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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Hearings Continue on Adult Community Proposal

by Herb Johnson

The Regular Meeting of the Roosevelt Borough Council began at 7:40 p.m. on November 9 with Mayor Lee Allen and the six Council members present along with the Borough Clerk, the Borough Attorney, some Planning Board members, Sydney Israel and over 40 Roosevelt residents in the audience. Two unidentified men in business suits, who seemed to be accompanying Mr. Israel, also were present during the public hearing on the ordinance to amend the Planned community development-II ordinance. The public hearings of the three ordinances which had begun at previous meetings were continued, and the Council voted to continue them at least another month until 7:30 p.m. on December 14. It also approved of the introduction of two ordinances: a 1999 Salary Ordinance and an amended Subdivision and Site Plan Ordinance.

In the "Good and Welfare" part of the Council's meeting, Rod Tulloss, a member of the Planning Board's citizens' committee to evaluate the social impact of adding a 350 unit adult community north of Oscar Drive, expressed very high praise and thanks for the expertise and

enthusiastic cooperation of Councilwoman Rose Murphy. During the past week, she had shown Dr. Tulloss all of the water and sewer plant equipment, explaining their functions and capabilities.

Earlier in the meeting, Dr. Tulloss was one of twelve residents of Roosevelt who spoke during the public hearing on the PCD-2 Ordinance Amendment. He explained that he had just that day completed a preliminary report on a month long, almost full time, study for the Commission on Social Impact. He distributed copies of the 12 page report to Joseph Zahora, Chair of the Planning Board, and Mayor Lee Allen (who had black and white

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Parker And Towle Win Council Seats; Senate President Invited for Swearing-In Ceremony

by Michael Ticktin

On November 3, after one of the most fiercely contested local campaigns in many years, Democrat Harry Parker and Republican John Towle, who were running as a team, won election to the Borough Council with 189 votes and 156 votes respectively. Michael Hamilton, running as a write-in candidate, received 152 votes, while Democrat Stuart Kaufman and Republican Peter Warren trailed with 102 votes and 68 votes respectively. The main issue in the campaign was the candidates' response to the proposal by Sydney Israel to develop a 350-unit retirement community in the northern part of the Borough. Messrs Parker and Towle have

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders:

Please leash your dogs and pick up after them.

Dog licenses for 1999 can be obtained after the new year at the Roosevelt Borough Hall. You must relicense your dog/dogs in January. The fees are \$8.20 for an altered dog and \$11.20 if unaltered.

Dogs seven months of age or older are to be licensed. If you have a dog new to your family, you will need to obtain a license within ten days. If you have a puppy new to your family, you will need to obtain a license once he/she becomes seven months old, regardless of the month.

A rabies certificate, current for the entire year of 1999, and an altering certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the time of licensing.

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DEC. 9
DEC. 23
JAN. 6
JAN. 20
FEB. 3
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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

Development Decisions May Occur In December

by Bob Clark

At the November 11 Planning Board meeting, Chairman Joseph Zahora reported on the status of several tasks the Board and its committees are performing in order to advise the Borough Council on significant proposed zoning changes. Mr. Zahora said nearly all of the tasks are scheduled for completion by the end of the Board's December 9 meeting. This would pave the way for December adoption by the Council of an ordinance permitting construction of up to 350 age-restricted homes bordering Oscar Drive east of Route 571. If the Council fails to adopt the ordinance in December, a newly constituted Council would have to again introduce and republish it after taking office in January 1999.

Michael Hamilton criticized the Board for rushing the deadlines to complete its evaluation of several issues identified by its planning consultant, Alan Mallach, as important to assess whether to permit an adult community in Roosevelt. A School Board member and an outspoken opponent of the proposal, Mr. Hamilton waged an unsuccessful write-in campaign for a Council seat in the November election. The Committee for Responsible Development, a group Mr. Hamilton co-founded in July, supported his candidacy. The voters elected Planning Board member and Democrat Harry Parker and Environmental Commission member and Republican John Towle to the seats now occupied by Jeffrey Hunt and David Donnelly. Messrs. Hunt and Donnelly decided not to seek reelection. Mr. Hunt, who serves as the Coun-

cil's representative on the Planning Board, has been the sole member of either body to express opposition to an adult community in Roosevelt.

The Council introduced amendments to the planned community development ordinance (PCD II) governing the northern 500 acres of the Borough in July. It has decided each month for four months to continue the public hearing on the ordinance amendments. The continuances permitted the Planning Board to examine issues raised by several members of the public and summarized by Mr. Mallach in an August 7 letter to the Council.

If the current Council decides it has heard enough from the Board and the public during its December 14 meeting, it may close the public hearing and hold a final vote on the zoning amendments. In that case, the fate of the proposed adult community would be decided by Messrs. Hunt and Donnelly, as well as Council members Paul Hoogsteden, Rose Murphy, Michael Stiles and George Vasseur. Mayor Lee Allen would vote only if it were necessary to break a tie in the Council. Ms. Murphy and Messrs. Hoogsteden and Stiles publicly endorsed Messrs. Parker and Towle before the November election.

The Planning Board has not yet approved master plan amendments calling for a zoning change to permit an adult community. If the Council changes the zoning ordinance before the Board alters the master plan, the Council would have to provide a public explanation for deviating from the current master plan.

Mr. Zahora, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Parker and Bert Ellentuck serve on the Board's master plan committee. Mr. Zahora reported that Mr. Mallach drafted land use and housing elements, but the committee did not yet have a final version for the full Board to review. He said Mr. Mallach wanted to prepare additional elements for open space conservation, traffic circulation and utilities.

Mr. Zahora said there was "philosophical agreement" among those members of the committee who met on November 4 to discuss the master plan. Mr. Hunt did not attend. Mr. Zahora reported that he, Mr. Parker, Mr. Ellentuck and Mr. Mallach agreed that limiting any age-restricted development to the eastern side of Route 571 would be appropriate. He added that they agreed that the density of such a community could be higher than the density of the current town. Mr. Zahora said those who attended the committee meeting believed Roosevelt should preserve the area west of Route 571 as open space.

Regarding the Notterman tract east of North Valley Road and south of Eleanor Lane, Mr. Zahora said those who attended the master plan committee meeting believe that if non-age-restricted development takes place, it should be located there. He added that they concluded that Roosevelt should concentrate housing on the Notterman tract near North Valley Road and the western part of Eleanor Lane. This would preserve substantial,

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SCHOOL NEWS

School Board

by Nancy Hamilton

The October 22 meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Lauralynne Cokeley. Also in attendance were Board members Mrs. Ellentuck, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Kostar, Mr. Newrath and Mrs. Silverman, as well as CSA, Mr. Presutti, and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Karen Minutolo. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Mr. Presutti reported that a Halloween Dance would be held at the school. This is not a school-sponsored event, but is an authorized use of the school facility. The dance is open to Roosevelt residents only; parents will be asked to sign a hold harmless agreement.

Highlights of school activities included a successful Earth Science Day. Attendance rates for both students and teachers are high (99%). Ilene Levine will again showcase our school by making three presentations at the New Jersey Science Convention.

Mr. Presutti, Ms. Minutolo and Mr. Ticktin will attend the New Jersey School Boards Convention in Atlantic City.

There have been some communications between the Borough Council and the School Board. A request has been made to Council to issue tax checks to the school on a quarterly basis, as the Borough receives them. Council has also been invited to meet with the Board of Education to discuss the impact

potential development could have on the school. It was reported that the Council declined this invitation.

Other news from the Finance Committee included a discussion of our District Factor Grouping (DFG) status. DFG status determines the amount of supplemental aid allotted to districts. Our status is high, placing us in a category with affluent districts, thereby qualifying us for little aid. The Finance Committee will write a letter to Senator Singer with concerns that our current rating misrepresents the community. The Board approved the list of bills and accepted the Treasurer and Secretary reports for September.

Mrs. Silverman, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, reported to the Board plans to review and update policies. There will be a meeting with a representative from the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJBA) who will provide guidance for this process.

The most somber part of the meeting centered around the report of the Education/Personnel Committee which has the unenviable position of finding a replacement for Mr. Presutti, who will be leaving the district in January. The plan is to have an interim superintendent in place by early December, with a permanent CSA in place by April. There was discussion regarding qualities and characteristics that will be looked for in the candidates for both positions. The Committee is embarked upon a careful and vigorous search. Cloning Mr. Presutti was not mentioned as a viable option. Other Education Personnel business included the approval of the Quality Assurance Annual Report as presented to the Board. This report summarizes annual goals and pupil performance objectives for the district and will be submitted to the County. The District is applying for a \$65,000 technology grant. The music teacher's time has been extended by two hours per week. The Board approved the re-

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Roosevelt Community Nursery School

by Ginny Weber

Winter is just around the corner. We're getting ready for the cold weather by learning how to keep healthy and dress appropriately.

Since colds become more frequent at this time of year, we need to remember to cover our sneezes too.

Not only do people need to prepare for winter weather, but animals do as well. We will find out which animals love winter weather, and that some migrate to warmer climates.

We will also discover that some animals just sleep all winter long.

Mark your calendars for a very special date. We are having a pancake breakfast again this winter on Sunday, January 10. The parents do a fantastic job making delicious pancakes and so much more. A display will also be set up of some of our projects and activities as well as pictures of our class at play. I look forward to meeting everyone there!

