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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Budget Introduced; Bear Forum Scheduled; Verizon CATV Franchise Approved

By Michael Ticktin

At its May 8 meeting, the Borough Council held a hearing on the 2006 municipal budget. CFO George Lange and municipal accountant Gerry Stankiewicz were at the meeting to help respond to any questions. Neil Marko asked if there was any money in the budget for replacement of the siren, which is currently on the pump house at the water tower, right next to where a new house is going to be built. The problem with the current location of the siren is that, aside from being a nuisance to people living nearby, it is not audible in other parts of the town. Mr. Lange replied that there was a sufficient balance in the capital account to pay the cost of replacing the siren with a new system. Nona Sherak asked if there were funds in the budget for firefighter training. Mayor Beth Battel answered that there were. Mr. Marko then asked if there were funds set aside for the salary of a code enforcement officer, should such an office be created. Mr. Lange said that no funds were set aside, since there was not yet any office to set them aside for, but that the budget could be amended later if necessary to transfer funds for that purpose.

No formal action was taken on the budget because

Messers Lange and Stankiewicz advised that more work would be needed on several line items and that any necessary revisions would be presented at the June 5 agenda meeting and be the subject of a further public hearing at the June 12 regular meeting.

Mayor Battel introduced Terry Fritzges, an East Windsor resident who is an active animal protection advocate. She spoke about the importance of educating the public to deal properly with bears, one of which is often seen in Roosevelt, and demonstrated a bear-proof garbage can. At the Council's invitation, she agreed to participate in a forum on bears to be held by the Environmental Commission at the municipal building on June 21.

Mayor Battel also announced her appointment of Jaymie Kosa to the Planning Board to complete the term of David Ticktin, who automatically ceased to be a member of the Planning Board when his term on the Board of Education ended. Mrs. Kosa is a member of the Board of Education. Unlike other Class IV (public) members of the Planning Board who serve for four years, a member who is also a

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember Graduation on Saturday, June 17th at 4 p.m.!

The Borough of Roosevelt has been ordered by the Monmouth County Board of Taxation to conduct a revaluation of all properties in the borough, to be effective in 2007. The revaluation is being done by Realty Appraisal Company. Credentialed representatives of that firm will be visiting all properties to do the required interior and exterior inspections. Everyone's cooperation is needed. While a revaluation may be expected to result in some redistribution of the property tax burden, it does not affect the total amount that must be raised, and the expected increase in total valuation will therefore result in a proportionately lower tax rate, all else being equal.

Please report any bear sightings to:
State Bureau of Wildlife Management
Kim Tinnes
Wildlife Control
609-259-7955



As well as to David Schwendeman, 443-6204
Also, come to the Environmental meeting on June 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall to learn more about bears.

Parents: It has come to our attention that many children as well as teenagers have been playing in the streets. Before there is an accident because of on-coming cars, please make sure that this practice is stopped.

Be a good citizen and attend the Borough Council Meetings on the first three Mondays in the month at 7 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Thoughtful neighbors pick up after their dogs. Are you a thoughtful neighbor?

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From the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

Have you been enjoying this lovely spring? Some years it seems to go from freezing to broiling, but this year we have had two full months of temperate weather.

We need to remind home owners of the necessity of having house numbers on their houses, clearly visible from the road, in the night-time as well as the daytime. It is important not only for your own safety, but for that of your neighbors. Emergency services, visiting nurse, deliveries, and guests are quickly guided to an address when the surrounding houses are well marked, but can lose precious moments when they are not.

An opportunity has arisen in town for drivers to help their neighbors who are unable to drive themselves. We are seeking to form a group of people who are willing to share rides or drive those who need transportation to doctors and other appointments. Please call Pat Moser, 448-4865 if you can help. I would also like to encourage car-pooling for commuters and shoppers to save gas and share resources.

You should have all received letters from Michael Ticktin about the state mandated tax re-evaluation inspections soon to be done in our town. Please cooperate with the inspectors, but don't hesitate to ask for identification before admitting them to your home.

The Roosevelt Arts Project has brought to the Council meetings a plan for a mural to replace the Roosevelt sign on the borough hall. The concept is a very attractive mosaic collage depicting the landscape and other significant features of Roosevelt, and identifying the borough hall. They will be seeking participation from the entire community in it's creation. ■

By Linda Silverstein

We're back!!!!!! Thanks to Sleuth Schlinski (a.k.a. Margaret), we have enough filling this month to stuff this column. Please share with us your news about family, friends, yourself – if you're thinking about it, it's newsworthy!

It's graduation time again, giving way to new beginnings for many. Kelsey Reimbold will be attending Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y. this fall, to pursue her interest in European history. Her older sister Haley has just completed her degree in Women's Studies at Hamilton College, located in Clinton, N.Y. Zev Reuter is heading to Bar Harbor, Maine's College of the Atlantic with an interest in human ecology. William Edelstein, who is studying studio art, will be a senior at the University of Arizona this September. Molly Petrilla graduated in May from the University of Pennsylvania. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, with a minor in American History, conferred *magna cum laude*. Molly is a graduate of Roosevelt Public School and Hightstown High School. She is beginning her career as a staff writer with the Princeton Packet newspaper group. Congratulations and best wishes to one and all. To all you other graduates – there's still time to share your plans for next month's column!

