

# Bulletin

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

### Council Weighing Repair vs. Replacement of Water Tower; Noise Ordinance to be Considered

By Michael Ticktin

The future of the water tower was the major topic of discussion at the March 12 meeting of the Borough Council. In the opening public portion, Bert Ellentuck, an architect and a former mayor, as well as the father of Councilman Jeff Ellentuck, took issue with the recommendation of Carmela Roberts, the municipal engineer, that the water tower be replaced by a new tower with a 200,000 gallon tank. Mr. Ellentuck said that, in his judgment, Ms. Roberts' report understated the cost of replacement, and that the Council should choose the repair option instead, and find the least expensive way to do it. He said that the 85,000 gallon tank had been adequate for the last 70 years and should continue to be adequate since, as a result of all of the public open space acquisition and farmland preservation that has taken place in the last few years, there is no longer any prospect of a significant increase in demand for water due to new housing.

Addressing the same issue, Councilwoman Peggy Malkin reported that the Finance committee had met with Ms. Roberts, Financial Officer George Lange and Gerald Stankiewicz, the municipal auditor, to explore the options

of repair and replacement and the financing that might be available for each. Messers Lange and Stankiewicz will be meeting with representatives of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to discuss availability of low-interest loans. Ms. Malkin further stated that the decision on which direction to take will have to be made this spring, but she hastened to assure the community that there was no danger of the water tower bursting or otherwise posing an imminent hazard.

Ms. Malkin also reported that she had met with Lt. Brian McPherson, commander of the New Jersey State Police unit that covers Roosevelt, to discuss improvement in communication between the Borough and the State Police. She said the Mayor and Council would have liked to have been notified about the recent paintball incident at the Brottman house by the State Police, instead of having to first learn about it by reading a news article. Lt. McPherson said that he would meet periodically with municipal officials to exchange information. He also said that he would have more troopers assigned to patrol municipalities that rely on the State Police for protection, including Roosevelt,

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN ROOSEVELT

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April 25, 7:30 p.m. - Peace Films Series – Page 4

May 3, 8 p.m. - Annual mtg of Roosevelt Senior Citizen's Housing Corp.– Pg 4

April 14, 7 p.m. - Movie Night in the gym - RV – Page 10

### UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

April 14, noon to 4:00 p.m.

Covenhoven House, 150 West Main Street, Freehold

Open hearth cooking demonstrations, including serving of fresh gingerbread and cornbread, and guided tour of the 1752 Covenhoven House. Parking at Grace Lutheran Church

April 28 and 29, noon to 3 p.m.

Holmes-Hendrickson House and Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Demonstration of 18th and 19th century hand shearing of sheep and wool processing. Hay rides available between the two sites.

May 3, 1 p.m to 4 p.m.

Opening day for Covenhoven House, Holmes-Hendrikson House, Marlpit Hall in Middletown and Allen House in Shrewsbury

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## Planning Board Hears Variance Application

At its March 13 meeting, the Planning Board heard an application for a variance to build a garage in the sideyard of his house at 22 South Rochdale Avenue. Board members pointed out that the Board has repeatedly denied applications to build in sideyards, and asked Mr. Battle to consider the feasibility of building his garage in his rear yard instead. The application was continued until the next meeting in order to give Mr. Battle an opportunity to present a revised plan without having to pay another fee or provide additional notice to nearby property owners. ■

## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

By Clare Sacharoff

There were 16 people at the March 6th meeting.

On the 3rd Tuesday, which is the regularly scheduled trip, the group had lunch at the East Windsor Garden Buffet followed by a movie at the Multiplex Cinema. Volunteer drivers were Alan, Geri, Florie, and Pat Moser. People were picked up at 10:30 a.m.

Our monthly luncheon was held March 30th at 12:30 at the Borough Hall. It consisted of individual hoagies.

The April hostess will be Molly Bulkin. We wish a speedy recovery for Louise and Howard Prezant. Geri Millar will try to get a speaker from Monmouth County. They provide several topics from which our club may choose. ■

## BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

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Millstone and Upper Freehold.

Councilman Bob Silverstein, chairman of the Utilities committee, reported that new technology may be needed at the sewage treatment plant in order to comply with new DEP standards for phosphorus reduction. This would necessitate fee increases over and above the increases that are already likely to be needed to meet current costs.

Councilwoman Arlene Stinson, chairwoman of the Community Development committee, reported that the committee was recommending that permission be granted to place a bronze sign listing donors next to the new mural that is to be painted on the front of the municipal building. The sign would not exceed 20 inches square in size. The Roosevelt Arts Project has overseen the mural project and collected money for it.

Councilwoman Pat Moser expressed concern about a school bus parked on Pine Drive that makes it difficult for people to exit their driveways safely by blocking a view of oncoming traffic. She also commended Bob Clark, who formerly served as Borough Administrator, on his election as vice-chairman of the Monmouth County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) committee. Mr. Clark said that he intends to use his role as vice-chairman to change the program in Monmouth County so that nonprofits can get funding for worthwhile projects. He recently had the experience of being unsuccessful in getting a grant of CDBG funds, which are Federal funds channeled through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the recon-

struction of sidewalks at the Roosevelt Solar Village, a project for which HUD pays rental assistance, and he concluded that the CDBG program had become a road funding project in which participating municipalities vote to fund each others' road projects, to the exclusion of all other applicants. He plans to take the argument for a more equitable funding procedure to HUD itself.

In the public portion, Dolores Chasan and Melissa Branco complained about loud partying at 2:00 a.m. at the premises of an unidentified "neighbor" and called upon the Council to do something. Mayor Beth Battel said that they should call the police to report any such incident, but Mrs. Chasan said that the police could not do anything in the absence of a noise ordinance. Mayor Battel said that a problem that the Council had encountered in prior discussions of a noise ordinance was that equipment and trained personnel would be needed to measure decibel levels, but that the Council would look into what might be done. (In a recent decision, a Millstone noise ordinance that is not based on decibel levels was found to be enforceable by the Appellate Division of Superior Court.)

In other action, the Council approved the reintroduction of an ordinance appropriating \$250,000 (mostly State aid funds) for the reconstruction of Pine Drive and Maple Court and adopted a resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for that project. ■

# From the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome Spring!! The robins are back, the trees are budding, and the daffodils are up. This is a delightful time of year, a time to get outside, spruce up the yard and enjoy the great outdoors.

As you're strolling around the neighborhood take a good look at our old landmark- the water tower. Our Borough engineer, Carmela Roberts, has discovered it is in need of serious repair or replacement. The Utilities and Finance Committees are study-

ing the reports and figures to try to determine which is the best option and how we can afford it. Carmela has also found the need to reline the mains throughout the town to prevent brown water once and for all. The water is clear when it leaves the tower, but as it travels through the pipes it picks up rust along the way. Relining the pipes would solve that problem.