Happy holidays to all from all of us at RCNS! ■

RPS: Letter from the Chief School Administrator

by Bill Presutti

As you may have heard or read by now, effective the end of December, I will be leaving my position as the Chief School Administrator in the Roosevelt Public School. I have accepted the position of Superintendent in the Fair Haven Public Schools located in central Monmouth County.

As I sit back and reflect on my four years as CSA, I count myself as very fortunate. It has truly been a wonderful experience which I will always treasure. I have grown very fond of the community of Roosevelt and most of all its young people. I will miss them very much as they have continually brightened my days by their words and actions. From the moment I arrived in Roosevelt, you have made me feel a part of the community. Your support of the school has never wavered...a tribute to the importance you place on education and ultimately, the young people of our community. On their behalf, thank you.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the Board of Education for their on-going support, trust

and encouragement; the parents for giving me the privilege of working with their children; and, to the staff for their many hours of dedicated and selfless service. The last four years have truly been a team approach...staff, parents, community and Board. Together...we have made great things happen!!!!

As I look to the future, I know that the Roosevelt Public School will continue to grow and blossom. During the coming months, the community of Roosevelt will be called upon to make decisions that will have long lasting effects on its future and the school. As you have so clearly demonstrated these last four years, I know the decisions will be made with our young people uppermost in your minds.

It has been a privilege to serve as CSA of this special place called the Roosevelt Public School. I will miss you all very much. It has been a wonderful journey filled with very fond memories. Thank you for all you've given me.

May your New Year be filled with peace and joy!!! ■

PTA

by Ellen Silverman

Here is the list and a big "Thank You" for the homeroom parents:

- Head Parent of Parents - Judy Cordo
- Kindergarten - Kelly Mitchell and Donna Provost
- First Grade - Jill Lancaster and Anita Roskam
- Second Grade - Heidi Mendies and Kim Grasso
- Third Grade - Mary Tulloss and Linda Velesquez
- Fourth Grade - Vinny Jackson and Linda Silverstein
- Fifth Grade - Adrienne Cheshire and Lorraine Reibold
- Sixth Grade - Nancy Hamilton and Reenah Petrics

The jobs you do as homeroom parent are very important for all of us in the PTA and for our link with the school. Thank you again for taking on this job.

Pam Hague, our PTA Membership Chairperson, shows on her records that there are 59 members of the Roosevelt PTA. More members are always needed, so, please join.

The PTA's Halloween night activities were a great success. Thanks to all the volunteers that greeted the trick-or-treaters at the school and pleasantly haunted the neighborhood later at night in hopes of reminding our younger goblins of their manners.

What a success the Book Fair was! Thanks go to all the volunteers who (wo)manned the book tables. The Holiday Fair will be held on December 7 and 9. As always, the PTA volunteers make this event successful. It is so great when the mall comes to you.

The PTA will not be holding a December meeting. See you next year. ■

Soup, Glorious Soup

by Anita Cervantes

Well, it is certainly starting to feel like winter. The dark comes early, the wind is no longer the balmy breeze of September or the (some would say intolerable, I say delicious) hazy early-morning caress that we feel coming home after a late party in, say, July.

Autumn for me is a time when the world can look glorious and exhilarating, like the sound of trumpet calls; and, at the same moment a time of deep sadness. It's natural: everything is dying, and no matter how much we might believe that it will be reborn again in six months, the flaming tree-torches on Diana Klein's and Alan Mallach's front lawns and in front of the school - to mention just a few - and the corn-stubble fields in the Assunpink, are signs that the world is turning in on itself, getting ready for darkness and cold.

The response to darkness and cold seems to be universal, at least for those of us who are willing to acknowledge that we're still pretty ruled by the cycles of nature. My cat, Griselle, seems almost overnight to develop a thicker, more luxuriant pelt. She seems to sleep a lot more; at least she sleeps a lot more indoors, and she wants to cuddle significantly more than in July. And, how she eats! That wise little hunter's body knows what it needs: more fuel.

It is, I notice, the same with me. The urge for companionship and sharing of food, always strong for me, augments itself now that the days seem so short, the coming of cold so imminent - not to mention the "putting up" impulse. A few weeks ago, before a threatened frost, I went and picked all the basil in the garden, and made plenteous quantities of pesto. In the depths of February, as I have come to learn, it is a desperately needed reminder that there IS a summer full

of scents and heat and green. I went to the supermarket last weekend and spent way more than my weekly budget, and realized - half-ashamed, half-amused - that it was just that instinct to hunker down, to stock up, to fill the larder against the time when wolves come out for food, when the whole world is ice. Those are primordial instincts, and I guess going over-budget at the store once in a while is a small price to pay for being reminded of it.

The other thing for which I get an insatiable urge when the weather gets cold is HOT SOUP. There is something about the liquid warmth of soup, the wholesomeness of it, the feeling of being filled up but not weighed down, that is incredibly comforting in the winter. I suppose it's a cliché but it DOES warm you inside as well as out better than almost anything I can think of. For me, as well, it is comfort food. It's not work to eat, like something you have to use a knife and fork on and chew, it just slides effortlessly down your throat and makes you feel as though everything is OK. (Maybe it reminds us of that earliest experience of being fed by our mothers: no effort, just instant, warming food-gratification which translates, at some level, into total love?)

One of my favorite comforting soups is potato-leek soup. It's filling and, if you simmer the leeks and garlic in a little broth instead of in a bit of olive oil and butter (which I, sinner that I am, prefer) and use skim milk (ick) it doesn't even have to have any fat in it. I think I remember reading somewhere, however (Farley Mowat writing about his travels among the Eskimos?) that you NEED a bit of fat in your diet in the cold to help you survive. So be advised, and don't beat yourself up too badly for a tablespoon of olive oil or butter!

If you have time, find a way to get down to the Farmers' Market in Trenton, and get your potatoes and



leeks there. The leeks will be big and fat or slim and willowy and they will cost you for three what you would pay in the supermarket for one. And, the potatoes will have that extraordinary earthy taste for which there is no substitute. And, both will be sublimely fresh.

Now, one thing about soup, it is almost impossible to make a small quantity of it. Soup is not meant to be made small and penurious -it is a generous food which wants to be made in large quantities, with large gestures, in a pretty large pot (at least 4 quarts). Soups are alright to eat alone, because they make you feel good, and this is always worth it. You can almost always freeze the leftovers, if you're the sort of person who doesn't like to eat the same thing several nights in a row. This way, a few months later, when you return home too tired to cook and get the urge to paw

through your freezer, you have the opportunity to say, "Wow, mushroom-barley soup Öh, let me just nuke that real quick and have a hot meal!" Another alternative is to give the leftovers to a nice neighbor who doesn't

have time to cook that night. Be sure that he or she will reward you with some tasty treat sometime when that family has a bit too much.

But, in my book the best thing to do (not necessarily in this order) is to make that huge pot of soup, go up to Rossi's and get a loaf of bread (for potato-leek soup I would recommend Pete's incredible garlic-rosemary bread), have a few apples and pears on hand and a hunk of some nice Brie or Cheddar for dessert, and invite a few friends over, one of whom will be sure to bring a bottle of nice blood-warming wine. So here it is. I hope it warms you.

POTATO-LEEK SOUP

4-5 handsome leeks

3-4 cloves garlic, or more!

8 goodly fist-sized waxy potatoes or a combination of russet & waxy

3 cans good-quality chicken broth, or about 5 cups homemade chicken broth (NO GREASE, please)

or good veggie broth

1 Tbs butter

2 Tbs olive oil

Fresh thyme or rosemary, if you're lucky enough to have 'em: of fresh thyme 8-10 sprigs, or 4-5 of fresh rosemary, OR 1 tsp of dried thyme, a little less of dried rosemary

optional: 3/4 - 1 cup milk or (if you must) skim milk

salt & pepper to taste

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contiguous open space bordering the cemetery and wooded land near Empty Box Brook. Mr. Zahora said they also concluded that density on the Notterman tract should remain as presently provided. If the full Board and the Council agree to keep the density as currently written, the Matzel and Mumford Organization's proposal to change the limit on single family houses for the Notterman tract from 54 to 65 would fall.

Mr. Zahora asked the landscape ordinance committee to meet before the Board's December 9 meeting. The Board is reviewing an ordinance drafted by Kate John-Alder, a certified landscape architect and a member of the Environmental Commission. The Council introduced a raw draft of the ordinance in September and referred it to the Board for comment. At its November 9 meeting, the Council continued the public hearing on the ordinance until its December 14 meeting. Board members Bert Ellentuck, Gail Hunton and Mark Roberts serve on the landscape ordinance committee, along with Ms. John-Alder and Timothy Hartley.

Eleanor Lane resident Neil Marko said the draft landscape ordinance should not ban turf grass considering the history of sod farming in western Monmouth County and the threat of Lyme disease. Ms. John-Alder replied that large expanses of lawn outside of the home lots would be detrimental to water quality. Board member David Leff said it is easier to manage forested open space than grassland.

Mr. Marko also contended that ordinances should prohibit excessive outdoor lighting and noise from gasoline powered lawn equipment in densely clustered housing. He added that there should be penalties

for failing to comply with the landscape ordinance and it should designate a responsible enforcement official. Mr. Zahora said the landscape ordinance committee would consider Mr. Marko's suggestions. Mr. Ellentuck said the residential site improvement standards adopted by the Borough perhaps already addresses lighting issues.