Roosevelt youth have not completely cornered the market on milestones. Neighbor Bill Leech was recently awarded a Fellowship for Works on Paper from the New Jersey Council for the Arts (Mid-Atlantic). Councilman Daniel Hoffman received a Fulbright award and will be a visiting scholar in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. A congratulatory note is certainly in order for these accomplishments!

Remember, the June deadline is just around the corner. Keep us posted. ■

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member of the Board of Education is, by statute, only a member of the Planning Board so long as he or she remains a member of the Board of Education, unless the four-year term ends sooner.. Mayor Battel also appointed Lorraine Hartley as an alternate member of the Environmental Commission and nominated Joseph Petrick to be the Emergency Management Coordinator, replacing Ed Miller, who resigned.

Councilman Bob Silverstein, the utilities committee chairman, reported that the influent pump at the sewer plant had been replaced and that a sewage lift station on Lake Drive had to be repaired after being damaged as a result of a sock being caught in the machinery. He also reported that the tank will be inspected by divers this summer and that accumulated iron sludge would be removed.

Councilman Dan Hoffman, the public works committee chairman, reported that he was awaiting quotes for the siren relocation, as well as for information from PSE&G concerning their plans for repairing the damage done to Lake Drive pavement as a result of gas line repair work.

Councilman Michael Hamilton, the Council representative on the Planning Board, asked Michael Ticktin, head of the Planning Board's committee on affordable housing and housing redevelopment, to report on the status of the affordable housing plan. Referring to letters that had been sent to the Mayor and Council by two organizations that sponsor group homes, Community Options, Inc. and Lutheran Social Ministries, Mr. Ticktin said he had spoken with both organizations and was of the view that Community Options was better able both to provide the number of rooms

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required in order to meet Roosevelt's affordable housing obligation and to assure the placement of residents who would not be likely to burden local services.

Councilman Silverstein, the Council representative on the Environmental Commission, reported on the planned June 21 bear forum. He also said that the wood chipping program had been successful and that updates on phosphorus reduction at the sewage treatment plant had been received.

Councilwoman Pat Moser, the Council's senior citizen liaison, reported that the Senior Citizen Organization had recommended that the Borough try to get more signs placed on area roads indicating the direction to Roosevelt, since visitors are apparently having difficulty finding us. Mayor Battel said that requests would be submitted, not only to Monmouth County, but also to other jurisdictions in the area.

Zoning Officer Bob Francis reported that he had completed his April inspection of the town and thanked residents for their cooperation. He said that he had sent notices as needed and had, for the most part, been able to secure compliance without any need for formal violation notices leading to prosecution in municipal court.

The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP), represented by Naomi Brahinsky, presented two conceptual drawings of possible designs for a mosaic that RAP wishes to present to the Borough for installation on the front of the municipal building. Katherine Hackl, the artist whom RAP has selected for this work, described the project and indicated how she would go about gathering ideas from the community. Both of the concept designs involve a nature theme. Mrs. Brahinsky said that the person who had the idea of presenting such a mosaic was Deirdre Sheean.

The Council expressed its support for the project and thanked RAP for its efforts.

In the public portion of the meeting, Nona Sherak asked that the Council give at least one month's advance notice of "big garbage day" and have it published in the *Bulletin*. Mayor Battel agreed that it would be a good idea to give as much advance notice as possible. Municipal Clerk Krystyna Olejnik said that notice had been posted on the bulletin board at the Post Office, but someone had removed it. She said that scheduling is up to the contractor, and the Borough does not necessarily have notice of the date in enough time to publish notice in the previous month's *Bulletin*. She also said that next bulk pick-up will be in October.

Ms. Sherak also objected to having a group home in Roosevelt, saying that she thought it would cause problems, as was the case with the home for autistic young men operated by the Department of Human Services on Pine Drive several years ago. She said that she would prefer that Roosevelt pay to have all of the affordable housing built elsewhere. In response, Mr. Ticktin said that building it elsewhere was not an option, since the most units we could transfer to another municipality would be four, and we would then still have to provide five units in order to qualify for substantive certification from the Council on Affordable Housing, which is needed in order to give the community protection against a "builder's remedy" lawsuit of the type brought by U.S. Home Corporation. Ms. Sherak also expressed concern that we would have to bear the cost of educating group home residents, but Mr. Ticktin assured her that any agreement would involve adults only. She also criticized a proposal on the agenda to have the municipal engineer include an

automatic water main flushing unit in bids for utility work on Maple Court, claiming that such a unit, instead of correcting the water quality problem that she has complained about for years, would force the sludge from the whole street into her pipes, thus forcing her to bear the expense of running a lot of water to flush it out again.

