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B O R O U G H C O U N C I L N E W S

Borough Council Meeting

By Elly J. Shapiro

Because of the Nov. 12 Veterans Day Holiday, the Council meeting was held on Tuesday instead, causing a conflict with the scheduled Planning Board meeting. The business at hand was expedited in order to allow Council representatives to attend both meetings.

It was noted that there were 2 Councilwomen- elect in the audience, along with Ed Eastman, an attorney with Lomurro, Davison, Eastman and Muñoz, who was there to discuss the possibility of foreclosure on the abandoned gas station.

Mayor Hamilton reported that he had attended a meeting with Roosevelt School officials regarding emergency preparedness in the event of a terrorist action, or that of an armed individual entering the school. He reported that protocols are in place and procedures were reviewed for these types of emergencies. He further reported that a discussion was initiated regarding the possibility of sharing a 16-passenger van between the Borough and the school for a variety of purposes. The school currently has uses for such a vehicle, and as the municipality and school would share the costs, there would be availability to transport residents to

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SHAPIRO, MOSER AND MAGNES ELECTED; MCGREEVEY CARRIES ROOSEVELT BY WIDE MARGIN

By Michael Ticktin

On Election Day, Democrats Elly Shapiro, with 232 votes, and Pat Moser, with 210, easily defeated Republicans Stu Kaufman (125) and Joe Zahora (116) for the two open three-year seats on the Borough Council. Democrat Marilyn Magnes received 251 votes in her unopposed bid to continue the seat to which she was appointed earlier this year for the one year remaining.

Governor-Elect Jim McGreevey carried Roosevelt by a margin of 259 to 93, with 13 votes going to other candidates. Republican candidates for the State Legislature and for Monmouth County freeholders, sheriff and surrogate were all re-elected, despite losing in Roosevelt.

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REMEMBER!

This will be the last issue of The Bulletin until February. We leave out the month of January in order to give our hardworking volunteers a chance to devote themselves to their private lives during the holiday season.

A Roosevelt Cook Book Anyone?

We send a copy of The Bulletin each month to the special Collections Archives of the Rutgers University libraries. Having read a reference to the Roosevelt Cook Book which was issued a long time ago in one of our recent "Breaking Bread" columns, they have written to us asking if they could include the book in their collection of New Jersey Cook Books.

If anyone still has a copy to donate to the library, we would be pleased to honor their request. It would be a feather in our cap!

Please contact Bess Tremper at 448-2701 if you can be of help.

Important!

Through the intervention of our Mayor, we were able to get permission to have the November Bulletin placed directly into our post office boxes without their being sent to the central post office first. It served two purposes: it not only relieved the overworked postal employees from having to handle our mail, but also it meant this particular mail was free of any possible Anthrax contamination. We send our thanks to both Mike and the post office's Mr. Hall. This arrangement will continue during the Anthrax problem.

Chanukah Extravaganza

Congregation Anshei Roosevelt will be having it's 2nd annual Chanukah Extravaganza on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. There will be live music, a magician, face painting, a Chinese auction, grab bags for children and all you can eat international latkes. The entire community is invited, a \$2 per person donation is requested. For more information, call Shalom at 609-448-2526.

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Roosevelt's Future: Planned or Litigated?

The minutes of the Roosevelt Planning Board's six "closed sessions" regarding the Notterman Tract were approved unanimously and distributed to the public on November 13, 2001. These sessions took place from September 21, 1999 to May 10, 2000. This ended a long effort by the Borough Bulletin reporter, Bob Clark, and some Board members, to let the public know what occurred at the meetings.

The Master Plan had been reviewed at last month's meeting. Revisions agreed upon were sent to Michael Sullivan, the consultant for the Borough. He advised the Board that the changes were reasonable. The final version is being printed and it will be available to the public and the Planning Board members on Wednesday, November 28. Residents may obtain a copy at the Borough Hall. At this meeting, the Board reviewed written proposals for the final part of the Master Plan. It was a ten-page draft of a plan, called Circulation Element, to provide for "circulation" of vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. The board spent much time reviewing it and making revisions, which turned out to be very interesting. For example, would extending Oscar Drive to meet Millstone Township's Witches Hollow Road cause a lot of hazardous traffic from Millstone? The "Circulation Element" will be included in the copies of the Master Plan by November 28. The Public Hearing on the Master Plan will take place at 8 p.m., Tuesday, December 11,

at the Roosevelt Borough Hall.

A Board member forecasts that only a few residents would obtain the proposal for the new Master Plan and attend the public hearing. Regrets were expressed about that occurring, as the Master Plan will effect the future of the Borough. Taking steps to broadly publicize the hearing date was urged.

The rest of the meeting consisted of reports by the Zoning Officer and the Representatives of the Environmental Commission, the Borough Council, and the School Board, as follows:

Zoning Officer Ed Goetzmann asked for clarification from the Planning Board about steps he can take to follow up on ten letters he has sent to property owners about unregistered cars in driveways or on lawns. He said he checked with four other municipalities on their procedures. Gail Hunton, Chair of the Board, said there is a need to review and improve the parking ordinance. Ralph Seligman advised that precedents of corrective actions in small suburban towns be obtained, as well as copies of the towns' ordinances. Jane Rothfuss suggested that the fact that some houses have much longer or wider driveways than other houses have, may make it advisable to have different regulations for different situation. All agreed it was important to avoid having any property become a vehicle "junk yard," a place where more than one unregistered vehicle is stored.

Council member Neil Marko reported that the Council interviewed

an attorney who may be hired to foreclose on the property where the old gas station and garage stand on North Rochdale Avenue.

David Ticktin, representative of the Board of Education, said the Roosevelt Public School is in good condition. When asked about progress with regionalization negotiations, he indicated that the school boards are being kept in the dark. Mayor Michael Hamilton reported that a regionalization proposal with ten year projections, survey results and financial expectations was prepared and will be discussed at the next meeting of the mayors of the western Monmouth County Panhandle area. It is being kept confidential until it is approved by the mayors and representatives from each school board. It will be presented to the School Boards of this area, and to the public, sometime early next year.

Planning Board member Joseph Zahora voted to approve and reveal the minutes of the Board's six "closed sessions" during the Notterman Tract negotiations, and joined in the discussions of other issues.

Only two members of the public, the Borough Bulletin reporter and a newly elected member of the Borough Council, Pat Moser, were present.

The Board accepted some suggestions made by the public about details in the draft of the Circulation Element of the Master Plan.

In Memoriam

Peter B. Warren: A Civic Man
(10-9-22 to 11-3-01)

A resident of Roosevelt since 1967, the late Peter B. Warren encouraged many Rooseveltians to take a greater interest in the civic affairs of their town. For several years, he was a one-man "Welcome Wagon," registering newcomers to vote and asking them to apply their talents to improve the Borough. Peter awakened many to public service, even several who later disagreed strongly with some of his proposals for solving Roosevelt's problems.

Peter was qualified for nation building as well as Borough building. A graduate, with high honors, of Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs and a Fulbright Scholar, he worked as an economist for the Ford Motor Company, Champion International and GE Aerospace before becoming a high-level consultant to the World Bank and the United Nations. After the multi-lingual Peter and his wife, Lillian, established a home base in Roosevelt, they lived for varying periods in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Guinea, Haiti, Gabon, Uganda, and Lillian's ancestral Dominican Republic. A cultured, professorial and aesthetic man, with fast friends all over the world, Peter appreciated opera, great libraries, strong coffee, and stimulating conversation. He authored a manuscript on the history of modern Black Africa. He wrote another about his adventures as an ambulance driver in the Middle East and Europe for the American Field Service during World War II.

