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Borough Council Report

Debate on Alternative Method Continues

by Adeline Weiner

The Borough Council voted to put the Borough engineers' specifications for repair of the sewer system out to bid, once in June, by unanimous vote, and again in July, when the issue of using a new technique called Insituform for the correction of the infiltration and inflow (I&I) aspect of the problem was re-introduced. In July, the vote was four to two to proceed as before with the bidding. The Council had already decided to move ahead without having received a wetlands permit from DEP in order to try to meet an already delayed schedule.

Contradictory Figures

The issue of the new technique was first introduced in May at the behest of Council member Bill Counterman. The company presented estimates of cost, based on general specifications, that showed marked reductions from those for the standard construction method presented by the Borough engineers. T&M Associates. At the Council's request, T&M submitted a set of figures comparing their estimates and those of Insituform that showed little difference between them. At the July meeting, Council member Howard Prezant led a lengthy discussion in which he defended the new technique on the grounds that this well-reputed firm should have the opportunity to participate in the bidding process. According to Mr. Prezant, the figures presented earlier by Insituform showed great promise of a marked

reduction in cost compared to T&M's original estimate using the standard method of construction.

Concern About Delay and Expense

Council member Kirk Rothfuss said that he regarded the T&M calculations for both methods as reasonable, adding that T&M has worked successfully with Insituform in the past but that they were probably correct in this case because Insituform could not eliminate infiltration from house laterals and manholes, so that the final estimates, including work on the omitted portions, would be very close. He also discussed his concern to put bids out immediately because changing the bid forms to include the Insituform method would entail a further delay of from six to ten weeks for

DEP approval and would add \$4,500 to the cost.

Vote on Proposed Change to Specifications

Mr. Counterman and Mr. Prezant, with sustained support from two members of the public, Rose Murphy and Maureen Jensen, stated that they considered the figures presented by T&M to be subject to bias and thus unconvincing. Several people reported on their contacts with other towns whose experience with Insituform had invariably been positive. As noted before, however, the vote was two in favor and four against amending the specifications on I&I reduction to include the Insituform process.

Choose or Reject

Based on the July vote, advertising for bids has gone out with the final date set for August 27th, when all bids will be opened. The Council may then choose the lowest responsible bidder or reject all bids and start the procedure over again. At the August Council meeting, Mr. Rothfuss stated that 17 firms have responded to date, a sign of keen competition that suggests that bids may come in lower than expected. He said, however, that if this is not the

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From the Editor

Keeping Channels Open

Last May, when I received calls from Bob Clark and Addy Weiner asking if I would be willing to become the editor of the *Bulletin*, my initial response was that I have probably managed to get myself involved in community life in enough capacities already and that it might be better if someone else were given a chance. When they told me that there were no other takers and that there would be no more *Bulletin* if no one would agree to be editor, and when they also told me that Mark Zuckerman would be managing editor and, as such, would continue to be responsible for the actual production of the paper, I put aside my reservations and accepted.

I did so because I believe the *Bulletin* too important to Roosevelt's distinctive community life to be allowed simply to disappear. In the 1930s and 1940s, this was a community in which there were constant meetings and in which virtually everyone belonged to one or more organizations. Most people were here all day, whether in the factory or at home. Since they spent so much time together, they were able to get to know each other and to share ideas.

Now our society, Roosevelt included, has become much more mobile and impersonal. Without effective means of communication, a community becomes a place where people may share space, but get to share ideas on only those occasions when they have some common grievance. A true community, such as we like to think Roosevelt either is or ought to be, requires interaction as well as coexistence.

The mission of the *Bulletin* must therefore continue to be to provide a channel of communication. I invite everyone to contribute, whether regularly or occasionally. If you have

something worth saying that is of importance to the community, please use these pages to say it. If you think you need help putting your thoughts on paper, we will be glad to do what we can to help.

As editor, my only requests are that a tone of mutual respect and civility be maintained and that any critical comments be directed against things people say or do, but not against the people themselves. Let us be charitable with each other and try to give each other the benefit of the doubt, understanding that, even when we disagree, we usually have the same goal, which is the well-being of the community. We are all neighbors here and must act accordingly.

I have been asked if I plan to continue writing articles on both historical and policy matters. I certainly hope to do so, although I hasten to assure everyone that I will clearly indicate when viewpoints are those of the *Bulletin's* board of trustees and when they are solely my own. (If I were to do otherwise, some readers might conclude that I had been taken in by a clever plot to shut me up.)

I wish also to offer assurance that the policy of attempting to balance viewpoints, whether mine or anyone else's, will be carefully maintained. It is in everyone's interest that all policy options be explored and that none be in any way suppressed.

The *Bulletin* usually does not publish during the summer. This year, however, important decisions are being made about the municipal sewage system that involve the expenditure of a great deal of money. It is our intention that the community be kept informed as decisions are being made, not just after the fact.

—Michael Ticktin

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Council (continued from page 1)

case and all bids are rejected, Insituform will certainly get a chance to participate in the bidding process.

Wrath Unleashed

At the public portion of the August meeting, despite the fact that the decision to advertise for bids had already been made in July, there was a lengthy and heated discussion on the subject of Insituform vs. T&M, which included thinly-veiled implications of outright dishonesty, personal accusations of unconcern for the community and charges of "deliberate" obstruction of financial benefit due the town and of "collusion" on the part of the engineers.

Forget Penalty

In a calmer vein, one resident, Henry John-Alder, asked the Council to reconsider its decision in light of the likelihood that, in his judgment, more delay would probably not be decisive. He maintained that the danger of a DEP penalty is unrealistic, that it would be unthinkable for the agency to impose such a thing, and that, even if they did, he did not think that we would have to pay it. He urged a halt to the unconstructive polarization that he sees in the community at a time when we all need to pull together. Scott Hartman also spoke of his belief that Council members such as Kirk Rothfuss, though holding differing views as to how to solve the problems, were trying to do their best for the town.

Another Miss

A report by Council member Warren Craig, announcing failure to meet the deadline for application to the Monmouth County Community Development Fund, also known as the Block Grant program, evoked another barrage of criticism and accusations from the members of the public. Mr. Craig tried to explain that the procedures involved were complicated and difficult to fulfill in the time he had, but that the survey of income status that he and others had conducted will be acceptable for next year's application. Mr. Craig claimed that, in general, the terms of the program are such that the Borough will qualify for

funding only if the County finds there to be appropriately needy areas.

Times Do Change

In discussion, Mayor Barth stated that the fact that, in the past, the Borough as a whole was awarded funds was an exception to the general practice of giving approvals only for parts of municipalities. Because of steeply rising housing costs, according to Mr. Craig, and the higher incomes needed to meet those costs, low average income in this community is a thing of the past and, since we do not have any run-down neighborhoods or slums that clearly need assistance, the question becomes whether the County, when it analyzes the survey, can designate certain "pockets" of need that would be eligible to receive help under this program. The point was made that high municipal utility bills would be excluded from consideration since they affect most of the Borough.

Whose Error Was It Anyway?

Several people participated in trying to clarify the story of Block Grants received in the past. The rules changed drastically during the 1980s, said Council member Marilyn Magnes, who was a main target of attack. Ms. Magnes also stated that the eligibility of the community as a whole was upheld only through the intervention of Senator Lautenberg that was the result of the efforts of Mayor Freda Hepner. However, the rise in average income already had us disqualified. After several years of absence, said Ms. Magnes, she initiated the move to rejoin the County program.

