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Large Sums Assigned to Street Repair Borough Forms Lyme Advisory Council

by Adeline Weiner

During the summer, Council member Rose Murphy wrote a grant application and presented it, five days before deadline, to the County Development Block Grant Committee. If approved, the funds will go for street and road repair. The amount requested came to \$405,278. At its September 12 meeting, the borough council adopted an ordinance to establish authorization within the borough's own capital funds for roadway improvements in the amount of \$121,380. The areas for renewal under this ordinance are as follows:

Elm Court reconstruction, South Rochdale Avenue reconstruction, Brown Street repaving and Lake Drive extension. The grant funds would be used for added road repair and drainage improvement for Tamara Drive, repair of North Valley Road, a fire hydrant for Solar Village, and for a water main and fire hydrant for Oscar Drive.

Mrs. Murphy explained that curbs would be replaced only where they are missing, except for one area where residents indicated a preference for new curbing.

Determined by Income Survey

These selections were based mainly on the county's interpretation of the survey of homeowners' income range taken in 1990, with lower and moderate income areas receiving the benefits. In response to questions from the public, Mrs. Murphy stated that she plans to request that the Borough be allowed to undertake a new survey since Oscar Drive, for instance, hardly fits the "formula", and in view of the disrepair of

other streets like Farm Lane and Pine Drive, she is investigating further sources of aid such as a "discretionary fund" that she discovered within the Department of Transportation.

Pro and Con Extension

During the public participation some speakers noted that, at the July council meeting, several residents had expressed opposition to the extension of Lake Drive to Rochdale Avenue. Mary King of 21 Lake Drive pointed to the fact that the new traffic patterns would endanger children at play. Other speakers however emphasized the serious hazard to drivers created by the "hidden" corner of North Valley and Clarksburg Roads.

Combatting Lyme Disease

A recent telephone survey to ascertain
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Sale of Former Community Residence Awaits Legislative Authorization

by Michael Ticktin

For the past several years, the house at 40 Pine Drive, which was purchased in 1980 by the New Jersey Department of Human Services for use as a community residence for the developmentally disabled, has been unoccupied. The State House Commission, which has control of the disposition of all State property, has authorized its sale at public auction, with a minimum acceptable price of \$130,000, provided that neither Monmouth County nor the Borough of Roosevelt first offers to purchase it at that price.

Since the minimum price exceeds \$100,000, however, the property cannot be sold without the consent of the Legislature. A bill to authorize such a sale, Senate Bill No. 3612, was introduced on July 15, 1991

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Remember:
Rabies Clinic
October 26
11:00
Borough Hall

Bulletin Board

From the Editor

As the Bulletin enters into its 14 year of publication, we wish to thank those who have contributed money or work, or both, to its support. Thus far, our community appeal has resulted in over \$1,200 in contributions, which is comparable to last year. With your continued support, we will do our best to continue to keep this important channel of communication open.

Michael Ticktin

Notice to Residents

On Saturday, October 5, 1991, Freehold Cartage will collect all items not normally picked up on their regular run: washers, dryers, water heaters, and other large appliances, and furniture

Please remember!

1. Doors must be removed from refrigerators that are intended for pick up - as a safety precaution.

2. Tree clippings, tree limbs, etc. must be bundled and tied or placed in containers, so that they can be easily picked up. Nothing should be over 4 feet long.

3. Tires will not be accepted! Please do not place tires on the curb.

4. Car batteries & car parts will not be accepted!

5. No hazardous waste materials will be picked up. Examples: oil cans, oil paint cans, materials having oil or other hazardous waste on them or contained inside.

6. No recyclable materials will be picked up, including leaves.

7. Riding mowers will not be picked up.

8. Barrels will not be picked up.

Please do not place your trash on the curb prior the three (3) days before pick up.

Please Make sure that your trash is out early in the morning on Saturday; pick up will start at 6:00 a.m.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, contact the borough office. Nancy L. Warnick

New Roosevelt Youth Ensemble Premieres in Summer Concert

In keeping with the community's tradition of supporting and encouraging artists, the Roosevelt Youth Ensemble was born this past summer.

Directed by Ed Cedar, the ensemble was composed of the following students enter-

ing fourth through seventh grades in the fall: Katie Alfare, Elizabeth Carroll, Janette Castro, Zoe Czyzewski, Jesse DeSanto, Aaron Grossman, Shoshi Grunwald, Dawn Miller and Meira Yeger.

For their first concert, held August 3 in a packed Borough Hall, the group performed four numbers: "Ode to Joy", "Batman", "25 or 6 to 4" and "Rock Tune", in which each had an opportunity to improvise.

The group gratefully acknowledges the support of the Roosevelt Arts Project, which provided scholarship funds.

Next summer, plans are underway for a beginners and an intermediate ensemble. Interested students and their parents should contact Ed Cedar at 443-3010 or Joan Grossman at 448-9385 for information.

An announcement will appear in the Borough Bulletin in the spring.

Joan Grossman

New York Times Delivery

If you would like to sign a petition requesting home delivery of the New York Times, please call Sandy Silverman at 490-0557.

Senior Citizen News

The summer is over, so now we can make plans for the coming months. During the time that Faye Libove and Jeanette Koffler were hospitalized, Leo Libove and Manny Koffler joined us on our "Scat" bus for food shopping. We told Leo and Manny that now they can help their spouses by doing their shopping occasionally. Their answers a resounding "No Way."

We hope to visit the Russian flea market soon for shopping and lunch. This will be on October 1 or 8. Plans for our holiday trip is on the agenda.

Living wills were discussed—we will apply for papers telling us all about them.

Rose Murphy attended this meeting to discuss busses available to us. She will find out more about "Share a Ride" and other groups that might include us. We enjoyed talking to Rose and appreciate her interest in us.

We had 4 birthdays in September. All are wished many more. Gus Chasan celebrated her 89th birthday on the 11th so everyone congratulated her and enjoyed a delicious cake.

Until next month—
—Helga Wisowaty (Secretary)

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School Board News: Summer 1991

Two new teachers and a clerk hired

by Bob Clark

The Roosevelt School Board hired three new employees for the 1991-92 school year, which began on September 5 with 85 students in grades K through 6. The Board also moved ahead with plans for expanding and renovating the 56-year-old school building.

Janet E. Zondag of Princeton Junction will teach the new fourth grade, created when the Board decided that increasing enrollments required that the combined third and fourth grades be separated this year. She obtained a bachelor's degree in humanities at Providence College in Rhode Island and a master's degree in elementary education at Seton Hall University. She has several years' experience in elementary and high school teaching. She recently served as a parent classroom volunteer and worked in the "science wizards" program and children's library at the Maurice Hawk School. She was also a co-op parent at the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church Co-op Nursery School.

Susan M. Palmer became the school's new part-time music teacher. She graduated from the Crane School of Music, State University College of Arts & Sciences, Potsdam, New York, in music education with a flute major. She has a master's degree in elementary/early childhood education with a reading/language arts major from the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers. She taught for several years at schools in Eatontown and East Brunswick.

Patricia N. Emanuele of East Windsor is the new receptionist/accounting clerk.

In response to requests from the public for more materials to review while the Board conducts its meetings, the Board authorized "that at least one copy of all committee reports be placed out for public review during" Board meetings. The reports will be labeled "For Review Purposes—Do Not Remove." School officials' draft reports and reports not yet formally received by the Board will remain unavailable to the public.

An Ad Hoc Public Relations Committee was formed and authorized to purchase up to \$80 worth of materials to perform its

functions. The Committee consists of Board members Michael Hamilton (Chair), Jan Plumb and Margaret Schlinski. Mr. Hamilton said the Committee's purpose was to involve the community in a "team effort" with the Board, give the town information about district activities and "win support" for Board programs. He added that the Committee might contribute articles to the Bulletin to, among other things, explain Board procedures, such as how to have items put on meeting agendas. The Committee plans to invite residents and community groups to its meetings to receive input on school-related issues. A meeting originally scheduled for September was put off until October in order to allow better attendance.