Peter brought this élan to Roosevelt's

civic affairs between international sojourns and, on a full-time basis, in retirement. He began humbly, renewing acquaintances with old timers and welcoming newcomers by going door to door as the dog census taker. In 1982, he organized a "Citizens Group" whose voluntary expertise he hoped to harness to assist the amateurs on the Borough Council. He kept track of town doings in a column for the Borough Bulletin from June 1990 to December 1994.

Peter was a member of the Borough Council from January 1991 through December 1994 and served as Chairman of its Community Relations Committee. He introduced the ordinance which created the Jersey Homesteads Historic District Advisory Council. Peter led the effort to collect extensive memorabilia for the Roosevelt Archives at Rutgers University's Alexander Library in New Brunswick. He studied this material and plucked out gems for Bulletin pieces, including a moving December 1992 tribute to Tamara Drasin, whose name adorns Tamara Drive. Knowing his life was on the wane, Peter gathered a couple more boxes of material and left instructions for transferring them to the archivists.

Peter obtained funding for a summer youth job program in 1993. He helped Margaret Schlinski begin the "Roosevelt TV" program in the early 1990s. With Gayle Donnelly he obtained money for the planting of cherry trees on the triangle park at Homestead Lane and North Valley Road. Peter acquired funds enabling several people with modest incomes to renovate their homes. For half a dozen years, he updated names and

addresses for the Roosevelt Telephone Book. Tourism took a leap forward in Roosevelt when Peter organized the first 92nd Street (NY) "Y" bus tour of Roosevelt on October 31, 1993. He also spearheaded the rescue of the Solar Village from insolvency in 1994.

Peter applied his considerable intellect and expertise to the assessment of several "pie-in-the sky" proposals affecting Roosevelt and the surrounding region. In the late 1960s, he and Ralph Seligman represented Roosevelt among those who successfully opposed a large-scale jetport that would have altered substantially the character of the Monmouth County panhandle. In 1993, he wrote a report that raised serious questions about the feasibility and desirability of a proposal to raise revenue by treating outside septic effluent and "gray water" in our local sewer plant. He wrote another report pointing out shortcomings of a leaf/plastic recycling plant proposed for the corner of Route 571 and Oscar Drive. The concerns Peter raised in these reports helped to quash the ideas. Ever the researcher, Peter drafted a "Roosevelt Growth Impact Study" in 1993.

Peter believed in self-sufficiency and a town's ability to meet its civic needs by enlisting newcomers and directing their talents. Thus, he did not object to the growth of Roosevelt's population to an efficient level, perhaps a number consistent with the plans of Jersey Homesteads' founders. However, Peter was not a fanatic about self-sufficiency. Understanding government subsidies, he sought state aid for projects to renovate and improve Roosevelt's infrastructure. We all now benefit from the many road grants,

subsidized sewer line repairs and the like that Peter helped to obtain.

In a November 1993 article for the Bulletin, Peter noted that one in 10 adult residents of Roosevelt was born abroad and another one in 10 had at least one parent born abroad. Anticipating that such rich diversity would lead to something akin to the Bulletin's series "Two Square Miles of Stories," Peter mused, "Perhaps the Bulletin will give us some of these stories, equally rich in history and human experience before they are forgotten"

Peter wrote a superb remembrance of the late, eclectic Vivian Samburg Crozier for the June 1993 issue of the Borough Bulletin. He concluded, "What does one do for an encore after such a long and fascinating life? Because life expects an encore, doesn't it?" I believe Peter knew that a life well lived would provide the stage for its own encores. We applaud his life again and again in our memories, stimulated by the example of civic involvement he left behind.

By Bob Clark

Peter Warren Was A Very Important Person In Roosevelt

No matter the issue, Peter always had an opinion, which he announced vocally and, although many others often had different opinions on the same issue, he made it necessary for people to have to think in order to take a side. This trait is invaluable in any community: that of making people think – he will surely be missed.

I wish strength to Lillian and his daughter, Alexandra, in the days ahead and I hope that Peter can rest in peace.

By Freda Anish

Invictus

*Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.*

*In the fell clutch of circumstance,
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance,
My head is bloody, but unbowed.*

*Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.*

*It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul*

William Ernest Henley [1849-1903]

I chose that poem in memory of Peter B. Warren, for it epitomizes the very essence of his life's personality, reflected in his ready acceptance of the inevitable moment fate has in store for all of us, an end he faced as he had lived, without fear, or apprehension, the mark of a truly courageous man.

From the battlefields of World War II as a volunteer ambulance driver at

the age of twenty; through his many years as an economist in the Middle East and Africa, where subtle dangers were a fact of everyday life, not the least of which, the unforgiving African sun; to the wars of the Roosevelt Borough Council, where the perception of unity of purpose proved to be an illusion, Peter Warren never lost sight of the role he had chosen to play in life. He persisted and succeeded in doing what was right rather than what was expedient, at times, against fervent opposition, without any thought of reward, or indulging himself with self-congratulatory public displays.

Wherever he happened to be throughout his life, Peter had an innate ability to connect with people at the most human of levels, and over six decades, those who became his friends – currently, anywhere from Abu Dhabi to North Dakota – remained his friends to the end, and will honor his spirit, as I will. There is no doubt in my mind that he will easily be making friends where he is now, just as he did during his life here on earth. Before Peter left us, however, I made sure he understood that when I get to where he is, Fridays at 5 p.m. under the apple tree are to be reserved for me. Rest In Peace, dear friend, you earned your wings a long time ago.

By Gilbert C. deMalvilain

FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

New Jersey Law (N.J.S.A.

40A:60-5), states that "the mayor shall be the head of the municipal government" and "shall recommend to the Council such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the borough."

and any Shapiro who were elected to serve on the Borough Council. They will take office in January, and like Council members present and past they have volunteered to devote considerable time, energy and dedication to their official tasks.

Water, Sewers and Tax Dollars

During this year's campaign for Council, some confusion arose regarding the laws governing the distribution of your tax dollars. It is essential-and in your own interest-to have a clear understanding of how municipal taxes are earmarked.

The Borough acts as a collection agency for all property taxes. In the 2001 budget year, the Borough will collect \$1,602,071 in county, school and municipal taxes (the whole pie):

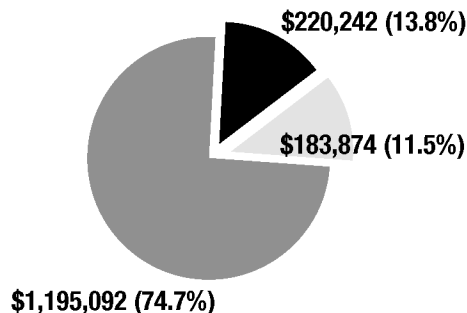
- **Roosevelt School taxes utilize 74.7% of your tax dollars (the gray area)**

- **Roosevelt Borough uses only 13.8% of your taxes (the black wedge)**
- **County Taxes consume over 11.5% of your tax dollars (the light gray section)**

School budgets are voted on in annual school elections, whereas county and Municipal budgets are not subject to voter approval.

The Borough collects property taxes quarterly: The Borough distributes the taxes it collects for the School and County monthly. For this reason

Your 2001 Tax Dollar



our Borough bank accounts may hold between several hundred thousand to two million dollars. That is why I insisted that our Borough bank accounts earn interest. When I first took office, a review of financial practices revealed that we were earning little if any interest in our Borough bank accounts. We changed banking institutions and as a result we now earn over \$30,000 a year in interest on our bank accounts. This income is used to reduce your taxes.