Mr. Prezant described the situation in 1984 when a "grantsman" was hired who tried to get us a Small Cities grant, the condition being to withdraw from the County program. The result was that we got neither grant. He recalled that, at one time, the County fund paid for our No. 3 well. Peter Warren, in his remarks, mentioned that the County official in charge acknowledged to him in 1984 that there was a "mix-up in income categories" that could have been the cause of our disqualification then. Mr. Craig stated that the total sum available at this time is no more than \$2 million for the 24 municipalities in the County program.

Actions Taken

Some actions taken by the Council since June:

1. The purchase of a computer system for the Borough office was approved at a special meeting on June 25th. The initial amount authorized to be spent was \$8,000 for hardware and \$750 for software.
2. An ordinance allowing the sale of certain items of public property was adopted. The sale is to be held at 8:00 p.m. on September 4th at the Borough Hall. (See the notice of the items to be sold that follows.)
3. The Council accepted the resignation of Barry Clark as municipal finance officer and has begun advertising for a replacement.
4. The Roosevelt Water Action group asked that a delegation of Council members meet with Senators Bradley and Lautenberg to discuss our problem with DEP. The Council agreed to send a delegation consisting of Mayor Barth and Council members Rothfuss and Prezant.
5. Margaret Schlinski was reappointed Dog Census Taker for the Borough at a salary of \$300 per year.

BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT PUBLIC SALE NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following public property will be auctioned, as authorized by Ordinance 142, on Tuesday, September 4, 1990, at 8:00 P.M.:

1. Meyers 8 foot snow plow
2. 1979 Dodge pickup truck
3. Everett upright piano and piano bench
4. 1980 Massey Ferguson tractor

The above items can be inspected one week prior to sale at the Borough Hall, N. Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, N.J. between the hours 9:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.

Payment will be accepted in form of cash or check.

—Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik,
R.M.C., Borough Clerk

School Board Report

Teachers' Contract Approved

by Bob Clark

At its August 9 regular meeting the School Board approved a three-year contract with Roosevelt Public School (RPS) teachers. The contract will give the teachers an average 6.69% increase in the first year, 6.45% in the second year and 8.17% in the third year. *The Messenger Press* reported in June that teachers in the Millstone district would receive increases averaging 9.18%, 7.8% and 9.5% in the three years covered by the new Millstone contract. Board member Edward Goetzmann commended the Board's negotiating committee—President, Debra Allen and members Robert Petrilla (Chair) and Susan Raufer—for their efforts during months of negotiations.

Raufer, who recently moved from town, resigned from the Board, effective August 9. Allen praised Raufer as "an excellent member who worked hard on every project with which she was involved." The Board published a notice inviting residents interested in filling the vacancy to submit letters to the Board at P.O. Box 160 not later than September 4, 1990. Applicants must be 18 years or older, have resided in the town at least one year and be citizens of the United States. (The law also requires that School Board members be able to read and write. This is the only office which there is such a requirement.)

Starting in September, the Board will no longer meet on Thursday nights, as was customary. Agenda meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, and regular meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M. at RPS. The next agenda meeting occurs on September 5, and the next regular meeting is scheduled for September 11.

Groveman summarized a printout from the Department of Education showing that Roosevelt's state school aid for 1990-91 will remain about the same as last year. By 1992-93, when foundation aid kicks in, Roosevelt stands to receive an increase of

\$239,000 or 55%. Groveman noted that "one half of that increase will be spent on pensions, but it still forecasts to be a 26% increase in money to offset the impact on taxes."

Some Roosevelt Board members plan to meet on September 13 with a few members of the East Windsor Regional School Board, which oversees the receiving district for Roosevelt's middle and high school students. Billed as an informal ("social get-together,") the meeting is expected to encourage cordial discussions when important sending-receiving issues are deliberated in the future.

The Board tabled consideration of several policy changes until the Policy and Legislation Committee could consider several revisions proposed by member Edward Goetzmann. The policies deal with exploitation, such as taking of photographs of children for commercial purposes; discipline of staff members; questioning and apprehension of students by police; and searches of student lockers. The Board decided *not* to revise its employee health history form to require employees to provide statements or assurances of good health.

The Board granted Chief School Administrator Harry Groveman authority to hire personnel to fill the positions of part-time speech therapist and a secretary/receiving clerk, conditioned on formal Board approval in September. The Board received with regrets the resignation of Shirley Golden as Secretary/Receiving Clerk to take another job.

Groveman projected that 85 students will be enrolled in RPS in September. He said rising class sizes will require close monitoring of the present system of instruction and may lead to questions about the school's ability to maintain combined classes. Detailed projections are: Kindergarten - 14; first grade - 15; second grade - 11; combined third/fourth grades - 26 (16 in third and 10 in fourth); and combined fifth/sixth grades - 19 (11 in fifth and 8 in sixth).

Groveman reported that staff orientation for the 1990-91 school year is

scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 4 and 5. The PTA is planning a luncheon for the 5th, and the Board will host a breakfast on the 4th.

Groveman listed other PTA/RPS activities anticipated for the fall: Stickies fund-raising event — September 25 through October 9; school pictures on a date to be announced; Scholastic Bookfair — October 24 and 25; Halloween party for the end of October; Thanksgiving special — November 28 and 29; and a Holiday Gift Shop on a date to be announced.

The Board approved a special alcohol and addiction program for first through fourth graders. Called BABES (Beginning Alcohol/Addictions Basic Education Studies), the program involves puppets in seven story lessons. It will help students to develop a positive self-image, resist negative peer pressure, cope with problems, ask for help and understand the dangers of alcohol and drugs. The program is free from the National Council on Alcoholism of Monmouth County. Arthur Franklin made arrangements for the program to be offered to RPS students.

Alfred Luckenbach will serve as the Audio-visual Aide for the 1990-91 school year. The Board approved a stipend of \$500 for this additional duty.

The milk fee will increase from 20 cents to 25 cents for the 1990-91 school year due to increasing costs. Board member Goetzmann noted that this was a reasonable figure since some districts have lower costs but charge students as much as 45 cents.

School Business Administrator (SBA) Roseann Lozinski analyzed proposals from various insurance carriers, and the Board interviewed a representative of the Garden State School Board Group in July. The Board decided to switch from the New Jersey School Board Association Insurance Group (NJSBAIG) to the Garden State program. The cost of the new coverage will be approximately \$11,755. NJSBAIG would have charged about \$12,559 for its coverage. The Board decided to seek a new appraisal to

Administrator's Report

R.P.S. Readies Itself for Opening Day

By Harry Groveman

With the first day of school scheduled for September 6, we are currently in the process of putting the finishing touches on a variety of summer projects designed to upgrade our programs and facilities.

While a new section of roof and a repaired and refinished gym floor high-light our facility upgrades, we have also replaced and upgraded a section of our electrical system; have painted classrooms, lockers, steel doors and bathroom; and continue to do a full general cleaning of all school facilities. Carpets have been cleaned, floors are being waxed, and a multitude of final preparations are under way as we ready for the first day of school.

Curriculum Augmented

On the program front two major curriculum projects worked on last year and this summer are scheduled to be introduced this fall. The areas are our Reading and Language Arts curriculum and our Health and Family Life curriculum. In addition, our program plans for the 1990-91 school year call for a refocusing and strengthening of our "Gifted and Talented" and Research/Library Skills programs for upper grades, a stronger emphasis on "whole language" in the lower grades and a more individualized and developmental approach to the instruction of spelling across all grades.

The 1990-91 school year is shaping up to be an exciting one. We at R.P.S. look forward to a new year of growth and learning and welcome the continued help and involvement of the Roosevelt community.