Also in the public portion, Damian Duchai called upon the Council to approve the application of Verizon to provide fiber optic CATV service. (Verizon representatives had spoken at the April meeting and were present in the audience, but did not comment.) Lorraine Hartley asked why the Council, having moved the siren from the school to the pump house, was now reversing itself. Mayor Battel replied that that move was done on an emergency basis in order to allow the school roof to be repaired and that the necessary electrical connections were immediately available. Councilman Hamilton added that the new location had proven unsatisfactory and a more central location had been recommended by the Borough's professionals.

In an action related to the budget hearing, the Council passed a "cap bank" ordinance, which allows it to raise the limit on which following years' budget caps would be calculated, even though this year's budget would not increase to the maximum budget cap allowed. This is done every year in order to preserve the municipality's ability to cover unanticipated expenses in the future without the necessity of a referendum to exceed the cap. The Council also passed an ordinance appropriating \$160,000--\$132,000 of which is New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) grant money and \$28,000 of which will come from the Borough's capital improvement

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What is Going on in the Borough...April Inspection!

I thank all residents for their cooperation with the April inspection.

The Borough is in very good condition and with everyone helping we can make it better.

We are Number 1 - *NJMonthly Magazine*.

What needs to be done to be in compliance?

Partial list.

1. Parking..

- a. Large Trucks/Buses -- in driveway - on the street in a residential zone
- b. Driveways -- Too wide - parking anywhere on property - only one driveway permitted
- c. Junk cars -- Unregistered - unmovable - in driveway and rear yard
- d. Trailers -- in the street and in the driveway
- e. Public right of way -- Blacktop on public right of way
- f. Boats in the front yard -- side yard OK
- g. Not have proper surfacing material for parking of vehicles

2. Front Yard Maintenance

- a. Trash and junk in the yard -- Front and side yards - This is why residents are putting up fences
- b. Building material not properly stored
- c. Boats not allowed in front yard
- d. Dumpsters in driveways
- e. Debris and other nuisance factors in the front and side yards

3. Greenbelt

- a. Building in the Borough public greenbelt - the Greenbelt belongs to all residents
- b. Dumping in the greenbelt - Pine Drive and Lake Drive.

4. Public Right of Way

- a. Using this area as personal property

Notices will be sent to residents for their help to be in compliance with zoning.

What and where is the Borough right-of-way?

What? - Borough property.

Where? - It is on your property survey and Borough tax maps. Not all streets have the same amount of feet for the right-of-way. It is measured from the center of the road to the property line. Pine Drive is 25 feet on each side of the road - that is 50 feet total right-of-way.

What is the Historic greenbelt pattern?

This is why the Borough is unique. The design of the Borough was for every property to have a buffer zone from other properties. This buffer zone belongs to the Borough. It is public land. It is not to be used as an extension of your property line as some may think.

Be part of your government and come to the Council and Planning Board meetings.

Contact zoning at the Borough on Monday when available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m..

Call the Borough and select option #7 to leave a message.

Site plan forms for zoning can be found at the UNOFFICIAL web site @ www.web2sons.org

Forms page: type in the address bar of Internet Explorer the following address -<http://www.web2sons.org/zoning/forms/forms.htm>

Your taxes at work for all Roosevelt residents.

The zoning officer works for you.

Thank you. ■

Zoning: Look Before You Leap!

by Bob Francis, Zoning Officer

Are you thinking about a modification to your yard? To your house? Your parking area? Are you thinking of adding a window? A door? A fence? A shed?

The guidelines for all of this, and much more, are carefully explained in the "Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of Roosevelt." The intent of this ordinance is to keep our Borough safe and beautiful. For more information, please check out www.web2sons.org before you start!

From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

The school year may be winding down, but the activity level at RPS is in full motion. The months of May and June are packed with a myriad of events. Thanks to Ms. Glickman and our hard working students, the Spring Concert was a huge success. We can look forward to them playing again at graduation. Our school wide trip to the BlueClaws baseball game was wonderful. Students, staff and families had a great time. I received compliments from many spectators about how well behaved and polite our students were. Thank you to all the chaperones and teachers for helping to make the day run smoothly. I would like to extend a special thank you to Geryl Hickey for the many hours she spent coordinating and planning this fun event.

The sixth graders were very busy this month. They spent a day at Kreps meeting with teachers, visiting classes, and learning about their upcoming school days. They went to New York for their class trip and visited the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and saw The Lion King. And, they are preparing for graduation.

A school spelling bee was held on May 24th and a school gymnastics show took place on May 25th. These

were great opportunities for students to showcase their many talents. Field Day is scheduled for June 6th. The theme this year is "Sports Around the World."

Our much anticipated awards ceremony will take place on June 19th and of course graduation is scheduled for June 17th at 4:00 p.m. Please join us for all these exciting events.

Each year, a teacher recognition program is sponsored for every county in New Jersey. Every school district has the opportunity to select a teacher to represent the staff at a program designed to recognize teacher accomplishments. This year, I am happy to announce that Ronnie Levine was selected to represent the staff at Roosevelt. Ronnie is our speech/language specialist. She works tirelessly to educate staff and parents about special education. And...Our fourth grade teacher Ilene Levine was the recipient of the Environmental Educator of the Year Award from Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed. Congratulations Ronnie and Ilene!