Furthermore, for the past several years I have worked with the School

Board to lobby for an increase in our state aid. As a result, we now receive almost \$200,000 more in annual state aid than we did two years ago. If you look at the pie chart you will see that this is almost equal to the total municipal taxes we will collect this year (\$220,242). The increase in school aid reduces our local tax burden in the largest portion of our taxes, the school budget (see the gray area in the pie chart). As a result, Roosevelt homeowners' property taxes have decreased considerably.

Your Water and Sewer Fees

Municipal property taxes do not include water and sewer fees. The water and sewer system costs are levied in a separate \$125 a month charge.

- **Water Fees are \$27 a month (the white section)**
- **Sewer operations cost you \$64 a month (the gray section)**
- **Loan payments cost you \$34 a month (the light gray section)**

You probably don't know that you pay \$34 month to pay off the principal and interest on the \$2.6 million dollar loan taken by a previous administration to renovate and double the capacity of our sewer treatment plant. The loan was financed in 1992 for 40 years at 6 5/8% interest. Since that time the interest rate that financial institutions charge municipalities has declined considerably and we are seeking ways to refinance the loan. Just as you may be able to lower your monthly mortgage payments by refinancing your

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From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

I would like to thank the veterans who came to school to help us celebrate Veterans Day on November 12, 2001. Martin Sokoloff, Leonard Sacharoff and Howard Chasan, it was a pleasure to pay tribute to you as you represented all the veterans across our country for all they did and continue to do to preserve our freedom. Our students did a fine job reading the letters and poems they wrote to honor our veterans.

The staff is creating a new Professional development Plan that will outline areas of professional need to enable us to stay current with educational growth and research. As part of our need assessment, we are asking for input from the community, and should anyone have an area that you think should be considered through

professional development, please email me at dweinbach@RPS1.org.

On November 1, Karen Minutolo, board of education secretary, and I joined Mayor Hamilton, Lt. Grant of the State Troopers and Ed Miller, borough emergency manager, for a meeting to discuss emergency plans at school. Our goal is to be fully prepared with a plan to keep students and personnel safe under any crisis situation. We all take that responsibility very seriously, and we will continue sharing ideas and planning together. We hope to also explore shared services that can benefit both the school and the entire community.

While we are busy dealing with the critical issue of safety, trends are taking place that need to be addressed to enable us to prepare our students for

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RCNS December Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

December is an exciting and wonderful month for us at RCNS. The children are eagerly awaiting the winter holidays and all the fun they bring. We all want to stay well for the holidays and the cold months ahead. We remember to cover our sneezes and coughs, eat well and get enough rest. The importance of dressing for the cold weather is stressed also.

How do the animals live in the winter? We will explore the habits of different animals and learn about hibernation and migration. Let's not forget our feathered friends that stay here all winter; the children will make bird feeders so birds will have plenty of food.

Since daylight is so short in December, the children will make projects depicting day and night. We will also learn about nocturnal animals and what they do at night.

A very special treat for the children is our Winter Wonderland party, which is held every year on the last day before our winter vacation. Everyone has fun participating in games, songs and a holiday project. Of course, there is food for everyone as well.

Happy Holidays to all! ■

December/January School Dates

December 13	Board of Education meeting
December 21	Early dismissal
December 22 - January 1	School closed, winter recess
January 2	School resumes
January 10	Board of Education meeting
January 21	School closed to honor Martin Luther King
January 24	Board of Education meeting

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the voters of the Borough of Roosevelt for electing me to the Borough Council. I have been taking the responsibility very seriously, attending Council meetings for several months. Taking a tour of the water treatment facility with the excellent guidance of George Vasseur, reading relevant publications, and talking with people, on Council and off.

I am studying ways to keep the promises I made, and I will make every effort to keep your trust.

*Yours faithfully,
Pat Moser*

To the Editor:

What is it that makes Mike Hamilton so afraid of me? You, Mike, distributed a flyer the day before the Election, which shows just how low an individual can sink to. Why are you so desperate to keep me off the Council, what is it that you're hiding? There was not enough time to respond to this before the election, so I'm doing it now.

Stu never noticed that your money was earning little or no interest...his lack of oversight cost taxpayers over \$200,000.

During the six years I served on the Council, my last day being December 31, 1996, we did not have a present day surplus of \$600,000, we were lucky if we had \$50,000 of surplus. Based on Mike's math I would have to earn 75% interest on your money. The fact is your council is holding onto a huge surplus, and we only got a seven-cent reduction on our taxes.

As Chair of Utilities, Stu did nothing to solve the brown water problem.

Mike you are either a liar or ignorant, but I was never Chair of Utilities. If

Mike had done his homework, he would have checked past minutes and have seen that I was the chair of streets and Roads/Buildings and Maintenance, otherwise known as Public Works. Mike would have also seen that while I was on the Council, we spent more than \$200,000 on upgrades to the water plant to remedy the brown water problem. The fact is your Council took 15 months to repair Well #3, it's only a two-month job.

Stu allowed leaking drums of chemicals to fester at the gas station. He did nothing to correct the problem.

Mike, if you had any sense of decency, you would know how irresponsible your words are. If you check the minutes of executive sessions and public meetings while I was on the Council, you would know I wanted to foreclose on the gas station and clean it up, but the Council was afraid of third party lawsuits, I was voted down and not allowed to step foot on the property to clean it up.

Republican Stu Kaufman promises that he will fix the brown water problem by building a new water treatment facility.

Mike, you are fabricating again. I never promised a new water facility.

Stu didn't tell you that a new plant will cost \$750,000. That is true. What I said was 2.5 million.

Stu didn't tell you that this money must come out of the water & sewer utility budget.

Actually that is exactly what I wrote in the December 2000 Bulletin.

Here is part of that letter in the December 2000 Bulletin:

Our antiquated water utility should be a major issue but no candidate has raised this issue. I have seen our facilities from the inside, spoken with our water/sewer operators, and the consensus is we have a 65-year-old system that should be replaced before a major

failure occurs. If you're counting on development to solve this problem, think again. The last developer wanted to use our money, utility connection fees to pay for only upgrades, not a new water system.

The last time we waited too long to upgrade our facilities, it cost 2.5 million dollars that will take 30 years to pay down. The cost to you and me is 70 dollars on our water/sewer bill per month.

Now is the time to start preparing for the eventual replacement of the Water System. Now is the time to come up with a plan to finance the construction without incurring another 2.5 million dollars of debt and 70 more dollars to our water/sewer bills. A monthly bill of 125 dollars will seem small compared to 195 dollars.

Mike, the only things you can make up are misleading lies. As Mayor you have to do your homework otherwise it sounds like you don't know what you're talking about.

I'll ask you once again, Mike, what are you hiding? Why does someone like me scare you so much? Is it because I can think for myself, or is it because I can see you for what you really are?

Mike, you end your smear flyer by stating, I need their help to continue moving in the right direction. If moving in the right direction means impugning a person's name and lying to the public, then we are not going in the right direction. If moving in the right direction means anyone who questions your decisions is branded Pro Development, like in the fifties when people were branded communists, then we are not going in the right direction. A lie is like a festering wound, eventually it spreads to everything you say.

*Respectfully,
Stu Kaufman*

Selected Memories: Small Part of One Southern Childhood

The Train always backed in, a long line of open cars to be filled with phosphate. The spur was about one hundred yards behind the house. Hobos got off and went into what little shade a few scrub oaks and pine trees provided. Once or twice a week there would be a knock at the kitchen door. Mama always gave food, never money: Pierce, Florida, early 1930's.

The land, the houses, the company store – everything was owned by the American Agricultural and Chemical Company. You could go to Bartow to shop, maybe twelve miles, or even Tampa, the other end of the world, well over thirty miles. Most families didn't have a "charge" on future earnings. When all the phosphate had been mined, the company moved everything to another location. I can't go home again.

