of newspaper, 40 tons of glass and 6 tons of aluminum cans.

Many Monmouth County communities, as well as East Windsor and Hightstown

have already started operating their own recycling programs without waiting for pressure from the State. As long ago as 1983, Roosevelt's former mayor commissioned a study on the problem Roosevelt faced in recycling. The study was carried out by members of the community at no cost to the Borough. Although the study showed that a local recycling program was not only feasible but might earn as much as \$5,000-\$11,000, it was pigeonholed by the incoming Mayor and Council who didn't respond to a subsequent written request for their opinion.

Instead of preparing an alternate program, the Mayor and Council adopted an ordinance "regulating the disposal of glass and aluminum containers and newspapers in the Borough of Roosevelt." The ordinance has remained a dead letter for the past two years. It has no implementing regulations and, in any case, by omitting leaves, it falls short of County requirements. So, 2 and 1/2 years of experience in and earnings from recycling have been lost. Along with the \$4,000 spent on hiring a "grantsman" from outside Roosevelt - who failed to bring the borough any grants - recycling is an example how the present administration wastes time and money because its members don't know how to or don't want to work democratically with the community. No wonder so few people bother to attend public meetings.

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COUNCIL REPORT**Essakoff named Recycling Co-ordinator**

By Aaron Datz

The October meeting of the council had its acrimonious moments over such matters as whether to pay for flushing the hydrants, removal of a curb on Farm Lane, the administration of sewer repair contract, whether or not to repair a manhole and the problem of "feathering" the new paving on Homestead Lane at driveways.

However, some important business was transacted with no acrimony whatsoever:

A revised ordinance dealing with recyclable materials was passed and Lou Essakoff was named Recycling Co-ordinator. As has been announced previously, there is a new state law, effective April 1, 1987, which prohibits the collection of recyclable materials with ordinary garbage. Another ordinance was passed governing

the protection of stream corridors in the borough.

During the public portion of the meeting, Clara Levinson deplored the state of the cemetery and suggested that the borough take better care of it. The council promised to look into the matter and appropriated \$150 for seeding bare spots.

Councilpersons Moser and Leefer are seeking volunteers to carry out the semi-annual flushing of the hydrants. In the past this task was undertaken as part of the Fire Company's duties at no extra cost to the community. Very recently, however, members of the Fire Company have demanded payment for this service. The request for volunteers is, as Ed Moser put it, an attempt to revive "volunteerism" in town.

SENIOR NEWS

By Helga Wisowaty

Kim Dexheimer and Gloria Hazell, members of the Fire Department spoke to us about fire prevention and what to do if a fire occurs. They said that smoke detectors should be checked frequently and that the batteries should be replaced every six months (use an alkaline battery). They emphasized that we should not overload outlets and keep aerosol sprays away from heat.

Gloria corrected the feeling that some people have that we are forced to go to Freehold Hospital when we call for the First Aid and the ambulance. I think we all realized that we have about the best people serving us through the First Aid. We are very lucky to have them. However, I feel that anyone who has been a patient at

another hospital and whose doctor and medical records are there should be taken to that hospital and doctor if they request it.

We appreciated Kim and Gloria coming to our meeting to give us their valuable information.

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"Righteous Gentile" of Roosevelt

Rev. John Grauel was born in Worcester, Massachusetts. His family was Methodist, and he received his education in institutions of that church. He aspired to the ministry and after due course became pastor of a "sea" parish on the coast of Maine.

The war and its first reports of Nazi persecution led him to resign and join the American Christian Palestine Committee, an organization dedicated to the establishment of the State Of Israel. After a short association with that group, he decided to join the Haganah for more direct action, soon appearing in the underground in Europe, a mysterious figure, known to his co-workers as "John the priest". His most celebrated exploit remains his participation in the "Battle of the Exodus".

The Exodus affair and the gripping testimony of Rev. Grauel before the United Nations became the focal point for the eventual establishment of the State of Israel. Golda Meir, in a speech before the Jewish Agency, referred to his testimony before the United Nations as the crucial argument that ultimately created Israel.

For over three decades, Rev. Grauel continued his unceasing efforts on behalf of Israel. He was a regular lecturer for student missions and United Jewish Appeal-sponsored programs in Israel. Much in demand on college campuses, he spent several months a year touring the United States speaking to youth groups.