This is the time where staff begins to establish school goals for the upcoming school year. One of our goals is to expand the Language Arts Literacy

program to include: a pre-assessment component; additional time for guided reading; Writer's Workshop to enhance students' writing, and differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all students. We are able to do this due to a \$10,000 grant that was awarded to RPS to enhance the Language Arts Literacy program. We are very excited about this endeavor and the educational benefits it will have for our children.

Beginning September 2006, Roosevelt School will be utilizing the S.A.F.E. program as its aftercare program. In the near future, S.A.F.E. representatives will be conducting an open house at the school for any interested parents. Parents can rest assured that the aftercare program will continue to provide a safe, productive environment for our Roosevelt students.

On another note...I am pleased to see children playing on the playground and using the ball fields in the evenings and on weekends. I am glad that children have a safe meeting place. However, with the additional use, comes more and more trash. Unfortunately, much of the trash is thrown on the ground and not in the

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June 2006 School Dates

June 2 Last Pizza Day	June 15 12:30 Dismissal
June 5 PTA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	June 16 12:30 Dismissal
June 6 Field Day; 12:30 Dismissal	June 17 Graduation, 4 p.m.
June 7 12:30 Dismissal	June 19 Awards Assembly; 12:30 Dismissal
	June 22 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FROM OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL, SHARI PAYSON

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garbage cans. Trash on the ground is both dangerous and unsanitary. Additionally, dogs are being walked on school grounds and owners are not cleaning up after them. I IMPLORE the good citizens of Roosevelt to keep the grounds clean. Please, show pride in your school and community, and keep it clean and safe.

Thank you to:

Members of the Board of Education who worked diligently and tirelessly to provide guidance, support and all that was needed so that we could continue to provide the best possible educational program to the children of Roosevelt.

The RPS staff for your dedication, hard work, and educational expertise. You have created a phenomenal learning environment for our students.

Our PTA for coordinating the many activities, events and enrichment programs that were both educational and enjoyable. The PTA is creative and enthusiastic in their efforts. I know that the staff joins me in thanking them for all the wonderful things they do.

All the parents that have baked (what is a school event without food), chaperoned trips, brought in forgotten lunches and instruments, volunteered in the classrooms and at the BlueClaws game, helped with dances, activities, fundraisers, etc.

The Roosevelt community for always supporting the school and the students.

We wish the graduating class of 2006 success in middle school.

I extend warm regards to everyone for a safe, healthy, relaxing summer. Please feel free to stop by and visit. Thank you all for a wonderful school year. ■

By Linda Grayson, President

Update on S-1701

Many thanks to everyone who voted to pass the school budget. In a year where nearly half of New Jersey school budgets were not passed, Roosevelt's voters overwhelmingly supported the district's budget. We appreciate your support as we work to maintain a quality educational program.

Last spring the Roosevelt Board of Education held an open meeting to advise community members about legislation that threatens the continued independent existence of Roosevelt Public School (RPS). At the meeting many members of the public offered ideas that the Board committed to pursue. This article is intended to update you on the Board's investigation and action on a number of those ideas.

The legislation discussed at last year's meeting, known as S-1701, has not been repealed or amended, and the issues described by the Board last year continue to present a challenge. To recap, S-1701 places a strict limit on administrative spending, comparing a district's administrative cost per pupil to either a regional benchmark established by the New Jersey State Department of Education or the previous year's administrative spending. The bind that S-1701 places on RPS is two-fold. First, Roosevelt has fewer students over which to spread necessary administrative costs and thus the administrative cost per pupil is higher. Second, when enrollment is periodically down, as it currently is in Roosevelt, administrative costs per pupil increase. Further, state funding for schools has not increased in 6 years, and in fact decreased by \$24,000 this year.

The ideas investigated and actions taken by the Board can be grouped into four general categories for ease of discussion.

Mobilize Grass Roots Opposition to S-1701

Many of the ideas discussed focused on efforts to amend or repeal S-1701. Fortunately, the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) has been very active in opposing the legislation. Because NJSBA was in effect doing many of the things that were suggested by the Roosevelt community, the Board instead focused on things we had more control over, as discussed below, to gain immediate results due to impending impacts for the coming year's budget. The Board still intends to pursue some of the suggestions made to voice our opposition to S-1701.

Contain Costs

The Board's actions toward reducing administrative costs over the past year have resulted in direct savings. By restructuring our administrative positions we were able to save approximately \$24,000 in administrative salaries. Not only was this a real cost savings but it afforded us flexibility in adhering to the S-1701 cap on administrative costs.

Investigate New Arrangements

Several ideas for new arrangements for the school were brought up such as regionalization, charter schools and magnet schools. The Board has considered these and has determined that these were not viable solutions to specifically address the S-1701 issues facing the district at this time.

Investigate Options to Increase Student Enrollment

The Board took three actions toward increasing student enrollment, a result that will most quickly and directly address the S-1701 student to administrator ratio.