Before that happened we had moved to Miami, then Miami Beach, then South Miami to the "hurricane house." Two bedrooms, frame, with the owners living in a smaller frame house on the back of the lot. 1935: When it hit, all the outside furniture in the neighborhood - porch swings, lawn chairs, garbage cans – were flying through the air. The wind drove the rain through the window frames on the east side of the house. As the shingles came off the roof, the pots and pans from the kitchen were put to use. All four of us were very busy emptying pots and wringing out towels.

There was a screen door in the kitchen at the back of the house with a homemade storm door that latched. In the middle of the storm the door started banging. Coming loose? My Daddy thought he heard someone

yelling, so he pushed the door open. There on the ground were the owner and his wife. They had snaked across from their house, which wasn't there anymore, to our back door. When Daddy opened the storm door the



double windows over the sink on the west side of the house were instantly blown out, sash and all. We never did find Mama's African Violets that were on the windowsill. We moved to the Shenandoah section of Miami and I started first grade. We moved a lot. By the end of high school I had lived in six towns or cities, in fifteen houses or apartments.

Now the "tornado house." It sounded like a freight train coming. Daddy ran out on the screened porch grabbed me and sister and the four of us got

under the bed. Sounds silly, looking back. The twister took the entire roof off a house one block to the east and dumped the rubble on our neighbor's front lawn. Everything in our living room was moved toward the fireplace. The birdcage was in the fireplace. We never saw Mama's yellow canary again. When the price of a loaf of white bread went from a nickel to six cents, I had to walk the two blocks back home to get the penny.

Then came North Carolina: Winston Salem, High Point, Asheboro, and summer vacations at Mama Allen's farm outside of Kingston. I took to reading and roaming the woods. My mother would leave me at the public library while she went shopping. I could read anything in the library, but could only check out children's books which didn't interest me much. I discovered that in adult novels the sexy action usually comes

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About Two Square Miles Of Stories

Everyone in our two-square mile town has old family photographs and memories of the people in them. These pictures and your memories are narratives waiting to enrich us all. So, join us in a Roosevelt Show and Tell project – find an old picture or two and tell us a story in a few paragraphs.

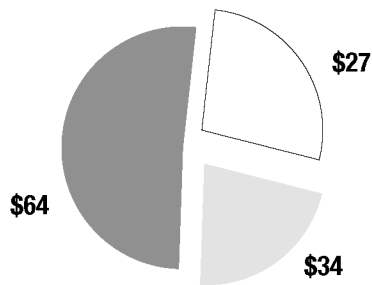
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Your Monthly Water/Sewer Bill



home mortgage when rates decline, it may be possible to lower your sewer fees by refinancing our long term sewer debt.

During the campaign for Council there was discussion of the feasibility of replacing our existing water treatment facility with a new one. A new water treatment plant, estimated by our consultants to cost \$750,000 or more, would be certain to necessitate a significant increase in your water and sewer bill. In order to fund a new water treatment plant we would have to take out still more loans.

We have been working to improve our water quality by utilizing better maintenance procedures, such as draining the hydrants more regularly and removing the brown sediment from our collection systems more often. Such procedures, if effective, will reduce the number of episodes of brown water without necessitating an increase in your monthly bill.

Recession, Deficits and the Future

During this year's campaign for Council, it was suggested that the municipality should substantially increase capital expenditures for the re-paving of roads and take on more debt by replacing our entire water treatment plant.

In the November issue of the New Jersey Reporter, Mark Magyar, a well-respected journalist covering public issues in New Jersey predicted that;

The faltering economy, coupled with overly optimistic revenue estimates in an election-year budget, will saddle

the new governor and legislature will a \$3 billion budget problem that will be compounded the following year when pension and debt payments start coming due. These budget deficits will severely hamper our ability to meet the massive future funding needs of...a highway system already strained beyond capacity, and...the higher education system.

With a large State budget deficit looming, the State will either have to raise taxes, or lower expenditures by decreasing State-funded programs, or both. Reductions in State aid may mean that municipalities and school districts without sufficient reserve funds will have to increase taxes dramatically to make up for the loss of state revenue in their budgets. Municipal and School officials who are willing to hold the line on spending now may be able to ride out the storm without having to increase property taxes. In times of great uncertainty it is wise to be cautious.

Sincerely

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the society that they will inherit during the new millennium. Gary Marx outlines these trends:

Trend: For the first time in history, the old will outnumber the young.

Trend: by mid-century, no single ethnic or racial group will make up a significant majority of the U.S. population. Students will need to be ready to live and work in a highly diverse nation and world.

Trend: Social and intellectual capital will become the primary economic value in society. Students will need to learn how to work in teams, and sift through exploding volumes of often-contradictory information.

Trend: Continuous improvement and collaboration will replace quick fixes and defense of the status quo.

Trend: Technology will increase the speed of communication and the pace of advancement or decline.

Trend: Knowledge creation and breakthrough thinking will stir a new era of enlightenment. As knowledge increases exponentially, schools need more teaching across disciplines to help students become intellectual entrepreneurs.

Trend: Scientific discoveries and societal realities will force widespread ethical choices. Schools will be expected to model ethical behavior and help students understand the need to identify the possible ethical implications of their decisions.

Our school curriculum is constantly reviewed and updated to help us keep pace with future trends. The exciting task of constantly preparing students for the future is one of the most challenging endeavors for school. The staff at Roosevelt is ready for that challenge. ■

Our

MAYOR

When Nancy and Michael Hamilton first saw the Roosevelt house that is now their home, they stepped out onto the patio in back and saw only woods. "I'll take it," Mike immediately told the realtor before he had seen the rest of the house.

They moved here from Highland Park twelve years ago with their three little girls. Now Laurel is 14 and Kathy is 16. Jessica, the oldest is 20 and a Rutgers University honor student majoring in genetics.

Six months after making Roosevelt his home, Mike was elected to the Board of Education. He served on the Board ten years, including four years as president. In January 2000, he took office as mayor of Roosevelt.

Mike's paying job is ideal for a mayor who needs to be available locally. He operates his industrial supply business out of his home. He sells hardware and tools to a few large accounts by phone, and arranges shipments directly from the manufacturer to the customer.

"This is a fun town to be mayor in," he said. "I see many interesting people. People can call, and I know everybody who calls."

How did it all begin? Mike got his BA in psychology from Rutgers University in 1975. That same year, he and Nancy met teaching pre-school at Douglas. Their careers later diverged, but their relationship grew. They were married in 1978. Nancy, who works in school psychology at the Millstone School, got her doctorate in psychology three years ago. In addition to her regular job, she also works at IEP Youth Services in Freehold as a school psychology intern to meet her license requirements.

After his graduation from Rutgers, Mike got a job as counselor at the Bonnie Brae School for Emotionally Disturbed Adolescents in Millington, New Jersey, but he left after a few months. "I burned out there," he said. He then tried being a carpenter's apprentice, but he didn't like it. For about six years after that Mike and Nancy ran their own cheese store in New Brunswick. Then Mike worked in sales for a national distributor of industrial supplies, and became their star salesman. He had found his niche. About fourteen years ago, he started his own business.

Finding a way to earn a living working at home with flexible hours freed Mike to pursue other interests and become more involved in the community.

"I'm an activist for a lot of different causes," Mike said. He played a leading role in the protest group that defeated a state proposal for a "low level" radioactive waste facility in Roosevelt. Out of this campaign evolved Communities Helping to Oppose Radioactive Dumping (CHORD). Since 1996, CHORD has been helping other towns in New Jersey and elsewhere with the same problem by providing them with the facts about radiation dumping proposals.