The Board decided to renew its annual insurance coverage with the Garden State School Boards Insurance Group, for \$12,735. The cost was down about \$300 from the previous year's coverage.

The Board authorized CSA Groveman to spend up to \$10,300 (the new formal bid requirement threshold) to have an electrical line installed to the gymnasium stage area and to replace stage lighting and provide for heating to accommodate music instruction in the area. Mr. Groveman said he would obtain informal price quotations in order to obtain a competitive price.

At the July 18 meeting Mr. Groveman asked the Board to consider forming an Ad Hoc Regionalization Committee "to begin to informally investigate the feasibility of regionalizing our school program, either in part or in total, with one or more of our neighbors." On July 11 Mr. Groveman had reported that he had discussed the possibility of regionalization with the Superintendent of the East Windsor Regional School district. He said the 1991-92 school year may find Governor James Florio's administration proposing incentives for regionalization. Mr. Groveman noted that Roosevelt presently pays "about \$8,000 tuition per student" to send grades seven through twelve to East Windsor. On August 1 the Board tabled discussion of the issue until August 8. On August 8 the

subject was not on the agenda.

The Board authorized Mr. Groveman to file an application for \$1,710 in Chapter 1 School Program Improvement Funds. If approved by the State, the money will be used to equip a work station with computers. Mr. Groveman explained that acceleration of plans to use computers with a special software program will lead to 90 percent of the students no longer needing basic skills remediation after two years. The Resource Room teacher is currently receiving training in the new program.

Mr. Groveman reported that staff attendance was 95 percent during the 1990-91 school year, down less than one percent from the previous year and "right on acceptable as per state guidelines." He said student attendance was 94.8 percent, less than one percent improved over the previous year and well above the 90 percent deemed acceptable under state guidelines.

On August 8 the Board approved joint transportation routes with the East Windsor Regional School District for special education students and private school students.

The Board circulated a draft 1991-92 Parent-Student Handbook for review and comment prior to approving it.

The Board approved an August 8 resolution supporting federal Superfund amendments that would eliminate municipal solid waste, including school district waste, as a hazardous substance and empowering only the federal government to sue local governments for cost sharing in the cleanup of hazardous sites containing municipal solid waste. Stuart Kaufman, the Borough Council's liaison to the School Board, thanked the Board for adding its voice to calls to prevent companies sued for polluting landfills from demanding that municipalities pay huge shares of the cleanup costs because their solid waste was mixed with the companies' hazardous waste. Roosevelt had been joined in such a lawsuit involving the Lone Pine Landfill, the recipient of Borough trash for many years.

Mr. Kaufman also told the Board that he was looking into taking care of a hole found

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School Building News

by Bob Clark

During the summer the Roosevelt School Board moved steadily ahead with plans to renovate the school building to put the district in compliance with state standards, improve the educational environment and handle growing enrollments. After several meetings, a 10-member Ad Hoc Committee for Facility Planning recommended to the Board a project that would cost an estimated \$953,160. The suggested project was a less-expensive variant of one of three options presented to the Committee by L. Robert Kimball & Associates, the Board's consulting architectural firm, on July 31.

If the Board goes ahead with the project, school officials said they will put the issue to a public vote in a bond referendum. The Board plans to hold a public meeting in the fall to explain the project to residents and receive their comments. One such meeting was already held on June 18. Fifteen members of the public attended, and letters from the Teachers' Association, PTA, Community Summer Camp, Roosevelt Players and Senior Citizens' Group were read. Interpreting the feedback from residents attending a public meeting on the project held on June 18, Board President John Ord said, "The consensus of the town seems to be to keep the school open but to watch costs."

In addition to Mr. Ord, committee members are Board members Edward Grossman,

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on the school grounds. He also requested copies of all reports regarding asbestos in his capacity as a member of the Council Health and Safety Committee. Board member Margaret Schlinski said the school playground had deteriorated and should be upgraded.

Mr. Groveman told the Board that he had been approved as a presenter for a round table discussion regarding sending school districts during the annual convention of the New Jersey School Boards Association in Atlantic City.

The Board sponsored a first day back-to-school orientation breakfast for staff on September 3.

Under "good and welfare" at the July 18 meeting, Dolores Chasan suggested an "old-timers chorus" at the next graduation. •

Allen Newrath, Harry Parker, Jan Plumb and Margaret Schlinski, Chief School Administrator (CSA Harry Groveman), Mayor Leon Barth, council member William Counterman and Planning Board Chair Gail Hunton.

CSA Groveman told the Committee that a \$900,000 bond with a 20-year payback would cost the average homeowner about \$250 annually in new taxes. He said this figure could be reduced "somewhat," because up to 40 percent of the district's loan interest would be paid by state foundation aid. Mr. Groveman added, "The reality is that certain of these things need to be done anyway." The district expects to have to replace RPS's ancient boiler, remove asbestos and bring the library and health area up to state standards. Mr. Groveman noted that a grant program proposed by Governor James Florio's administration to fund qualified school renovation projects could fund as much as 40 percent of Roosevelt's project.

The selected proposal calls for new hot water heating and ventilation systems at a cost of \$200,000. Among other things, the work would replace the 56-year-old steam boiler and system. Kimball Associates engineer Michael Toy said the school's had survived 25 years beyond its life expectancy and could fail at any point, requiring a shut-down of the school for emergency replacement and asbestos control. In addition, the present boiler is not fuel-efficient. \$108,500 more of the total project cost would be needed to heat, air condition and ventilate the expanded library and relocated administrative offices, heat and ventilate the gymnasium as required by state code and repair and replace ventilation equipment in the classrooms.

Removal of asbestos (including floor tiles containing the substance) would cost an additional \$65,000 as part of the overall project cost. The district expects to face the need to remove unsafe, friable (easily crumbled) asbestos in the near future. Committee members said accomplishing some of these tasks as part of an orderly plan is preferable to dealing with the aged heating and ventilation system, and related asbestos, in emergencies.

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Roosevelt Science Program Featured in *Odyssey* Magazine

by Joan Grossman

Roosevelt Public School teacher Ilene Levine, who is the school's science content specialist for the third through sixth grades, has been recognized in *Odyssey* Magazine, a science education publication, for her project on lunar rocks with last year's third and fourth grade classes.

Entitled "Far Out - Rock Around the Classroom," The *Odyssey* article describes the unit, which included learning about the history of the moon by viewing six types of lunar rock and soil through a microscope, then applying the knowledge in the construction of a model lunar landscape out of plaster.

A visit by two scientists from the Space Studies Institute in Rocky Hill who brought along a remote-controlled robot which the students helped navigate the RPS lunar landscape, were among the highlights of the unit. •

School Board News: September 1991

1990-91 Educational Objectives Met

by Lenore Mogin

The September 12 meeting was attended by Chief School Administrator Harry Groveman, Board Secretary Debra Allen, and the following members of the Board of Education: Board President John Ord, Harry Parker, Edward Grossman, Michael Hamilton, and Howard Kaufman. Board members not attending were Margaret Schlinski, Jan Plumb, Allen Newrath, and Robert Petrilla.

CSA Groveman reported on an article in *Odyssey* magazine for September, 1991, on the Roosevelt School third and fourth grade science project planned by their teacher, Ilene Levine. They studied samples of moon rocks obtained through the regional NASA office and were visited by scientists from the Space Studies Institute in Rocky Hill, who provided the students with an exciting, informative exposure to the world of space science.

CSA Groveman reported the receipt of a summary report from Monmouth County Superintendent Millard Hughes concerning the satisfactory completion of the Roosevelt district's educational objectives for 1990-1991.