Several of you have asked me to comment on a Civil Case known as a "Complaint in Lieu of Prerogative Writ" reported in a local paper as

brought against the Borough. As of this writing neither the Borough attorney nor the Borough administrator (nor I) have seen proof of service of this action. The nature of the case would be to determine if Bob Francis was correct in finding the use of 53 North Rochdale to be in violation of zoning ordinance 97-15, in the RA 400. If the Borough should be served, we have 35 days to respond and we have an excellent group of attorneys poised to defend us. ■

## TOWN TOPICS

### **"Peace Films" Series to be Launched on April 25**

The Roosevelt Chapter of the Coalition for Peace Action announces its "Peace Films" series on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The first film will be "Why We Fight" at 7:30 p.m. on April 25, 2007 at Borough Hall. This documentary was the winner of the 2005 Sundance Grand Jury Award. "Why We Fight" examines corporate, political and ideological factors behind American militarism. It uses personal stories of government officials, soldiers, journalists and innocent victims, and 'stars' President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In his farewell address, President Eisenhower coined the phrase, "military industrial complex" and issued a sobering warning about the intricate tangle of corporate, political and military interests. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome.

### **Vote for "Village" Trustees**

*By Bob Clark*

The Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, a non-profit organization which owns the Roosevelt Senior Housing Village (sometimes called the "Solar Village"), will hold its Annual Meeting at the Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3. More than 40 members of the Corporation are eligible to elect the Board of Trustees and attend to other business at the meeting. The Corporation owns the 21-unit complex located at the intersection of North Valley Road and Farm Lane. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development, holds the mortgage on the property, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, provides rent subsidies for elderly and disabled people who are eligible to live there. An Agent manages and maintains the facility with

money from the residents' rent payments and the federal subsidies.

The Corporation's by-laws require at least 35 Corporation members, who all must reside in Roosevelt. We encourage residents of the Village and people living elsewhere in the community to become Corporation members. Roosevelt residents who want to join the ranks of those already members should contact Bob Clark, Secretary of the Board of Trustees (443-5883) or Pat Moser, President (448-4865). To become new members they need only make arrangements to pay to the Corporation, through its Treasurer, Bill Counterman (448-3182), \$5, as required by the Corporation's by-laws. Multiple residents of a single household may become Corporation members upon payment of a single \$5 fee. The fee confers lifetime membership.

Each year, on the first Thursday in May, the Corporation holds an annual

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# From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

School budget time is upon us. By the time you read this *Bulletin* article, you will have received the Board of Education Budget Summary for the 2007-2008 school year. The Roosevelt Board Members should be commended for once again constructing a fiscally sound budget that supports the educational goals of the district and maintains an optimal learning environment. The budget hearing was open to the public for discussion and review on March 29th. Should you have any further questions regarding the budget, please feel free to call Karen Minutolo, the board secretary or me.

There are three board seats available this year. Two incumbents, Mrs. Linda Grayson and Mrs. Jaymie Kosa are running for another term and Mrs. Kelly Yang is running for the remaining seat. Please show your support and vote on April 17th.

After eight years of dedicated service to the Roosevelt Board of Education, Jill Lipoti has submitted her resignation. During her tenure, Dr. Lipoti served as Board President for two years and has chaired numerous board committees. She was instrumental in working with the Board to create policies, which ensure that our students receive a high quality education in a safe school environment. Dr. Lipoti's knowledge of finance, policy, consensus building and school law, coupled with her leadership ability and commitment to education are unsurpassed. On behalf of the Roosevelt Board of Education, staff and students, thank you for giving so much of your time and energy to the school community.

Please join the Board, Mrs. Minutolo and me in welcoming

the newest Board member, Victoria Carduner, to our school community. Mrs. Carduner has graciously agreed to fill Dr. Lipoti's unexpired term. The Board appreciates the personal commitment that Mrs. Carduner is making to our school district.

On May 7, 2003, the State Board of Education adopted N.J.A.C. 6A:7, which outlines responsibilities for achieving and maintaining compliance with all state and federal laws governing equity in educational programs. As a result, all schools are mandated to develop a three-year Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP). The first CEP covered the 2004-2007 school years. Our Affirmative Action Team just completed the 2007-2010 Comprehensive Equity Plan. The purpose of this plan is to make certain that all Roosevelt Public School students have equal access to all programs in school. In addition, equity must be present in hiring and recruiting practices, in the presentation of curriculum, in guidance and other programs. The Board of Education has reviewed all policies relating to equity, and ensures

equal access to all students regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability or socioeconomic status. Ilene Levine is the school's Affirmative Action Officer. A copy of the Comprehensive Equity Plan can be obtained in the office.

Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten registration took place on March 13th and 14th. Orientation will take place on May 17th. If you know of any child who will be turning five before October 1st, please get the word out to parents to register their child. Tuition students are most welcome to attend our school for pre-kindergarten through grade 6.

It has been brought to my attention that community members, both adults and older children, are smoking cigarettes on school property. Smoking anywhere on school property is against the law. Both the Roosevelt Public School's Board Policy 3515 and the New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act, prohibit smok-

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## April 2007 School Dates

- April 2 - 9..... Spring Break**
- April 10 ..... School Reopens**
- April 11 ..... PTA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- April 13 ..... Report Cards Distribution**
- April 17 ..... VOTE - Annual School Budget/Election  
2:30 - 9 p.m. Borough Hall**
- April 25 ..... Book Swap**
- April 26 ..... Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- April 27 ..... Pizza Day**

## SCHOOL NEWS

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ing on school grounds. Our school building and grounds serve the community on a regular basis. I hope that everyone will be involved in helping us preserve the school. We can do this by teaching our graduates, neighbors and friends to treat the school and the grounds with respect. That way we can all enjoy the facility.

As always, many exciting events took place in the school. March marked the observance of Read Across America (in commemoration of Dr. Seuss), sponsored by the New Jersey Teacher's Association. Children read Dr. Seuss books throughout the week and we even had a surprise visit from The Cat in the Hat. Thanks to Mr. Kaufman, the Hoop-A-Thon was a huge success. This activity raised over \$900, which will help defray the cost of next year's Field Day. The Winter Carnival was outstanding. It was wonderful to see the community and the school working together to coordinate this day. Thank you to all that helped out and supported this event.

RPS is proud of Becky Zahora. Becky is a 6th grade student and was awarded the Dr. Norman J. Field Student Recognition Program award for her academic achievement, citizenship and leadership ability. She will be honored at an awards ceremony at the end of March.

We will be holding an Art Night at the end of April and our Spring Concert will take place in May. Details are forthcoming. I hope to see everyone at both events

Enjoy the start of Spring.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call. ■

## VOTE FOR 'VILLAGE' TRUSTEES

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meeting, where its members nominate and vote into office a seven-member Board of Trustees, including a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. All seven must be members of the Corporation. All serve without compensation. Current trustees of the Corporation are: Pat Moser, President; Bill Counterman, Treasurer; Bob Clark, Secretary; Louise Baranowitz, Louis Esakoff, Michael Ticktin, and Bess Tremper.

### Notes from a Former Town Historian

*By Art Shapiro*

#### Bikes and Sleds

Some of the funniest memories I have as a kid growing up in Roosevelt have to do with bicycles and sleds. In those days just about every kid in town owned his or her own bike. Roosevelt, with its Green Belt provided us with paths to get to the school, post office or store. Part of your status depended on the type of bike you owned. Boy's bikes were preferred to girls', bigger bikes were preferred to smaller ones and skinny tires were preferred to balloon tires. We never put locks on our bikes, never wore helmets, and because the lawns in Roosevelt were so soft, never used kick-stands. Our bikes were always lying down.