He has been the recipient of many awards: fighter for Israel Medal, with two combat ribbons; Humanity Medal, shared with the Pope; Victory Medal of Jerusalem as a founder of the State; B'nai B'rith Humanitarian and Americanism Awards; and many additional honors, including the prestigious Myrtle Wreath Award. A Scholarship for non-Jews to study at Yad Vashem was established bearing his name.

He is an honorary member of the

Jewish War Veterans, who have planted a forest in Israel in his honor. He is a board member of the National Genocide Commission and serves in that function on several Holocaust boards. He is a life member of the Jewish Cheutaqua Society. His most recent honor was granted by B'nai B'rith in Philadelphia for his forty years of service to Israel.

On August 31, 1986, he was nominated as a "Righteous Gentile" by the Knesset of the State of Israel.

His autobiography, Grauel, was written with Eleanor Elfenbein and has been published by Ivory House of Freehold, New Jersey.

In Memory
of
Rev. John Grauel

Knowing Rev. Grauel as a friend and neighbor of our children for many years in Roosevelt, my husband and I found him to be an understanding, compassionate, unselfish human being.

He did not practice discrimination in any form in his behavior or oral speech, whether it be toward religion, race, color of a person's skin or status in life.

There is an Italian expression accompanied with a right hand gesture which is turned left to right. Movement of the right hand is repeated twice, while saying "Rev. John was Metza Metza", which means he was half Christian and half Jewish.

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Holy Lord
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Shine on Him

Maline Monk

Invitation

Dividing the sky into yours and mine
we sever a mutual cosmos, then suddenly
balk at even so affectionate a
dissection,

Quickly we stitch the black flaps of
incredible
emptiness back together, as if the
sunless galactic meadows
were flesh of the body of God's
goodnight

(billions of acres of sadness hoping to
grow
again inseparable) and eons passing
knit the lips
of the wound of the slashed black
night. Therefore,

Who is the moon's proprietor now? Who
the stars'?

Dumb to differences, humbly we send
our invitation to a power in us higher
than facile impertinent surgery.

Neil R. Selden

LETTER TO EDITOR

As a member of the Roosevelt
Volunteer Fire Company and the Fire
Department I am becoming rather dis-
tressed at the inference that the
members of the Fire Company are making
money from flushing the towns hydrants.

Please let it be known that the
amount received from the Council for
the job was \$120.00, which was for
three of us (plus one Councilmember,
Ferris Stout) working from 8PM until
2AM. The money went into the Fire
Company funds which were then expended
during fire prevention week, on
refreshments etc....

There was no demand from the Fire
Company for payment. The council
offered to pay and we accepted, not for
ourselves but for the Fire Company
coffers. That money along with pers-
onal expenditures was then recycled
back to the residents of Roosevelt
during the past week; (October 5-12).

I, along with other members of the
Company, belong to various volunteer
organizations, both in and out of town,
e.g. First Aid Squad, School Board,
Little League, Soccer, 4H, and the Bor-
ough Bulletin. I feel that our 'vol-
unteerism' is stretched more than the
average persons.

Gloria Hazell

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The Shots Around Us

By Bob Clark

One of the chief advantages of living in Roosevelt -- its proximity to open space -- also provides a potentially dangerous irritant -- those early morning to early evening gunshots that herald the New Jersey hunting seasons. The surrounding farmland and the adjacent Assunpink Wildlife Management Area provide hunting grounds to a multitude of enthusiasts from nearby urban and suburban areas. With its abundance of wooded, borough-owned commons land and significant agricultural tracts within its boundaries, Roosevelt, by the mistake or design of over-eager hunters, may itself become the hunting ground.

Roosevelt's 900 residents can coexist with the hunters provided there is awareness and enforcement of existing laws. Borough leaders passed an ordinance in 1973 prohibiting the discharge of firearms, air guns, sling shots or bow and arrows within Roosevelt. Exceptions include police, citizens lawfully defending themselves and "hunting in areas designated and regulated for such use by the New Jersey State Division of Fish and Game." Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$200 and/or imprisonment of up to 30 days. Confusion may occur, however, because the boundaries of the borough are not well-defined and no signs exist to alert hunters to the existence of the ordinance when they drive or walk into town.