Pursuing another cause, Nancy and Mike recently participated in Avon Breast Cancer's three-day 60-mile walk that raised \$7 _ million for breast cancer treatment and research.

As an amateur astronomer, Mike started an astronomy club at the school and got a grant for a telescope. He also did a class program with science teacher Eileen Levine that included field trips in the Assunpink

park area with good binoculars.

Mike also likes to write poetry, go jogging, and get exercise. "We walk a lot," he said. It seems fitting that one of the nature trails developed by the fund for Roosevelt is across the street from the Hamilton house.

About Roosevelt, Mike said he feels that as mayor he's "caretaker for a while of a special town...It's like a family, with people of different ages." I've learned a lot about the history of the town from different people," he added.

Referring to the small size of this community, Mike said, "I like real communities...feeling that what you do matters...I like calling people and asking them what they think about things...I can't imagine living anywhere else."

He said that the sense of community in Roosevelt "feels like home." He explained that his mother, who is of Polish descent, had six sisters and five brothers all living in the same coal-mining region of Pennsylvania where he grew up. He recalls big family affairs when he was a child. "This town reminds me of that," he said. "I feel safe here, protected."

As mayor, he said he feels that "I'm not running the town but making sure it's well run." He said his main goal is "to continue to keep the special quality of this town, the high quality of life, and at the same time to lower taxes and fees and keep this an affordable town."

He sees Roosevelt's "most wonderful features" as the sense of community, and open space. To maintain these features, he proposes to "keep our planning intact so that any new development will be small, and to preserve our farmland and open space." ■

The Environmental Commission completed its second restoration project of 2001 on November 16-18. This project addressed both erosion and excessive sun problems in the wetlands east of



Arrow points to area

Rochdale Avenue between Rossi's Deli and Empty Box Brook.

Roosevelt was very lucky to have the donated assistance of Bill Young of Young Environmental, the president of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey. Bill explained how to deal with the erosion problem by the planting of Giant Bulrushes. These tall plants will provide needed shade to the wetlands as well as breaking up and spreading out the flow of water out of the drainage ditch on the east side of Rochdale Avenue. Advice from Bill and the Commission's Vice-Chair (Kirk Rothfuss) led to the selection of trees to provide additional shading while not growing so high as to threaten the power lines again and bring more pruning problems to us in the future. To add to the spring flowering along Rochdale, we selected 6-8 foot specimens of Eastern Redbuds (*Cercis canadensis*), which will reach a maximum height of around 15 feet. Specimens of similar height were not available for other species. If all goes well, red blooms will appear on eight

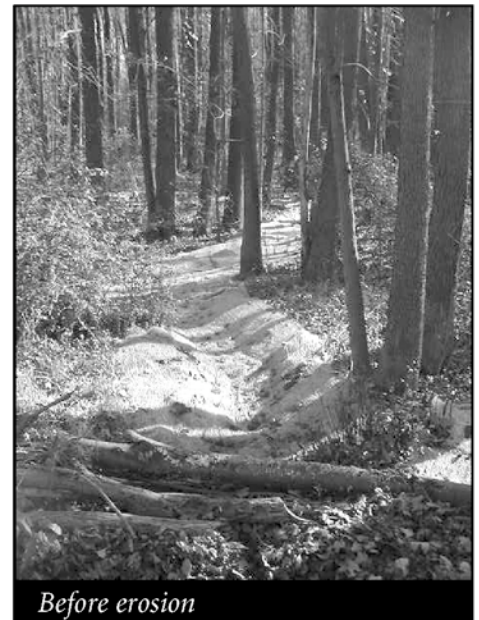
trees in 2002.

To provide more shade to the forest floor, we also planted 67 shrubs including Black and Red Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa* and *A. arbutifolia*, successfully used in May of this year in other restoration work), Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*, widespread in town, deer resistant, and home to eggs and caterpillars of the Spicebush Swallowtail butterfly), and New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*). To provide extra protection against deer and other animals, the plantings were sprayed with a commercial repellent based on pepper and rotten egg solids (yuck!). The spraying will have to be down quarterly until the plants are sufficiently established and sufficiently woody to be less-likely to serve as deer-candy.



Before erosion

The erosion control part of the project is very obvious at the moment because the Giant Bulrushes (a sedge with the tongue twisting name *Scirpus tabernaemontanii*—something to do with a mountain tavern?) were planted roughly two to the square foot



Before erosion

by punching through erosion control matting made of straw, coconut fiber, and jute webbing. The seven and one-half foot wide matting was sufficient to make a T-shape on the forest floor, covering areas of worst erosion. It was then attached to the ground with large staples. The matting will decay in about one year's time. The staples can be removed and recycled or, if they can't be located, left to rust away.

The Bulrushes should grow to over six feet in the sunny area near the road, but will eventually disappear in more shaded areas back in the woods. In such shade, more erosion control was targeted by planting smaller rushes through the erosion control matting. Some of these plants can be seen from Rochdale—the untrimmed, grass-like plants visible behind the trimmed Bulrushes. These are Soft Rush (*Juncus effusus*) a plant already common in our wetlands. Further back, and not so visible from the road, there is more Soft Rush as well as some Canada Rush (*Juncus canadensis*). Canada Rush and Giant Bulrush are native to our general area. They

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by phone 448-5191, 18 Pine Drive.

In order for this column to be successful, you need to keep the information coming. I'll keep observing and asking questions, but I need your help. So, please send news of any past accomplishment or noteworthy upcoming event to me at 18 Pine Drive, P.O. Box 620 or ronkostar@cs.com.

As the fall trees drop their leaves prompting the telltale sound of scraping rakes, and as the dour Taliban appear to be scattering for cover, here are some of the things of note that have happened lately in and around Roosevelt. (But first seasonal haiku of sorts):

Last colored leaves in air –
What a beautiful day for
drummin'!

Roosevelt Public School

Students presented their Thanksgiving Assembly on November 21. Music and skits were highlighted, and a West Point cadet added patriotic color.

Another Fabulous Friday celebration, featuring games and other activities took place in the school on November 30. FF's are held every month and Dr. Weinbach welcomes ideas and volunteers from the community. My son had this to say about FF's, "They're a lot of fun. Why? Because you get to move around the school and go into different classes and do fun things."

The 6th graders had a busy month. First, with the help of Wayne Cokely, they built a robot out of legos that is

computer-programmed. Said robot (who at the time of publication was nameless) will be attending its first outing at a demonstration in Mt. Holly on December 1. People are invited to stop by the school and view the robot, and I promise his/her/its photograph in next month's Bulletin.

The industrious 6th graders also sold over \$300 worth of pies, which will be put toward absences for their spring class trip.

The First Marking Period ended and student report cards went home on November 19.

Hightstown High School

Senior Haley Reimbold of Lake Drive was elected co-President of the Red Cross Club, of which junior Chris Wong of Nurko Road is also a member. The Red Cross in conjunction with the Senior Class have raised over \$1,600 for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund and for the family of two HHS students whose father was reported missing in the World Trade Center.

Haley also has been elected as President of the countrywide Youth Council.

Laurel Hamilton will be participating in a conference for KIKS, a high school peer leadership group, in Atlantic City later in December. The skit in which Laurel, who's a freshman, will perform will dramatize the harmful effects of drug abuse.

In Memoriam

Longtime resident Peter B. Warren passed away on November 3. Peter is remembered by this writer for warmly welcoming my family and other new residents into town and encouraging people to get involved in town politics. Peter served as a Borough Council member and wrote extensively for The Bulletin.

Jacob Landau, well-known artist, died after a lingering illness on November 24. He and his family lived in Roosevelt for many years. He will be missed by many here in town as well as in the many galleries where his work is shown.