Board member Michael Ticktin described the work of the social impact committee. He said he and Rod Tulloss prepared a questionnaire for the mayors of five New Jersey townships - Berkeley, Manchester, Monroe, Southampton and Lakewood - having large numbers of adult community residents. He added that they received no responses from Berkeley and Lakewood. Monroe officials indicated that they did not have the time to complete the questionnaire, and Manchester officials replied that Roosevelt should check with Rutgers. Mr. Ticktin said Southampton's response noted that its adult community "fit in well" with the rest of the Township. A higher percentage of those in the adult community had voted against the last school budget, but voters elsewhere in the township also had rejected it, according to Mr. Ticktin.

Mr. Tulloss told the Council on November 9 that his study of school budget voting in municipalities with adult communities indicated that in those towns with larger proportions of age-restricted residences the opposition to school budgets had been more pronounced. Mr. Tulloss said the data supported the conclusion that adult communities engage in block voting. Mr. Ticktin and Mr. Tulloss agreed that a complete analysis of voting patterns should account for other variables, such as income levels. Mr. Ticktin noted that in Monroe Township, where

income and age levels are high, voters pass school budgets "every time."

Monroe School Superintendent cites cooperation with adult communities. In a November 12 article, the Star Ledger reported that Monroe's School District Superintendent, Stuart Schnur, "has been able to make the large senior citizens community feel part of the district." The article continued:

"Monroe is largely rural and 55 percent of its population is senior citizens. Since Schnur arrived, voters have approved all four school budgets, no easy feat in a town in which senior citizens hold the voting majority. In most communities, seniors are notorious for voting against school budgets."

The article quotes Mr. Schnur's description of how he enlists the cooperation of adult community residents in Monroe:

"We work with them throughout the year, not just at budget time. They have a wealth of experience we can all benefit from. This whole community knows the value of education."

The Board recommended that the Council adopt revisions to the architectural design standards for the planned community development ordinance governing the Notterman tract (PCD I). Mr. Ellentuck drafted the standards. They state that they "are not intended to dictate a particular architectural style" but "to identify a range of design options which will encourage new construction that is harmonious with the basic design characteristics of Roosevelt's houses." ■

ROOSEVELT WEATHER ALMANAC

The Snows Of Yesteryear

By Ron Filepp

Celebrants at a Roosevelt party last month told stories about winters of years gone by. All recalled the snows as deeper and longer lasting than the snows of today. The stories told that mid-November afternoon recounted snowfalls that climbed half way up the walls of Roosevelt houses as a common occurrence; and, that snow cleared from the streets and sidewalks in New York City would last all winter in piles where it had been deposited. Twenty-five miles east of Roosevelt, the snows surely were deeper forty years ago than they are today. That was where I grew up. The snow would often be as high as my shoulders. But, at the age of six, my shoulders were not so far from the ground as now.

It's not just the last few generations that tell stories of winters that were colder and snowier. The stories have been around at least since colonial times, and probably much longer. In his 1987 article "The Climythology of America", David M. Ludlum wrote, "colonists believed conditions had grown milder and the seasons had changed, with spring coming later and autumn lasting longer."

As long ago as the eighteenth century there were scientific theories to explain the phenomenon. Ludlum wrote of a doctor from North Carolina who authored an article in 1771 that offered a theory to explain the warmer and less snowy winters. The theory stated "that the cutting down of the forests for farms and settlements had warmed the soil (and that it had done so) for two reasons. First, easterly winds could now penetrate more deeply into the country, bringing temperate

marine influences inland. Second, the bare soil received and stored more solar heat than forested lands, and snow melted more quickly when exposed to direct sunlight."

Theories to explain warmer and less snowy winters still exist. Global warming and El Niño dominate public attention. Science seems to support the veracity of these theories. As interesting as the science is, it is the stories of ancient storms that seem to more successfully summon up our fears and sense of adventure.

Our Arid Autumn

As of November 19, the last time more than one inch of rain fell in a single day in Roosevelt was August 17. A total of only 4.58 inches of rain fell in September, October and the first half of November. Normal rainfall for that period is 9.17 inches. The accompanying table reflects a very dry period from mid-October through mid-November. Less than an inch of rain fell during those 31 days.

Unfortunately, the rain and clouds that came our way during those days seemed to arrive just as the fall colors reached their peak. The clouds were also around this year for the peak period of the Leonid meteor shower. It was to have been a spectacular show this year.

It was also warmer than normal in September and October. September's average temperature was 3 degrees above normal. October's average was one-half degree above normal. ■

Weather Event

A series of arctic cold fronts and snowstorms took their toll on London's Big Ben on December 11, 1981. The clock, responding to the severe weather, briefly stopped. Closer to home in Morristown, New Jersey, storms on December 4,5,7,8,9 and 10, 1786 dropped a total of 41 inches of snow.

Weather Word

WATER EQUIVALENT is the ratio of snow to water that is found after melting a snow sample. On average, melting ten inches of snow will result in one inch of water. The water equivalent of such a sample would be ten to one.

SCHOOL BOARD*Continued from page 4*

keying of the school and the installation of an electronic keypad. This was done in order to enhance security as a response to recent break-ins. The electronic keypad will allow entrance only to authorized users with a personal security code. This will also allow for monitoring who enters the school building.

The Board recessed into executive session at 9:25. Open session resumed at 9:45 and the meeting was then adjourned.

The November 19 meeting was attended by Mrs. Cokeley, Mrs. Ellentuck, Mrs. Grayson, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. John-Alder, Mr. Newrath, Mr. Ticktin, Mr. Presutti and Mrs. Minutolo. Minutes were approved with some corrections. Our lunch program has been approved by the State.

A thank-you letter from the Ghostown DJ's, the hosts of the Halloween dance, was reviewed.

Mr. Presutti reported that the Halloween dance was a success; well chaperoned with plenty of music. The DJ's have donated some of their proceeds to our local Boy Scout Troop and to the International Red Cross. There was some discussion, led by Mr. Ticktin regarding Board procedures for approving parties of this type.

The installation of new security measures, i.e. locks and keypad will be completed by the end of this week.

It was duly voted to approve all bills, and to accept the Treasurer and Secretary reports for October.

A round of applause was given to Karen Minutolo for a flawless audit, requiring no corrective action. There was some discussion regarding the audit and state of our surplus. State mandates have required us to cap our surplus at 6% of the total budget, forcing school districts to use reserves that might have been used to offset tax increases.

Mr. Ticktin reported that the Policy Committee has met with NJSBA who has offered to review our policy manual and to make recommendations for any necessary changes. The representative from NJSBA commented that our manual seemed to be up to date. The Education Personnel Committee has been hard at work interviewing and narrowing down a list of candidates for the position of Interim CSA. Mr. John-Alder reported that a list of three candidates

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Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	65.0	44.	54.5	0.00
16	62.0	40.	51.0	0.00
17	66.0	42.0	54.0	0.00
18	72.0	50.0	61.0	0.00
19	70.0	60.0	65.0	0.00
20	65.0	45.0	55.0	0.00
21	57.0	42.0	49.5	0.00
22	53.0	37.0	45.0	0.00
23	63.0	33.0	48.0	0.00
24	70.0	47.0	58.5	0.00
25	67.5	41.0	54.3	0.00
26	66.0	45.5	55.8	0.00
27	62.0	46.0	54.0	0.00
28	66.0	42.0	54.0	0.00
29	50.0	42.0	46.0	0.15
30	57.0	37.0	47.0	0.00
31	51.0	36.0	43.5	0.00
1	57.0	35.0	46.0	0.00
2	50.0	42.0	46.0	0.00
3	50.0	32.0	41.0	0.00
4	48.5	32.0	40.3	0.00
5	48.0	26.0	37.0	0.00
6	47.0	29.0	38.0	0.00
7	51.0	28.5	39.8	0.00
8	50.0	38.0	44.0	0.00
9	50.0	38.0	44.0	0.00
10	55.0	33.0	44.0	0.00
11	60.0	44.0	52.0	0.28
12	50.0	37.0	43.5	0.35
13	49.0	34.0	41.5	0.00
14	58.0	34.0	46.0	0.00
15	62.0	46.0	54.0	0.00

Total Precipitation 0.78

LOOSE LEAVES

by Ron Kostar

Nobody Really Asked Me But...

If the 350 unit adult community complex gets built and all or even some of the new residents drive like my mother, how long will it take to get to Hightstown on any given Saturday morning?

Has the Roosevelt Public School ever had a better Chief School Administrator than Bill Presutti?

Do the fall trees popping in the green belt around Roosevelt look like popcorn balls, or am I hallucinating?

Does anyone that works full time ever find time to actually read an entire book?

When your kid(s) started going to Kreps, instead of questions like "Did you have fun today in school?" or "What did you learn today in school?", did you find yourself asking questions like "What did you get on your Social Studies or Math test?" or "How many kids did you say are in that class?"

After about the sixth grade, why aren't kids encouraged to draw what they SEE rather than what they are told to see?

Now that basketball, which along with modern dance and movies will probably go down in history as America's most important contribution to world culture, has started another season, why don't more people just quit their jobs and buy vans and travel from gym to gym with their teams, like the Globetrotters?