Ever striving for individualization, each kid would go out of the way to "customize" his or her bike. Denny Simons took his tires off and rode on the rims. You could hear him coming on his bike from half a mile away. George Goldstein, ever the inventor, rigged his bike up with a hidden battery so anyone touching it without permission got a huge jolt! I took off the handlebars, removed the grip from the left side and then shoved the end into the hole. Instead of handlebars,

my bike had one big joystick. It was cumbersome, but fun.

Some kids didn't have to customize their own bikes. Carl Lowenthal lived across the street from Kenny B., an older juvenile delinquent. Noticing, one day, Carl's bike lying on the lawn across the street, Kenny decided to have some fun. He took his 22 rifle and shot two holes into Carl's tires, making Lowenthal the only kid in town with genuine bullet holes in his front fender.

It was the custom for older kids to teach younger ones how to ride upon the event of getting one's first two-wheeler. I remember how patient Tony Martin was when he taught me. A year or so later, while we were trying to teach Larry Quattrone, he somehow couldn't get the knack of starting and stopping by swinging his leg over the seat. Poor Larry always started from an upright position by leaning against a tree or telephone pole. Starting like that was OK. It was stopping that was Larry's big problem. By not being able to swing his leg over the seat, he had to run into things to stop. The other kids got a big kick to see Larry ride to school each day and crash into the hedges.

In those days it was a big deal in town for any kid to get a new bike. It was no wonder that half the kids in Roosevelt showed up at the Martin's house when Stefan and Tony got new bikes. They were beautiful black bikes imported from England. Stefan's bike was a "Raleigh" and Tony's a "Rudge." They were the first bikes in town with gears, a pump attached to the frame, and saddlebags attached to the back of the seat containing its special metric tools. They were also the first bikes to have generators for the front and back lights.

On snowy days, we often used sleds for transportation. One day after a

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# Where Have All the Wood Frogs Gone?!

Maybe they are gone I thought after checking twice a week for two months now? Maybe the habitat has changed forcing the frogs to move to another location? The swampy shrub filled pond near the end of pine drive looked the same to me but frogs, amphibians in general, can detect very minute changes in water chemicals, acidity, temperature without special tools and equipment. They then change their behavior accordingly. That is why they are considered 'canaries' of the natural world and they are early warning indicators of changes in the environment and some of the first to 'feel' the effects.

It was on Thursday, March 15, the day after super high temperatures in the upper sixties, that I woke to the call of a solitary spring peeper. A good sign. At mid-day I went to the end of Pine and started to walk the Roosevelt Woodland Trail. I heard them! First were the louder peepers

and then I could make out the distinctive call of the wood frogs. Only a handful, maybe six to eight males, calling females to spawn.

The pool I found them in was further down the trail than I had anticipated. And the numbers were fewer than I had heard in past years but at least they were there. Perhaps we could amend the Roosevelt Natural Resource Index to include sightings, numbers and other observations near species lists so it could be consulted by everyone. Maybe like this new *Wikipedia* thing I hear talked about. Oh and now is the time for salamander migrations so watch the roads near wet areas and streams for the little creatures. If you are brave, try and capture a few for positive identification and a photo for the *Bulletin*.

## FREE MOVIE ON EARTH DAY

Earth day is always celebrated on the 22nd of April nationwide. This year we will present a free showing of the

movie *An Inconvenient Truth*. That is a Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Borough Hall. All are welcome. The more the merrier as is true of most Roosevelt events.

Arbor Day this year is the 27th of April. It is celebrated on the last Friday in April in New Jersey. We have not planned any specific activities with the school as of this time so watch the bulletin board or contact the school for information as the day draws near.

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm on April 18, 2007. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

If anyone has a newsworthy nature note of interest or comment of environmental concern, please give me a call at 609-443-6204 or drop a note to PO Box 203. Thank you for reading this column. ■

## Assunpink Stroll

Spider slowly crossing a dirt road in January  
Perhaps like me he's up to something  
Looking for evidence that the gods have returned  
Or else just killing time until supper

Coming upon a ruined farmhouse  
Covered in moss and leaves  
Trees sprouting out of the living room  
Bedrooms crused by fallen trunks

Where has the roof gone after all these years?

## BY WES CZYZEWSKI

### In the Ruins

The yard is a tumble of rusty machines farmers rely on  
I can only recognize a folding chair  
Sunk partway into the ground  
Its seat half-eaten

Sitting on the edge of what used to be a basement  
I marvel that anything like this remains around here  
Where developers and preservationists battle over bones



# Greenbelt Gossip

Spring performs a dramatic theatrical show as shifts occur between cold nights and warm days, often marked with heavy rains and an occasional snowfall. Miraculously, new life begins to unfold. As the weather cooperates, buds begin to bulge and spring delights emerge from woodland floors. Observant walkers may see trilliums, violets, trout lilies, jack-in-the-pulpits and other natives lifting their way through the fallen leaf layers. These plants must emerge before the foliage of the overhead tree canopy engulfs them.

One of our favorite local wildflowers is the jack-in-the-pulpit, which abounds in the greenbelt area adjoining our home, as well as in our own backyard. Jack-in-the-pulpit bears the scientific name *Arisaema triphyllum*. The common name derives from the spadix ("Jack") who sits in the spathe (the pulpit-like leaf). However, it has had many other names, such as Indian Turnip, Indian Almond, Pepper Turnip, Marsh Pepper, Bog Onion, Priest's Pentle, Wood Pulpit, Little Pulpit, Cuckoo Flower, Starchwort, Memory Root, Devil's Ear, Dragonroot, Brown Dragon, and, even occasionally, Jill-in-the-Pulpit, when the flower is recognized as female.



Jack-in-the-pulpit usually grows to a height of one foot and has an umbrella of three leaves, somewhat like the trilliums. This tuberous perennial bears hooded, green, often dark purple, striped spathes (which sport tiny stemless flowers) in spring, followed

by bright red berries in autumn. This plant is well-known for the sex-change performance of its flowers. The plant's flower is male or female, with an ability to change gender from year to year. Generally, younger plants or plants that in some way were stressed produce only male flowers. Older plants that have been doing well will store energy in the root and produce female flowers in autumn. These

plants use the stored energy to bring the berries to ripeness. After the berries ripen, the stem softens and the seeds fall to the ground. This allows ants or beetles to separate the individual fruits from the cluster, dispersing them. The insects clean away the fruits' pulp, leaving the seeds to sprout and take root. Jack-in-the-pulpit has been known to live for one hundred years.

Calcium oxalate crystals, present throughout the entire plant, cause a burning sensation if eaten raw. There is one account which claims that the Meskwaki Indians would chop the root and put it in seasoned meat

which they would leave for enemies to find and hopefully consume. If anyone did eat it, he/she would, in a few hours, be in such extreme pain that he/she would want to die. It is also reported that the Meskwaki would use it diagnostically by dropping a seed in a cup of water and, unless the seed circled four times clockwise, the patient would die.