The Board developed a survey instrument to evaluate the reasons students leave RPS. We hope that the information

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Black Bear Presentation

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission has arranged an Information & Education Program (with visuals) to be presented by Elizabeth Jackson who is a black bear expert with the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. If you have any questions or concerns please attend our June 21st meeting. I promised 'Liz' that we would have at least twenty interested people in attendance. We will start her presentation between 7:45 and 8 p.m. with questions and answers to follow. Help us to show her we care about black bear.

Other Business

We have been tackling many other issues that concern Roosevelt residents such as a call regarding the pine trees being choked by vines at the end of the school trail near Pine Drive. These were removed by the Millstone Boy Scouts who also piled up a lot of wood debris and picked up litter around the school grounds. A flow of water was examined on North Valley and was determined to be the emergence of yet another underground spring and the town Council will be alerted.

Several Roosevelt Environmental Commission members are trying to sort through the permit process for the siltation abatement grant so

we can get that work back on track. Other meetings are being held regarding the brown fields clean up at the gas station. And we participated in an Arbor Day program on April 29th at Roosevelt Public School. It was a very busy day for the whole school (See Article in the May 4th *Examiner*) and a very busy year so far for the Roosevelt Environmental Commission.

And finally, please do not flush paper towels, cloth rags or clothing items down the toilet. Probably an accident but a flushed sock cost us considerable time and expense with our water system recently. Paper towels have also contributed to problems in the past so please do not flush these items. Thank you.

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on June 21, 2006 where we will bare all about bear! (Just the Bear facts and I promise it to be entertaining, short and not unbearable). Everyone is welcomed to attend and if anyone has a newsworthy nature note or comment of environmental concern, please give me a call at 609-443-6204. Thank you for reading this column and I appreciate all your reports and calls. Please come to the first part of this meeting (7:45 p.m.) and hear all about Black Bear.

If You Encounter a Bear

✘ **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.** People are not part of a bear's diet, but if you have food or items that smell like food, a bear may approach you. A bear may snap its jaws, make a "huff" noise or swat the ground. These are warnings, not a sign that the bear is going to attack you.

✘ **STAY CALM AND DON'T RUN.** A bear can easily outrun you. Stand up tall, avoid eye contact, back up slowly and in a calm, firm voice tell the bear to go away.

✘ **DO NOT CLIMB A TREE.** Black bears are excellent climbers. Instead, move slowly to a car or building if one is nearby.

✘ **MAKE PLENTY OF NOISE.** Making noise lets a bear know you are nearby and it will most likely avoid you.

✘ **DO NOT PLAY DEAD.** Remember that black bears eat dead things.

✘ **NEVER FEED A BEAR.** Bears that learn to associate food with people can become dangerous and may have to be destroyed. ■

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Nineteen people attended the May meeting. The club welcomed Steve Mellon as a new member.

The computer classes run by the fifth graders have been very successful so far. These are held every other Friday from 11:30 to 12:15.

Our regularly scheduled trip to be held May 16th will be to Rova Farms Flea Market followed by lunch at their restaurant. In case of rain, we will go to the Freehold mall preceded by brunch (canceled because of few participants).

By Clare Sacharoff

There will be a cold cut lunch the last Friday which is May 26th.

If anyone is unable to attend any of these events please contact Jeri Millar as soon as possible.

Florie Johnson was an excellent hostess Beth Johnson will host the next meeting which will be June 6th. ■

FROM THE ROOSEVELT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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we gather will help us to identify any weaknesses in the educational program that may cause parents to withdraw their children from RPS.

The Board has initiated an ad campaign to attract tuition students. These ads, which you may have seen in local papers, have already generated some interest and will continue to run periodically throughout the spring and early summer.

One of our most significant initiatives this year was the establishment of a Pre-Kindergarten program in the school. During the 2005-2006 school year the Roosevelt Community Nursery School has operated independently at RPS. Bringing the nursery school children into the RPS community was a natural progression. Beginning in Sept 2006, RPS will include a Pre-Kindergarten program as part of the public school district. (See related Pre-K Article)

The benefits of early childhood education are well established. The Pre-K program is offered through the public school to provide an early learning

opportunity for our children. Early learning enhances student achievement in elementary, high school, and college. Research strongly suggests that children who attended high-quality pre-kindergarten programs become strong readers, fewer are held back in school or drop out, less money is expended toward costly special services, and higher achievement can be expected on later assessments of reading and math. Gains in vocabulary scores of nearly 31% were seen among students in such programs. These measures can be considered predictive of general cognitive abilities and later reading success.

In addition to these educational benefits, by establishing the Pre-K program the district will realize some financial benefits as well. Pre-k students, both resident and non-resident, count as part of the RPS student population. This is critical to our ability to continue our compliance with S-1701 requirements. Moreover, adding to the student population preserves the state aid base that offsets the local tax levy.