RCNS Report

Open House Scheduled

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

The Roosevelt Community Nursery School started its school year early this time around, hosting a festive Open House/Meet the Teacher morning on August 26. Incoming children and their parents took this opportunity to familiarize themselves with the school and its routines and to meet the staff, including our new Head Teacher/Curriculum Coordinator Donna Ventola.

Donna holds a B.S. in Early Childhood/Elementary Education and a New Jersey Elementary/Nursery certification. Her teaching experience includes helping to start up the mixed-age nursery program at Yellow Brick Road Nursery School in Highland Park, and, most recently, a stint at the Wee Care Nursery School in North Brunswick. Donna is replacing Linda Liotta, who relocated to Cincinnati with her family over the summer, and we'd like to use this space to bid a fond farewell to "Miss Linda" and offer a warm welcome to "Miss Donna."

Afternoon Program Expanded

The staff isn't all that's changing this fall. We are happy to announce that our noon-3 p.m. Afternoon Enrichment Program has been expanded to 5 days a week, and features special supervised activities for children 2½-6, including kindergartners. Morning nursery school enrollment is not a prerequisite, and there are still a few openings left. Interested parents should call 426-9523 for further information.

One thing always stays the same, however—our gratitude to the folks whose generosity helps us keep our doors open: our "old faithfuls", MIRA, Congregation Anshei Roosevelt, and Roosevelt Printing; and our new friend Bob Hust, who donated the terrific art supplies for the classroom.

determine whether the building would cost more to replace than its last estimated value of \$1.5 million.

Groveman reported that RPS exceeded state minimum levels for both student and staff attendance during the 1989-90 school year.

Lynn Lawson wrote to the Board to suggest that a school safety patrol be created to assist the adult crossing guards, especially for students participating in after-school activities. Groveman responded that the Borough Council is responsible for crossing guards. He pointed out that there are a variety of insurance-related problems with a student safety patrol. He noted that merely assisting a paid adult guard may not be legal under modern requirements.

Renovations to the gymnasium floor have been completed, classrooms repainted, and the roof repaired. After reviewing three quotations, Groveman recommended and the Board accepted a figure of \$17,890 for the emergency roof repairs. Lockers, bathroom stalls and steel shelves were also being refurbished and painted at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. The business office is being relocated to the ground floor at a cost of \$1,680 for partitions and office furnishings. Groveman said the move should provide greater access to computers and improve communications between the CSA and SBA. A new photocopy machine is being leased-purchased from Xerox during a three-year period at an annual rental of \$3,360.

Board President Allen agreed to work with Groveman on a revised school handbook to be distributed during the first week of school.

The Board accepted CSA Groveman's six-month asbestos inspection report. Groveman reported no incidents of damage to any areas with asbestos-containing building materials. Details of the exact locations and status of asbestos-containing materials are included in the report.

The Board tentatively set October 10, 1990, as this year's "Back-to-School Night."

Synagogue Report

Holiday Services Set

At their annual meeting in June, the members of Congregation Anshei Roosevelt elected Kurt Kleinman and Joy Marko to the open positions on the Board of Trustees and, at its July meeting, the Board re-elected Michael Ticktin, Leon Anish, Frieda Anish, and Bob Eisner as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. The Board agreed to rehire Rabbi Josef Solomon and Synagogue Director Shlomo Weiss for the coming year. However, Rabbi Solomon subsequently advised us that he has been offered, and has accepted, a more remunerative position in Northern New Jersey. We wish him well.

Director Weiss will be teaching the children who are approaching Bar/Bat Mitzvah age and will be offering a course in reading Hebrew for adults. The Alef-Bet families group, an affiliate of the Congregation, will be sponsoring classes for younger children. The Sisterhood is also looking forward to an active year and is now putting together a memorial book for the High Holidays.

The synagogue has been refurbished with attractive new chairs for the congregants. In addition, two beautiful pulpit chairs, designed and crafted by Leon Barth and donated by him and by his wife, Helen, have been dedicated in memory of Nathan Bard and of Abe and Martha Topal.

Rosh Hashana services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on September 19th and 20th and at 9:00 a.m. on September 20th and 21st. Yom Kippur services will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 28th (Kol Nidre) and at 9:00 a.m. on September 29th. Admission is free for members. Others may purchase seats. For information about membership and seats, please contact Treasurer Bob Eisner at 448-2510.

—Michael Ticktin

U.J.A. Committee

Contributions Needed for Operation Exodus

We ask all who have not yet contributed to please, PLEASE do so at the earliest possible date. The need is great and immediate.

Jews want to leave the U.S.S.R. NOW. THEY CAN DO SO TODAY! This time, in contrast to the past, they have a place to go to. The State of Israel, despite its many problems, will accept them all, but it takes money to transport, house and feed them, and to help them adjust their lives. The opportunity for emigration may not last forever. There are threats of pogroms by PAMYAT and other reactionary groups in the U.S.S.R. There is anti-Semitic pressure in many European and Arab

countries to stop emigration. They could succeed and if we do not do what is necessary now we will be responsible for their not getting out while there was still time.

YES, WE ARE OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS

Please make your checks payable to: U.J.A. OPERATION EXODUS and mail them c/o Anish-Box 275-Roosevelt, NJ 08555.

Don't be one who MIGHT HAVE, COULD HAVE, OR SHOULD HAVE saved a life. Don't put things off for a time when nothing can be done.

—Leon Anish

Et Nos in Illis

New Kids on the Block...

Lindsay Bernardin of Elm Court, Julia Grayson on Pine Drive.

Graduated from MCCC... Associates in Arts, Marcie Cohen ("What's she?") in Theater, Tristen Herrstrom in Humanities, Harry Warner in Business.

Naturalized... Michele Hillis-Guye.

Rising... RPS enrollment (K-6) to 85, from 74 in September 1989.

Computerized... Borough Hall, in August 1990, at a cost of \$7,500, following the Board of Education, which was computerized in July 1989, at a cost of \$2,966 (for an IBM PC - the school's bank provides a mainframe via modem for budget and payroll).

Died... Arthur Kaplan, long-time resident; Officer Wilbur Loftus, Roosevelt's legendary policeman from 1940 to 1984.

Moving Out... Aaron and Evelyn Datz, to Southern California after 39 years of residence; Bob and Evelyn Frankle to a new job in Greenwich, Connecticut; Robb and Maureen Jensen, after three years; Leonard Krause, after nine years; Sue Raufer and Anthony Stakowicz, to be nearer their restaurant in South Jersey; Josef Solomon, to become Rabbi of Congregation Emanuel of North Jersey in Oakland.

Moving In... Michael and Carol Dugan and family, renting the Kragen house on School Lane; Fletcher and Linda Grayson, and baby daughter, buying the Datz' house on Pine Drive; Robert and Joni Schneider, and four children, renting the Schmalzbach house on Pine Drive; Jeremy Solomon, renting Josef's house while he clerks for a judge in Trenton.

... On North Valley, Nestor and Mary Anne Sabogal, and daughter, buying the Frankle house; On Lake Drive, Bill and Brenda Wisowaty buying the Krause house across the street from Bill's parents, Anthony and Helga; Michael and Laurie Quinn, and baby daughter, renting the Raufer/Stakowicz house.

Switched... From Homestead Lane, Robert and Ellen Francis to the Bauerle house on Lake Drive.

Decided to Stay a While Longer... Molly Bulkin, after a long vacation in Nevada.

Registered to Vote... As of August 15, 602 residents, of whom 64% Democrats, 25% non-affiliated, 11% Republicans.

On the Market... As of August 15, 13 houses.

Visiting... From Dallas, Texas, Bob and Ann Rector (residents 1969-83).