As many as 250 *Arisaema* species and varieties may exist worldwide, but *A. triphyllum* is one of North America's two natives, the other being the rare *A. dracontium*, or the green dragon. Many species are exotic in their appearance, such as those which produce a jutting "tongue" from their spathices. However, *A. triphyllum* still provokes curiosity and awe as its pulpit stands posed under its three-leaved umbrella.

*"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush."* — Doug Larso

Future topic requests? Write the McCuskers at PO Box 131. ■





# SISU

My father, Carl Vuolle, was born in 1930. He was the only son of Finnish parents. His mother started having children at the age of 18. By the time she was 38 she had 1 boy, Leo (who died 6 days after birth), 9 girls and my father. Seven of my dad's sisters, Elma, Ilene, Helen, Judy, Norma, Bertha and Betty were older and 2 younger; Avon and Cleo.

Carl was born in the bedroom of a modest house in the mining town of Calumet in the upper peninsula of Michigan. With just 3 small bedrooms and a toilet in the basement it must have been a very busy and cramped house, although not uncommon for that generation. In the basement, the wood Sauna that my grandfather built is still working. The sauna provided not only a weekly bath for the family, but also was a social place that friends were invited to cleanse and visit. The land the house sits on was leased for 100 years to my grandparents by The Hecla copper mining company. The lease is still in our family name and expires in 2037. It was initially \$17 per year and now costs a whopping \$86 per year.

My grandmother, Hilda Esther Helberg emigrated from Finland when she was a child. We know little of her family because, according to my aunts and my father, she never spoke of her parents and said she had no siblings or family back in Finland. There must be a dark secret there because when one of my aunts visited Finland in the 1960s she found out that my grandmother had quite an extended family with many aunts, uncles and cousins. No one knows exactly why my grandmother chose to keep this a secret, but the consensus is they were all a bit nuts and she wanted nothing to do with them.



John and Hilda Vuolle

My grandfather, John Gustaf Vuolle, who after apprenticing as a blacksmith and serving in the Finnish army, quickly departed Finland for reasons that have become family folklore. As the story goes, John had to leave the country after having a knife fight with a Finnish army officer when he was caught dancing with the officer's wife. Who knows, but it was a story that mesmerized my cousins and me when we were children.

Beginning in the 1800s through the 1940s copper mining was the largest industry in the Upper Peninsula. There were many Finns who came to America and settled in the U. P. because of the similarity of climate and the abundant work in the copper mines. Calumet at one time during the early 1900s was the fastest growing town in America. In the 1920s my grandfather opened a blacksmith shop where he made mining tools, copper kettles, pots, bowls and cups.

He sharpened tools, shod horses and built carts and wagons for the miners. My brother and I have many of the tools he made. I have the knife he carried (maybe that very knife), called a puukko, with his name engraved on the tempered steel and a beautiful birch bark handle.

When the Upper Peninsula mines got too deep to mine, the industry was no longer economical. The only work to be found was in the bigger cities. For this reason, my grandfather worked in Detroit while his family stayed in Calumet. John Gustaf died of pneumonia while working at a machine shop in Detroit in 1947, when my father was 16 years old. My grandmother died in her sleep in 1963. My mother and aunts say she died of exhaustion from raising all those kids. Her biggest claim to fame, in addition to raising almost one dozen children, was winning the Pillsbury Bake-Off in 1953 for her Safron bread. Her grand prize was the very stove still in the Upper Peninsula house. At the time, that stove was considered a luxury item. From that day on, she no longer had to bake all her bread in a wood-fired oven.

My aunts and my father told many stories of my grandparents and their life in the Upper Peninsula and Finland. My older aunts spoke fluent Finnish but the word that we heard most often (and still do) is 'Sisu' which means inner strength. We were raised to be proud of our Finnish heritage. The Finns were said to be stoic, quiet and painfully stubborn.

My Father, Carl, went to college on the GI Bill and during that time he married my mother Virginia Massart, who as an only child was welcomed by my father's nine sisters as one of their

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## Yoga

The Recreation Department is continuing its very popular Yoga program this winter at the Roosevelt School. Classes will be instructed by Kym Kulp, a certified Yoga Instructor who teaches at The Peddie School and throughout the area. While yoga mats will be provided, participants are welcome to bring their own. Classes will be offered on Tuesday nights from **6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Walk-in fee is \$10.00 per class. Program will continue throughout the winter season. Please contact 609-448-0539, x3 for an updated schedule.

## Youth Floor Hockey

The Roosevelt Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth **Indoor Floor Hockey** program at the Roosevelt Public School on Tuesday nights from **8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.** through the winter. Program will not run on days that school is not in session. The program is open to students in **1st – 8th Grades**.

Students will not be able to participate unless a registration form is completed and signed by a parent/guardian. **THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS PROGRAM!**

## Movie Night

The Recreation Department invites all area residents to the Roosevelt Public School gym to enjoy free movies on the “big screen” on select Saturday nights. Movie titles are subject to change. Please contact (609) 448-0539, x3 for updated information and movie titles.

**Saturday, April 14th,  
7:00 p.m. “RV”**

A white-collar workaholic deceptively persuades his family to forgo their much-anticipated Hawaiian vacation for a cross-country road trip in a fully loaded RV, during which they discover the true meaning of family bonding, in this family-friendly road comedy starring Robin Williams, Jeff Daniels, and Cheryl Hines. Bob Munro (Williams) is overworked and overstressed, and though his proposal to hit the road with his wife and two children at first sounds like a heartfelt bid to get better acquainted with his increasingly dysfunctional family, it soon becomes obvious that he had more career-oriented goals in mind when planning the trip.

## Foreign Films

The Recreation Department invites all area residents to Borough Hall on April 29th at 7:30 p.m. for another edition of our Foreign Film series. Please contact the Recreation Department for further details.

## Summer Camp Program

The Roosevelt Recreation Department will once again be partnering with the Millstone Recreation Department to provide a comprehensive Summer Camp program. Specific details and registration information will be available in April.

## Summer Workshops And Programs

The Roosevelt Recreation Department will be offering several programs including a sports camp, science camp, and theatre arts workshop for children this summer. Further information is available at the Recreation Office.

For further information on any Recreation Department programs, please contact **(609) 448-0539, x3**. The Recreation Department is also looking for volunteers, ideas for new programs, activities, and trips. Please let us know what you would like to see offered to our community! ■

**Are you taking advantage of the  
Roosevelt Library in our school?**

**To keep it alive, it needs to be used.**

**“A town library would be a terrible thing  
to lose!”**

## BIKES AND SLEDS

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snowstorm, they closed school because the roads were so slippery. As I took my sled out of the garage, I noticed Stefan and Tony next door soaping and wax papering the runners on their sleds. They taught me that it erased all of the friction and made the runners extremely slick. After soaping the runners, we took off for the "Big Hill" to be with most of the kids in town. I know that, today, Roosevelt kids call it the "Steeplechase," but to us the "Steeplechase" was a steep, steep path that ran into the "Big Hill" from the right side going down. Just about every kid in town was totally afraid to go down the Steeplechase. For us, the "Big Hill" was scary enough. I remember how easy it was to tow my sled. Stefan and Tony were right! My runners were really slick! After walking up the side of the Big Hill each kid would belly-flop down in turn so as not to run into another kid. You could only take your turn after the kid in front of you was halfway down.