Having the Pre-K program makes our district eligible to apply for grants that were not available to us before. While all program costs may not be covered by tuition, state aid and grants, the remaining costs to the taxpayers are the real costs to comply with S-1701. These actions are necessary to preserve the existence of our school and to maintain our local control by the Board. The establishment of a Pre-K program to increase enrollment is a key step toward preserving RPS as the foundation of our community.

Last year the Board was greatly encouraged by the broad concern expressed at the open meeting regarding threats to the future of RPS. As always, we appreciate your support and we value your feedback. The Board plans to hold another open meeting on June 20th at 7:30 p.m. to provide an opportunity to further discuss the above items, provide updates on a few others and gather new ideas. As always, the public is also welcome to attend our regularly scheduled Board meetings.

Questions and Answers Regarding RPS's New Pre-Kindergarten Program

What are the program details? The Pre-K program, for children 3, 4, and 5 years old, is free of charge for Roosevelt residents and available to non-Roosevelt resident students on a tuition basis. This is a 5-day/week program. The hours are 8:30-12:30. A Pre-K aftercare program will be available as well. To enroll, children must be 3 years old by Oct. 1, 2006.

Is enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten mandatory? Currently Pre-Kindergarten is not mandatory although many districts currently offer Pre-K programs.

How many children will be accepted? The Department of Education cap on enrollment is 20; however, the Board may further limit the number of students if necessary to assure the educational quality of the program.

Can the school accommodate the Pre-K program, considering available space and student enrollment in K-6? Due to low enrollment RPS has combined classes during the current school year for the educational benefit of those classes. If enrollment increases, adequate space is available to resume traditional single-grade classes, even with the addition of the Pre-K program.

What are the costs to the district for administering the program? The costs for the program include the cost of personnel and supplies. These costs will be offset through tuition from non-resident students who attend the Pre-K program, additional state aid commensurate with the additional pupils, and available early learning grants.

What are the benefits to the district? The benefits are both educational and financial. Research demonstrates that quality Pre-K programs enhance subsequent student achievement. The Pre-K students will be counted as part of RPS's roll, enabling the district to comply with S-1701 and maintain its state aid base.

For more information please contact Shari Payson, RPS Principal, at 448-2798.

My Family

There is some disagreement as to how my parents met. My brothers and I distinctly remember my mother telling us they met at a business luncheon. My sisters, however, insist they met at a party — given by my father's sister, our Aunt Laura. My mother & my aunt never got along; in fact they could barely stand one another. Therefore I find it hard to believe my aunt would ever have invited my mother to a party she was giving and I certainly can't imagine my mother ever accepting. So, since this is my story and I like my version of the events better, we'll assume they met over lunch. It was shortly after the war. My mother had just recently moved to New York and was working at an ad agency creating hand-lettered display type. My father who had just finished a tour with the navy, where he would often say, "I never heard a shot fired in anger," was working as a news reporter for the *Newark Evening News*. On June 7, 1947, a few short months after this first meeting they would marry at City Hall and begin their life together. Mary Cecilia Dooley, my mother, was born in Emmetsburg, Iowa on June 7th, 1915 to Cecilia Brennan and Robert Dooley. Emmetsburg is known as the Dublin of the United States and most everything there is painted green and decorated with shamrocks. Other than that the landscape that surrounds Emmetsburg, for the most part, is flat with row after row of corn. And although it is lovely, some people I imagine would consider it to be rather boring and uninteresting. The people I have met and heard about,



My Parents

however, are anything but. Except for my grandfather, all of my relatives on my mother's side were farmers and had been for generations. She and her brother Joe would grow up in a large Victorian house in the center of Emmetsburg. Their father would travel the nearby countryside painting churches and other mostly public buildings. He specialized in painting *faux* finishes and his work was plentiful and would take him away for weeks at a time. Life for my mother and uncle was that of a fairly typical mid-western family. Surrounded by uncles and aunts and cousins, life bustled. Frequent family get-togethers and large Sunday dinners after mass were the norm. All of this was shattered, however, after the sudden death of my grandmother. At the age of thirteen my mother was sent to live with the "sisters" at a convent and my uncle was sent to a school for boys in a neighboring town. They would see each other on holidays and over the summer. They would never live under the same roof with their father as a family again. For various reasons my mother's relatives were unable to

offer any kind of help and so my grandfather did what he had to do. It would be years before my mother was able to forgive her relatives and invite them back into her life. I would grow up hearing stories about the nuns and life in the convent that would give me nightmares. But she would also tell us stories of wonderful acts of kindness and funny incidents that made me think it wasn't a total nightmare.

She would learn to bake in the convent kitchen and become a beautiful seamstress thanks to a certain Mother Teresa who took her under her wing. My mother's perseverance and strong faith were forged here and would serve her well throughout her life. She would graduate from the convent and attend Clark College for two years and then transfer to Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska where she would major in art. After graduation she and her friend Mary Hartigan moved to New York. My uncle after serving in WWII as a fighter pilot also moved to New York and became involved in the theatre. Thanks to my mother's considerable skills as a draftsman she would land her first full time job at a large advertising agency in just a few short weeks.