About Town

Artist Bill Leech will be exhibiting recent works in an exhibit entitled Degrees of Figuration at the Hunterdon Museum of Art, 7 Lower Center Street, Clinton, NJ. The exhibit opened on Sunday, November 11, and the show, which includes four other artists, will run until January 6, 2002.

The Shahn name also keeps appearing in the news. There is currently an exhibition of photographs of famous artists at the Ben Shahn Galleries at William Patterson College in Wayne, NJ where Bernarda Shahn will exhibit recent works early in 2002.

It's been a beautiful month:

75 degrees, piles of colored
leaves –
What a great day to read
outside! ■

Two Square cont.

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at the end of a chapter. I scanned the ends of more chapters than anyone, ever, before I was ten years old.

There was a large undeveloped wooded area in the middle of a residential section of High Point, north of Montlieu Avenue, about a mile east of Main Street. It would probably be called "wetlands" now. There was a clearing in the middle that was a sort of Transient encampment for the homeless. Probably only a very few ever knew it existed. It served as Sociology 101 for me: men drinking from paper bags, men and women enjoying assorted pleasures.

Word got out (probably my mother) that I knew how to slaughter chickens. (I'd learned this on the farm: more later.) Nothing to it, really. Tie up the chicken's legs and leave a long piece of string. Hold it on a chopping block or stump while holding a sharp ax or hatchet in the air. When the chicken finally quiets down...whack, right below the head. Then let it go and run because it thrashes wildly, blood everywhere. When it stops, hang it from a tree and let it drain. "Thank you, sonny. Here's a quarter." My first entrepreneurial effort. I didn't much care for it.

In fourth grade, Ray Street Elementary School, the big assembly program for the year was a minstrel show. Mister Interlocutor, white, with end men and chorus in blackface. Racism so intense it made a ten-year old budding liberal wince. There was a lot of laughter. I didn't understand most of it.

Asheboro: Boy Scouts. Not the Scouts of today. Nothing about morality in the front of the Scoutmaster's Handbook. Nothing much about God and religion. Few urban and suburban related merit badges. It was all survival, Indian lore, camping, the out-of-doors and, yes, the woods. I learned more in scouting than in high

school.

In the woods, I knew the location of three working stills and where the best swimming holes were ("best" being where girls and women came to "skinny dip"). Then once on a Saturday I was way down in heavy woods when I heard yelling and revving motors. There was a dirt road I'd never seen. As I moved close enough to see clearly, a pickup truck and a Ford coupe drove off in the dust. A big black man was hanging from a tree. "Strange Fruit" as Billie Holiday sings it. I ran all the way home and hid in my bedroom.

I never made Eagle Scout although I earned thirty-six merit badges. The problem was the required Civics Badge. You "shadowed" the Mayor for



a day. I didn't like him because he was against putting in water, sewers, and paving the streets in the poor (read "black") part of town.

Mama Allen, my maternal step grandmother, ran a farm along with my uncles, aunts and cousins. We visited for two weeks every other summer. The house wasn't much. Through cracks in the floor you could see the chickens scratching around. No plumbing. Just a hand pump out in the back yard that you had to prime. There was a smoke house, barn, tobacco curing barn, and an outhouse with a bushel basket of corn cobs and a stack of shiny slick paper magazines. Take your pick, I learned to cut and tie tobacco, mild a cow, plow behind a mule, and a lot more stuff about farming.

We moved from Asheboro to Athens, Georgia in March, 1945. The public school system there had only eleven grades, while North Carolina had the usual twelve. I was in eighth grade and Athens decided to put me in ninth grade. I graduated after the eleventh grade at age sixteen. This thoroughly messed up my education. I sometimes thought the farther south you go the worse it gets!

One Monday in late spring the high school hallways were hushed with whispers. By lunch it had all been sorted out. Mr. Delapierre, Athens Chief of Police had taken the pretty mulatto maid at the small hotel in the middle of town to a hunting cabin on Saturday and raped her. She was in the hospital. The Coach, the Lieutenant, and the Chief's son were absent for a few days. The Chief? Well, he was the Chief. No problem.

Bootlegging in Athens, Georgia: A university town with umpteen sororities and fraternities in a dry county. Dee Jones owned a small restaurant across from the County Courthouse. (You got an unrestricted driver's license at age fifteen in Georgia.) Get a coke at Dee's and say to the cashier, "I'm going to Washington (Georgia) this week. Can I bring you anything?" "What are you driving?" she asks. "A '41 four-door Plymouth, maroon." She says "O.K., Wednesday."

Contract! Get a date. Take the back seat out of the family car and throw a blanket. Leave the trunk unlocked. Go to the movie house in Washington, maybe thirty miles south. Park in a specified alley. Enjoy the show! Drive back to Athens slowly! Underneath the blanket behind the front seat, your Daddy's car is hauling 30 gallons of 100 proof white lightning! Park in back of Dee's. Have a cup of coffee. Pay the bill and you get two twenty dollar bills with your change. That's about \$200.00 in today's currency.

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Give your date a kiss goodnight.

And there's so much more. The South I knew becomes more incredible the more my repressed memories emerge. One more experience: 1958. Driving from Macon to Waynesboro, Georgia, I approach Milledgeville. The unpainted shacks and shanties of the sharecroppers and field hands are along the highway. Usually folks are rocking on the porches, working on cars and pickups in the front yards, children and hounds playing in the dirt. A lazy Saturday, but something's wrong. There are no people today, no vehicles, no children, not even any dogs. Deserted!

The highway goes straight through Milledgeville, down to the river by the military school for boys, but today traffic is diverted to the left, through a residential area. I look down side streets and see people lining the main road. Stop. Park. Walk down an alley and there they are! Walking four abreast, in long flowing white robes with white pointed hoods. Absolute deathly silence, except for the swish of the white robes. There are scores of them. I could smell the fear in the air. Not Black fear, because there was not one Black in many miles of Milledgeville that day. White fear and sadness. I started to cry, too loudly, and turned to go. It was then that I heard a quiet wailing and sobbing from some of the white folks on the side of the road. I was not alone.

Soon after that I left the South forever. Fourteen years later I became the principal of the Roosevelt Public School. Our house on the corner of School Lane has been a wonderful place for Judith and me to raise three children. Thank you. Jersey Homesteads. This is home. ■

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have not previously been found in the Borough of Roosevelt.



Marchantia polymorpha

During the project, Tom Curry removed or cut back some Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*), Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*), and European Spindletree (*Euonymus europaeus*) that were invading the area of the erosion problem.

I picked up the Bulrushes and the small rushes on Thursday afternoon (November 15). Mike Farr and I went back in the borough truck to pick up the erosion control matting and woody plants on Friday morning. Many thanks to Mike for his help!

Thanks to further help from Bill Young, we were able to get the plants and supplies at wholesale prices. The supplier also occasionally donates plants to nonprofits; so I put Fund for Roosevelt on their list.

The project could not have been completed without the help of persons already mentioned and the following planters of natives plants and removers of invasive plants: Rene Antoniou and her son Nicholas, Dina Coe, Tom Curry's son Jack, and Greg McGrath.

In closing, I was very pleased to see a freebie in some of the pots of shrubs purchased for the project. The liverwort *Marchantia polymorpha* is a common weed of greenhouses, but less commonly seen in the wild. I saw

it previously on a stream bank near Georgian Court College and in a burn area of Rancocas State Park. It is a very strange, primitive plant that usually represents all liverworts in introductory botany textbooks—although most liverworts are not very much like it.