There are plans, said the CSA, for one of the teachers to attend a mathematics workshop at Rutgers University.

The Jersey Homesteads Historic District Advisory Council, a group appointed by the Mayor and Council, has written to the CSA requesting permission to display materials relating to the history of Roosevelt in the school lobby, below the mural.

Board President's Statement:

Board President John Ord stressed the importance of the Board voting on the proposed renovation of the school. He regretted the absence of four members but stated that the voting had already been tabled once, at the August meeting. Any member of the public can see the plans for the school renovation by calling Mr. Groveman.

In the public session, Dolores Chasan, speaking for the Historic District Advisory

Council, explained that the group was probably going to use a taped presentation of the Roosevelt story and was obtaining materials now being stored at Rutgers and in other locations for an exhibit.

In the Committee Report section of the meeting, Michael Hamilton of the Policy committee asked to defer consideration of the following board policies, citing a need for further time to complete their preparation:

Policy No.	Title
2224	Affirmative Action
3542.31	Availability of Free or Reduced Price Meals
5113	Truancy/Absences and Excuses
5114	Suspension and Expulsion/ Pupil Due Process
5123	Progress Deficiencies
5125	Pupil Records
5131/5144	Student Conduct/Expectations of Student Behavior
5131.61	Drug Free School Zone
5141	Health and Cleanliness
5141.3	Health Examinations and Immunizations
5142	Fingerprinting
5142.1	Safety Patrol
5145.12	Search and Seizure

In the portion of the meeting devoted to Education and Personnel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

The grants for Chapter I Basic Skills Improvement for \$3,773 and for Drug Free Schools for \$400.

The summary report issued by the Monmouth County Superintendent of Schools regarding the status of our district's progress toward meeting our 1990-91 District-Wide Objectives.

The revised 1991-92 District-Wide Objectives and authorized the CSA to forward a copy to the County Superintendent.

The 1991-92 District-Wide Inservice Plans and the CSA was authorized to for-

ward a copy to the County Superintendent.

Wednesday, October 9, 1991 as our Back-to-School Night Open House.

CSA Groveman recommended reappointment of Arlene Miller as consultant school psychologist on the Child Study Team for 1991-92. She will be paid \$210 for three visits. It was approved unanimously.

Under Finance and Operations the following occurred:

The Board Secretary, Debbie Allen, submitted a report on the completed district audit to the Board. There was a Corrective Action Plan which was recommended by the auditor as of September and October, 1991 dealing with School food Services, student body activities, and financial planning, accounting and reporting. These will be implemented by the Board Secretary.

A copy of the 1990-91 audit, in synopsis form, is available for the public to see at the school, after contacting the CSA.

Ms. Allen reported that she anticipates an increase of \$21,000 in the cost of transportation this year. Three new students have moved into the district.

Facility Renovation

The recommendation to proceed with the renovations as described in Option 2A and to authorize the architectural firm of L. Robert Kimball to proceed with development and drawing of schematic drawings and to authorize the remittance of any filing fees was made by the Ad Hoc Committee on Facility Renovations. There was a motion to approve Option 2A by Harry Parker, seconded by Ed Grossman.

Mr. Grossman then questioned what pursuing this motion would involve in cost. Mrs. Allen estimated a maximum of \$2,000 for the filing fee. All members of the Board expressed their intent to provide an improved facility to improve educational experiences for Roosevelt students, as well as

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Nursery School Opens New Year of Fun and Learning

by Joan Grossman

Students at Roosevelt Community Nursery School began a new school year this month with enthusiasm and anticipation.

As this issue of the Bulletin reaches community members' homes, the emphasis will be on fall and the upcoming Halloween and Thanksgiving holidays. The planned visit to the Pumpkin Patch is among the highlights of the season.

Parents can look forward to our Back to School Night and the many opportunities for involvement which our program offers them.

Thanks to the efforts of June Counterman, staff and parents will be able to receive Community CPR training this fall through a program geared especially for RCNS.

As always, we thank the members of the community for their continued support and especially Congregation Anshei Roosevelt.

We invite any community member who wishes to come in and share a special hobby or interest with our students. Just call Donna Ventola, our head teacher, at 426-9523 to arrange a time and date.

A reminder that our Used Book Sale is coming up on October 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Roosevelt Public School. We're still collecting for it; just leave the books in the barrel at Boro Hall or call Joan Grossman at 448-9385 for pickup.

There are still a few openings available in our morning nursery school program. If you're interested, call the school at 426-9523 to arrange a visit and to receive an application packet. •

RCNS Announces Day Care Program

by Lauralynne Cokeley

Our program got off to a great start on September 5th. We have thirteen children attending on a regular basis plus another five that drop-in from time to time. We have assembled a well qualified teaching staff who are eager to make this first year a great success.

Our head teacher, Donna Ventola, is also the teacher at our Nursery School. She lives in Millstone, has two children ages 5 & 7, and has a B.A. and state certification in Early Childhood Elementary Education. She is excited about this new program and hopes that it will develop and grow as well as the Nursery Program has. Miss Donna works with the younger children ages 2 1/2 thru 6.

Beth Johnson is the teacher for children in grades 1 - 6. She is a long time resident of Roosevelt and frequently works as a substitute teacher at RPS. She has a B.A. and state certification in Elementary Education. Miss Beth brings to the program a variety of creative and innovative projects for the children to become involved with.

We also have two teacher aides. Sue Valenti lives in Millstone and has 2 children ages 4 & 7. She is new to the area but hopes that by working close to home she will get to know many of her neighbors. Sandy Wolk lives in Perrineville and also has two children 4 & 7. She is happy to have found a job where her children can be with her while she works.

Our program runs until 6:00 p.m. and will be open on most school holidays and

school half days. Children ages 2 1/2 thru 6th grade are eligible to attend. We have endeavored to create a program that will be affordable to all. The tuition is based on the total number of hours that a family uses per month. The more hours used, the lower the hourly rate. Families with more than one child will find this tuition schedule to be economical. Our goal is to provide quality child care at a reasonable price.

If you do not need care on a daily basis, but only occasionally such as staff development days, a drop-in service is available. Depending on attendance, this service may be limited due to staff/student ratio requirements. Therefore it is available on a first come, first served basis.

We do still have room for more students on a daily basis. In fact, several families that had indicated they were in need of our program during last year's survey have not registered. We based our budget on the information that Roosevelt families provided us. If you have need of child care or are using another program, please come and visit us. We know that you will like what you see. If you have any questions about our program, call the Day Care answering machine at 448-1854 and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible.

We look forward to caring for and meeting the needs of the children in Roosevelt in the months to come; as well as continuing to serve the needs of our community in future years. •

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

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

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

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PTA News

by Adeenah Yeger

The Roosevelt PTA started the year with a "Welcome Back Lunch" for all staff at RPS on Wednesday, September 4. We are looking forward to a very exciting year. Our first meeting of the year, the annual membership tea, was held on Monday, September 23. It was good to see so many members in attendance. Our next annual event was school pictures which were taken on Thursday, September 26.

The first assembly program this year will be from the Franklin Institute on Tuesday, October 1 at 9:15 a.m. They will present a show on electricity. We thank the assembly committee, Liz Gagliardi, Al Luckenback, and Carol Miller for all their work in reviewing, previewing, and booking assemblies for our students.

Our annual Scholastic book Fair will be Wednesday and Thursday, October 23 & 24. Thank you JoAnne Parker for the wonderful job you do as chairperson for this event.

Our annual Halloween Party will be held on October 31 after school. Anyone interested in helping out at this event should contact Adeenah Yeger at 443-5848.

The next PTA meeting will be on October 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the school lobby. We hope to see you there!

Camp Carnival Enlivens the Summer

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

Step right up, Ladies and Germs, and hear the marvelous story of Roosevelt's First, Best, and Only Carnival, which was staged by none other than the beautiful and talented members of the Roosevelt Community Summer Camp and gladdened the hearts of parents, relatives, schoolfriends, and neighbors on the glorious evening of August 8 at the campus of our fair elementary school!