—Peter Warren

Roosevelt Community Summer Camp

Another Successful Season

August 10th was the last day of the Roosevelt Community Summer Camp for this season. In the evening, the campers and counselors put on their final production for family and friends. It is a traditional ending to the camp season. This year's event was a circus called Summer Circus '90. It was a very good circus. It brought together the talents and skills of the entire camp community. Usually all of this performance preparation activity begins around the end of the third week of camp.

In theater classes (this year headed by Maxine Shore), acts chosen by the individual campers were developed and rehearsed. Older kids helped to direct and participate in the acts of younger ones.

In Ilene Levine's arts and crafts classes, costumes were sewn and props, flags and sets were made and painted or decorated. This year because of the pressure of time for completing such an ambitious project, many really nice things happened. People helped each other get ready instead of just getting ready themselves.

In Howie Kaufman's sports and games class, gymnastic skills were honed up and routines laid out. Practice and precision were the focus. It all comes together the night of the last camp day.

In contrast, there are the first three weeks of camp when varied activities are offered in theater, arts/crafts and sports. Swim days are twice weekly. On swim days, the camp meets at the Pine Valley Pool. There are no theater classes on those days, but Ilene brings projects for campers to work on when not swimming. A net is set up for volleyball, badminton or nukum. There's a basketball hoop. Nock hockey is a favorite and there are also swings. Lots of bracelets are made and beads strung. The pool days have a relaxing, busy, friendly mood. Here the kids of all ages aren't separated into groups but play together. It is an important part of camp life.

For over a decade the Roosevelt PTA's main focus was the support and continuance of the summer camp. All fundraising activities were held to raise money for the salaries of the

camp instructors, for supplies and to keep camp tuition at a minimum. Then came the year that the PTA felt burdened by the camp responsibilities. They felt that there were many other areas in the school that needed their support. After all, it was a parent/teacher school organization. The camp was not. It was a difficult weaning. Who could continue with this worthwhile community activity? not the Borough Council, for keeping books for a community activity was not a municipal function. Margaret Schlinski, who had joined the camp staff several years earlier (bringing theater classes with her) consulted Michael Ticktin, who suggested incorporating the camp with nonprofit status. The PTA promised to continue a donation toward its support, as did the Council.

Advice was sought on the procedures for incorporation. The red tape of state and federal requirements was sorted through by a sympathetic and knowledgeable parent and the Roosevelt Community Summer Camp, Inc. was formed. That was three years ago.

The addition of the nursery camp was a new attraction. It was an idea of Jan Plumb, who felt that the preschool children she tended during winter months should have a place to go in the summer. She developed a program. An assistant was hired and the nursery camp was born. It runs three days a week (not pool days) out of the Roosevelt School kindergarten room. The nursery camp runs its own schedule. The youngest campers join the rest of the camp when special events come in, like the magician, Mark Klatskin. They also prepare a song or dance to contribute to the final performance at camp's closing. The RCSC, Inc. is proud of its nursery camp addition. It upholds the standards of quality that make the summer camp experience for Roosevelt children so special.

—Margaret Schlinski

P.S. We are looking for a VCR tape of the circus. If anyone took one of the performance-please let us know by calling 443-5180.

Spectacular Circus Marks End of Camp Season

Clowns, "big cats" and their trainers, a beautiful tightrope walker, bouncing acrobats—the Roosevelt Community Summer Camp's "Summer Circus '90" had it all—and more. Magicians, dancers, comics, a strong man, and a snake charmer, all in brilliant camp-made costumes and vivid makeup, performing under a canopy of bright, handmade pennants. No wonder the audience of parents, grandparents, and brothers and sisters of all ages sat entranced as the hour-long evening show unfolded!

Even more impressive than the performances, though, was the camaraderie that was so evident in every scene of this grand finale to the RCSC season. Older campers had rehearsed younger ones in their acts, and stood beaming as their "protéges" did their stuff. Performers who were waiting for their own turns in the center ring enthusiastically cheered as their fellow-"artistes" went through their paces. And children from all four camp age groups shared star billing, from the nursery schoolers who sang the opening "welcome" song to the 13-year-olds who delighted us with carefully-choreographed dance routines and gymnastic feats.

In sum, the evening was magical, and all of us grateful parents and our original "Happy Campers" say a hearty "thank you" to the generous folks who made the circus and the camp season so enjoyable—Howie Kaufman (camp director), Ilene Levine (arts & crafts), Maxine Shore (theater), Jan Plumb and Rose Berens (nursery camp), special assistants Traci Connaughton, Tina Kaufman, and Evelyn Schlinski, and, of course, camp manager Margaret Schlinski. We love you all!

—Alison Edwards Petrilla

Summer Event Series Benefits Water Action Group Activities

This summer, three Roosevelt musicians, Dennis Connaughton, John Parrott, and Anita Cervantes, organized and implemented a summer-long series of performing arts events, with the goal of using Roosevelt's creative energy to help support the ongoing actions being taken by various town residents (who have come to be known as "Roosevelt Water Action") to draw press and legislative attention to Roosevelt's water/sewer dilemma.

The series' organizers had another motive as well: to bring the amphitheater space under the head of Franklin Roosevelt back into use as a space for community activity. John Parrott says he has long wanted to see the space revitalized and came to the conclusion that the only way this would happen was if someone simply took the initiative to do it.

John had the idea of the series as a way of accomplishing both goals, and started organizing it in late June with Dennis Connaughton and Anita Cervantes, with assistance from Brad Garton, who helped to organize the "Poetry and Sounds" events.

In the course of putting together the series the organizers were reminded that Roosevelt is richer in music than residents sometimes remember. "I knew we had a tremendous amount of talent in Roosevelt," says Dennis, "but this is incredible. We didn't even come close to showcasing all that's here in Roosevelt musically."

All events were free, with the hat passed several times during each concert, and were held on Saturday or Sunday in the late afternoon at the Roosevelt Memorial Amphitheater.

The calendar of events ran from July 14 through August 25 and included:

- Folk music with John Parrott (guitar, vocals, and keyboards) and Dennis Connaughton (guitar and vocals).
- Folk-rock and electric blues with John, Dennis, Ed Cedar (guitar), Warren Craig (guitar, vocals) and out-of-town folk musicians Bar-

bara Beeman and Bill Bannon, associates of John Parrott who generously contributed an afternoon of their music. This event showcased some of John Parrott's original songs.

- Classical piano and flute with Alan Mallach (piano), Traci Connaughton (flute) and Anita Cervantes (piano) with music of Bach, Field, Moszkowski, and Moscheles, among others, ending with some foot-stomping rags from Alan and Anita.
- Jazz with Laurie Altman (piano) and associates Greg Bufford (drums), Adam Bernstein (bass), Steve Nelson (vibes), Dylan Altman (guitar), and Clifford Adams Jr. of Kool and the Gang (trombone)—all of whom generously donated their music for the afternoon.
- A Rock and Roll Showcase which included Roosevelt's Danny Jaeger and The Underground; Hightstown's John Howard and The End; and Rooseveltian Dylan Altman (now of Berklee College, Boston) and his band The Kick. John Parrott and Dennis Connaughton joined forces with associates of Dennis John Carroll (guitar), Danny Rigolon (drums), and Frank Russo (bass) to form the semi-impromptu ensemble that Cervantes christened the "Still Cookin' Band", whose set included some original material of Dennis'. John Carroll, Danny Rigolon, and Frank Russo all donated their time and music for this event. The headline act was Roger James and the Beats of New Brunswick and Trenton, who generously donated a fiery set that ended the two-night quintuple-header of music. This event even featured a light-and-smoke show donated by The Human Jukebox, Inc.