Then, it was my turn! The Big Hill was totally icy that day. I was almost afraid to go but I had to or risk being called a "Sissy!" As I ran and belly-flopped down, I felt both elation and fear. Between the icy hill and my soaped runners I was really flying! It was the fastest I had ever been on something that I, myself, controlled. As the trees whizzed by, I thought to myself, "Do not lose control!" Then, just as I thought I was the fastest thing alive, "SWOOSH" two figures passed by, one on each side of me. As I scarily looked up, I saw Denny Simons and George Vasseur racing down the ice. They were racing all the way to the Store. What made it so chilling was that, although Denny was on his sled, George was peddling on his bike! I thought "How will he stop?" If George braked even a little to slow up, he'd spin out into a tree! He was really fly-

ing! I don't remember who won, but they both made it safely to the store.

It's funny how we learn to reference things from our childhoods. Many years later, someone was explaining to me for the first time who Evil Knieval was and what he did, I remember thinking to myself, "Oh, I get it! He's a George Vasseur!!"

### Oscar Drive

*By Mary C. Macher*

Shortly after my husband and I moved to Roosevelt, I started to notice the names of the roads in this tiny borough that was now home. I knew that there had to be people associated with some of the names like Nurko, Tamara, Eleanor, Rochdale, and Brown. One name that I was sure I knew the origin of was Oscar Drive. In my naiveté and having recently viewed the movie Schindler's List, I thought that it was named after Oscar (actually Oskar with a "k") Schindler. I was so wrong. When I learned the street's real namesake, I wanted to find out more about him. After a bit of asking around, I was able to meet with Frances Bard, the sister of this street's namesake, Oscar Nisnevitz: a Roosevelt man who died in a POW camp during World War Two.

Oscar Nisnevitz was born in the Bronx on April 15 1914. After he graduated from City College, Oscar came to Roosevelt (then Jersey Homesteads) looking for work and was employed as a timekeeper during the construction of the town. In August of 1936

his father, Samuel, relocated the family from Brooklyn and became one of the first 25 settlers. His father, mother, brother, Graham, and sister Frances lived on Homestead Lane. After completing the necessary courses at Rutgers, he became the town's engineer with the Water and Sewage Department. Oscar was appointed to the first town council in June 1937, and, at one time, served on the Board of Education. He was also one of the few Jersey Homesteaders back then who had a car. He made it available for emergency rides to the hospital. Among the people he helped was a little girl ill with meningitis who needed medical attention.

Oscar joined the Army on June 3, 1941. He was a member of the Army Corps of Engineers stationed in the Philippines, and was captured by the Japanese later in 1941. He endured the horrors of the infamous Bataan death march which, as a testimony to his personal strength, he survived. He was incarcerated in a prisoner of war camp

where, far away from Roosevelt, he died on October 15, 1943 at the age of 29.

I cannot imagine the pain his family felt when the telegram came in January, 1943 with first the grim news that he was a prisoner of war and then at the sad news of his death; it must have been devastating. One of his neighbor-

hood pals from Homestead Lane, Joe Notterman, stationed in the Philippines, was able to locate where he was buried. Frances told me that after



Oscar Nisnevitz

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a lot of contact back and forth with the military, the family finally arranged to have his remains brought back home; and, with a military escort, he was laid to rest in Roosevelt cemetery. Soldiers from Ft. Dix fired a three-volley salute and taps was sounded.

Years later, the local Jewish War Veterans Post was named the Oscar Nisnevitz Post. His dad had a small clothing factory built in town and dedicated it to Oscar's memory with a name plaque by the entrance. The building is still there by the ravine on North Valley, but the stone plaque has been removed or obscured. I don't know when it was decided to rename Factory Road in his honor or what the procedure was, but I feel that Jersey Homesteads did the right thing by honoring Oscar. Every year at the sixth-grade graduation at the school in town, his sister Frances gives a good citizenship award to one of the graduating sixth graders in Oscar's name.

Roosevelt was a different place back around the time when Oscar was here and on into the forties. First of all, back then it was called Jersey Homesteads. Folks walked by young pine trees that the CCC boys planted; those little trees are now great, big trees. Teens socialized in the Tea Room over sodas and perhaps some dreamed of the day they would be old enough to become a member of the Junior League; the Tea Room is now someone's home. Oscar's brother Graham used to play handball against the wall of the grade school; now you can catch a movie on that wall in the summer. On snowy winter days, kids went sledding down Paradise Hill; today there's a bit more traffic and it's a lot less safe. Back then, on pleasant nights somewhere off Nurko Road, older kids from town joined other older kids from nearby Hightstown to sing songs by the light of a bonfire; those kids are probably grandparents

now. Frances stayed in Roosevelt for 43 years: married one of those "older kids from Hightstown," raised a family in a home on Farm Lane—yup, she's a grandparent (what'd I tell you?), and still lives in the area.

Nurko, Tamara, Eleanor, Rochdale, and Brown are stories of their own, perhaps for another day. For now, the next time you are on 571 (perhaps on the way to your "older kid from Hightstown") and pass Oscar Drive, please remember the person behind the name: Oscar Nisnevitz: He served our borough and he served his country.

### Review: Faces of Roosevelt – Now & Then

*by Margaret Schlinski*

The Eleanor Gallery in cooperation with the Roosevelt Arts Project continued the twenty-year celebration of RAP with a show of sketches and sculptures by Roosevelt Artist Jonathan Shahn.



The show ran for a brief two days on the weekend of March 10th and 11th in the Roosevelt factory and Eleanor Gallery. It was well attended and the weather was perfect.

The walls of the factory were lined with sketches of many Rooseveltians living and deceased: sketches Jonny Shahn had made over the past thirty years of his friends and neighbors as he sat at their kitchen tables. Many of his drawings had two to three people sitting together, and many of the pictures were sketched at my kitchen table.

The drawings, 100 of them were carefully pinned to the walls of the factory with little black and white pins, and were numbered for identification. The Eleanor Gallery beautifully displayed eleven busts and various larger drawings of yet more Roosevelt citizens. There were so many familiar faces everywhere and that extended to the patrons who came to see themselves and others on and off the walls.

There were about 40 people in attendance at the factory show when I came, Sunday afternoon. People were outside chatting, changing tires, exchanging information, and enjoying the wonderful weather.

Inside, people were strolling through the exhibit and down the long hall as they admired themselves and others in sketches from their past. Allen Newrath and I looked at the show together. We've known each other for about 30 years and we both knew about 99% of the faces depicted in the sketches on the walls. We had great fun guessing and checking the lists, and were rarely wrong, which says a lot about the artist.

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There were only two drawbacks. First, that this show took far too long to get here and second, that it was all over so quickly.

Thank you Jonny, and come sit at my table again some day.

### REVIEW: Once More, With Feeling

*By Frances G. Duckett*

Warmer weather on March tenth brought out a good house for the twentieth annual reading by the Roosevelt poets, which was held at the Borough Hall at 8 p.m., and entitled *The Ides of March*. The lighting was simple and low and the acoustics very good.