The fun started at 6 p.m., when attendees were enticed into the school's outdoor "enclosure" by the sight of brilliant helium balloons, the smell of free popcorn, and the sound of young spielers touting the wonders of their colorful and highly amusing camp-made game booths. The exciting challenges of the whiffleball throw, the apple bob, the ring toss, the skeeball pitch, the spine-tingling Spook House, the exotic gypsy fortune-telling booth and many more attractions entranced young and old alike. For 45 heart-pounding minutes, happy carnival goers reveled in games and prizes and savored the flavorful refreshments, while RCSC campers—a younger and an older child manning each booth—masterminded the fun and occasionally even slipped away

to enjoy the other booths themselves.

At 6:45, the spectators took their places and the young, caped master-of-ceremonies announced the start of the show. The Nursery Campers first charmed the audience with a spirited song, followed on this remarkable programme by the ferocious Wild Cats and their tamer, the fearsome Wild Man of Borneo and his lovely keeper, the awe-inspiring strongman, the daring escape artists, and beautiful dancers galore—the Cartwheeling Kindergartners, the sultry Dixie Kittens, and the alluring Caribbean Ladies. When the last of the enthusiastic applause died down, the Midway reopened, offering the satisfied crowd a last crack at the games before the cleanup crew commenced its unsung fantastic RCSC season! Thanks from all of us parents go to Camp Directors Margaret Schlinski and Howie Kaufman, to Nursery Camp Directors Jan Plumb and Rose Berens, to Arts and Crafts Director Ilene Levine, and to this year's newcomers: Drama Director Tess List, and counselors Holly Conover, Craig Kaufman, Tina Kaufman and Abe Schlinski. You were all wonderful and gave the kids a marvelous 5 weeks!•

Committee Members Needed

by Harry Groveman
Chief School Administrator

The Roosevelt Public School hopes to embark on a special curriculum project concerned with the implementation of a school-wide nature and environmental studies program. We hope to be able to take advantage of our proximity to the Assunpink Wildlife Preserve, Etra Lake and any other local resources to develop a program that can become a regular part of our science curriculum and can incorporate field trips as well as building programs.

We are currently looking for community members to help us in developing this curriculum. If this is an area of personal interest and you have some time to share, please contact Harry Groveman at the Roosevelt School at 448-2798.•

Roosevelt's July 4th Four Mile Run and One Mile Fun Race

by Herb Johnson

At least fourteen people were involved in conducting or running in Roosevelt's 14th annual one mile fun run for children of age 12 or less, and the four mile run for others, on July 4th. The races began at the end of Tamara Drive at Rochdale Avenue. Two times around Roosevelt by way of Tamara, Pine, Homestead, North Valley, and Lake is four miles long.

Bob Clark set a blistering pace this year to come in third place in 33.3 min. behind Roger Huth in 28.2 min. and Lonnie Covington in 30 min. Just 29 seconds behind Clark was Judy Alexander, the first place woman. Next were Mike DeCocco, Laurie Altman, Leonard Sacharoff, and Dylan Altman. Another woman ran at least two miles.

In the fun run, Jessica Drewitz, age 6, went half mile down Tamara and back to the starting line in 10 min. 45 seconds. No other youth ran this year. Everyone who runs is a winner. No awards for place are given. Everyone who finishes either run is given an impressive certificate.

Laurie Altman commented that this was his 13th year in the 4 mile run. He started in 1979, the same year he quit smoking.

The committee that planned and conducted the events was surprised at the small number of participants. The usual manner of publicizing the event, attaching large posters on lamp posts in ten key locations in town, and at the East Windsor bus stop, was continued. The hope was expressed that an article in the Boro Bulletin might prompt more residents of Roosevelt to mark 8 a.m., July 4, 1992 on their calendars and do some

jogging next spring to prepare themselves, and then come run in Roosevelt on Independence Day. Residents can invite out of town friends to run here too.

Some of the volunteers who conducted this community-spirited activity which kicked off Roosevelt's annual Fourth of July festivities were Margaret Schlinski, Bill Counterman, Herb Johnson and Howard Kaufman.

July 4, 1991 4 Mile Run Results

Adults	2 mile	4 mile
1. Roger Huth	14:40	28:13
2. Lonnie Covington	14:40	30:00
3. Bob Clark	16:36	33:20
4. Judy Alexander	17:25	33:49
5. Mike DeCocco	17:20	33:55
6. Laurie Altman	17:26	34:32
7. Leonard Sacharoff	17:35	36:10
8. Dylan Altman	17:56	36:22

1 Mile Fun Run Results

Jessica Drewitz	10:45
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Environmental Awareness

by Gloria Hazell (Blue Rain)

Recently at a Native American Sundance, I had the honor to meet, and smoke a Sacred Pipe with Floyd Red Crow Westerman, who played Ten Bears in Dances with Wolves. I say it was an honor because this man is very much like the character he plays in the film. A leader, a warrior, and a spiritual being. He cares about the Earth, and for all races of mankind. I was asked by him to smoke the pipe, along with four others. Two of us were white the other two Indian. The Pipe ceremony is very simple, yet very powerful; prayers are said through the pipe to the Creator, and the pipe becomes a bridge. Unless you know about the Native culture the significance of this act will be lost, if you do know about it you will understand my feelings.

The Sundance itself was in Pipestone, Minnesota. Andy, Andrew and I had been invited to attend it by some of the Indians we know from that area. The ceremony is one of seven sacred rites that the Sioux use. (I use the word Sioux as most people will

know which group of Indians I mean, although they themselves do not use the name.) At a religious ceremony such as this, non-Indians are not usually included, so we felt truly honored to be asked and knew that we had to attend. So we took a vacation and arrived there in good time to assist with the setting up of the camp. While we were there we learned many things, both practical, such as putting up a shelter from scratch, and cooking over an open fire, to the not so practical here in the east, such as erecting a tipi. The Siouxan language was used most of the time in ceremony, so we even picked some of that up too.

There were about 200 people in the encampment, only a handful of those were non-Indian, many did not assist with the work, but those of us who did became like a family, and we supported each other as a family would. The ceremony itself was very sacred, the area that was used became like an open church for the four days the Sundance was being performed. No cameras, recording equipment, or even draw-

ing materials were allowed into the arbor. All women had to wear a skirt, and cover their shoulders as a mark of respect, men had to wear long pants. It was my job to make sure the women were dressed correctly, which became a trial of sorts, some Indian women do not like being told by a white how to dress for their own ceremonies. A couple of times it became a bit difficult, but then along would come one of the "family" to support me.

I do not have the right to write about the Sundance itself, except to say that it was the most spiritual ceremony I have ever attended. No church could ever make me feel so in touch with the Creator as this did. I can understand the whites of 100 years ago being scared of the Indian rites because they really do get powerful, and touch God. The whites of course thought that they were praying to Gods, but there is only the one, Wakan Takan, the Great Mystery, the Great Spirit, or the Creator.

We have been asked back for next years Sundance, (they occur once a year for four

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Lyme Disease

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number of Lyme Disease victims in the community was undertaken at the initiative of Council member Howard Prezant and conducted under the direction of Mary Alfare. As a result, an Advisory Council on Lyme Disease was established to bring authentic information to the public and to examine what preventive measures might be possible. The resolution called for a body of 10 members of whom six have been named by Mayor Barth. The members are: Mr. Prezant, Bruce Reimbold, Mary Alfare, Joan Grossman, Virginia Edwards Stout, and Joshua Ticktin. The plan begins with a public meeting at which a panel of experts, including a physician, a veterinarian, and county health officers, will answer questions and receive input from the many Lyme disease sufferers and other residents of Roosevelt. The time will likely be on a Saturday afternoon at a date yet to be determined.