Marchantia polymorpha reproduces by budding as well as sexually. On the surface of the plant (which looks like a small, somewhat leathery, wavy-edged leaf), there are three possible structures. One type is a cup containing bud-like structures called gemmae that can give rise to a new plant on their own. The other two types of structures look rather like umbrellas. In the accompanying photo, you can clearly see the taller of these (like an umbrella that is reduced to its ribs)—this is the organ of the female plant that produces female spores. Less conspicuous are the unribbed, smaller umbrellas that produce male spores on male plants. There are some of these in the picture, but it's a challenge to find them. A very curious critter. It may "take" in the wetlands along with the other new plants. It was not previously on the town's list of plants. ■

Notice:
 The Planning Board
 Meeting has moved
 to the
 second Tuesday
 of each month at
 8:00 PM in the
 Borough Hall.

The National Weather Service has declared a drought watch for all of New Jersey. A drought watch indicates conditions are present that may lead to a drought and related problems. A drought watch calls for a voluntary five percent reduction of non-essential water use. The drought watch was issued after a dry period in the state during the late summer and early fall.

A drought warning is in effect for portions of eastern Pennsylvania and the entire Delaware River Basin. A voluntary 10 to 15 percent reduction in water use is in effect for areas covered by a drought warning.

National Weather Service precipitation readings released in mid-November show that Monmouth County as a whole had only 4.10 inches of rain in the prior 90 days. The weather service also indicated that the county had a precipitation deficit of 10.10 inches for the prior 12 months.

Precipitation can vary greatly in a region and even within a county. Nearby Middlesex and Mercer counties are not nearly as dry as Monmouth is. Middlesex precipitation for the prior 12 months before November is below normal by only 5.00 inches and Mercer precipitation is 6.60 inches below the 12-month average.

Roosevelt's precipitation for the same period appears to be much closer to normal. Observations show that we had 43.33 inches of water equivalent precipitation from November 2000 through October 2001. Consequently, Roosevelt's pre-

cipitation deficit for the period is just 2.55 inches.

During the last several months, I have compared rainfall amounts in town with observations made in central Monmouth County. Most often during that time, whenever we has a substantial rainfall, areas east of here had little if any rain. Our comparative "abundance" of precipitation doesn't mean that we are unaffected by dry conditions.

October rainfall in town was less than half what is normal. In November to date (11/15), only a trace of rain was recorded on the fourth of the month.

Roosevelt relies on groundwater for its water supply. The aquifer from which the water is drawn is recharged by precipitation that falls over a wide area of the state. When rainfall is below normal, the aquifer may not recharge as quickly as water is being drawn out. (In addition to lack of precipitation, development negatively effects our water supply in at least two ways: The more people that live in town, the higher the demand for water from the aquifer. Buildings, roads, driveways, and other paved surfaces allow water to run off into streams rather than sink through the soil into the aquifer.)

Here are some interesting, and perhaps enlightening, facts about water:

Less than one percent of the Earth's water is potable.

Canada has more water per capita than any other nation on earth. Ten times as much as the U.S.

Oct. 15, - Nov. 15, 2001

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	66.7	52.7	59.7	0.35
16	69.4	40.1	54.8	0.00
17	59.0	47.3	53.2	0.00
18	55.8	37.6	46.7	0.00
19	61.9	34.5	48.2	0.00
20	67.3	46.6	57.0	0.00
21	73.0	45.3	59.2	0.00
22	73.0	51.4	62.2	0.00
23	74.3	50.9	62.6	0.00
24	77.5	58.1	67.8	0.00
25	75.0	62.2	68.6	0.00
26	55.9	43.0	49.5	0.00
27	50.0	39.9	45.0	0.00
28	53.1	34.0	43.6	0.00
29	54.3	28.6	41.5	0.00
30	60.6	39.4	50.0	0.00
31	59.0	33.8	46.4	0.00
1	67.3	43.7	55.5	0.00
2	75.7	52.3	64.0	0.00
3	68.0	45.0	56.5	0.00
4	59.0	36.9	48.0	0.00
5	53.2	38.3	45.8	0.00
6	53.6	38.3	46.0	0.00
7	63.7	36.0	49.9	0.00
8	61.7	33.1	47.4	0.00
9	56.3	35.8	46.1	0.00
10	59.4	33.1	46.3	0.00
11	50.9	30.0	40.5	0.00
12	50.2	24.1	37.2	0.00
13	51.6	26.4	39.0	0.00
14	57.0	32.2	44.6	0.00
15	65.3	40.8	53.1	0.00
Total Precipitation				0.35

The human body consists of approximately 75% water.

Tomatoes are about 90% water, potatoes 80%.

It takes 1,400 gallons of water to produce a meal of a _ pound hamburger, French fries and a soft drink.

The average American uses about 150 gallons of water per day.

It can take a water supplier up to 45 minutes produce one glass of drinking water.

It takes approximately 6 gallons of water to produce a single gallon of gasoline.

Following are some things we can do to reduce water consumption:

Restrict development.

Check pipes, faucets and toilets for leaks.

Replace old showerheads with a high efficiency showerhead.

Limit showers to 5 minutes.

Turn off the water while shaving and brushing teeth.

Run dishwashers and washing machines only when they are full.

When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run to rinse. Fill the second side of your sink with rinse water.

Fill a pitcher of water with drinking water to keep in the refrigerator rather than running the tap until the water is cool.

Use a broom to clean driveways and sidewalks.

Weather Word

Drought - a period of abnormally dry weather sufficiently prolonged for the lack of water to cause serious shortages of water for agriculture and other needs in the affected area. ■

The November 6th meeting was held at the Solar Village because of the Election held at the Borough Hall. Fifteen members were present.

Karen Block was welcomed to the club as a new member.

During the discussion section of the meeting, a motion was made to change the by-laws by raising admittance age from 55 to 60 but it was defeated by a 9 to 6 vote. In addition, there was some discussion about possible winter activities when many people are housebound and need to get out. At another point, Dolores Chasan requested that each hostess consider providing a sugar or fat restricted diet for those who have such needs. Mrs. Chasan has agreed to attend the Monmouth County Coordinators Meeting on December

3rd. This meeting is attended by representatives of the various Senior Citizens Clubs in the county in order to receive directives and advice from the Office of Aging.

Activities during the month of November included the regular monthly trip on November 20th to the Freehold Mall. Members were encouraged to call Mollie Bulkin if they wanted to cancel. Eight people from the club attended lunch and a show at the Hunterdon Playhouse on November 24th.

After the meeting adjourned, it was followed by refreshments provided by Margaret Katz. The next meeting was scheduled for December 4th.

Finally, a speaker from the state is scheduled to speak to the group on February 5th, 2002, on Identity Theft. ■

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

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

**As CSA Weinbach has said:
"A town library would be
a
terrible thing to
lose!"**



A Catalog Recipe

I'm sure we all receive many more catalogs than we know what to do with. But some of them make interesting reading, although I'm certain the senders are expecting us to do more than just that. One that I'm always happy to find in my mail box is from Williams Sonoma.

I look through all the fabulous pots, pans, dishes and what-have-you they offer and wishfully, I think how wonderful it would be to get all new things of that sort. But then, realistically, I look for what I can really do something about. Recipes are tucked in here and there at places to illustrate uses for their beautiful wares. As a result, I now have quite a few that I use and which are very successful.

There is one I especially like as it is not only practically a one-dish meal, along with a salad, but also, is very easy. All the ingredients are put on a slow flame to cook for many hours without further help from you. It is therefore a perfect dish to prepare for a dinner party.

Braised Lamb Shanks with White Beans

This classic one pot meal is perfect for casual entertaining.