- Poetry and Sounds with poetry read by Roosevelt poets Dina Coe, David Herrstrom, and Wes Czyzewski; and sounds by Anita Cervantes (piano) and Brad Garton (electronic modification of piano sounds and original music). On the same weekend, J. K. Randall of Princeton University and Ben Boretz of Bard College made an appearance with associates, joining with Brad Garton to donate a late morning's worth of their improvisational music and sounds to the series.

- A concert by members of the Roosevelt String Band David Brahinsky (guitar, harmonica, and vocals), Ed Cedar (guitar and bass), John Parrott, and Warren Craig (guitar and vocals) featuring blues, folk, and original material. The featured headline performer for this event was former Holy Modal Roller and John Parrott associate Peter Stampfeld, who donated his music to the festivities.

Various services have been donated by local firms in support of this series, and the organizers would like to take this opportunity to thank them in print: MIRA of Roosevelt for rapifaxing of press releases; Prints of Windsor of East Windsor for duplicating and offset printing; Rossi's Roosevelt Deli for space on their lot to put the sign announcing the series; the aforementioned Chett B. and The Human Jukebox, Inc. for lights and smoke; the 80% Majority for duplicating; Russo's Music in Trenton for their help in finding a keyboard (the Roland-Rhodes MK-80) which the acoustic pianists found acceptable.

In addition, there were many Rooseveltians who routinely and tirelessly donated their time in support of this effort. Chief among these were John Parrott and Dennis Connaughton, both of whom contributed a superhuman effort, not just in doing all of the setup and "roadie" work for

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Viewpoint

Stay With the Pipe Replacement Plan

by Kirk Rothfuss

I was asked by the Editor to write an article regarding recent decisions by the Borough Council to put the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and Sewer Pipe Repair (I/I, or Infiltration & Inflow) projects out to bid. As the Bulletin reporters do what I feel is an excellent job of covering the news from Council meetings, I will instead describe my personal decision making and actions.

In recent months the area of the most concern and debate is the I/I correction project. The concerns here are of time frames, costs, available technologies and final results. Our current STP discharge permit limits us to accepting a 30 day average of 250,000 gallons per day (GPD). Our plant currently receives monthly average flows of over 400,000 GPD during some periods of the year, of which an estimated 310,000 GPD is rain & ground water entering the system as infiltration and inflow (I/I).

The I/I correction project engineered by T&M Associates involves the replacement and rerouting of 3850 feet of sewer lines, manholes, and laterals in the roadbed on Farm Lane, N. Valley, S. Rochdale and Tamara Drive, as well as miscellaneous other "inflow" corrections. Earlier this year, the Insituform Inc. process of pipe repair was brought to the attention of the Council by Councilman Counterman as a possible lower cost alternative to the design by T&M Associates. Since that time, much of the discussion at Council meetings has been on the merits of both processes.

Comparing Results

A major area of concern for me is the results that would be achieved by the two processes. Council Candidate Peter Warren was kind enough in March 1990 to supply me with an article from *Public Works Journal*. This article identified several factors responsible for poor I/I reduction results being reported around the country. These include: untreated lateral connections and non-rehabilitated pipe joints remaining after the projects were com-

plete; ground water traveling along the outside of the newly replaced pipe until reaching an older section where it enters; and replacement of downstream sections of pipe raising upstream ground water elevations and increasing infiltration in old upstream pipe.

The conclusions drawn by the article author are: "1) Renovation of a sewer system is not a one shot effort, but needs to be a coordinated program often extending over several years. Surprisingly, this is often less expensive than the massive one shot effort. 2) It is usually more effective to spend a given sum of money completely renovating a badly leading area than it is making scattered repairs in a large leaking system. 3) Grouting (lining) sewer pipe joints is reasonably effective but all leaking joints in an area need to be fixed, not just the convenient ones. 4) When renovating a system, all system components need to be addressed. Just repairing leaking mains and manholes won't accomplish much if the service laterals leak also. 5) An effective I/I program concentrates on repairing, renovating and replacing, not just on finding problems. Finding problems accomplishes very little unless the problems are corrected."

Upon comparing pipe replacement and Insituform to the factors identified and the conclusions stated above, I believe pipe replacement is a superior process.

Phases in a Coordinated Plan

Roosevelt's planned pipe replacement project is the third phase in a perhaps lengthy, but coordinated I/I reduction plan. It is based on an I/I reduction study done by Birdsall Engineering and approved by the NJDEP. Work to date has included replacing the trunk line from Tamara Drive to the treatment plant, disconnecting old, under-utilized sections of sewer line on Brown Street, and installing the Lake Drive lift station. The next phase, the pipe replacement project, is as close as you can get to "completely renovating a badly leaking area" short of replacing lateral sections on private property. It addresses all system components

(mains, laterals to the curb line, and manholes) in the area of construction.

In contrast, Insituform is a process which corrects only the "convenient leaking joints." Insituform only addresses groundwater entering the system through broken sewer mains. Lateral pipes, separated joints between laterals and mains, deteriorated sewer manholes, rainwater entering the system through manhole covers, and connections between the storm drainage and the sewer lines are not corrected with the Insituform process.

In addition, the replacement project calls for installation of clay dams at specific pipe locations to try to minimize the impact of groundwater following the new pipe until it finds unrepaired sections to leak into. Insituform does not include this. Since Insituform leaves laterals and lateral connections to the mains unrepaired, the possibility of groundwater finding these unrepaired areas to leak into is even greater.

Insituform Compared

Since the Insituform process was first brought up earlier this year, I have heard arguments for its use evolve from a possible lower cost alternative to replacing the 3850 feet of pipe under our current design to its use in treating 8850 feet of pipe to try to guarantee achieving the mandated flow reduction, to the latest argument that we could dispense with the STP project altogether by using Insituform for the majority or all of the lines in town, presumably allowing the treatment plant to operate more efficiently and thus not having to make STP improvements. I would like to discuss each of these ideas.

First, based on the above comparisons of pipe replacement and Insituform, I believe that 3850 feet of Insituform will not reduce I/I as much as 3850 feet of pipe replacement will. In my opinion, in order to achieve the same infiltration reduction as T&M's current design, we would have to use Insituform on perhaps 50 to 100% more linear feet of sewer main. Current cost

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Give Insituform a Fair Chance

by Lee Allen

I feel compelled to write about an opportunity to save the residents of Roosevelt possibly thousands of dollars that (even as you read this issue of the Bulletin) may be slipping from our grasp. This opportunity could both save as much as \$600,000 as well as meet the DEP deadline. One might ask how such an opportunity could be overlooked. Perhaps dismissed is a better word. I hope it still may get a fair chance.

The Issues in Dispute

A controversy has risen over the use of two different approaches to solving the leaking of groundwater into the sewer lines. Some people support the complete replacement of the sewer lines. Some people support the complete replacement of the sewer lines under the streets. Other people support an approach that would restore the original pipes to near original capability. While the issues are not simple, they are understandable.

The primary problem contributing to the sewer treatment plant's failure to treat the sewage adequately is the leaking of the sewer lines. In Roosevelt, large sections of sewer line are below the water table (groundwater level). Because almost all the sewer line joints have separated, ground water is leaking into the system at times at a rate of more than 250,000 gallons a day (infiltration).

Effects of Infiltration

The infiltration is heavy because the pipe sections are only three feet in length. That means that there are 333 leaking gaps for every 1000 feet of sewer line. That compares to 20 to 25 laterals for the same length of sewer line.

The infiltration affects the treatment plant by decreasing the amount of time the sewage stays inside the plant before it is dumped into the As-sunpink Creek. The treatment plant design uses bacteria to treat the sewage before it is discharged. This takes time.