Official History Group

Another borough commission recently created by ordinance is the Jersey Homesteads Historic District council, with a membership of eight whose chairman is Arthur Shapiro. Its general purpose is to preserve and make known the town's unique and valuable heritage.

Tax Time

The annual budget was finally adopted in August after the State turned down the council's appeal for a higher local purpose tax rate than the state's proposed 26 cents per \$100 assessment. The total tax rate is now \$4.51 per \$100, reflecting an estimated average reduction of \$200 a year per household. Mr. Prezant, chairman of the finance committee, announced that the 3rd

quarter payment is due on October 1 and that the interest rate for late payment will be in force after that date. He expects that the borough will soon hold a tax lien sale for properties with unpaid tax or utility balances from 1990.

Possible Progress

Council member Lee Allen, chairman of the utilities committee, reported progress on sewer line and sewer treatment plant repairs, but was unable to state with certainty that the inflow/infiltration problem was solved. He estimated a 15% to 20% improvement so far and expressed confidence in a better outcome after the next sewer line project is finished: the replacement of 2600 feet of pipe in the easement between Tamara Drive and Rochdale Avenue. The borough engineer was authorized to prepare plans and specifications for the new sewer lines, to be followed by advertisement for bids, with funds to come from the utility budget. Other awards of contracts for engineering services for inspection and rehabilitation were voted on with funds to come from the FmHA loan that was recently approved. Mr. Allen also received approval from the council to contract for repairs and development of well #4, at a cost of not more than \$1,920.

Mercury Mystery Solved

The troubling problem of mercury-contaminated sludge has been solved. The mercury apparently came from a broken piece of equipment within the sewer plant. Since it was all in one place, it was easily eliminated by a one-time operation so that the sludge can now be moved at a cost of only (!) \$6,000.

Recycle News

Recycling coordinator David Donnelly reported, in August, that there was a satisfactory second quarter figure of 25.93 tons of collected recyclables, or 20.7 lbs per person per month. A fair response was also seen in the new collectibles (magazines, envelopes etc.) brought to the Borough Hall parking lot. At the September council meeting, he suggested ways to bring down the costs and bulk of solid waste collection by keeping out grass cuttings, leaves and construction waste from our garbage cans, as well as by adding to the list of recyclables.

Garbage Up

Council member Peter Warren, chair-

man of the community relations committee, reported on efforts to contact surrounding communities such as East Windsor, Cranbury, Millstone and Hightstown, and to have talks with private haulers, before putting out bids, in order to find the best method of keeping garbage collection expenses as low as possible in the face of rising costs.

He also informed the council that water conservation has been advanced somewhat by a discovery that the Imhoff tank at the sewer plant has been treated with drinking water at a rate of over 3000 gallons a day, a situation that will be eliminated promptly. A report to DEP on the results of efforts to reduce water consumption is due in March.

Lone Pine

At the August meeting, the council passed a resolution of support for Federal legislation protecting municipalities from lawsuits by corporate polluters. In the case of the Lone Pine Landfill located in Freehold, toxic waste producing companies were ordered to pay clean-up costs of \$60 million under the Superfund law. These large corporations are now suing municipalities, who also used the landfill for regular non-toxic waste, in order to force them to pay the major part of that cost. In effect, these corporations are attempting to flout the Superfund ruling and place the burden of the clean-up on the taxpayers. The resolution asks Congress to amend the Superfund law to state that municipal solid waste is not a hazardous substance and to eliminate municipal government liability for ordinary waste disposal, thereby stopping litigation against municipalities by the big polluters.

Mayor Barth participated in a nationwide assembly of municipal officials in Washington to protest this move by these powerful companies and he described the strong support received from many national leaders in Congress, including Senator Bill Bradley. The amount being sought from Monmouth County and its municipalities is approximately \$5.3 million. This is aside from the costs of litigation that would evolve on municipal and county budgets.

Appointments

The Council agreed to hire Ellen Francis as the crossing guard and appointed Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik as Assistant Tax Collector. The place of Dog Census Taker for 1992 is still open. •

Environmental Awareness

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years.) I will be working with the children, of all races, and we will be showing them how to set up their own encampment, and all of the work that goes along with that. I of course do not know that much about the practical stuff but will be working alongside women and warriors who do. I am looking forward to that immensely.

If you would like to hear more about this experience please call me, and I will be delighted to give you more information. Remember to walk softly on the Earth, because you are one of its caretakers...

Street Sense

by Henry John-Alder

At its September meeting, Council authorized improvements to "certain streets and roads". At face value, passage of this ordinance is welcome news, as most of us endure roads in disrepair on a daily basis. Funds for repairs will come from the municipal budget, which contains about \$120,000 for this purpose, and, with any luck, from competitive state sources to which Rose Murphy, to her credit, has submitted applications. At present, the municipal funds are secure, and passage of the ordinance was not predicated on successful competition for state funds.

Curiously, however, Council has chosen to make repairs that will directly benefit only a handful of Roosevelt residents. Council has chosen to repair Brown Street, Elm Court, and South Rochdale Avenue and to extend Lake Drive to intersect Rt. 571. None of the most heavily used roads will be repaired at this time, and one of the jobs is strictly optional by any criteria.

Council's choices are not indefensible, but they merit lower priority than some of our more heavily used streets. 1) The best case can be made for South Rochdale, which deserves high priority because of its heavy use and its visual prominence as an entry into Roosevelt. However, much of South Rochdale's heavy use is not by Roosevelt residents, and the slated repairs will include controversial new curbs, which represent about 30% of the cost. 2) Brown Street is a dead-end tucked away on the southern edge of town next to Assunpink. Three homes are on Brown Street. 3) Elm Court is another dead-end with six homes. Elm court was damaged by the sewer work and is badly in need of repair. In this regard, Elm is like Farm, Valley, and Tamara, the difference being that the latter three are much more heavily used. 4) The Lake Drive extension is, at this point, strictly optional and strongly disfavored by some of the affected residents. In defense of the extension, Mr. Counterman noted that the intersection of South Valley with Rt. 571 is quite hazardous and that he and others use Spruce Lane to be safe. Spruce Lane's

intersection is safer than South Valley's, but it is less convenient for those traveling toward Hightstown. Thus, the extension of Lake Drive would seem to be primarily for the convenience of those wishing to avoid South Valley. In anticipation of a speeding problem after extension of Lake Drive, Council indicated reassuringly that an enforceable 25 MPH speed zone will be posted. The extension of Lake may also expose residents to drivers who might use Lake either to get around heavy trucks on Rt. 571 or just to have fun. Because it is largely for convenience and because it presents new risks, the extension of Lake Drive would seem to be a low-priority job.

The strongest argument in defense of the chosen streets, one articulated forcefully by mayoral-candidate Lee Allen, seems to be that existing funds are sufficient to complete these four jobs but insufficient for complete repair of more heavily used roads. There's something to be said for that argument. People like to see jobs done to completion, and it sounds good to say that you've completed four jobs rather than one. However, when the jobs are of relatively little consequence, any gain is mainly cosmetic. By analogy, there's something to be said for replacing your car's exhaust

system when the muffler breaks. Who would want a shiny new muffler in line with some rusty old pipes?

Often, as at present, there is just not enough money to go around, so priorities are set and jobs are done as well as possible. In cases like this, priorities are usually set for optimal benefit, i.e. for the benefit of as many people as possible.

Attractive alternatives to Council's choices of road repairs would be to divert funds from Brown, Elm, and Lake, to save by not installing curbs on South Rochdale, and to use the freed funds for Farm, Valley, or Tamara. Any one of these alternatives would be of certain and direct benefit to a much larger number of residents than will the current four streets. Perhaps Farm Lane would be the most sensible place to start. Later, when further street work can be funded, less important jobs could be done.