Several state laws and regulations, if adhered to, may help to reduce the danger from nearby hunting. No person may carry a loaded firearm within 450 feet of an occupied dwelling or school playground. I have seen posted zones within the Assunpink which appear to delineate the 450 feet zone, but I have also seen a brand new hunter's platform in a tree, complete with scattered, expended shotgun shells

at the base, located about 100 feet within the prohibited zone. At least one hunter had ignored the neat row of red warning signs.

Rooseveltians should feel free to walk anywhere on Sundays. No person may hunt with firearms or any other weapon or carry a gun in the woods or fields on Sunday. In addition, most hunting may not commence on any given day until one half hour before sunrise, and it must end one half hour after sunset (one hour for raccoon and opossum hunting). On hunting days one may encounter hunters on some of the surrounding land that has been posted against hunters. The signs only apply to hunters who have not obtained permission to hunt from the landowner.

Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow on or across highways or roads or from a motor vehicle is illegal. It is illegal to have a loaded firearm in any motor vehicle, unless the hunter is a paraplegic with a special permit.

A person may not go into the woods or fields with a firearm except during prescribed hunting seasons. Except for bowhunters, hunters must wear a daylight fluorescent orange-colored cap or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of such material visible from all sides. Except for farmers hunting on their own land, all hunters must be licensed and display their licenses on their outer clothing. They must show their licenses to any police officer or person requesting to see it. A youngster may start hunting at 10, but must be accompanied by a licensed adult, at least 21, until the age of 14. To obtain an initial license a person must complete a hunter education course.

So what should you do if someone is violating the rules? Most people do

not want to confront someone with a gun. That is, in part, why they wear orange -- so that one may see them and keep himself, kids and pets away from them. It takes a lot of courage to move toward the orange, photograph transgressing hunters, take down vehicle license plate numbers, demand to see hunting licenses, swear out a complaint at the municipal court and, finally, show up in court to testify. Perhaps protecting ones child from a reckless individual would supply the courage. Perhaps other hunters, who know that their sport depends on public support, would help to deal with the offender.

Unfortunately, Roosevelt has no municipal police officer to catch offenders red-handed. The state police patrol Roosevelt, but they may be reluctant or unable to respond to hunting offenses given their other priorities. On the other hand, a truly reckless hunter might be a priority. Someone mixing alcohol and hunting might be a priority, especially since alcoholic beverages are prohibited in wildlife management areas. A vehicle and potential drunk driving may also be involved. The division of fish, game and wildlife in the state department of environmental protection (DEP) enforces hunting laws. Its central law enforcement region happens to be headquartered in the Assunpink (in the big house on the way out to Assunpink Lake). Free information on hunting seasons and regulations may be obtained there. The telephone number is (609) 259-2120. The DEP maintains an action line (609-292-7172) for emergencies during non-business hours.

Let's Stop the Rumor

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad will indeed continue to transport patients to the hospital of choice (Princeton, etc.).

There are occasions, however, when a situation is life-threatening and, with patient permission, we will opt for the nearest hospital (Freehold).


If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Irene Block, Captain at 448-9123 or Helen Barth, President at 448-1870.

Status of contributions

The editors of the Bulletin thank the readers who have contributed to our 1986-87 Fund Drive. By October 10th, 11 people had donated a total of \$190. In addition, the PTA has given us \$300 to cover mailing costs. Our goal is \$1600.00 which, together with advertising revenue, will enable us to meet our budget.


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The Candidates

By Peter Warren

The London Economist wrote recently "next month's elections in America will be determined by those who don't vote...The struggle is not between Republicans and Democrats, but between Republicans and apathy." This applies as much to Roosevelt as to any other community.

A Councilperson made the same point in the last Bulletin "not one person currently serving on the Council ...is serving except by default, all of us having achieved office unopposed."

He added "It is a hard job and largely a thankless one ..." In fact, he estimates that it can take up to seven and a half hours a week - one full working day - in addition to the monthly Agenda and Council meetings.

We should know something about the six individuals who are assuming the heavy task of serving the community on the next Council.

Carol Watchler, the doyenne of the Council, having already served for three of the seven years she has lived in Roosevelt, is running for a second term. Carol has been chairing the Administrative Committee which is responsible for the budget, personnel and contracts. She sees the most important task before the Council as making the town operate effectively, avoiding adversary relations and promoting community cooperation. "Roosevelt is worth caring about," she says. She is concerned about the turnover on the Council and would like to see continuity and stability. Professionally Carol is a High School Science Teacher.