When the sewage cannot stay in the treatment plant long enough, the treatment is not effective. The infiltration is literally pushing almost raw sewage into the standards.

The Alternatives

The Borough Engineer wants to tear up some streets and remove the old pipe. He also wants to put in new plastic pipes, cover them with new fill, and repave those streets. This plan will take months to complete and can only be done during certain months because of weather conditions. It is very probable that more must be done after the first sewer line project is completed.

Insituform (if you haven't heard of it yet), on the other hand, will drive trucks up to the existing manholes, clean and then televise the existing pipe between the manholes. They will then line the pipes with a resin impregnated polyester tube, harden it against the walls of the old pipe, and then cut holes where the laterals connect from the homes, etc. A section of pipe can be restored in this manner in 24 hours every month of the year.

Engineer Sees Problems with Replacement Plan

The Council is proceeding with a project to replace sewer lines under North Valley Road, Farm Lane, and small portions of both South Rochdale Avenue and Tamara Drive. The Engineer has told the Council that it is his professional opinion that these sections of sewer line, when repaired, will not reduce the infiltration enough to comply with the operating permit. The Engineer has also told the Council that there is a good chance that the current projects (treatment plant and small sewer line replacement) will not be completed by the February 1992 Administrative Consent Order deadline.

Advantages of Insituform

Insituform could eliminate the infiltration in all the main sewer lines in town by July 1991. This would bring the treatment plant closer to compliance by the 1992 deadline than the Engineer's plan.

The Engineer was asked and provided the Council with an appraisal of the Insituform approach. His evaluation showed it only marginally cheaper than his design after subtracting at least the \$65,000 he was already paid for the design. We must cast a wary eye toward this 'objective' appraisal when Insituform does not need massive designs and inspections and the Engineer stands to lose approximately \$165,000 in future professional fees if Roosevelt goes with Insituform.

The Insituform, once applied, is as strong as cement, and its strength is enhanced by the existing pipes surrounding it. Contrary to what our engineer reported to the Borough Council, those towns that have used Insituform on sewer lines as old as ours have given strongly positive reports on the cost factors, the procedure, and the results.

Proponents of the Engineer's design will point out that sections of pipe are so bad that they must be dug up anyway, inflating the cost.

Proponents of Insituform will point out that despite the bidding process, replacement cost will soar beyond the bid accepted because of Work Change Orders. They may have started already, even before the bids are received.

Those of us familiar with construction know there will be cost over runs with either approach.

When you weigh all the pros and cons of both approaches, it comes to dollars and sense. I am not convinced that the claimed structural superiority of the Engineer's design is worth a half million dollars more, or worth probably renegeing on the contractual agreement with the State DEP, or worth disrupting the lives of the residents of Roosevelt the way that digging the streets up for months at a time would do. It would be a formidable task for the First Aid Squad to get to the Solar Village with North Valley and Farm Lane full of excavations. And all I want is to give Insituform the chance to bid on this sewer project just like everyone else.

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comparisons made by advocates of Insituform have not recognized this. They have been based on work covering an equal amount of pipe footage, not on achieving an equal amount of infiltration reduction. In addition, while T&M's pipe replacement estimates include \$151,000 for unexpected contingencies, the Insituform costs being used for comparisons include no dollars for unexpected problems.

Second, 8850 feet is the figure that T&M recommends for pipe replacement to insure the desired I/I reduction. Again for reasons given above, I believe even if we increase the rates so we could Insituform 8850 feet, we would not achieve the infiltration reduction T&M calculates would be achieved by 8850 feet of pipe replacement.

Lastly, the idea of avoiding STP improvements by using even greater amounts of Insituform does not recognize that there are several water quality parameters that our existing STP cannot achieve regardless of the amount of flow into it. Even if this I/I reduction scheme were acceptable to DEP, we would still have to add dechlorination and phosphorus removal systems, as well as improve the nitrogen removal process at the existing plant. These pollution control parameters are required under the Clean Water Act, and our system does not have these capabilities.

Rationale for Decisions

Putting the Insituform question aside, there are several overriding factors that have influenced by decisions over the last eight months.

First, the currently engineered pipe replacement project has been approved by the DEP since 1989. Financing this project, along with the STP project, required the Council to raise our sewer/water rates to the current astronomical \$140.00 per month. While it is possible, but not guaranteed, that we may have to do more work in the future, I will not support any suggestions to do additional work (and thus further increase our rates) until DEP has mandated us to do so.

Second, while DEP could technically fine us if our DEP Approved infiltration reduction plan fails to meet the objective, I believe the worst case will be that DEP will sit down with us and lay out a time table for additional work, assuming we honor our current commitments. This is my analysis after listening to and reading contradictory statements from DEP on this matter.

Third, since I became a member of Council in January 1990, there have been several realities to face: 1) Roosevelt signed an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) stating that Roosevelt will meet its discharger obligations by February 1992, 2) the ACO specified Roosevelt was to adhere to a timetable for completing both STP modifications and I/I correction; specifically we were to have the projects out for bids by March 1, 1990, award contracts by April 1, 1990, and begin construction by May 1, 1990. (We are already behind schedule due to DEP delays in awarding permits required). 3) The bid documents which were 90% complete by the time I assumed office were the result of years, not months, of planning studies, DEP applications, engineering and surveying, and Council decisions. There was, in January 1990, no time to reinvent the wheel, even when in retrospect some prior decisions may not have been the best decisions.

This project has, for better or for worse, been 15 years in the making. Since January 1990 I have seen my responsibility, and the responsibility of the Mayor and Council, as having to make the tough and uncomfortable decisions required to meet our legal and environmental obligations. I have tried to do so in an honest and rational manner given all the considerations I discussed above.

Kirk Rothfuss is a member of the Borough Council and chairman of the Public Utilities Committee.

Animal Control Officer Named

The Borough has designated Mary Klink, Animal Control Officer of Upper Freehold and Allentown, to serve in that capacity here. Stray and injured dogs and cats will be taken to the facility of the Associated Humane Society at Forked River, Lacey Township, which is also known as the Pop Corn Zoo. The cost to keep an animal the mandatory seven days is \$46.00 per dog, after which the municipality is no longer liable for any expense. Cats are slightly less. If the owners pick up the animal from the Humane Society, they pay the holding fee.

Ms. Klink is to be paid \$25.00 per call by the Borough. She will respond immediately in the case of an injured animal and within 12 hours for an ordinary stray. If her services are required she must be called through the Borough office (448-0539).

(Information provided by Nancy Warnick, Deputy Borough Clerk)

Senior Citizens Club

The Senior Citizens Club didn't have an official meeting in July. We eliminated our picnic and went to a luncheon at the Golden Coach on July 7th. It was well attended and we discussed future plans. We also signed a petition to go to Senators Lautenberg and Bradley and Congressman Smith protesting the Administration's attempt to freeze Social Security cost of living adjustments ("COLA's") for five years.

Our next meeting will be in September. We look forward to seeing everyone again.

Have a good summer.

—Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

Roosevelt Committee for Nuclear Disarmament

Tenth Hiroshima Day Observance in Roosevelt

The rainfall on August 6th brought 40 Rooseveltians together in the Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m. to commemorate Hiroshima Day. The meeting place had to be changed from the Memorial Amphitheater, but the Borough Hall's intimate setting fostered good feelings as David Brahinsky sang and as the Reverend Robert Moore spoke about "Hiroshima and Hope." Many people raised questions or otherwise joined in a discussion following Rev. Moore's talk.