My father, James Benjamin Sheean Jr., was born in St Paul, Minnesota on November 18th 1917 to Emily Howard and James Benjamin Sheean. My grandfather was Chief General Council for the Illinois Central Railroad. My grandmother, a housewife, would eventually become the first bonds sales woman on Wall

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RAP Review: The Roosevelt String Band Concert

by Scott Carpenter

Now in their 19th year, the Roosevelt String Band concerts have grown from annual staple on the RAP calendar into something like Roosevelt's version of Must See TV. Everyone is watching, the ratings are through the roof and it's just plain good fun. They play on both Friday and Saturdays nights in order to accommodate all those who want to hear them.

On Saturday night, April 22nd, I joined the throng of concertgoers who crammed themselves into the Borough Hall to hear the band surprise and delight us once again with their folk, rock, bluegrass and everything in between. As I took my seat and surveyed the scene with kids lined up on the floor in front of the band and late comers strewn about every nook and cranny in the room, I couldn't help but wonder – who are these new faces up on stage? And where's Howie?

David Brahinsky let me ponder these important questions as he launched the band into their first song, Alison Brown's *Fair Weather*. With Paul Prestopino working on the banjo and David and Sarah Houtz singing full tilt it felt like order had been restored. But wait. Who belonged to this third, accompanying voice? And man can he play guitar.

The man behind both voice and guitar was Joe Pepitone, who has played together with David before and many will remember from an acoustic set at a past RAP event in the Landau dome. OK. I felt more on top of things as the band moved into a Shel Silverstein tune, Paul traded his banjo for mandolin and David, Sarah and Joe perfectly shaped a folksy, hillbilly vibe. As always, Ed Cedar's bass was lurking out where cen-

ter stage ends, keeping time and pulling us in.

Next up was a Cheryl Wheeler song that highlighted Sarah. Singing solo, she limned a place for moving beyond sadness and made me wonder as I do at every recent RSB concert how long it will be before this woman will have sold multi-platinum records, stage summer concert tours and show up on MTV's "Cribs." I digress.

Right after a very good *Hobo's Lullaby* my first question was officially answered as David introduced us to the new fiddle player, Gail Franz, who dazzled us on this sleek, futuristic violin; an instrument with such little physical presence it was as if Gail's notes were played on air, her bow gliding along on nothingness.

Presto then sang a hilariously silly tune about jealousy and stupidity, asses and elbows and of course, frozen pizza before the band moved back to serious matters with tunes by Kate Wolf and Woody Guthrie. Always a fan of David's striking and rich bass, I was impressed by his ability to soften his voice just right for Guthrie's *1913 Massacre* and become a good counterpoint to Paul's harmonica.

By now it was obvious that this year's Roosevelt String Band was spot on. Very tight and playing as if they had been together for years, the band has become the Must See TV program that changes cast members and still wins the Emmy. All they needed was one of the old cast members back for a guest appearance.

Enter Howie Jacobson.

To a chorus of cheers Howie joined the gang onstage for the first set's penultimate song *Ballad of the Shape of Things to Come*. It was the perfect Howie moment as he sang devilishly prim with manic, off-kilter bug eyes about the woman who has to do away with her cheating lover.

The band put an exclamation point to the set with their version of *Lay Down*

Sally. Joe tore into the lead with David and Sarah providing backing vocals. Ed brandished a muscular bass line while Paul strummed a banjo chaser.

After a break the vibe continued with a Greg Brown tune. With Joe's driving guitar and David's voice thumping along it had a feel quintessentially RSB. I felt like a teenager again at a friend's house down in his wood paneled basement listening to his band jam – only this time the musicians were far, far better and there weren't any angry parents coming home to pull the plug on our fun.

The new generation of RSB was ushered in on the next song, *Jimi Thing* a tune from the Dave Matthews Band. Ed took over lead vocals, Joe pulled mandolin duty, Presto grabbed yet another guitar while Samantha, Ed's daughter, strutted her stuff on the bass. She kicked butt, no doubt ready for an RSB spin off series.

No cell phones and no war were Sarah's themes in the next two songs. The first she should record and have PA systems in theaters and cinemas everywhere play it before every performance or show. And the second song, well, too bad Dubya wasn't in the audience. On the other hand, his appearance would raise a host of other problems, none of which he would find too appealing.

Next up was David's haunting, almost spoken word delivery of the song *Randall Knife*. The sounds of Paul's banjo haunted me just as much as the sorrowful lyrics of a son trying to reconnect with his dead father.

Gail's amazing fiddle work hit stride with the band's next song, a Michael Brown tune. Perhaps next concert we will be able to see more Gail as well as more duets with Sarah and Joe like we had when they did Paul McCartney's *Heart of the Country*. Like any good performer, they left us wanting more.

And of course, the set would not have

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been complete if Howie hadn't rejoined his old mates one more time for *Calling All the Children Home* which is what David and gang did for us that night, welcoming back Howie, while introducing the new generation, Joe and Gail and preparing us for the future with Samantha. Even better than TV.