Lee Selden, Councilperson for two of the four years of her current residence, heads the Public Safety Committee. She wishes that more people would attend Council meetings and express what she feels are too often their unspoken concerns. For example, she urges the revival of the Citizens' Group.

Ralph Seligman brings to the Council many years experience as professional urban planner and professor of urban planning, as well as an

intimate understanding of the town learned from many years residence and experience as head of the Planning Board.

Bernie Leefer, whose parents were among the first settlers, has lived in Roosevelt since he retired from a career as engineer and aerospace energy technologist with the AEC and NASA. He heads Streets and Roads, and during the two years of his tenure, the town has seen the repaving of Homestead Lane and Oscar Drive, the patching of other streets, and the gravelling of Eleanor Lane. He believes strongly that, in the face of change, the Community must be able to plan for the future and not merely react to events when they affect us.

Ed Moser is completing his first year, heading the Public Property and Cemetery Committee. He has lived here since 1964, and served on the School Board. After graduate work in History at the University of Pittsburgh, he joined the Communications Workers of America, and is now on the Executive board of the local, handling a budget larger than that of Roosevelt.

Jim Alt, the newcomer to the Council, has lived in Roosevelt only 18 months, but probably has more friends here than most of us - his acquaintance with the town going back 20 years. He brings to the Council his management experience as supervisor of the Systems Development Section of DEP's Hazardous Waste Division, union activity at Firestone Library while he completed course work for a PH.D. in Philosophy at Princeton, and political activity since his undergraduate years at the University of Pittsburgh. As Treasurer of a Regional Dog Club, he has been responsible for a budget not that much smaller than Roosevelt's. He emphasizes two needs: - to find new sources of revenue for the town budget other than by increasing taxes, and to stimulate citizen participation in local affairs.

"In a town this size", he says, "people have a unique opportunity to affect their own destiny."

ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1986



4	TUESDAY	7:00AM-8:00PM 2:00PM	ELECTION DAY SENIOR CITIZENS	BORO HALL
5	WEDNESDAY	8:00PM	PLANNING BOARD	BORO HALL
6	THURSDAY	10:00AM 8:00PM	EXERCISE CLASS BOARD OF EDUCATION	BORO HALL RPS
10	MONDAY	8:00PM	BORO COUNCIL AGENDA	BORO HALL
11	TUESDAY	10:00AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
12	WEDNESDAY	7:00-8:30PM 8:00PM	BOOKMOBILE BORO COUNCIL	PO PARKING LOT BORO HALL
13	THURSDAY	10:00AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
18	TUESDAY	10:00AM 9:30AM 1:00-8:00PM	EXERCISE CLASS SENIOR'S HEALTH PRGM. FOOD CO-OP	BORO HALL SOLAR VILLAGE BORO HALL
20	THURSDAY	10:00AM 8:00PM	EXERCISE CLASS BOARD OF EDUCATION	BORO HALL RPS
25	TUESDAY	10:00AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
26	WEDNESDAY	7:00-8:30PM	BOOKMOBILE	PO PARKING LOT
27	THURSDAY	THANKSGIVING DAY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS		

**Roosevelt Art and Craft Fair,
Sunday, November 23rd**

This annual event, sponsored by the Roosevelt First Aid Squad and traditionally held the Sunday before Thanksgiving, not only brings Rooseveltians together but also attracts visitors from beyond the tri-state area.

Last year's patrons expressed enthusiasm and excitement at being able to visit the artists at their studios. Our local artists will again extend their generosity as well as their talents and open their studios to the public between 1 pm and 5 pm.

On Sunday, Nov. 23rd the school will be open from 11 am to 5 pm for the display of artwork and crafts. A donation \$1 (senior citizens 50 cents) will be collected at the door. Children under 12 will be admitted free but must be accompanied by an adult. Supervised activities will be provided for the children. A large selection of luncheon items will be available. Those wishing to donate home-baked goods should contact any First Aid Squad member.