I think I already know the answer to this question, but... why do the powers-that-be make it so difficult for a person to vote for a write-in candidate?

Are some of the blasts coming out of the green belt on Saturday mornings really the emanations of overzealous hunters lobbing grenades at their poor, unsuspecting prey?

Why do teenagers mumble, and did we mumble and over use expressions like "It's like..." and "You know I mean like it is ..." when we were their age?

How many people didn't go out and buy the Temptations' "Greatest Hits" album after watching the

not-so-bad recent made-for-TV movie? And, have there ever been any better popular songs than "Ain't Too Proud to Beg", "Since I Lost My Baby" and "The Way You Do the Things You Do"?

Do you think Abdul Mamia deserves another trial?

Are there better places around to have breakfast and read the newspaper, while watching people and savoring the quiet, than the Hightstown Diner and Teddy's in Cranbury?

Is there anything more fun or invigorating than watching a good play?

Is it possible for "people of limited means" to travel this winter without really going anywhere?

Have people always raked leaves with their lawn mowers? And, if so, why didn't my father know about it?

Is President Clinton still the President?

Does anybody find the huge houses of Millstone ostentatious and needlessly self-important? And, do they remind anyone else of the scene in *Doctor Zhivago* in which the revolutionaries "liberated" Omar Sheriff's summer house?

When you dial a number on your telephone and get a busy signal, does it automatically mean your party's on the Internet?

Can you imagine, or even remember, what your life was like before you had kids?

Is there a better, cheaper dinner smorgasbord around than the one served Thursday evenings at the restaurant on Cream Ridge Golf Course?

Is there a better movie maker in the country than John Sayles? Or two more entertaining and provocative rental movies than "Passion Fish" and "Lonestar"? And, do some people still hide away during cold winter weekends and watch one director's (i.e. Sayles's, Hitchcock's, Kawasawa's, Allen's etc.) entire corpus of works?

What is the etymology of the word "cornucopia"? Is the "horn of plenty", as I suspect, a marriage of the two words, "copious" and "corn"?

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

BEST WISHES TO THE NEWLYWEDS:

Kelly Leigh Land of Rochville, MD, and Bryan A. Counterman, former Lake Drive resident, were married on October 17 at the Rochville Presbyterian Church, Rockville, MD. The proud parents are June & Bill Counterman of Lake Drive and Gerry & Beth Land of Rockville. The couple will reside in Montgomery Village, MD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Rose Elizabeth Prestopino born November 8 to Peri Prestopino and Seamus Egan of Portland, Oregon. The proud grandparents are Sarah & Paul Prestopino of Farm Lane, and May & Jim Egan of Clogham, County Offaly, Ireland. The proud great-grandparents are Elizabeth & Gregorio (deceased) Prestopino of Farm Lane, and Jean Libsohn (deceased) and Sol Libsohn & Bess Tremper (significant other great-grandmother) of North Rochdale Avenue.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Anthony Grasso (age 11) of Eleanor Lane who won the Adam Jenny Soccer Award for enthusiasm on Saturday, October 30.

BEN SHAHN EXHIBIT:

In honor of the 100th birthday of Ben Shahn, the Jewish Museum in New York is presenting a retrospective exhibit: Common Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn. The exhibit opened on November 8 and will run through March. The hours are Sun., Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Tues., 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free after 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, otherwise admission is \$8/adult, \$5.50/senior or student. The Jewish Museum is located on 92nd Street near 5th Avenue and is closed on Fri., Sat. and major Jewish holidays. For further information call 212-423-3200.

The museum purchased 300 of the Shahn mural postcards to sell in the museum shop. They can be purchased for \$2 (a bargain) at the Borough Hall.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM:

Molly Bulkin of Pine Drive to all those who helped her celebrate her retirement at a luncheon at Mastories on October 18.

CELEBRATING:

Liz Carroll had the honor of attending the Marine Corps Ball in Fredricksburg, VA, celebrating the 223rd birthday of the United States Marine Corps in November.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

The First Aid Squad needs members. The squad pays for training. For information, call Beth Battel at 448-7701.

For information on joining the Roosevelt Fire Department, contact Chief Kim Dexheimer or leave a message at the Borough Hall, 448-0539. If you can occasionally provide transportation to seniors needing non-emergency medical attention, call Mary Alfare at 443-4243.

FROM RPS:

October Students of the Month in Health: Victoria Adams, Corey Conover, Heather Cordo, Anthony Grasso, Rachel Lopez, Josh Orlen and Sarah Tulloss.

October Students of the Month in Physical Education: Naomi Goldman, Devon Kostar, Meredith Lawson, Allison Mitchell, Briana Parsons, Kelsy Reimbold and Tommy Septak.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:

Liz Carroll, a Junior, was inducted into the National Honor Society on October 26.

The HHS Marching Band took First Place in the Silver Division of the EMBA Championships in New Haven,

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Helga Wisowaty

Connecticut. Roosevelt members are Molly Petrilla & Vicki Taylor (clarinet), Hannah Stinson & Katie Alfare (flute soloists), Liz Carroll (piccolo), Brian Taylor (trombone), Joanna Giordano & Jessica Hamilton (band front). The band is under the direction of Mr. Thomas Juzwiak, Music Department Head and assisted by Mr. George Colon. As per his promise to the band members, "Mr. J." shaved his head in honor of this awesome first time win.

Two Lake Drive students were elected to the Homecoming Court at the football game on Friday, October 30: Liz Carroll as the Junior Class Representative and Hailey Reibold as representative of the Freshman Class.

FROM OUR LADY OF SORROWS, HAMILTON:

Peter Rossi III, grade 7, made the Honor Roll for the 1st marking period (the 9th time in a row).

If your news is not in this column, someone did not follow the directions below!

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

The senior citizens' meeting of November 10 was chaired by Thelma Thompson and came to order at 2:20.

Box lunches will be on Fridays from now on. Friday the 13th was the first.

Discussion of trips, on the third Tuesday of each month, was concerned with the best places to have lunch. We all have good appetites.

We missed Gus Chasan, our long time member. She now resides at the Applegarth Care Center which is located on 11 Applegarth Road in Monroe Township (mailing address in Hightstown). I'm sure that she would enjoy hearing from all of us.

It is always a pleasure meeting with members we don't see often.

Anne Garnham was our hostess. Everything was delicious.

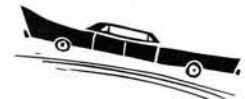
'til next month... ■

REMEMBER:

**THERE WILL BE
NO BULLETIN
IN JANUARY.**



School is Open!



Watch your Speed!

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

ROOSEVELT VIEWS

View I: The Proposed Adult Community Issue

by Rod Tulloss

My motivation for speaking at the Borough Council Meeting in November was to make clear why I am developing information on the social impact of the proposed age-restricted housing and why I volunteered to be a member of the Planning Board Citizens' Commission on Social Impact.

My motivation in beginning the research I'm doing on my own and continuing with members of the Planning Board Citizens' Commission has several parts:

1. I want to understand the topic of social impact as thoroughly as possible and then to make the data and my analysis available to everyone in the community.
2. I, like many members of the community, do not like controversy that I don't understand.
3. I prefer to help resolve conflict rather than sustain it.
4. While convinced that property tax and water-sewer bill relief are important, I wanted to know how an age-restricted community would impact Roosevelt and how large an age-restricted community needs to be in order to be -
 - big enough for a real tax benefit and
 - Not so big as to be likely to bring unintended consequences later.
5. I wanted to help bring about consensus on the issue. I believe consensus is important because the decision reached on this zoning ordinance change should be the last major decision about development of our town. We should make it with cool heads. It's important that the decision be made based on all available information. It's important that the town not be "saved" by damaging it.

Starting Out

Did I start with preconceived ideas? Yes. I was pretty much opposed to the whole idea of an age-restricted community.

Do any of those ideas seem correct now? Yes. It is clear to me that there is a limit to the size of an age-restricted community that Roosevelt can accept without severe risk of negative consequences.

Do any of those ideas seem wrong now? Yes, again. An age-restricted community is nearly certain in Roosevelt's future. If that is the case, it is terribly important for the community to become fully informed on the subject. And, it is terribly important for the community to participate in determining the size of any age-restricted community.

Diminishing Returns

There are a lot of issues to think about. One thing to think about is "diminishing returns." Take the example of a water-sewer bill of \$125. Set aside the complexities for the minute and just suppose that if about 300 houses have such bills today and 100 houses more are built, then the new bill is computed simply by sharing the monthly charge between 400 houses instead of 300. The new bill would be \$93.75. At least before new costs appear, we all save \$31.25 each month. That's 31 cents for each house built. Now picture building 50 more houses. Where we had 400, we now have 450. The water bill drops again. This time to \$83 per month. We saved \$10.75 more per month. That's 21 and a half cents per house per month. If you do the experiment of adding houses in lots of fifty and watching the benefits diminish, when you get to 200 houses (let's say that is 50 in PCD-I and 150 in an age-restricted community), the new added saving on your water bill is \$8.30 per month or 16 and a half cents per house per month. Suppose you go on to 200 houses in the age-restricted community. That's another increment of 50 houses. The bill drops to \$67.90 per month, and savings for each house built is now 13 and a half cents per month per additional house built. If one adds another 50 houses (that is 250 in the age-restricted community), the benefit is 11 cents per additional house per month.