Naomi Brahinsky presided. A 28 minute movie, *Hiroshima: Document of an Atomic Bombing*, was shown. It consisted mostly of films taken by Japanese investigators but confiscated by U.S. Occupation authorities and kept secret for over 20 years. It was appalling. Yet, when Rev. Moore spoke right after the film in his quiet, understated way, he placed it in perspective. He complimented everyone highly for coming out in stormy weather to share in remembering the horror of nuclear weapons. If we do not keep the vision clear, he said, we may not be able to prevent their use again. He told of his visit to Hiroshima nine years ago when he began his work as Executive Director of the Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament.

Rev. Moore is an ordained Congregationalist minister. He and his wife, Mary, have two sons and a daughter, ages twelve, seven and one. He explained how the arms race is continuing even though the Cold War is over. President Bush's budget proposal calls for a \$20 million increase in spending for nuclear weapons. Another surprising setback, he said, was the recent Senate vote to fund development of the B 2 "Stealth"

bomber, which is to carry 16 nuclear warheads. He concluded by giving evidence of solid progress in the last eight years that gives a firm basis for optimism. He feels that nuclear weapons will never be used, primarily because groups across the country, such as Roosevelt's, keep recalling the horror of the use of two small nuclear bombs, and because millions of people both here and in the USSR keep pressuring their governments to dismantle existing nuclear arsenals and not develop new ones.

After Rev. Moore's talk and the discussion that followed, David Brahinsky sang a lighthearted song about some children's favorite foods that are healthy as well as delicious. The meeting concluded with a proposal to send a letter to President Bush appealing for him to change his position on a world-wide ban on nuclear weapons testing. Adeline Weiner read the proposed letter. With a change suggested by Hortense Sochowitzky, the letter was approved. Carol Watchler handed out postcards with a short version of the appeal for people to sign and send to the President [see sidebar at right, Ed.].

The Roosevelt Committee for Nuclear Disarmament has been the sponsor of ten annual Hiroshima Day observances. This year, Adeline Weiner and Herbert Johnson are its co-chairs and representatives on the Steering Committee of the Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament. The Roosevelt Committee became a chapter of the Coalition seven years ago. It welcomes new members.

—Herb Johnson

Text of Letter to President Bush

Dear President Bush:

At this unprecedented moment in world history, when barriers to world peace are rapidly crumbling, there are many areas in which the United States can facilitate the peace process.

We, a group of citizens of Roosevelt, New Jersey, gathered to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, urge that you give your support to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Conference to be held in January 1991. One hundred twenty seven nations have already voted to stop underground nuclear tests. In recent polls, more than 75% of the American people have expressed support for the test ban which most scientists agree is verifiable.

A Comprehensive Test Ban would prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries and would reduce the radioactive contamination of our planet. Such a treaty will be a giant step on the road to peace. U.S. participation is a necessity and will be greeted with joy by the whole world.

Summer Event Series

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every concert but also in pulling together the different acts for each event and getting their musical friends and associates to donate their time and music to this series.

Dina Coe each week coordinated door-to-door leafletting for each event with "The Walkers": Addie Weiner, Dolores Chasan, Denise and Scott Frazier, Cynthia Imbrie, Clara Levinson, Jane Rothfuss, Alice Lloyd, and Judith McNally. Denise and Scott Frazier organized a refreshment stand selling "I Love Roosevelt" bumperstickers, soda, and snacks for each

event. Robin Middleman Filepp made signs and Ron Filepp helped get publicity onto his radio station; Lee Allen made an enormous sign and Steve Yeger and Stu Kaufman helped Dennis put it up. And last but not least, Harry Groveman (Roosevelt Public School CSA) and the RPS School Board donated the use of the RPS PA system, which made it possible for each event in the series to be taped.

—Anita Cervantes

Water Action Manifesto

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Roosevelt) are working together to help bring aid to the town. In actuality, I feel that the responsibility for charges of local political favoritism in the "Water Action" activities lies with the people who choose not to get involved. If you don't agree with the way certain individuals represent the town, then the challenge is to create your own noise.

Having an Effect

This challenge is meant in all seriousness, because the "Water Action" activities and stunts are having a positive effect. Ten articles (several on the front page) featuring the Roosevelt problem have appeared in five area newspapers during the past several months. Nearly all have been sympathetic to our plight. Several Philadelphia-area television stations have expressed interest in our developing story, and the New Jersey Network is considering an in-depth look at our situation. We are creating media momentum with our on-going series of weekend concerts, plus the money from these concerts can be used to provide funding for more actions in the coming months. Politicians pay atten-

tion to the media, especially when the story can work to their own political advantage. There now exists the possibility that legislation will be introduced in the next legislative session to provide relief for Roosevelt. Our "clout" is our big mouths.

What about the coming months? Pointing to the concept of individual initiative, I will say that the future is really in your hands. I have some ideas for things I might try to organize, but I certainly hope (and I doubt) that I am alone. We are making a difference, and we are making it in a positive way. I invite each and every one of the townspeople of Roosevelt to join in the battle to resist the steamrolling of small towns—doing whatever you can, however you can do it. Roosevelt has never been a town of the "silent majority", let's use our vocal cords now!

—Brad Garton
—August, 1990

Roosevelt Water Action

Kicking Up a Storm

What are all those people up to on Sunday mornings in the Borough Hall? Where did all of those Congressional letters come from? How come the amphitheater is suddenly being used so often for free concerts? And where did the wooden sign on 571 come from?

The answer to all of the above: a group of 30 to 40 Roosevelt residents who came together in April, reaching across partisan lines, to create a Water Action group. Their aim: to do something positive about the sewage treatment crisis.

The 11:30 a.m. Sunday meetings have centered on free-flowing brainstorming. Out of those meetings came the letter writing campaign, with at least 400 letters being sent to as many as 27 legislators and DEP officials. Out of the meetings came the 4th of July parade unit, the signs, and the giant letter to Governor Florio that nearly 200 residents signed at the picnic. Out of the meetings came the impetus for the effluent collection at the treatment plant and the creative media event on the State House steps.

The same meetings gave rise to the wooden sign on 571—lumber and labor donated—plus the ongoing series of flyers and free weekend concerts. All of the above have combined to garner a substantial and growing collection of press clippings. More events are in the works. Overall, the actions have helped identify who our friends and allies are within the legislative community.

All of the above hasn't just happened out of the blue. It's happening because people are coming together and bringing their energies to take constructive steps about the crisis. People are doing whatever they feel comfortable doing—whether that means writing one letter, or co-organizing an entire concert series. The Water Action has plenty of room for leaders and followers alike. And the meetings are short.

Join us at the next event and/or meeting. Contact Anita Cervantes at 448-4068.

—Judith McNally

Love of Roosevelt

So Long, It's Been Good to Know Ya

By Rabbi Josef G. Solomon

This certainly isn't the topic I expected to write on this month. To borrow a phrase from innumerable "B" movies, "By the time you read this," I will have moved 75 miles north. That's still in New Jersey, but not in Roosevelt. I like Roosevelt. I don't want to move. However, my choice seems to be between leaving Roosevelt, or staying and becoming a ward of the state. After these past few years of penury, the choice was no choice.

I have lived in Roosevelt for nine years—the longest period I have lived in one house in my entire life. My plan was to stay and increase that record, day by day. However, it is not to be. Now that I have been ordained, and am therefore able to earn a living in my new chosen profession, it seems necessary for me to do just that—earn a living. And, of course, I will no longer be going to school three days a week, so I will once again have time to sell. My first thought was to find some computer consulting work, so I could support myself, stay in Roosevelt, and remain as the Rabbi of Congregation Anshei Roosevelt. That didn't happen. There were people who dangled the prospect of lucrative consulting projects in front of my face, but none of them materialized. There is in Yiddish literature the concept of the "luftmensch", the person who has no visible means of support, and seems to live on air. I do not wish to be a luftmensch. In fact, I *have* been a luftmensch, and I want to stop.