*1_ cups dried cannellini beans	1_ cups chicken broth
2 Tbs. Extra-virgin olive oil	1_ cups peeled, seeded and chopped tomatoes
6 lamb shanks, _ - 3/4 lb. each	3 Tbs. Tomato paste
1 yellow onion, diced	1 tsp. Chopped fresh thyme
1 celery stalk, diced	1 bay leaf
2 large carrots, diced	Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
6 garlic cloves, minced	1 Tbs. Grated lemon zest
1_ cups dry red wine	2 Tbs. Chopped fresh parsley

*Sort through beans and discard any broken ones or stones. Rinse beans, place in a bowl and add water to cover by 3"; soak overnight. In a Dutch oven over medium-high heat, warm olive oil. Add lamb shanks, a few at a time, and brown on all sides, 10-12 min. Transfer shanks to a plate. Add onion, celery and carrots to pan and sauté, stirring occasionally, until tender, 8-10 min. Add garlic and cook, stirring, 1-2 min. *Drain beans, rinse and add to pot along with wine, broth, tomatoes, tomato paste, thyme and bay leaf; stir to mix. Add lamb shanks, bring to a simmer, and reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer until beans are tender and meat is nearly falling off the bone, 3-4 hr. Season with salt and pepper; remove and discard bay leaf. Transfer lamb shanks and beans to individual plates; garnish with lemon zest and parsley. Serve immediately. Serves 6.

* Instead of using dried beans and soaking them over night, I use canned small white beans, drained, which I add about an hour before the end of the cooking period.

FRAGMENTS OF KNOWING

By David Herrstrom

This was one of the poems read by David on Saturday evening, October 13, at the Peddie School's "An Evening of Healing and Hope."

The grand gutturals of unseen geese
fall through the cloud floor
beyond their reach
like rain settling on earth.

The beings with powerful wings are invisible.
Glad on bright coasts of light,
they fly desires straight as rays
above black weather.

The utterances arrive, crisp as winter
reminding us
we understand nothing.

And yet indifferent fragments
drift the long way down
reaching us.

SURFEITS OF EVENING

(In memory of Cynthia Gooding, her music, her stories)
by Dina Coe

The cake you'd serve the afternoons of dying
took my breath, as did the evenings, dense and rich.

Weeds blooming as they waned were white and lemon.
Dying, you sliced your teacake sweet and thick.

Woods syncopated in the mist. You'd said
you hadn't thought you'd be afraid, but you were.

Each time I left you, I felt craven,
nights to get home as string music entered

through the screens and shifted like your strumming:
tardy crickets went on typing out their lines.

I'd sip my valor in a whiskey, think how you must mourn the
loss of wine. Have I dreamt

cicadas shifting to another pulsing after frost?
Being is so much, so much, so much.

BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

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medical appointments. This possibility is in preliminary discussion, along with the potential for sharing the services of the current school nurse, who is completing her degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner, and could then be available to have a clinic in town for senior citizens.

Mayor Hamilton noted the death of long-time Borough resident and political activist Peter Warren. Peter had been involved in many levels of Borough business for much of the time that he resided in Roosevelt, and was well known for his willingness to take an active role in the community, civic or otherwise. Over time he made many contributions to the town that he loved and served so well in many

capacities. The Council and Mayor expressed sincere condolences to his widow, Lillian and the other members of the Warren family.

In order to maximize the use of time, Mr. Eastman spoke next about the issues involved in foreclosure on the gas station property. He is the "resident expert" in the State of New Jersey regarding foreclosures, and had written the Pleadings and Practices chapter on Foreclosures In Rem (by municipalities) for the State. The conclusions from the discussion are that there needs to be a full review of the investigative report previously done and that the current financial status of the owner needs to be looked into. A further focused review of all information will allow a decision on whether or not this can be done as a simple foreclosure or will be more complicated. This outcome will, of course, affect the cost. There is also the potential that an environmental lawyer may need to be involved, as there may be a need for major clean up on the property in order to return it to the tax roles.

In his report, Mr. Marko stated that there some problems experienced during the installation of the Borough's phone and voice mail system, necessitating new hardware and thus setting back the time schedule.

Mr. Vasseur noted that all three water tanks had been cleaned and that hydrant flushing had been accomplished. He gave the remaining Council members and the Mayor a report on the accomplishments during 2001 and the list of projects for 2002. He further reported that the Borough Sewer and Water System had passed its most recent outside inspection with great marks, having only two small issues needing to be remedied.

Councilman Hunt reported that he has scheduled interviews for three to four candidates for the job of Director

of the Recreation Program. There were under a dozen resumes received and only the Board of Education and Borough Council members will jointly interview those who made the cut.

In his role as liaison to the Planning Board, Mr. Marko reported that the Planning Board would be discussing portions of the Master Plan review and that this would be the start of the public portion of the Master Plan review. He noted that there was a possibility that some changes would be proposed.

In the public portion of the meeting, Herb Johnson reported that he would deliver the \$600.00 donation from the Borough to the Senior Citizen group. He expressed gratitude on behalf of the membership. He further noted that at the meeting on Nov. 6th, there was a motion placed before the group changing the age for participation from 55 to 60. This was not passed.

It was noted that as planned, a portion of the meeting would take place in closed session in order to discuss personnel issues. The issues include the performance of the Deputy Borough Clerk, Helen Rocco, during her probationary period, as well as the performance of the Purchasing Agent Krystyna Olejnik, during her probationary period in this new position. Action taken in this closed session includes extending the probationary period for both these positions through February 2002.

There was a second reading, public hearing and final adoption of Ordinance #46A-49, dealing with salary and benefits for the Sewer and Water operator, Toby Moore, who was complimented on his capabilities and his fine work.

All other resolutions on the agenda were passed, and the meeting was adjourned. ■

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Saturday, February 9, 2002

8:00 P.M.

THE ELLARSLIE TRIO

Returning after its appearance last year, the Ellarslie Trio offers a new program of classical masterworks. Cindy Ogulnick violin, Erika Phillips cello, and Roosevelt resident and RAP regular Alan Mallach piano, will present music from the classical piano trio literature. The concert will culminate with Mendelssohn's glorious Trio No. 2 in C minor.

Saturday, March 9

8:00 p.m.

AN EVENING OF POETRY

Join the Roosevelt Poets for an evening of March Madness. Poems accompanied by music.

Friday & Saturday, April 26 & 27

8:00 p.m.

THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND

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Saturday, May 18

8:00 p.m.

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December

3	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227
4	Tues.	1 p.m.	Seniors Meeting and Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall
5	Wed.		♻️ RECYCLE
8	Sat.	8 p.m.	RAP Program – “Celebrating Judy” – Borough Hall, Robin Gould, 448-4616
10	Mon.		Hanukkah
		7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227
11	Tues.	8 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Gail Hunton, 426-4338
12	Wed.	9 a.m.-noon	RPS PTA Holiday Gift Fair
13	Thurs.	9 a.m.-noon	RPS PTA Holiday Gift Fair
		7:30 p.m.	Board of education Meeting, PRS, President Sharlene Ellentuck, 448-4440
		8 p.m.	Environmental Commission Meeting, Borough Hall, Chair Rod Tulloss, 448-5096
10	Fri.		RPS Pizza Day
17	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227
19	Wed.		♻️ RECYCLE
20	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Synagogue Board Meeting, Neil Marko, 443-6818
21	Fri.		RPS Four-hour Session – Winter Recess Begins
24	Mon.		RPS Closed – Winter Recess until Jan. 2
25	Tues.		Christmas Day

January 2002

1	Tues.		New Year’s Day
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2	Wed.		RPS Winter Recess Ends – Back to School!
4	Fri.		RPS Pizza Day
7	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227
8	Tues.	8 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall
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14	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227
15	Tues.	7:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting, RPS, President JoAnne Parker, 448-5619
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