Somewhere in this progression, the question arises "Is the next 50 houses really worth the potential of negative impact on the town?"

I'll talk about negative impacts in a future letter.

Of Course, There's More To It

There is a hope that, despite increasing costs of running a larger town, providing for a first aid squad upon which there will be significantly more demand, etc., Roosevelt will see property tax benefits from the proposed age-restricted development.

Diminishing returns applies to property taxes, too. If you do the experiment on diminishing returns applied to your own personal property taxes, you might consider another question "What is your goal?" I am told that our town's average property tax is about \$4800. That is \$800 above the statewide average of \$4,000 (New York Times). It certainly makes sense to aim for the State average or below. If there are potentials for negatives, what is the right point to stop?

There are several computer programs that have been put together to estimate savings. But, my point can be made with simple arithmetic. For the moment, let's ignore increases in cost of all kinds. We have about 325 houses in town. If we add 50 in PCD-I and 100 in an age-restricted community, the average tax bill drops to \$3284. We could absorb a \$344,000 annual increase in the cost of running the town and still end up with our average property tax being the same as the State's average property tax.

For 50 houses in PCD-I and 150 houses in an age-restricted community, the property tax (before cost increases) would be \$2971.43 on average and we could sustain a \$540,000 annual increase in costs before our average property tax got up to the State average.

When the maximum yearly benefit of adding 50 more houses is less than the cost of a mid-price color TV, that might be the time to take a look at what negatives might be magnified by that 50 house increment.

And Then There's More Good Stuff

There is a benefit that doesn't diminish with the increase in houses. This is the effect of paying down the town's sewer/water debt (around \$2.2 million) by the connection fee charged for each new house connected to the system. The Borough Council just increased this fee to a size that is more like that of other towns with high costs of building or maintaining water and sewer systems - \$5500 per connection (part for water, part for sewer). This change was designed to

have a very positive impact.

With the new fee, half of the town's water/sewer debt will be paid off by adding 50 houses in PCD-I and 150 units of age-restricted housing. It is expected that a healthy paydown of the debt (it does take a few years as units are built) will permit one or both of two things: renegotiating the remainder of the existing debt and ability to obtain a loan to support the town's share of a new well and water tower that will be required because of the addition of the new homes. There's no free lunch.

Why not go all the way with 350 houses in an age-restricted development? One reason is that paying down a loan is a one-time activity, not a repeating benefit to the town and its citizens. Reducing property taxes is a repeating benefit: it impacts everybody every year after it gets going. Reducing water/sewer bills is also a repeating benefit. Is it appropriate to change the town more than we'd want in order to get a one-time benefit? The approach of restraint is consistent with our Borough Council's recent approach of using reserves to hold down property taxes over several years instead of using all the reserves at once to lower the town's debt. Imagine the debt is a 2.2 million mile long road. We can't predict all the curves and turns and cliffs with narrow guard rails that might be along that road, but we know some are out there. If we can establish a reasonable speed limit, we can expect to get to the other end of the road. If we insist on driving 350 miles an hour (that is, agree to the building of 350 units of age-restricted housing), we may make it to the other end faster. On the other hand, we may miss one of those curves.

We Need To Preserve Open Space Now, Not Just Plan To Preserve It.

Are there important development issues not involving size of an age-restricted community? Yes. It is very important that, at the same time that we decide on the size of the age-restricted community, we obtain the development rights on any remaining land in the northern part of town so that we (like many of the towns around us) take action now to preserve the open space we have remaining. If you doubt the importance of open space to your property value, remember that neighboring communities (including Cranbury, Upper Freehold, Millstone, Franklin, and West Windsor) just raised taxes on themselves in order to buy open space or development rights for open space.

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ROOSEVELT VIEWS

It is not enough to have a plan to preserve the land. Our last big development and a major preservation action should be parts of one package deal. It is very advantageous to the raising of funds for open space or other forms of preservation if all parties (especially outside sources of funds!) feel they are contributing to a negotiated balance of needs...and not just being asked to come in later to buy development rights at possibly higher prices.

Things Change

Research on the impact of development by means of age-restricted housing has been going forward quickly. Presenting data and analysis in a letter to the editor is impossible to do. The work left to be done is significant.

Since there is some new evidence, I do want to say that there is sufficient data now available for me to feel more comfortable with 100 units than I was on the night of the Borough Council meeting and to believe that it is possible to exceed that number by some, still undetermined amount.

It is also clear to me personally that exceeding 200 age-restricted units would be a very serious mistake.

I plan to write a number of open letters to Rooseveltians between Borough Bulletin issues explaining the concerns for unintended and undesirable consequences. These letters will be my personal statements and are not to be read as conveying the opinion of anyone else or the consensus of the Planning Board Citizens' Commission.

I hope that most folks reading this letter will understand that I am interested in seeing a significant impact on our financial problems while trying to achieve a balance preventing negative consequences. This is the ancient idea of the "golden mean" - achieving a desired result without the dangers of excess. Nothing more.

Drop Me A Line, Please

If your view about age-restricted development has changed since the discussion became extremely newsworthy last summer, I hope you will drop me a postcard (P.O. Box 57) or send me email (ret@njcc.com) telling me where you were on the issue a few months back and where you are now. This can be as simple as "was zero, now 100" or "was 350, still 350." Such information will greatly help me in understanding diversity of town opinion. And, I hope that this understanding will help lead us to the best answer that is possible for us. The compiled answers with no names attached will be made available to all interested parties.

In Closing

If your views on age-restricted housing in Roosevelt were effected by reading this letter, please write to the Borough Council and the Planning Board and tell them your point of view before the next meetings. Please be both clear and polite. The next Borough Council Meeting is scheduled for December 14. The next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for December 9. Most of us are learning as we go. I know I am. If you'd like more information, drop me a note or an email. I'll do my best to get the needed information and address your question in a future letter. ■

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS *Continued from page 10*

would be presented to the Board during closed session. Other Ed/Personnel business consisted of action of the part of the Board to support the Affirmative Action resolution that was originally adopted in 1991. Mr. Presutti was appointed the district's 504 officer. (Section 504 of the Americans With Disabilities Act allows for accommodations to be provided for those with any identified condition that would impact on their ability to participate in the programs offered by the school.)

Mr. John-Alder, Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, provided an update on the re-keying of

the school. In addition, the Board will ensure that there are no underground oil tanks prior to the State's year-end deadline for the removal of such tanks. Mrs. Ellentuck, Chair of the Legislation/Public Relations Committee mentioned that there is proposed legislation that would impose impact fees on developers. This may be legislation that school boards would want to support to protect local residents from paying costs associated with development, including school costs.

The board went into closed session to discuss matters relating to personnel and negotiations. Open session was resumed and the meeting adjourned. ■

View II: The Proposed Adult Community Issue

Solomon Metzger

On balance, I favor the current proposal to site an adult community project in our community. The benefits should not be a matter of serious dispute. Taxes and water/sewer charges will decline by some 40% and the value of existing homes will rise dramatically. The calculations are not difficult - at 350 units, the rate base will roughly double without impacting the school, our primary financial obligation. It may be possible to slim the number of units down, and if so, all the better. I don't need to pay low taxes; I just don't want to pay the highest school tax rate in the State.

All development presents a tradeoff, and it seems that this one is fairly benign. The zoning for the northern acreage presently allows for some 115 single family homes, but this is a chimera because no such project can be built without overrunning the school. The proposal for the Notterman tract is caught on the very question of whether 65, four bedroom homes, will tip that balance. An industrial project on the northern acreage will raise environmental concerns, a commercial venture will bring commuters. There will ever be reasons to say no. Moreover, any alternative not here will inevitably sound better than one under scrutiny. Do not fall into the trap of thinking that if we wait, the perfect solution will emerge. That may happen, but it is not a sound bet.

Doing nothing is itself a decision. When the DEP forced us to major sewer repairs at the beginning of this decade, we did not fix everything. Infrastructure does not regenerate and we will be hearing again from our aging pipes. In the absence of new ratables, carrying

costs are headed up. That will only consolidate our dubious distinction as a high taxing district.

I would concede that we cannot predict with certainty all of the eventualities that might flow from doubling the size of the Borough. Consider, however, that there may actually be some upside. These new Rooseveltians, generally freed of child rearing duties, may contribute to the life of the Borough. They may be as solid a group of citizens as are we. I have heard people slam this proposal in apocalyptic terms - seeing it as the death of the community. It's hard to know where to begin with such talk, but a first step might be to beg for a sense of proportion.

When I first arrived here twenty years ago, I was told that old Roosevelt had disappeared. To those recounting the story, this was a great loss, but to me this was still a quiet place, a step or two off the mainstream. In the time I've lived here, the wider landscape has been transformed from rural countryside to forming suburb. I sometimes lament the additional cars and houses along my bike routes, but to the same avail as longing for old Roosevelt. The future will likely bring more suburbanization and our contribution to the process through this project would be relatively modest. The chances are that the development will be hidden behind hedgerows, and when all is said and done, Roosevelt will still be one of the smallest communities in the State. The recently approved open space bond issue may make it possible to set aside the remaining northern acreage. Once the tax rate is stabilized, that would be a salutary goal.