A Brief Digression

Parenthetically, there was a rhetorical question that was popular in America: "Do you think the world owes you a living?" The approved answer was "No", of course. Well, I *do* think the world owes me a living—but not necessarily the kind of living I want. That is, it is a national disgrace for anyone to starve to death in America, or freeze to death, or to be homeless because he cannot afford to live anywhere but in the streets, or in a car. Anyone who is alive should be

kept alive by the government, or by private contributions. But if he wants a telephone, TV, vcr, etc., those he has to work for. Well, I do want those things—and more. So I eagerly embrace the opportunity to work. I used to tell my wife how happy I was to have the obligation to support her and our five sons. I guess it's part of the—you should pardon the expression—Protestant ethic.

The Academy for Jewish Religion

The school that ordained me this spring is a friendly place. Among other things, people tell each other about vacant pulpits. Are you familiar with the "light-bulb" jokes? The one that's relevant here is, "How many medical students does it take to change a light-bulb in the ceiling?" The answer is, "Three—one to climb the ladder, and two to pull it out from under him." That stuff does not go on at the Academy. We do not compete against each other. In particular, the executive dean has told me about several vacant pulpits: Tyler, Texas. I am not going to Tyler, Texas. They are offering an astonishing amount of money—as much as my son makes! I am not going. Jamaica (not the one in Queens). I am not going. There's one three hours from Wichita. Not unless it's three hours straight up. Poland. Not a chance. Etc.

And then I got a tip from an unusual source: someone who is not even a student at the Academy—yet. She sat in on classes one day last year, and decided to enroll in the fall. That is of course exactly what most people do, and it is exactly what I had done. She told me of a vacant pulpit in Oakland, NJ. It is an unusual situation: Two congregations merged, but they maintain both buildings. The main congregation is in Paterson, the secondary one is in Oakland, about 15 miles away. I drove to Paterson to meet with the Paterson rabbi. We spent the whole day together, seeing the synagogue in Paterson, the one in Oakland, meeting

people, and touring the area. At 4pm, we left the rabbi's house and went next door to the synagogue, where my car was parked in the lot. Some follower of Oedipus (my first column for the Bulletin was on Bowdlerization) had smashed out the driver's window (so he wouldn't have to open the door and set the alarm), reached across, and ripped the radio out of the dash.

We now have a new algorithm: If you leave your radio in your car in Paterson, you are likely to leave your radio in Paterson.

Smiling Tom Kean

There are many people in New Jersey who are furious with Governor Jim Florio because he has raised taxes. Let me tell you what smiling Tom Kean did to all of us. When I called my insurance company the next day, I got an even worse shock. For the past thirty years or so, I have had \$100 deductible on my comprehensive coverage. Uh-uh. The state re-set everyone's deductible. If you didn't find the form in the half-inch-thick envelope from your insurance company and send it back, you don't have the coverage you think you have. (The reason for telling this story is: Check your own coverage.) Imagine my joy to discover that my coverage was not \$100 deductible but \$500. Of course, I did save \$31 a year in premiums. In that one shot, Tom Kean has cost me more than Jim Florio will.

First Impressions Are So Important

It was not an auspicious beginning. Nonetheless, I came back for a second and third meeting. Needless to say, having replaced the window and the radio, I took the radio with me when I left my car in Paterson. So I still have the new radio, and now I also have a new job—as rabbi of the Oakland congregation. My new job starts September 1. (They wanted me to start August 15, but that was just not possible.) As noted above, by the time you read this, I will have gone. But I am not severing my ties with Roosevelt. Secondly, I

Letters

may continue writing for the **Bulletin**, although I will of course no longer be able to turn in copy at midnight on deadline day. Firstly, I am not selling my house. The new tenant will be my son Jeremy, affectionately known as Child-5. He graduated from law school eight days after my ordination. He will be clerking for two years for a federal judge in Trenton, and he will probably be ensconced in Roosevelt "by the time you read this".

I hope to be back in Roosevelt—from time to time, if not permanently. So long, it's been good to know ya.

Letters

To the Editor:

I attended the August 8th meeting of the Borough Council and realized how much I, and other members of the community, fail to know about what is happening because we wait for a "catastrophe" before going to meetings.

I asked whether we can meet the deadline given us by the DEP in order to avoid penalties. Evidently not. But my spirits were raised when Howard Prezant gave a long and detailed account about this. I feel that, with Howard and others like him joining the Council soon, we shall be well represented.

It was good to hear the younger generation speaking out and asking questions. Now, if only more of us will attend meetings and, God willing, the DEP will show compassion (even though we are the guilty ones and they are doing their job) and realize that the majority of residents in Roosevelt cannot remain if the exorbitant penalties continue to rise!

—Helga Wisowaty

To the Editor:

I have compiled the following chronology of events from July 5 to August 6, 1990 from the public record:

1990. 7/5 T&M letter: "The terms of the Consent Order are no longer being met".

1990. 7/11 T&M letter comparing conventional and Insituform costs: Copy of letter not sent to Insituform for comment or correction.

1990. 7/11. council meeting. The utilities committee chairman "does not feel that the use of Insituform is as cost effective" (as the conventional method proposed by T&M Associates).

Council passes Ordinance No. 141 allowing participation in Monmouth County Community Development Block Grant program.

Council votes (4-2) against resolution permitting Insituform to bid on sewer line replacement, although the majority of the utilities committee favors it.

Council pays additional \$58,350 to T&M Associates.

1990. 7/17 T&M submits application to DEP for transition area waiver by means of averaging plan.

1990. 7/18 T&M letter: Well No. 3 water meter not yet installed (although DEP water permit requires metering by start of third quarter).

1990. 7/19 T&M letter: As Previously stated, (\$786,000) sewer pipe replacement program will not reduce flow to DEP 250,000 gallon per day requirement. "Based on the flow measurements obtained during our recent study, I estimate the current program will reduce the plant flow in the vicinity of 300,000-310,000 gpd for the 30-month average." Reducing flow to 250,000 gpd would require additional work, as described in T&M 6/28/90 report.

1990. 7/26 Allen & Stults letter: Insurance coverage permits visitors, accompanied by the operator, to enter the water and sewer plants.

1990. 7/31. Deadline for submission of application to federally funded \$3 million Monmouth County Community Development Block Grant pro-

gram: After doing prerequisite income survey, Council misses the deadline for the third consecutive year.

1990. 7/30. Borough Treasurer, Barry Clark (appointed January 1989) resigns effective August 31. Contrary to job description, he has not submitted stipulated utilities or municipal financial statements since sometime last year.

1990. 8/6 Borough Treasurer's handwritten note: "Available for (DEP mandated sewer line and sewer treatment plant) construction phase \$1,915,695.27:" No substantiating figures are given.

Note: You may obtain a copy of the DEP chronology from 1973 to June 1990 by calling 448-3717.

—Peter Warren

Peter Warren is a candidate for the Borough Council.

Dear Editor,

We have found garbage many times in the woods behind the houses on Pine Drive. We keep cleaning it up but we keep finding more. This makes us angry. We would like the people of Roosevelt to look out for anyone littering in the woods. Children play where we have found glass, plastic, a broken window, and sanding belts. So again we would like the people of Roosevelt to watch out for people or a person littering in the woods. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Husth

Gordon Husth

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