Others in town may have different or better ideas on how best to use our limited funds. Remember, these funds are ours, not Council's, and we all should have some input into their expenditure. Please discuss your ideas with those who face contested elections this fall. Political responsiveness is a common correlate of the political desire to win. Here, political sense would also make street sense.

A View From a Council Seat

by Stu Kaufman

I hope everyone has come back from their summer vacation well rested. I know you were away, because nobody was at the last council meeting. You could have mailed a post card. As an incentive for coming to council meetings, we could have the Mayor marry the first couple that attends our next meeting.

Recently Green Acres land near Pine Drive and the borough bulletin board, were looking like dumps. I'm pleased to tell you that both areas are now clean. Thanks to those individuals who made this all possible. Remember: don't be mean-keep it clean.

I have a question: What is turkey ham? I know what a turkey is and I know what ham is, but I've never seen a turkey ham. I need your help on this one. Send in those answers right away. When we've figured this one out, we can go on to turkey salami.

Till next month, stay well.

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Thanks

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The words thank you are too simple when my emotions are so touched.

It is hard to describe how wonderful it is to receive phone calls, cards and even gifts from so many people.

I am truly grateful for your thoughtfulness and appreciate your every gesture.

Thanks again and again.

Diana Klein

Child Care Dilemma

To the Editor:

My husband, two children - 4 & 8 years old, and I live in Roosevelt. I myself have lived here all my life. Like many of today's families, ours is a two income household. So I have faced the same problems that many other women face: "Who will take care of my children while I work?". I have tried many ways of solving this problem, several different day care centers and babysitters and combinations of both. This year I have found the best solution, the Roosevelt Community Day Care Program.

This new program started just two weeks ago, but in that short time I have to say that it is the best buy in town. The teachers and aides seem to be really dedicated. My kids don't want to leave at the end of the day.

The interaction I have observed between the teachers and the children lead me to believe that my children have been well cared for during the hours that I must be away from them. They have been truly "mothered" by being given time, attention, care, and praise. The projects that they have worked on have been creative and fun. The teachers play with them rather than watching them play by themselves.

It saddens me to see that more people are not making use of this great program. As with any new project, if people do not support it, it will soon die. I am grateful that

we have people in Roosevelt who are committed to establishing a program for pre-school and elementary children that is both affordable and provides quality care. I would recommend the program to any of your readers with young children. The convenience of having it right here in Roosevelt is tremendous. My children get the added advantage of playing with other children from their own classes, in an environment that they are already comfortable and familiar with.

I really can't say enough about the program and I hope that others will see that it can be the answer to their child care dilemma as well. It is providing a greatly needed service to our community.

Sincerely,

Trash Display

The following letter was sent to the borough council:

On August 28, 1991 I became cognizant of an accumulation of trash beneath the bulletin board at the Post Office. A note was also posted on the board signed "Mayor and Council." This note described the point of where and where not to dump in our locality.

I was disheartened to have observed this occurrence in our town and further offended by this apparent act of the council and mayor.

I was then made aware that Councilman Peter Warren had placed this display without the knowledge of all council members. I approached the councilman and requested that he remove the trash and place it in a more appropriate location. Mr. Warren was also asked by other officials to remove his exhibit. I then observed Councilman Warren placing more trash at the site instead of removing it as requested.

On August 30, a member of our community, Ed Goetzmann, removed the trash.

I found this act by Councilman Warren extremely offensive and out of character

for a Council member. I disfavor his action and believe that there are more appropriate ways of communicating a message to the public.

Grace Kaufman

Mayoral Candidate

To the Editor:

Just wanted to let you know that there is an election this year and I'm a mayoral candidate. I intend to campaign quietly. After the last few elections we could all use a quiet one. I'm running for mayor for the same reason I ran for council last year. Elections in Roosevelt should give a voter choices. I can only ask for your vote, but you have to come out and vote. See you in November.

Stuart Kaufman

Water Fairness

The following is the text of a letter to the borough council, a copy of which was sent to the Bulletin:

This letter is our appeal to your notification that we will be charged an additional \$75 per year for our pool.

Although our house was originally built (but never occupied) for a doctor's family and contained 5 bedrooms, my husband and I have lived alone at the above address since February, 1973. Since that time, we have made many significant improvements to the house so that it would better reflect our lifestyle. It is currently a two bedroom house, if you count the tiny guest room as a bedroom. We have, however, retained the original three bathrooms and are currently redoing two of them due in large measure to fixtures that have become ruined by rust accumulation because they are underutilized.

In the past, we have spoken out rather vehemently against Roosevelt's wasteful

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non-metered water supply system since it does nothing to encourage people to use a precious resource wisely. Although many people would have you believe that Roosevelt cannot afford to convert to a water-meter system, our position is that it cannot afford to remain an unlimited use system. Statistically, this is born out by the fact that on average the typical Roosevelt household uses about twice the amount of water as any other town in New Jersey!

Our pool may appear to be an obvious example of a water "luxury" item, but this is far from true. We built our lap-pool ten years ago because both our families have a history of cardiovascular disease. The pool is much too shallow to have a diving board and therefore holds much less water than it appears and although it is long it is only two lanes wide. We each swim 108 laps per day (one mile). The pool still contains essentially the original water that was used to fill it. This is a result of our being concerned about water wastage ten years ago and that we therefore decided it was the morally right thing to do to pay a considerable premium for an expensive cartridge filter system that requires no back-washing.

We also minimize evaporation by covering our pool with a solar blanket in summer, and a winter cover at other times of the year. The pool itself is surrounded by a small concrete deck which in turn is surrounded by a large area of concrete deck which in turn is surrounded by a large area of burgundy shale, none of which require the constant watering (or polluting fertilizers) that a conventional lawn would require. Beyond the burgundy shale, we have trees and low-maintenance shrubs that live only if there is sufficient rainfall to sustain them. Landscapers hate us, but the birds and other wildlife that our yard attracts attest to its viability.

We are also avid whitewater canoeists and although most of our neighbors and co-workers are unaware of rainfall patterns and the current levels of reservoirs and watersheds in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia we are not because these are the areas in which we canoe, on a

year-round basis. Consequently, we are much more sensitive to the value of water and the underground aquifers that are being depleted at an alarming rate. At various times we have actively supported many environmental groups, including: American Rivers, Greenpeace, Sierra club, Audubon Society, NJ Audubon, Stonybrook/Millstone Watershed Association, etc.

When we purchased our house, the combined monthly water and sewer rate was \$11 and although it is now \$140, we were the only family that I know of that reacted to the dramatic increase in a positive fashion. We use Lake Assunpink to practice our canoeing techniques and to simply appreciate the wildlife there and we believe that whatever the cost, Roosevelt should comply with or exceed EPA guidelines. We value our rivers, lakes and oceans very highly and are tired of economics being used to justify every stupid, short-sighted selfish thing anyone wants to do anywhere. Of course Roosevelt should be subject to all environmental laws; if anything, due to our unique history of communally-owned greenbelt areas we should be a model conservation oriented community.

Penalizing all pool owners by increased taxes without making the effort to understand how much water different types of pools and filtration systems consume is grossly unfair. We, are to be taxed for water we don't use! This is too Kafkaesque. A more proper target for water-saving taxation is clearly lawn watering. Just because our cultural conditioning makes us expect

to see large green lawns surrounding houses doesn't mean the lawns are benign when it comes to water (and fertilizer and pesticide) usage. According to the July/August 1991 issue of Audubon Magazine "Lawns account for nearly half a suburban household's water demand".

Why not tax homeowners on a per-square-foot-of-lawn basis? Although this would still be unfair (since not all lawns are regularly watered), it is no more unfair than deciding that all pools are a luxury or that all pools use a lot of water. When you actually think about it, the small child sized pools that are normally used for a day or two, then emptied and refilled on the next hot day use up far more water than our in-ground pool does on an annual basis.