The issue has now been debated at some length and the community remains divided. I would urge the Council to gather up the facts and bring the question to a vote in the near term. If approved in concept, we can move to the details, if not, let's go on to something else. ■

LOOSE LEAVES *Continued from page 11*

Is there any importance to the fact that the editors of The Times put their horoscopes in the business section?

Whatever became of the, I assume, publicly financed investigation of the famous, if not mythical, "fish heads in the garbage can" episode? And, am I missing something, or isn't that where fish heads are supposed to end up? Is it true, as a sage once said, that people are "busy either being born or busy dying"? And, does the same hold true for fish (which, perhaps, is why they should

be buried rather than thrown in garbage cans?)?

Do bare trees mean what I think they mean? And, is it true that if you "attack cold weather" - whatever that means - you're more likely to stay warm?

But, just in case, does anyone know where you can buy a set of long underwear that guarantees leg warmth and is resilient enough to last until March? ■

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Three teenage residents of Roosevelt approached the Roosevelt Borough Council a few months ago to help organize a town party. They presented their ideas at Borough Council meetings and had an open discussion. They were referred to the Roosevelt Public School Board, and after a full discussion, a Halloween dance for the entire Borough of Roosevelt was approved for October 30, 1998.

The three boys, known as the Ghostown DJ'z, are Nathaniel Kostar, Orlando Ortiz and Adam Axel. They recognize the need for town-wide activity and for recreation for our youth. They organized and advertised the dance on their own, and they provided musical entertainment for children and their parents and other adult residents of our community. The dance was held at the Roosevelt Public School and most everyone came in costume. There was dancing, snacks, games and prizes. The event was a great success with the added benefit of keeping our town safe and secure on the night before Halloween (otherwise known as "mischief Night").

The boys, who persevered with intensity and never gave up on their goal, appreciate the help of Mr. Presutti (Chief School Administrator), the School Board and the volunteer chaperons.

The Ghostown DJ'z of Roosevelt made a donation to the Roosevelt Boy Scout Troop 119 in recognition of their efforts in town. This donation represents proceeds from the Halloween dance. They also made a donation to the American Red Cross International Relief Fund.

The Ghostown DJ'z want to encourage the Boy Scouts of Roosevelt to keep up the good work! They also want to help the victims of this terrible disaster in Central America. I feel their efforts represent wonderful initiative of our youth and they deserve our praise.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Axel

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Dear Bulletin Staff,

We have received The Bulletin since we moved from Roosevelt two years ago and really enjoy hearing from you all every month. We would like to continue receiving it, so please accept our "donation" for the year 1999-2000.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication and for making The Bulletin possible. We miss Roosevelt a great deal. This really helps us feel closer to the place we still love and miss so much.

Sincerely,

The Hatzfeld family,

Shelly, Jim, Cassie & Keith

LETTERS

Dear Folks,

A brief letter to thank all of you, my neighbors and friends here in Roosevelt, for your letters and cards and notes after the passing of my mother in late September. It was an astounding and moving outpouring of sympathy. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for taking the time to write. In light of the recent debate over the shape change might take in our community, I find myself wondering if this caring impulse would be quite so nurtured if we were to double our size ...

On a happier note, I'm also taking this opportunity to announce a wonderful occasion in my life, both personal and professional (is there a difference?), the release of my first CD. It is titled *Amor de la Danza/Love of the Dance*, and almost all of the music on it is richly inspired by the movements and spirit of dance. The music includes that of English Renaissance composer William Byrd, the great JS Bach, Spanish Baroque composer Sebastian de Albero, New Jersey composer Olga Gorelli, Joaquin Nin-Culmell of Cuba, Spain, and the US, and Argentinean Astor Piazzolla. I'm proud to say that fellow Rooseveltian, neighbor and good friend composer Brad Garton wrote the liner notes, and that Roosevelt poet Dina Coe is also featured on the CD reading a poem of E.E. Cummings. The Albero and the Gorelli works, as well as the poem, are live performance recordings.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Anita Cervantes

BREAKING BREAD

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Cut the hairy root end off of the leeks, and most of the green part, at least where it starts getting coarse and tough. The easy non-traditional way to clean the leeks is to slice 'em in half lengthways and rinse their papery nested layers in cold water to remove the sand. You MUST do this one little step or your soup will not be nice.

Slice the leeks crossways: you'll get little semicircle shapes. (Do not be compulsive about this. Who's going to be examining the shape of your leek-slices while they're being warmed by your soup and Pete's bread and the aforementioned bottle of wine?)

Chop the garlic coarsely. Melt the butter and olive oil SLOWLY together in your heaviest, nicest pot of about 8 quarts.

Add the garlic and the chopped-up leeks. Let the leeks and butter/olive oil cook together, covered, luxuriantly and SLOWLY (what's the hurry? It's warm in the kitchen!) until the leeks are nice and soft and incredibly fragrant. While this is happening, peel the potatoes and chop them up into smaller pieces, like about the

length of your first thumb-joint, or of walnuts.

When those leeks are soft and fragrant, add the potatoes. Dump in enough of your chicken or veggie broth to almost cover the potatoes.

Cook for about 15 minutes, until a knife goes easily into a potato. Here is where the two roads diverge in an any colored kitchen. I like to smush the potatoes pretty well, leaving some good sized chunky bits. A French friend of mine prefers to not smush at all. Some people go so far as to pour part of the soup into the blender and puree it finer, then add it back into the pot. You make your own choice.

Anyway, after smushing or not, add some milk if you want. Your soup will be pretty thick by this time (yummm), so you'll probably need to thin it with something. Use extra broth if you don't like the milk. Add salt & pepper if you wish. But RIGHT NOW, turn off the flame, get out the cheese if you haven't already, run down to Rossi's for that bread, call some hungry friends, and enjoy! ■

Roosevelt Arts Project 1998-1999 Season

The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 1998-1999 calendar of events featuring a wonderfully varied array of new works, a festival of the arts in the spring and the return of your favorite performers and poets.

Unless otherwise specified, all events take place at the Borough Hall and will begin at 8:00 p.m. At most events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, only \$4.00 for students and seniors. This year we will ask \$10.00 for admission to the Roosevelt String Band concert and for Laurie Altman at the Peddie School. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and the *Bulletin* for additional details.

Saturday December 5 An Evening of Storytelling

At special time, 7:30 p.m. Stories for adults and children featuring professional storytellers Jaymie Reeber Kosa, David Brahinsky and Arthur Shapiro.

Saturday January 9 Alan Mallach - A Piano Concert

Alan Mallach will perform the Pathetique and several of Beethoven's lesser known sonatas.

Saturday February 27 Laurie Altman Jazz at the Peddie School

Saturday March 13 Poetry

An evening of readings by Roosevelt poets.

Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17 Roosevelt String Band

A perennial favorite, in concert for two nights.

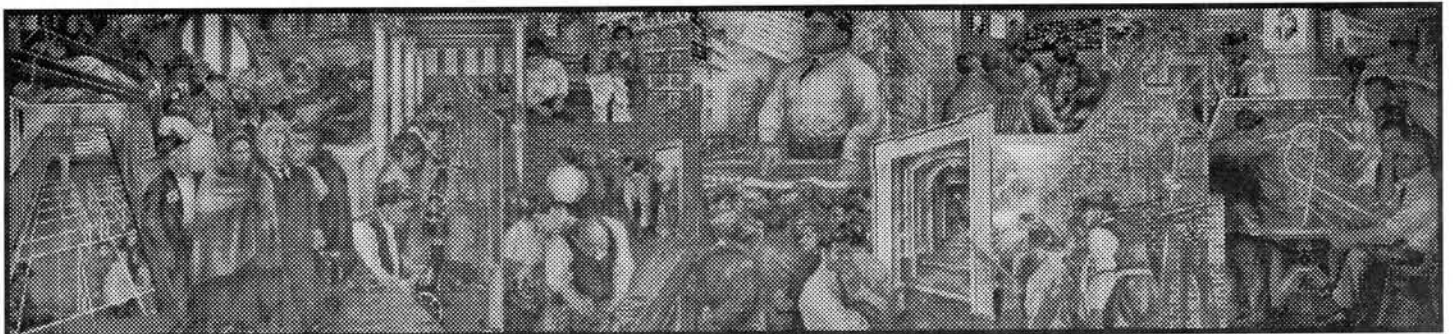
Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23 Roosevelt Festival of the Arts

A two-day celebration of the Arts in Roosevelt with art exhibitions, studio tours, folk music, crafts, refreshments and fun at the Roosevelt Public School.

Also this season RAP will offer the Roosevelt Arts Exchange: a series of workshops for adults and children led by members of the community. The Arts Exchange will provide an opportunity for townspeople to share their gifts and skills, and to share in those of others, whether it's poetry, decorative box making, woodworking or the art of collage. Watch for specific places, dates and times.

We hope to see all of you at these exciting new performances, exhibits and events. Visit us at our website – <http://woof.music.columbia.edu/~roosevlt/>

Beautiful three-panel postcards of the Shahn mural are available for purchase at each event or by calling Judith Trachtenberg (426-8867), Deborah Metzger (443-3759) or Robin Middleman (426-4583).