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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

WRPS to go on the air

By Herbert Johnson

R.P.S. has established the "WRPS" Program in order to improve writing, communication, social and organizational skills of its mainstreamed classified students. This program will provide instructional opportunities in a unique and highly motivating situation: that of a student-operated, 540 kilocycle school radio station, which will broadcast at least one hour per month. The students will write scripts, conduct interviews, develop programs, schedule and broadcast all materials. The programs can be heard on radios within a three mile radius of the school. Announcements of broadcast times will be posted. The RPS staff publicized the program at the October 3 convention of 1500 Monmouth County school employees in Asbury Park. Credit is given for developing the program to our Child Study Team members Anne Hogue and Joanne Cohen.

Dr. Sussman reported on a second program beginning this fall named "Project Sail" (Student Adjustment In Life.) A program designed to help children who have difficulty adjusting to school, coordinated by school social worker Ann Hogue. It is open to all students at the request of parent, student or teacher. A chart Dr. Sussman designed to help explain Project Sail was criticized for having a title which claimed much more than the chart presented, and failed to refer to any evidence supporting the claim. The chart merely listed 4 stages of behavior, claiming that students with "low social interest" would be in "inactive" stages of constructive behavior if they had "minor discouragement" and destructive behavior if they had "deep discouragement". The stages became "active" if a student had "high social interest." Dr. Sussman insisted that the title was appropriate.

At the 9/18/86 meeting of the board, it was reported that all of

Roosevelt's ninth grade students passed the state's minimum basic skills test and only one of the K through 8 students failed it.

The school boiler problem is not as bad as it seemed last month. The pressure testing showed that the tubes do not leak. The replacement which was to cost about \$5,000 is not needed but the inspector requires installation of a shut-off valve in the 12" line by the boiler, which may cost \$1,000. The board asked Dr. Sussman to get it installed. The need for heat soon left no time for shopping for low bids, but the school's boiler maintenance company, A.C.R.E., has been "reasonable and reliable over the years," the principal said.

The Education Committee reported that the principal's goals were submitted and would be discussed with the Board in a closed session. Music instruction and the criteria for participation are being reviewed. The Board approved the committee's request for \$1,380 for records and tape recordings, and \$650 for music books.

Dominic Vigiano has resigned from the board due to his moving from Roosevelt. Candidates for school boards need to be residents of the school district for only one year now. Anyone willing to be a member of the Board of Education is asked to send a letter to that effect to the Board by November 5.

Two corrections in last Month's School Board news are: 1. Rather than "...our school would receive \$40,000 next year...", the school expects to receive \$40,000 less in State Aid next year because enrollment in our school is 20 less than the number upon which the budget is based. 2. Rather than using a "stereoscope," our students used a stereoscopic microscope, which Ms. Levine obtained with grant money, to examine the moon rocks, which, by the way, were the size of grains of sand.

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Volunteers paint water plant

By Carol Watchler

Eagle scout candidate Richard Francis recently led the way in a service project for the Borough of Roosevelt. Roosevelt's water plant, long in need of a paint job, received a new look with the work of Boy Scout Troop 116. Richard was joined in this project by troop members Dustin Warnick, David Braun, Barry Kanczuger, James MacDonald, Scott Defoe, Abe Penalver, and Karl Bystrom together with adult leaders, Robert Francis, scoutmaster, and Ralph Warnick, committee member, as well as family members David and Jennifer Francis.

According to the Borough's water and sewer plant operator, Tom Karpick, "The job is very well done. They have saved the Borough considerable money." Mayor Freda Hepner also commended the group stating "This kind of cooperative effort is what the town of Roosevelt is all about. We are very appreciative of the efforts of the scouts and all who assisted."

Richard Francis, who has worked as a part time Borough employee since the beginning of the summer, explained how the painting project came about. As a candidate for the scout award he sought to lead a community service project that would have a lasting value. "I knew the plant needed to be given a paint job for protection. I decided this was a good way for us to make a contribution to the community".

Richard's college work at Mercer County Community College, where he plans to get a start toward his goal of a career in architecture, still allows him to continue his employment with the Borough for a few hours a week. So Rooseveltians will continue to see a quiet, hard-working young man with a proven spirit of community help, going about town to do the unsung tasks that keep the town looking and running well.

P. T. A. NEWS

Toxic Waste Incinerator Discussed

The October meeting of the Roosevelt Public School P.T.A. was held on Monday, the 20th, 7:30pm at the school.