Charge us by water usage, not by applying unfair standards. If you won't meter the houses in Roosevelt for water usage, then consider permanent restrictions on the frequency and duration of lawn watering (not just during dry periods).

It would be hard to find anyone in town who values water more than we do. We provide a small amount of water for birds and other wildlife to drink; we don't mindlessly toss water in the air during a drought to keep our yard looking like a green carpet. We really believe that the era of lush green outdoor carpets is past.

On the basis of the foregoing, we hereby request an exemption from this new additional water tax.

Sincerely,

Timothy and Lorraine Hartley
29 Farm Lane

Nursery School Used Book Sale

at RPS

Sunday, October 27

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*For information or to donate books,
contact Joan Grossman at 448-9385*

School Building News

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According to the state-mandated three-year asbestos reinspection, conducted by Envi-Rx Laboratories, and the school's six-month reinspection, conducted at the same time, asbestos-containing material was found in seven situations at RPS. These include pipe wrapping, three types of floor tiles, boiler jacketing, boiler breeching and crawl space debris. In an August 1 report to the Board, CSA Groveman concluded, "The crawl space remains in an unsafe condition and must be addressed in a response action, and there are signs of some minor damage in the boiler room that must be addressed as well. The rest of the system remains in an undamaged, safe state [nonrefriable]."

Mr. Groveman recommended total removal of the asbestos from the boiler room and crawl space, as well as the thermal insulation in the current custodial office and child study office. He recommended that the Board do the work by the summer of 1992 and retain "a consulting firm to handle the development, initiation, monitoring and completion of this major removal operation." Mr. Groveman said the school would have to be closed during the work and estimated that if the job were done during the summer, it would cost from \$40,000 to \$50,000, plus \$10,000 for the consultant. At its August 8 meeting the Board adopted Mr. Groveman's report but tabled a vote to approve his recommendations.

The renovation proposal would provide a classroom for each grade in a K-6 program at Roosevelt Public School (RPS). Each classroom would accommodate 20 students. One grade would occupy the present kindergarten room. Suspended ceilings would be installed in the classrooms to cut down on heating costs, and classroom lighting would be redone. The gymnasium windows would also be altered to save energy costs. A new kindergarten room (with toi-

lets) and resource room/basic skills area would adjoin the present main entrance and gymnasium.

Storage space would also be added to the school. Electrical service would be placed underground and increased from 200 to 600 amps. A central sound and intercom system would be installed. Furniture for the kindergarten, library, art room, small group instruction areas and classrooms (book shelving) would account for \$24,600 of the estimated project cost. Architectural and engineering fees would total \$63,560 (which would include the \$6,800 already committed by the Board for the architect's feasibility study). Legal and bonding costs would amount to an estimated \$20,000. "Contingencies" to meet unexpected conditions were estimated "generously," according to Kimball architect Edward Kirkbride, at \$60,000 of the total project cost.

Under the proposal the library would expand to a 20-student capacity. The present library is substandard, according to state requirements.

The proposal would relocate office space and create a new health area near, and partially using, the lobby. The health area must be upgraded to meet state mandates. The Board decided to avoid any option that would significantly encroach on lobby space around the Shahn mural.

The plan would relocate the art room to the second floor, and the music area would remain in its present location on the stage.

About \$30,000 would be added to the estimated cost in order to air condition the seven classrooms. This would create more comfortable conditions during certain months of the existing school year, provide more comfort for community use of the building during the summer and allow the district the option of extending the school year into the summer months.

The Committee rejected a \$741,000 alternative that would have required no new construction but would have limited all classrooms to a 16-student capacity, a figure already reached in the first grade. There are currently 85 students enrolled in RPS, split by grades as follows:

- Kindergarten -12 students
- First Grade -16
- Second Grade -13
- Third Grade -13
- Fourth Grade -11
- Combined Fifth & Sixth Grades -20

(Fifth) 10

(Sixth) 10

Mr. Groveman stated that the Department of Education might not allow Roosevelt to continue combining classes much longer. He noted that the "ideal" student-teacher ratio should fall within the range of 16-1 to 20-1. He added that enrollment projections for the present housing configuration have indicated that incoming classes will grow larger. In addition, the Notterman tract east of North Valley Road is now zoned for an additional 76 residential units. Meanwhile, the present agricultural zoning for the northern farmlands would allow a house for every 10 acres. The Planning Board is also reviewing proposals that would permit more units to be constructed on these lands in return for reserving large tracts of open space for public use.

The Board put off until the fall a vote to authorize Mr. Groveman to submit educational specifications for the project of the State Department of Education's Division of Facility Planning. That office must review and approve educational specifications and architectural drawings before that Board can proceed to public referendum. •

Community Residence

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by Senator Richard Van Wagner. Shortly thereafter, however, Senator Van Wagner resigned from the Legislature and Senator John Bennett, at the request of the mayor and council, became the substitute sponsor. The bill, however, is still in the Senate State Government Committee, which is chaired by Senator Wynona Lipman of Essex County. An Assembly companion bill is being introduced by Assemblywoman Claire Farragher, also at the request of the mayor and council.

With the legislative elections approaching, there are likely to be fewer meetings at which the bills can be voted on, both in committee and by the full house. However, having bills in both houses may move the process along. With persistent lobbying, we may hope to get the attention of the legislative leadership and get the legislation passed and signed by Governor Florio, so that we can get the property restored to good condition and back on the tax rolls. •

Objectives Met

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concern for the costs involved.

A committee will be exploring the possible regionalization of the district with neighboring districts. This is encouraged by the State Department of Education for small districts.

Mr. Hamilton expressed concern that school enrollment might increase in the future with building of new homes. Mr. Kaufman was concerned about the funding of the plan and Board President Ord responded that funding was not known at present, as it depends on the state legislature and Governor working through fiscal problems. If the Governor receives approval we could receive close to 40%. "What will this mean to the Roosevelt taxpayer?" asked Mr. Kaufman. Estimates were impossible to give at this time, with any validity. Mr. Kaufman raised the possibility of considering a less expensive option but Board President Ord reasserted that this was the best possible plan. Mr. Kaufman expressed his belief that many areas could be pared down, e.g. carpeting, and was bothered by the cost of the plan. Grossman questioned how much freedom the Board had in changing the specifications and Board President Ord said a basic plan was needed although some changes were possible.

Mrs. Allen explained that it will probably take over 20 years to cover the cost of the renovation, should it be approved. You get the information of possible funding after state approval of your plan.

Mr. Hamilton asked whether going ahead with this plan would interfere with possible regionalization in future and was advised by Mr. Groveman and Mrs. Allen that it would not. Board President Ord reasserted that a committee of the Board is looking at regionalization as a possibility.

Mr. Groveman pointed out that when heating, ventilating, and safety problems are corrected, the other expenses are not high in Option 2A.

After considerable discussion, the motion was passed as follows:

In favor: Hamilton, Grossman, Parker, Ord

Against: Kaufman

The Board Voted unanimously on these items:

To approve the special education tuition contract with East Windsor Regional District in the amount of \$29,775.40 for the 1991-92 school year.

To designate the Midlantic Bank, Millstone Branch, as Depository for Student Activity Funds.

Any two of the following individuals are designated to sign checks, drafts or orders drawn against the said account:

Howard Prezant

Debra Lee Allen

Harry Groveman, CSA

There was a need for petty cash funds on a regular basis. The sum of \$350 will be placed in a checking account to be used for petty cash expenses for the Roosevelt School District below the amounts of \$50.00, \$50.00 of which will be kept on a cash basis for cash distribution of items below \$5.00 and the balance kept in a checking account for check distribution of sums from \$5.01 to \$50.00.

The Board members passed the following, Grossman abstaining:

To designate the Messenger Press as the board's official publication for all legal and classified advertisements, The Messenger Press, Asbury Park Press and Trenton Times will be sent all public notices and press releases.