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Review of "Mo", a play by Richard Lloyd

by Ron Kostar

On Saturday evening, October 24 Richard Lloyd's two act play "Mo" was performed in the Borough Hall to an appreciative audience of about 50. The performance was billed as a "staged reading", which meant that instead of sitting on stools or chairs reading their lines the performers moved around the Borough Hall "stage" acting out their parts, as if in a dress rehearsal. Their acting, while reading, gave the "reading" the look, immediacy and energy of a real play. It was directed by Bruce Clough and the actors were Candace and Michael Gallagher, all of Hightstown.

"Mo" is the derogatory word for Eskimos, and the play "Mo" is about two middle aged people who try to overcome society's as well as their own stereotyped expectations. The action is set on a shoreline of Canadian Lake Superior, in and around the cabin of one Frank Turner, aka Françoise Tourneau, a heavy drinking, self-loathing fisherman who spends most of his time slugging down beers when he's not leafing through old *Bride* magazines. Six months after Frank's French-Canadian mother Lorraine has died, Frank has begun writing love letters to a woman named Nat who, as the play opens, unexpectedly appears at Frank's door. Unbeknownst to Frank, his long distance pen pal is an Eskimo — a "Mo" — who has been ostracised by her mother and villagers and has turned to Frank for romance and because of the simple fact that she "has nowhere else to go."

What follows is a fairly convincing story that takes place in a night and part of a morning, about two outcasts who struggle with their preconceptions and stereotypes and disappointments, while trying to recognize value in themselves and, eventually, in each other.

Besides the animated, energetic performances of Frank

and Nat, played by Candace and Michael Gallagher, there are a number of themes and motifs running throughout "Mo" that make it rich and provocative. Mr. Lloyd's feel for language is light and revealing, which makes the play intermittently provocative, profound and fun. Nat is not the "Sunshine Girl" that Frank had envisioned while reading *Bride* magazine, nor is Frank the physically strong, self-reliant fisherman his father had hoped he would become. Nat struggles with her physical unattractiveness and, later, her molestation at the hands of an "old drunken Eskimo" named Mad Baboo, lamenting the fact that "she will not be allowed to wear a white dress"; while Frank groans under the psychological baggage piled on top of him by his parents Lorraine and Mike. During the evening both struggle to shed psychological baggage and social stereotypes and expectations that are not of their own making.

If one criticism is that Nat and Frank are perhaps reconciled a little too quickly, "Mo" was still very enjoyable, in large part because of the characters' lively bantering and quick repartee. The "Interlude" that takes place between Act I and II is particularly entertaining in this respect. At one point Frank, responding to his father's government job, quips: "And counting deer shit is a legitimate use of the taxpayers' money. Such a manly vocation." While Nat, musing over her fate, wonders: "If Sunshine girls go on to *Bride* magazine and get to wear white? And marry happy men?" And then there's a jab thrown by Mike, Frank's ever supportive father, into the chest of his browbeaten son: "Makes you angry, don't it. Someone is going to get all that prettiness, and it's not going to be you."

In the end, though, Nat and Frank do find the "prettiness" in each other and get "married" in their own, unconventional way. And they do this, despite the claims of their mothers, Mad Baboo, white wedding dresses and the Sunshine girls. ■

AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET

American Repertory Ballet begins its 35th Season of *The Nutcracker*

Described as "irresistible" by The New York Times, *The Nutcracker* brings to life the charming story of a little girl named Clara who dreams her way into a magical land of dancing sugarplums and dew drops, toy soldiers and a handsome prince. Performed with the vitality that has made American Repertory Ballet a nationally recognized dance company, this holiday classic takes on new energy for the ballet company's 35th season of *Nutcracker*. Tchaikovsky's musical score is performed for the fifth consecutive year by the American Repertory Ballet Orchestra.

Dance Power

The pivotal role of Clara's little brother, Fritz, has been given to 12-year old Dewight Braithwaite, a four-year veteran of Dance Power, the successful collaboration between American Repertory Ballet and the New Brunswick Board of Education. Dance Power provides tuition-free classical ballet training to students who attend the city's public schools. Gregory Hines is honorary national chair of the program. Leadership and support are provided by Dr. Penelope Lattimer, New Brunswick's Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum; Dr. Ronald F. Larkin, Superintendent of New Brunswick Schools; Harris N. Ferris, Managing Director of American Repertory Ballet and Elizabeth Goldblatt, Coordinator of Educational Programs.

Dewight says that he was both surprised and happy to learn that he had been chosen for the role.

"I am a little nervous about being in the very first scene of the ballet, the young dancer comments, but I am also excited because I like the music of *Nutcracker* and the way that the story flows. It is all tied together with the dream. The dancers tell the story." Dewight, son of Jacqueline Price, wants to be a professional dancer when he grows up. He admires Dance Power chair, Gregory Hines, because he has managed to master a number of different styles of dance, such as tap and jazz. However, Dewight plans to concentrate on ballet.

Princeton Ballet School Participation

More than 150 students from Princeton Ballet School participate in *The Nutcracker* each year. In addition, 40 volunteers, many of them parents of the student-dancers, work behind the scenes to make *The Nutcracker* a success.

Nutcracker Brunch

On Sunday, November 29th, a special *Nutcracker* Brunch will be held at McCarter Theatre in Princeton at 11:00 A.M. Mingling with the guests will be some very familiar characters from *Nutcracker*. A backstage tour will follow. Guests will then attend a 1:00 P.M. performance of the ballet. *The Nutcracker* Brunch is being catered by Main Street.

Community Support

The Home News & Tribune is once again sponsoring the New Brunswick performances of *Nutcracker*. Year-round sponsorship of

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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

**McCarter Theatre,
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Box Office:
609-683-8000**

December 30	7:00 PM
December 31	1:00PM
January 2	1:00 & 4:30 PM
January 3	1:00 & 4:30 PM

**State Theatre,
Easton, Pa.
Box Office:
908-725-3420**

December 6	1:00 & 4:30 PM
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**Raritan Valley
Community College,
North Branch, N.J.
Box Office:
610-725-3420**

December 11	7:00 PM
December 12	2:00 PM

**State Theatre,
New Brunswick, N.J.
Box Office:
732-246-7469**

December 19	1:00 & 4:30 PM
December 20	1:00 & 4:30 PM

copies made for members of the Council) as well as to all members of the Social Impact Commission. All candidates for Council had been given copies of an earlier draft prior to the recent election. The document was titled, "Evidence for Block Voting in Age-Restricted Communities." Dr. Tulloss said the President of Public Affairs Research Institute of New Jersey, and others in that field, told him no scholarly analysis of this topic exists; many communities will want to study the Social Impact Commission's final report.

Councilman Paul Hoogsteden, quickly leafing through the seven pages of tables and bar graphs, asked Dr. Tulloss to summarize the report. The study examined school budget elections in New Jersey as a whole and in the 48 municipalities that include age-restricted communities, for the years 1995 through 1998. Dr. Tulloss provided a summary of his comments for this article. The goal was to find if there was a link between the proportion of persons 65 and over in a community and the community's willingness to vote expenditures that did not directly benefit the older voters. A degree of correlation was found in both the 1998-99 one-year and the 1995 through 1998 four-year studies. They are based on the observation that school budget elections provide the only widely and uniformly collected data that might indicate that any link exists. Dr. Tulloss indicated in his comments, that he was not interested in the school budgets themselves (after all, all schools involved are open and serving kids), but only in the voting on the budgets as the one available indicator. The study showed a dividing line between communities with less than 11% population 65 and over and the

remainder (with senior populations up to nearly 60%). Communities with below 11% of population 65 and over, rate of budget failure was 62% higher. The results of both the 1998-99 year study and the four year study strongly suggest that block voting on economic issues occurs and is increasingly likely as the percentage of persons 65 and over increases in municipalities including age-restricted communities. Based on the study, Dr. Tulloss suggested that approximately 76 units of housing in Roosevelt's proposed age-restricted community would have minimal social impact if the proposed building in the PCD-1 area and an age-restricted community were both built. One hundred units of age-restricted housing would, in his view, create a potential for negative social impact; 150 units would create an undesirably high potential for negative social impact. Dr. Tulloss' letter in this issue of The Roosevelt Borough Bulletin gives an update stating that further study indicates that it may be possible to build more units with limited social impact than appeared from the first stage of study. Vincent Vignuolo said the \$800 increase in his property taxes this year as a result of school taxes going up is making it difficult for him to see how he can live in Roosevelt as a retiree. Kirk Rothfuss said he is not willing to give away the life values Roosevelt now offers for a risk that taxes can be reduced. Mayor Allen agreed that this was a complicated issue which requires everyone to use all their brain power to work it out the best possible way for all the residents of Roosevelt. Harry Parker said that even when the voters did not approve of the school budget about four years ago, the Council decided it was reasonable. Judith Trachtenberg said the issue was how "block voting" might impact the

Borough including change to the mak-up of the Council and the School Board. Sol Libsohn said Roosevelt's history gives evidence that Rod Tulloss' findings are accurate.

Pearl Seligman then asked why the public could not find out what developer is interested in building the proposed 350 unit adult community. She said Mr. Israel told her US Homes is not the developer. Then Marilyn Magnes asked if a US Homes agent had attended a meeting of the Planning Board recently and spoke about the project. The Mayor answered, "Yes," confirming that US Homes has shown interest in the project.

Leonard Sacharoff, in reference to Ms. Trachtenberg's comment, recalled that when he was on the Council years ago, the State Education Commissioner always over-ruled the Council's rejection of a school budget.