In commemoration of their anniversary most of the six poets chose at least one piece from twenty years ago.

The program started with a mellow rendition of T.S.Eliot's *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*. The fact that reader David Brahinsky took his time made it easier to understand and appreciate this evocative poem. Scott Carpenter read next, selecting seven poems by Roosevelt poets from the past. First was a South African vignette by Dina Coe called *Tourist Approaching the Pit*. Works by David Herrstrom, David Keller and Rod Tulloss followed. All in all Mr. Carpenter's choices were seasonable—a little dark and bleak.

Wes Czyzewski read next—a number of short pieces of his own, which I found quotable and witty. These poems, on subjects as varied as a stunned mole and whether rickshas could have been invented in New Jersey gave us just the tiniest peek into his world.

David Herrstrom's main offering was his *Ballad of the Light Catcher* and the *Baltic Swimmer*, which he said was inspired by the *Borough Bulletin's* *Two Square Miles of Stories* series. Accompanied by David Brahinsky

on the guitar, he narrated the travels of his parents before they met. This was a very dramatic but not all that structured tale, bringing epic journeys to light through shreds of memory. Afterwards Herrstrom followed with three shorter works on diverse subjects. The most striking, *Used Shoes*, juxtaposed an image of a man having his shoes shined with one of a girl's severed foot.

At this point a short intermission took place. Juice and cookies were served.

David Keller opened the second half of the program with *Better Get It in Your Soul* and *Wrapping a Present*. They presented a rather wintry vision and a mood of sadness. Next, Ron Kostar read a number of his short poems, starting with *The Apocalypse*, a vision of a nuclear attack threat from the point of view of a schoolboy. This drew a laugh from the audience. Mr. Kostar's poems were varied in subject and local in focus. Some had surprising imagery and a bit of wit. I liked the startling image of a fish from *Patriotic Dream*.

Last but not least on the program was Judith McNally. I always look forward to her dialogues, which are low key and wryly humorous. She began with *A Serpent's Tale* and *Casanova*—both little stories ending in compromise. Then David Brahinsky accompanied her in a portrait of *Old Wiley*. Following this, Ron Kostar read her *Recovery*, about a musician on the rebound from Hurricane Katrina, which Judith wrote for a two-minute play competition.

For the grand finale, the audience reversed its direction to face the lighted seating at the rear and listened to *Norway*, in which all six poets read parts. About memories, this play was light-hearted and fun. It reminded me of the song *I Remember It Well*, from Gigi.

Roosevelt residents are looking forward to the next R.A.P. event: Digital Sounds and Art at 8 p.m. on Saturday April 14th, featuring Brad Garton and Wiska Radkiewicz.

### Roosevelt First Aid Squad Training & Response News

*By Jack Rindt, Roosevelt First Aid Squad Training Officer*

In the month of February, the squad responded to six first aid calls. In Roosevelt, four were medical emergencies. Two were mutual aid calls to Millstone Twp., both medical emergencies.

The squad responded to 18 emergencies from January 1 to February 28, 2007.

The training that the Squad attended in February was recertifying in CPR/AED for the professional rescuer and bloodborne pathogens. All the EMTs received continuing education units (CEUs) to keep up their certification as EMTs. The bloodborne pathogens is an OSHA 1910:1030 requirement for anyone who may come in contact with patient's blood or body fluids.

If anyone or group is in need of any kind of first aid training, please contact a squad member so that we can schedule that training.

The squad has started to put away funds for the new ambulance. Any contributions for the new ambulance would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate that your contribution is for the new ambulance fund. Please make out checks to Roosevelt First Aid Squad and send then to P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. A second ambulance in town will help insure that one will always be available.

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## TWO SQUARE MILES OF STORIES

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own. He graduated from Michigan Tech with a degree in electrical engineering, was hired by AT&T and worked there until he took an early

retirement when AT&T divested in the 80s. He was 52 when he retired and had 20 years of working at odd jobs, making copper etchings and art, writing, sailing and fishing until his death at age 72. During those years at AT&T transfers were so commonplace it was like being in the army. I never finished the same school I started because we were always moving; North Carolina, Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey. It was not easy for I was a shy, quiet kid, but it certainly was interesting and formed my sense of curiosity.



Vuolle family reunites

Ray Peterson/Gazette

Vuolle Family Reunion

The one constant in our lives during all the moves was our two-week vacations in the Upper Peninsula where most of my aunts, uncles and cousins vacationed at the same time. Since we moved so often, especially when I was in elementary school, it was like going home every year and is still what I think of as home. Of course we played, hiked, water skied, fished,

took sauna and explored but what I remember and cherish most was sitting and listening to my relatives tell stories and talk. My grandmother is credited with starting this tradition, arranging to have all her children and grandchildren come to visit at the same time every year. Her belief in the importance of family has carried through the generations and this thread of continuity is the greatest gift she passed on. I have 24 cousins, who I have known since my earliest memories. We travel from all over the country to the Upper Peninsula for reunions, and now it seems every year to a memorial for an aunt or uncle. These are not sad events. They are a time for us to do what we did as children; play, talk, tell family stories and pass the tradition on to the next generation. All of our children, the fourth generation, look excitedly to “going up north” vacationing with the ever growing Vuolle family and to be home again. ■

## FIRST AID SQUAD TRAINING & RESPONSE NEWS

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Just a reminder to all residents: make sure your **house number** is large enough to be seen from the road. This helps all emergency services and the New Jersey State Police to find your home in an emergency.

Do you want to be challenged, help your community, maybe start a career or just help people? Join the Roosevelt First Aid Squad: **We Need Members!**