Unanimous approval was voted for:

Acceptance of the audit report and audit recommendations as per Audit Synopsis from Seaman Co., our independent auditors for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1991.

The audit corrective action plans based on audit recommendations.

Administrator's Report

Administrator's monthly report was approved. Mr. Groveman will now be on the

mailing lists for pupils and will receive all notices regarding transportation from the middle school and high school. This measure is to correct a problem with communication on bus transportation.

The School Picture Day will be September 26th.

Old Business

Safety concerns on rainy days on School Lane, were expressed with a motion proposed and approved by all to write a letter to parents concerning care in driving children and parking problems on School Lane. The Safety Committee will meet concerning this.

Ad Ad Hoc Committee of the board was agreed upon unanimously to enter into preliminary discussions with East Windsor Regional District and Millstone Township Public School District regarding possible regionalization. Millstone students attend Allentown H.S.

Approval of Facility Educational Specifications:

After careful review and study of the educational needs of the Roosevelt Public School in terms of its current facility, the Board asked the CSA to develop educational specifications to address those needs and concerns. These were submitted to the Board and accepted. They have been submitted to the Department of Facility Planning for the purpose of seeking their approval to proceed to the next stage of planning.

New Business

The Board agreed to have the Historic District Advisory Council go ahead with the plan to have a historical exhibit in the school lobby and asked Dolores Chasan to get back to the Board as the council continues its plans.

All agreed on October 10, 1991 for the board meeting to hold a formal public hearing on the status of our facility renovation plans.

There will be a meeting of the Public Relations committee on October 1, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. •

Synagogue News

by Michael Ticktin, President

By the time this article appears, we will have completed the fall holiday season of Rosh Hashana to Simchat Torah. We wish to thank our chazzanim, Paul Eichler, Sol Metzger and Paul Brotzman, for doing a fine job in leading us through the High Holy Day liturgy. It should be noted that, on the second day of Rosh Hashana, for the first time in living memory, we had four kohanim (Paul Eichler, Eric Shapiro, Mark Katz and Jim Cohen) delivering the Priestly Benediction. This is certainly a source of encouragement.

We wish also to thank Leon and Helen Barth for the attractive new sign in front of the building that Leon designed and built and to thank the Sisterhood and the Gale, Flicker and Klatskin families for their generous contributions to cover the cost of new lighting and ceiling improvements.

Jewish calendars for 5752 are available at the synagogue for all members and friends who would like them. •

Dont
Forget
to Return
Your
Bulletin
Survey

...Et Nos in Illis ... And We Change Too!

by Peter Warren

New Kinds on the Block... Allison Rae Harding, Jamie Hague, Zachary Kangas, Sarah Deborah Toto.

Married... By Mayor Leon Barth, Roy Terry & Liz Johnson.

Moving In... On Eleanor Lane, John & Kathleen Towle to the Dinkel house and Daniel & Teri Lee Skye to the Hoffman house; Evan Meyers & Lori Daume to the Vasseur house on School Lane; George Mahlberg & Janet Gray to the Terry house on South Rochdale; Jane Lawlor & Kimberly Volanoski to the Cybulski house on North Valley.

Moving out... Jan Terry, who moved here in 1960, and Errol Lawrence to Pemberton; Daniel & Dahni Barkley to Millstone after 13 years; Michael & Anne DeCocco, to Millstone after 10 years. Michael & Susan Cybulski after six years; Thaddeus & Anne Prusik to Reeders, PA (near Water Gap) after 12 years.

Decided Not to Move... Mark & Karen Kangas.

On the Market... As of September 15, 12 houses for sale, one house for sale or rent.

Enrollment... At the primary school, 85 pupils; at the middle school, 15 pupils; at the high school, 32 pupils from Roosevelt.

Graduated... From NY Institute of Technology, with MS in Energy Management, Joseph Zahora; from Rutgers,

Scott Hartman, with BS; Kathleen John-Alder, BS; Mindy Shapiro, BA; from MCCC, Shannon Lukanani, AA in hotel management; Michael Nahmias, AA in communications.

Awarded... Governor's Recognition Award for Excellence in Teaching, Dahni Barkley; a new car for performance in selling Tupperware, Fay Nulman.

Landscaped... The Rocchia Swissomatic factory on North Valley.

Oldtimers... Only 20% of today's Roosevelt residents lived here before 1974; 40% moved in between 1974 and 1984; 40% moved in since 1984.

Return of the Native... George Vasseur (born here); Evan Meyers (childhood here).

Municipal Governing bodies... Number 567 in New Jersey, of which 49% (including Roosevelt) have 7 members; 32% have 5 members; 14% have 9 members; 4% have nine members and 1% have more than 10 members.

On Schedule... Proctor construction work at sewer plant, due for completion in December.

Flowing... Sewage in June, July, August, 174,000 gpd, 169,000 gpd, 177,000 gpd respectively (DEP ceiling 250,000 gpd); water for domestic usage, 169,000 gpd, 159,000 gpd, 146,000 gpd respectively.

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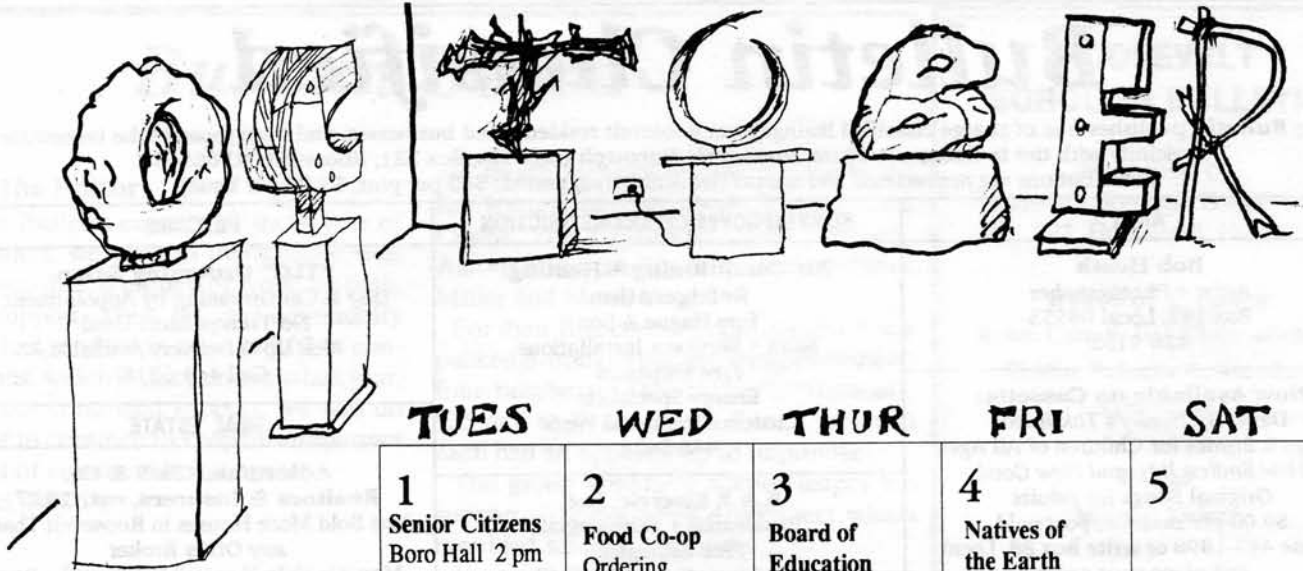
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6	7 Borough Council Agenda Mtg. Boro Hall 7:30 pm <i>Leon Barth, Mayor</i> (448-1870)	8	9 Planning Board Boro Hall 8 pm <i>Gail Hunton, chair</i> (426-4338)	10 Board of Education Action Meeting RPS, 7:30 pm	11	12
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