Earlier in the public hearing, Ms. Murphy explained that the Council amended the October printout of the PCD-II Ordinance amendments to include revising the minimum age of residents in an adult community to 21 years. Neil Marko and Gladys Nadler urged the Council to pursue applications for State aid to acquire "open land," now that the New Jersey Open Land referendum passed.

In the public hearing on the Landscape Ordinance #190, Neil Marko appealed for protection from noise and light pollution. The powerful lights at Solar Village make it difficult to see many stars at night. His daughter is a member of the new astronomy club at the Roosevelt Public School. She noticed how hard it is to find some

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stars behind her Eleanor Lane house because of the light's effect. If Solar Village's street lights were shielded to direct all of their light down on the walkways and lawns, much less light would make a glow in the sky. The extremely loud, unmuffled sound of gasoline powered leaf blowers, weed whackers and other loud equipment is very stressful. A development with 50 or more homes built close to each other will have a serious noise pollution problem, Mr. Marko forecast, unless the Landscape Ordinance regulates pollution adequately.

The Land Use Fee Ordinance #97-25 had its public hearing extended to December 14, as did the previous two ordinances. Mr. Vignuolo said he could see it would be very helpful if the Council would have joint meetings with the Planning Board. Ms. Murphy said they tried to, but it is too difficult for the 14 members to schedule meetings together. Mr. Israel asked if the unused portions of the schedule A "Non-refundable Fees" would be refundable. Mayor Allen said they would.

New Business was next. The 1999 Salary Ordinance which was approved for introduction had some new and some revised salaries. The 15 positions with annual salaries all received a 2 percent increase, about equal to the increase in the Federal standard for the cost of living. The 17 positions with hourly wages received no increases. These positions include the public works employees, the Planning Board secretary, the crossing guards and all the summer camp employees. Some new salaries are for Emergency Management positions: \$30,000 each for two EMT positions and \$22,000 for two first responder positions. The public hearing for

this ordinance and Ordinance #187-1 (Subdivision and Site Plan Ordinance Amendment) are scheduled for December 14. That brings the total for public hearings at the December meeting to five, signaling that it shall be a long meeting. Whatever does not get approved at the December Regular Meeting of the Borough Council, or at a Special Meeting of the Council later that month must be considered again for introduction and advertisement by the 1999 members of the Borough Council at least two weeks before it can be voted on for final approval.

A surprising event occurred during New Business. After the Council passed a motion to execute the 1999 food shopping agreement with SCAT, the Monmouth County "Special Citizens Area Transportation System," the agenda showed this item next: "Motion to approve George Vasseur's application for membership on the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Department." A motion was made to table the motion. Councilman Hunt quickly asked Mr. Vasseur if that was all right with him. When the answer was, "Yes," the motion was seconded and passed. As Fire Department member Robert Frances reminded everyone at the last meeting of the Council, as Councilman Hunt has often done, there is an urgent need for more members in the Fire Department and the First Aid Squad. Contacted after the meeting, Councilman Vasseur said he has taken all the courses needed to qualify during the past year but his application awaits the approval signature of the Fire Chief. Regarding the delays in adapting the Borough Hall's rear garage for the Mack truck fire engine purchased a year ago, the Mayor replied to Vincent

Vignuolo's question at the October meeting that the parking lot may be damaged by the heavy weight of that fire truck. Councilman Vasseur, Chair of the Environmental-Health and Safety Committee, has requested an estimate from Dave Parsons on the cost of removing the wall of the hallway behind the front garage for emergency vehicles, at the south end of the Borough Hall. If that revision is performed, the Mack fire truck can be housed in that garage in place of the older fire truck that is kept there. Exhaust ventilation improvements are also expected.

In connection with his duties as Environmental-Health and Safety Committee Chair, two days after the Council meeting, Mr. Vasseur was asked to help "jump start" the First Aid Squad ambulance. When many attempts failed to start the ambulance's engine, Mr. Vasseur went to his home and got a large truck battery. He installed it into the ambulance. That enabled a First Aid Squad member to drive it to Mount's Garage. Two new batteries were installed by Mount's Garage for \$290.98 and Mr. Vasseur's battery was returned with sincere thanks for the many ways he helps keep Roosevelt humming.

The Roosevelt Boy Scout Troop 119 and the Cranbury Troop 64 were praised for their efforts which improved the Roosevelt woodland trails on October 3. Mr. Cokeley's letter to the Council described their efforts working with Environmental Commission members, and reminded everyone that the trails are enjoyable as a result of the application of wood chips on about one-third of a mile of trail. Councilman Michael Stiles referred to it during his committee report. Mr. Vasseur reported that the Public

Works employee Dianna Moore went to the State to get signs to advise hunters where safety zones extend to in the Borough and she has started placing them in three areas. Ms. Murphy reported that the Council received three applications for the Zoning Officer position. Later, Jeff Hunt and Mr. Vasseur joined her in planning to interview them and recommend one for hiring. The Salary Ordinance lists \$3,395 and \$30 per house inspection for that position. As the Community Development Block Grant Representative, Ms. Murphy reported that this year's grant is slightly over \$16,000.

Sergeant First Class O'Riordan announced he is being transferred away from the western Monmouth County area, as the New Jersey State Police's Community Relations Officer. Officer Woody Clay is to replace him. He warned residents of a new scam where a telephone caller will claim he or she is performing a telephone company check. You are asked to push nine-zero and the pound sign. You are thanked and told your phone is all right. The caller then can place a call to anywhere in the world charged to your number.

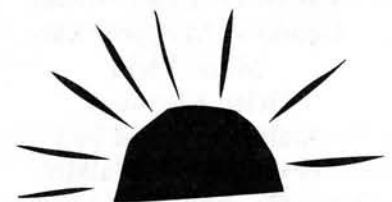
In response to questions, Sgt. O'Riordan said it is the responsibility

of the Fish and Game wardens to investigate hunting violations but the State Police assist. He urged residents not to confront any hunters but to call officials for help. Melissa Hecht said she and her husband, Andrea Branco discovered the wounded bow hunter in the woods last month while walking their dogs. They rushed out to call for 9-1-1 rescue teams. She asked if hunters violated the law by hunting within Borough limits. Mayor Allen said no hunting is allowed in the Borough except that any part of the Assunpink Wildlife reserve which is in the Borough is lawful hunting area in accordance with regulations for hunting seasons as long as it is not within the safety zone for houses. Someone said that zone is 150 yards from any building. The Sergeant said hunters can carry a shotgun in residential areas as long as it is not loaded, and a bow as long as it does not engage an arrow.

Nona Sherak ended the "public portion" of the meeting by thanking the Borough's public works employee for installing the blow-off valve in the water line at the end of Maple Court, but complained that the public works employee has not yet used the blow-off valve to remove sediment and rust from the water lines in two and half months.

She explained that he has not been able to get a long hose to allow him to direct the blown-off water to a suitable location. At the end of the meeting, the Council transferred \$725 from the Streets and Roads line item to the Historical District Advisory Council and \$300 to Assessment of Taxes. The Council passed David Donnelly's motion to advertise for bids on an 18 month contract to supply chemicals for the water and sewer treatment plants, and then approved of paying the month's bills totaling \$165,741 for Current Fund expenses, \$13,180 for Water/Sewer Fund expenses and \$2,355 for General Capital Fund expenses. The Current Fund expenses included \$49,900 for four kinds of County taxes, \$96,222 to the Roosevelt Board of Education and \$1,110 to Michele Donato, Esq., who is the Planning Board Attorney.

The meeting adjourned rather early, 9:12 p.m. with everyone apparently in good spirits, determined to apply themselves diligently to solving problems as Mayor Allen urged, with brain power and consideration for all. ■



PARKER & TOWLE WIN

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expressed support for the idea of having such a development, while Mr. Hamilton has been one of the leaders of those opposed. Messrs Kaufman and Warren focused their campaigns on other issues.

Mr. Towle has invited Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, who happens to be his first cousin once removed, to attend the organiza-

tional meeting of the new Council on January 4 and to administer the oath of office to him and to Mr. Parker. The Senate President serves as acting Governor whenever the Governor leaves the State and would serve out Governor Whitman's term were she to be elected to high Federal office in 2000. ■

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Mon.	12/7	7:30 p.m.	PTA Holiday Gift Fair, RPS, during school hour	Mon.	12/21	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Council President Paul Hoogsteden, 448-7358.
		7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen, 448-6978.			8:00p.m.	Synagogue Board Meeting, Michael Ticktin, 448-0363
Tues.	12/8		PTA Holiday Gift Fair, RPS, during school hours. and p.m	Wed.	12/23		RECYCLE RPS 4 hour session, close for WINTER VACATION.
		1:00 p.m.	Blood pressure check, Borough Hall				
		2:00 p.m.	Senior Citizens, Borough Hall, Jeanette Koffler, 448-2259.	Thurs.	12/24		RPS closed.
		7:30 p.m..	Jersey Homestead Historical District Advisory Council Meeting, Borough Hall, Local Historian Authur Shapiro, 443-3575.	Fri.	12/25		CHRISTMAS RPS, Post Office, Borough Hall closed.
		7:30 p.m.	First Aid Squad, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, 448-7701	Mon.	12/28	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Council President Paul Hoogsteden, 448-7358.
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