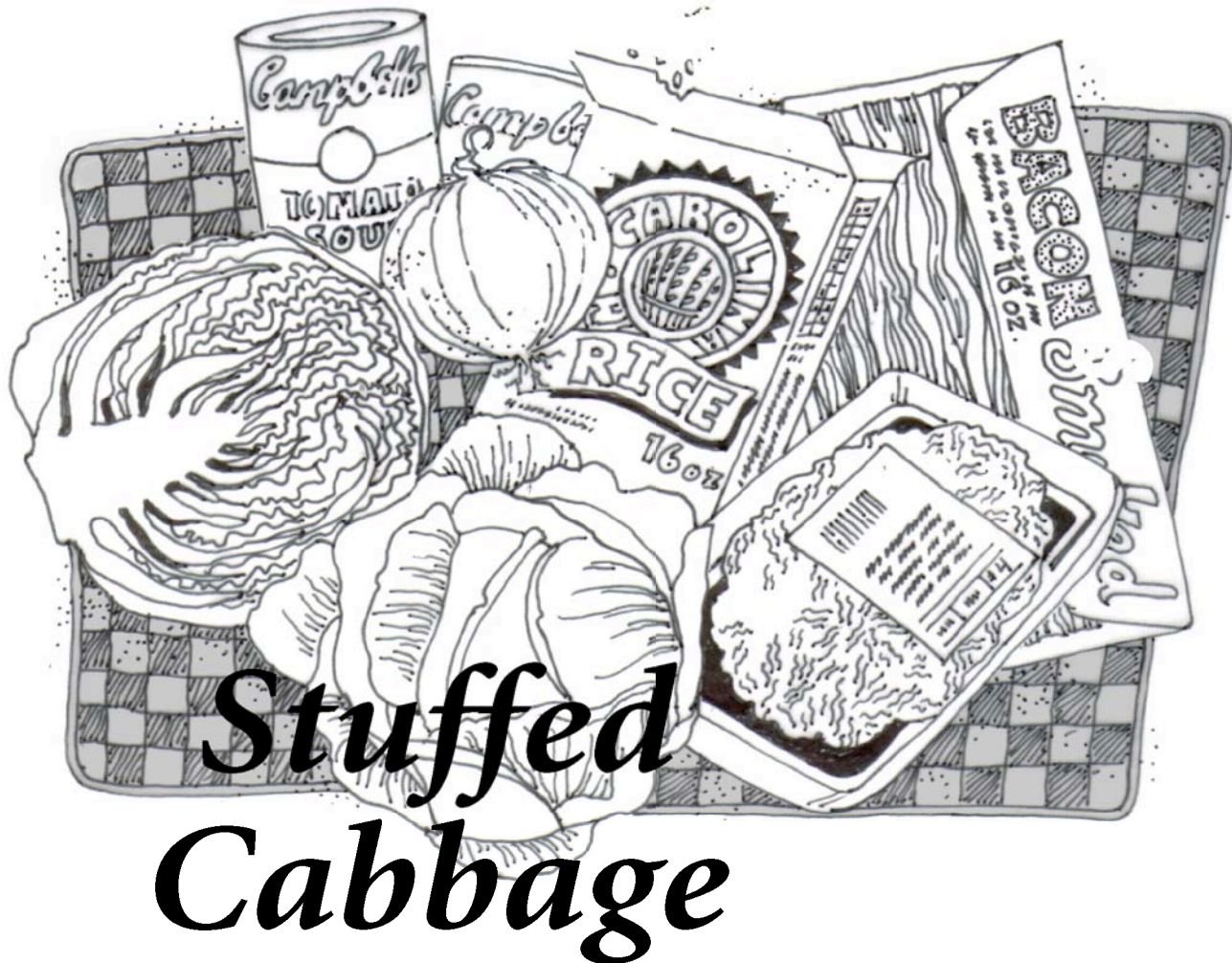
If you are a senior in high school looking at community colleges, or are looking to go back to school for that degree, now, with the NJ State Volunteer Tuition Credit Program, you can. By becoming an active EMT, you can be eligible for free tuition up to \$2,400 per year.

If you would like to join the First Aid Squad, you can contact any squad member. Stop in during our business meeting on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall, or the second Sunday of each month when we hold our monthly training, which starts at 10:00 a.m.

The squad has only six Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) at this time. We are always looking for new members to join and **we pay for all training**. New members can join at the age of 16 and become New Jersey Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Becoming an Emergency Medical Technician with the Roosevelt First Aid Squad could lead to a paying position with a career ambulance company.

*In case of an emergency, dial 911.*

Thank you. ■



While I and several other women get the Bulletin ready to take to the post office each month, we talk while we work. One day, the conversation was about cooking and someone asked about freezing dishes you have made. My husband and I do this all the time and I gave them the following recipe as one we especially enjoy. I hope you like it as much as we do.

1 lb. chopped beef  
 1 lb. chopped pork  
 1 medium to large onion, chopped  
 1 large head cabbage  
 3/4 c. rice

1 1/2 c. water  
 4 bacon strips  
 margarine  
 2 cans tomato soup  
 salt & pepper to taste

Cook onion in margarine. Cook rice until done. Combine meat, onions and rice, then salt and pepper to taste. Steam or parboil cabbage, and cut out core. Line small roaster or pan with cover with 2 bacon strips. Add 1/4 c. mixture to one cabbage leaf and rollup. Place completed stuffed cabbage in pan and add 2 bacon strips on top. Then add 2 cans tomato soup and 1 can water. Cover and bake for 2 hours at 350°.

Yields 10 – 15 cabbage rolls. Freezes well. ■

February 2007 is headed toward meteorological history as one of the driest Februaries on record in our area. In Roosevelt, we had less than an inch of liquid equivalent precipitation (snow, frozen rain and sleet converted to water). There was a total for the month of about 4.0 inches of snow/ice/sleet that fell. The liquid equivalent for the frozen precipitation plus the rain that fell is only 0.60 for the month.

February is the driest month on average in our area. The normal average amount of liquid equivalent precipitation is only 2.75 inches. Ironically, February is also the snowiest month of the year with an average of 7.4 inches. But this past winter won't break any records for too little or too much snow. The total for the season (December through February) was about 10 inches. Much of this precipitation should really be called frozen precipitation not snow because when the snow fell it was mixed with and varying on and off with sleet and freezing rain.

The total precipitation for winter in Roosevelt was nearly three inches below normal. Statewide precipitation was also below normal.

In Roosevelt our winter was warmer than normal. December and January each had monthly average temperatures more than seven degrees above normal. February was a few degrees colder than normal. The average temperature for Roosevelt's winter was thirty-six-point-one degrees, about three-and-a-half degrees above normal.

It turns out that the average temperature for winter 06/07 was close to normal for the entire nation. But warmer than normal surface tempera-

tures for land and sea from December 2006 through February 2007 made the season the hottest December through February on record. Some of this heat was the result of a moderate El Niño in the Pacific Ocean.

There is some encouraging news on the global warming. The international effort made by countries that signed on to the 1987 Montreal Protocol has dramatically reduced the size of the ozone hole in the atmosphere. Some of the same gasses that destroy the ozone layer also help cause global warming. So, a positive by-product of reducing the amount of ozone destroying gasses emitted into the air has been to reduce the amount of global warming gasses that are released into the atmosphere.

One estimate is that the Montreal Protocol has slowed global warming by seven to twelve years compared to the world without the Montreal Protocol. It just illustrates the results that are possible when concerned responsible governments get together and deal with global problems. Imagine the same kind of cooperation being used to address global warming or even terrorism.

To be fair, on March 14, the United States submitted a proposal to change the Montreal Protocol to accelerate the phase-out of ozone-damaging chemicals. Is this a sign of maturation in the White House?