Richard Schwartz, a representative of the Millstone Township Homeowners Association, was the guest speaker. He discussed the next step in the association's campaign against the proposed siting of a toxic waste incinerator in Millstone Township. Mr. Schwartz's address was a follow-up to last month's public meeting at Great Adventure between residents of Millstone and surrounding areas and the State Hazardous Waste Siting Commission. Also on the agenda was a 10-minute film about the issue. Refreshments were served.

The following Saturday, October 25, from 8am - noon, the P.T.A. will sell

baked goods and school sweatshirts in front of the Post Office. This was part of the fundraising effort for the 1987 summer camp program.

The November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 7:30 at the school.

Citizens' Group

The Roosevelt Citizen's Group will meet on Thursday, November 6th, at 8:00PM at Bob and Maureen Clark's house on 59 Lake Drive.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Tell me a story about silver"

As the silver sun rose shedding silver light upon a silver world, a tiny silver flower opens its delicate silver petals to the warmth of the new silver day.

In this special world that exists only in the minds of children- there is no war, no hate. It is a world filled with happiness and love. Today we will spend one privileged day in this beautiful world. Just close your eyes and picture...

Silver trees with silver leaves and silver birds. Big open fields of silver grass- each blade gleaming as the rays of a silver sun

catch their silver glory. Imagine silver clouds against a breathtaking silver sky. The most beautiful sight would be the perfect silver rain drops falling to the warm silver earth.

In this world there is no famine, no homeless because there is room and food for everyone. There is no death- only life- silver life.


As the sun sets and the silver stars began to appear, the tiny silver flower closes its silver petals- and as we open our eyes to life- to the pain of reality, we cry a silver tear for the special world that can exist only in the mind of a child.

By Jennifer Marchon
Age 15
May 28, 1986

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Return to Roosevelt

By Lenore Mogin

When we moved to the house on Homestead Lane in mid-July it was like a homecoming. My husband Harold and I had many warm memories of the good times and the people we knew back in the 50's. Of course I expected hospitality, knowing Roosevelt. But the emotional reaction I had was almost overwhelming. I didn't expect to be riding an emotional roller coaster for several weeks but how could it be otherwise? After all, I was a teacher here for four years and I am constantly running across adults whom I remember as kids, and hearing about others, some from my own classes.

I had taught grades three, two, one, and kindergarten- in that order. My daughter Erica started with me in 1950, going to kindergarten through third grade. My schedule was arranged so that Erica was never in her own mother's class. She had a wonderful start in the same class as Danny Mayer, Ellen Friedman, Gigi Prestopino, and Karen Oser. We lived in Freehold until the '55-56' school year when we rented a house on Co-op Circle (now Tamara Drive).

When I started teaching here the entire faculty was new. We were all in our twenties, including the principal, Don Mills. With very small classes, and a genuine sharing of ideas and efforts, we had a very stimulating educational atmosphere. It was greatly rewarding due to the cooperation of the parents, teachers and Board. The salary was about \$2500 for me, someone with two years experience. With such a small student body we all knew every student and shared every crisis. That is why when I hear about somebody in town, I recall vividly some incident or characteristic that brings back a flood of recollections from the old days at the school.

During the '55-56' year things became rather hectic. Don Mills had left and I was assigned to the old Boro Hall with the kindergarten. Because I

was expecting a second child, I resigned at the Easter break. Our son Paul was born in July. Coincidentally, we moved back to Roosevelt on his thirtieth birthday. It was a great feeling to return and to see that though there were some changes, the total impression was the same as always.

The Katzenellenbogen house sure looks different and the trees have grown big and lush. The variety in the appearance of the homes is striking. That amphitheatre and monument really beautify and enrich the town. To my eyes, Roosevelt is still the same in all the major ways. It is nice to have a grand post office, too.

Most of all, it's the people, as always that has made Roosevelt special. I'm still finding those kids and their parents. Usually it is fun and full of surprises. After thirty odd years it isn't always good news. I've mourned the passing of some dear friends and some young people who have gone too soon.

There is a great swelling of fondness and pride I feel when I discover again and again what those kids have accomplished and achieved. People keep remarking on my good memory, but really it is what teaching is all about. When you have a community and school working together the way it did in those great days, you've got a special relationship that lasts.

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