**Weather Word**

*Ozone* is a form of oxygen that has three atoms instead of the usual two. At ground level, *ozone* is a pollutant. In the stratosphere, *ozone* filters out harmful ultraviolet radiation. ■

**Feb. 15 - March 15, 2007**

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Degree Days
15	23.9	13.8	18.9	0.00	46.2
16	27.7	13.8	20.8	0.00	44.3
17	37.2	14.7	26.0	0.00	39.1
18	37.6	27.0	32.3	0.00	32.7
19	28.8	12.2	20.5	0.00	44.5
20	49.5	23.0	36.3	0.00	28.8
21	48.0	31.6	39.8	0.00	25.2
22	47.5	27.1	37.3	0.00	27.7
23	39.9	26.1	33.0	0.00	32.0
24	42.1	19.2	30.7	0.00	34.4
25	38.8	25.0	31.9	0.00	33.1
26	35.6	31.6	33.6	0.23	31.4
27	47.7	33.1	40.4	0.00	24.6
28	47.3	30.7	39.0	0.00	26.0
1	49.8	27.9	38.9	0.00	26.2
2	59.0	39.6	49.3	1.07	15.7
3	58.6	30.2	44.4	0.05	20.6
4	43.2	31.5	37.4	0.00	27.7
5	45.1	29.1	37.1	0.00	27.9
6	32.9	14.5	23.7	0.00	41.3
7	28.6	13.5	21.1	0.00	44.0
8	36.1	9.3	22.7	0.15	42.3
9	39.9	15.4	27.7	0.00	37.4
10	61.7	25.9	43.8	0.00	21.2
11	55.0	34.5	44.8	0.00	20.3
12	57.4	27.0	42.2	0.00	22.8
13	66.6	35.2	50.9	0.00	14.1
14	77.2	45.5	61.4	0.00	3.7
15	71.7	41.7	56.7	0.00	8.3
<b>Total Precipitation</b>			1.50		
<b>Total Degree Days</b>			843.0		



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Roosevelt Arts Project

# RAP

20th Anniversary  
1987-2007

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**Saturday, April 14, 2007**

8 p.m. in Borough Hall

## **DIGITAL SOUNDS AND ART**

Original Sounds and Art by Brad Garton and Wiska Radkiewicz with Terry Pender on mandolin and Gregory Taylor on laptop computer.

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**Friday, May 4, Saturday, May 5, Sunday, May 6, 2007**

## **TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND WILL INCLUDE:**

### **THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND**

Friday & Saturday at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall

### **EXHIBIT OF ROOSEVELT ARTISTS**

Friday, 5 - 7:30 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 12 - 5 p.m. at the Eleanor Gallery

### **WILD ROOSEVELT: ARTWALK IN THE WOODS**

Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m. (continuously), Roosevelt Amphitheater

### **GUIDED WALKING TOURS**

Sunday at 12:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. starting at Borough Hall

### **DEDICATION OF THE ROOSEVELT MOSAIC**

Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Borough Hall

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### **Voluntary Contribution:**

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Visit RAP's webpage at <http://music.columbia.edu/roosevelt>. There is a link at the top of the page to the site where people can sign up to be on our e-mail list. For further information call Robin Gould at (609) 448-4616.

## **Help us make the 20th Anniversary spectacular!**

We are looking for ART and Artists to participate in the RAP 20th Anniversary weekend. Artwork will be exhibited in the Eleanor Gallery and the Factory Hall Gallery. ALL interested welcomed.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, contact Jim Hayden at 609-918-1233, [jimdesigns@aol.com](mailto:jimdesigns@aol.com) or Tristen Herrstrom at 609-466-9466, [therrstrom@patmedia.net](mailto:therrstrom@patmedia.net). ■

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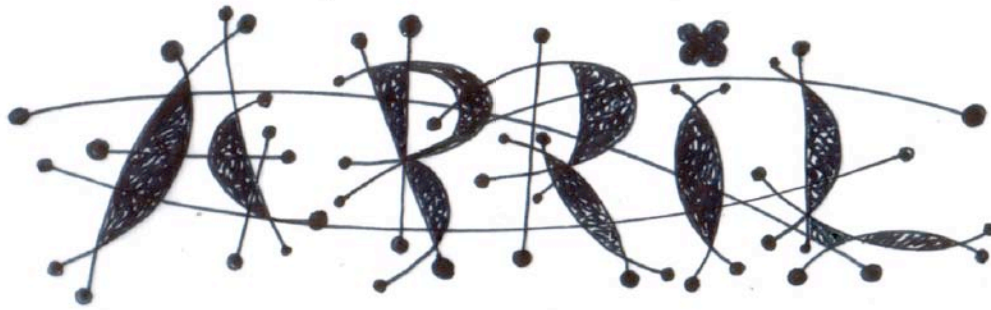
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## April

<b>1</b>	Sun	Palm Sunday	
<b>2</b>	Mon	RPS Closed - Spring Break 4/2 - 4/9	
		Passover Begins at Sundown	
<b>3</b>	Tues	First Day of Passover	
		12:30 pm Senior Blood Pressure Check	Boro Hall
		1 pm Seniors Meeting	Boro Hall
		Gerry Millar, President	448-0351
<b>4</b>	Wed	RECYCLE	
<b>6</b>	Fri	Good Friday	
<b>8</b>	Sun	Easter	
<b>10</b>	Tues	RPS Resumes Classes	
		7:30 pm Planning Board Meeting	Boro Hall
		Jane Rothfuss, Chair	448-3713
<b>11</b>	Wed	7 pm Council Action Meeting	Boro Hall
		Beth Battel, Mayor	443-7701
		7:30 pm PTA Meeting	RPS
		Kelly Mitchell, President	426-9850
<b>13</b>	Fri	Report Cards Distributed	RPS
<b>14</b>	Sat	7 pm Recreation Dept. Film - RV	
		Boro Hall (See Recreation Page 10)	
		8 pm RAP Program, Digital Sounds/Art	
		Boro Hall (See RAP Page)	
<b>17</b>	Tues	7:30 pm First Aid Squad Business Mtg	Boro Hall
		Jack Rindt	448-9475
		2:30 - 9 pm School Board Elections and Budget Vote	Boro Hall
<b>18</b>	Wed	RECYCLE	
		7:30 pm Environmtl Com. Mtg	Boro Hall
		Dave Schwendeman, Chair	443-6204
<b>22</b>	Sun	1:05 pm Roosevelt Family, Fun Day	Lakewood
		BlueClaws Game, sponsored by RPS	
		PTA, Geryl Hickey	443-5030

<b>23</b>	Mon	7 pm Council Action Meeting	Boro Hall
		Beth Battel, Mayor	443-7701
<b>25</b>	Wed	PTA Book Swap	RPS
		Kelly Mitchell, President	426-985
		7:30 pm Peace Films Series - <i>Why We Fight</i>	Boro Hall (See Page 4)
<b>26</b>	Thurs	7:30 pm Roosevelt School Bd Mtg	RPS
		Linda Grayson, President	443-6462
<b>27</b>	Fri	RPS Pizza Day	

## May Preview

<b>1</b>		12:30 pm Senior Blood Pressure Check	Boro Hall
		1 pm Seniors Meeting	Boro Hall
		Gerry Millar, President	448-0351
<b>4</b>	Fri	8 pm RAP Program, Roosevelt String Band	Boro Hall (See RAP Page)
		5 - 7:30 pm RAP Program, Exhibit of Roosevelt Artists	Eleanor Gallery (See RAP Page)
<b>5</b>	Sat	12 - 5 pm RAP Program, Exhibit of Roosevelt Artists	Eleanor Gallery (See RAP Page)
<b>5</b>	Sat	8 pm RAP Program, Roosevelt String Band	Boro Hall (See RAP Page)
		1 - 5 pm RAP Program, ArtWalk in the Woods (continuously)	Amphitheater (See RAP Page)
<b>6</b>	Sun	12:30 & 3:30 pm RAP Program, Guided Walking Tours	starting at Boro Hall (See RAP Page)
		2:30 pm RAP Program, Dedication of Roosevelt Mosaic	Boro Hall (See RAP Page)

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