A Fine Artist

By Jim Hayden

Robert Emmett Mueller, 80, who has lived in the tiny borough of Roosevelt for over 30 years, has painted, written three books, has patents, created violins, plays the flute, cello, viola, and of course, the violin. He has supported himself and family with a puppet troupe for a time. By the way, he made the puppets, working alongside his wife, who costumed and animated them. Diana has since gone on to become a lawyer. Her images can be seen in many of his works. Bob's many talents could be likened to the many rings in wood. The many grains and how differently they run. This analogy is apt. For one of Bob's talents not mentioned is his extraordinary art of woodcuts and the prints produced by each.

The Eleanor gallery, Roosevelt, NJ, will be featuring an exhibition and rare sale of these woodcut prints, bold, beautiful, exquisitely rendered images and prints, incredibly heartfelt and humanistic, skillfully mastered and finely executed pieces. They grab your attention and draw you in.

Woodcuts have been employed since time immemorial to express strong human emotions, frequently of a social nature. Prints by Goya, Hogarth and Damier are classic examples of prints that express a deep concern for the human condition. During the Vietnam War Mueller did a fourteen-foot long multitych woodcut that includes images of war and America during that troubled time. Mueller also completed a series of prints concerning women, entitled *Pink*

Slavery. His woodcuts are Japanese in spirit. Recently he did a dyptych about America's Iraq imbroglio: Ravages of Pre-emptive War and America's Bitter Presence. He limits the quantity of each print to a low number and still prints each by hand. Bob has taken as long as a year to complete a woodcut, from drawing to cutting to printing, to as little as two weeks. The carving is made easier by using softer woods. These woods allow for finer cuts and in turn, finer prints. Robert Mueller is a prolific artist as well as multi-talented. His work spans many years and many subjects. He studied alongside fellow Roosevelt artists Gregorio Prestopino and Ben Shahn. Mueller eventually executed a large woodcut portrait of Ben Shahn. Mueller's prints can be found in the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the V&A in London, the Stadt Museum in Berlin, and in many other museums worldwide.

On weekends, from May 20th through June 10, a large collection of these woodcut prints can be viewed and purchased at the little town's fledgling gallery, the Eleanor. From 12- 5 p.m. Saturday the 20th, the Artist will be in attendance at a reception in Roosevelt, NJ at the Eleanor gallery, Route 571 & 15 Oscar Drive, entrance @ N. Valley Rd. The show continues the following day and weekends, Saturdays & Sundays, through June 11, 12-5 p.m.. Come join in this unique opportunity to see these most incredible prints in an uniquely intimate venue in the artist's own town.

Come out and enjoy the art and discover one of the many reasons this town has been named the number one town in N.J.

For more information and directions or interviews with the artist or the curator, please contact James Hayden @ 609 918-1233, 609 918-1203, or jimdesigns@aol.com.

Service Station Redevelopment

By Tim Hartley, Member of Roosevelt Borough Planning Board

The Roosevelt Borough Council and Planning Board have begun to consider options for the redevelopment of the old service station property on North Rochdale Avenue. The current plan is for the site remediation (removal of storage tanks and contaminated soil) to be completed this year. The existing building and site could then be redeveloped by the Borough for use by the community or sold or leased to a private business for redevelopment and use by them. Obviously the former approach would entail additional costs to the town whereas the latter would be a source of some income. The key issue is therefore whether a proposed direct use by the Borough is worth the costs. The Council and Planning Board are interested in hearing the residents' thoughts on the merits of various potential uses for the site. To date the following possible uses have been suggested:

- ◆ Garage and meeting space for Roosevelt Fire and First Aid squads
- ◆ Emergency vehicle repair facility (private enterprise)
- ◆ Office space (private enterprise)
- ◆ Community recreation center
- ◆ Coffee and bagel shop (private enterprise)
- ◆ Gasoline/service station and convenience store (private enterprise)

This issue will be discussed at upcoming meetings of the Council and Planning Board over the next few months and it is the intent of both of these bodies to make a final decision on the re-use of this property only after adequate public discussion has taken place. If you have any thoughts on this matter please come to a meeting to share your opinions or, if you prefer, call me at (609) 443-6983 or e-mail me at thuse@comcast.net and I will make sure your ideas and opinions are taken into account. Thank you. ■

TWO SQUARE MILES OF STORIES

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Street, working well into her 80's. We would grow up hearing stories of our great-great grand father, General John A Rawlins, who fought with Ulysses S. Grant during the Civil War and who would eventually serve as Secretary of War in Grant's Administration.

Growing up in a world of wealth and privilege, however, has its downside and to my utter disbelief, my father, at the age of six, would be sent away to military school. Apparently this was not an uncommon thing for well-to-do families of that time to do. After military school he would attend a prep school in Connecticut called Taft. At Taft he would sing in a swing band (we still have a recording of him singing *It Must Have Been Moonshine* and *Twenty-four Hours In Georgia* (Benny Goodman was like a rock star in our family), learn to play tennis and fall in love with literature and history. After graduation he went on to study at New York University and major in journalism. He joined the navy and soon after the war he started working at the *Newark Evening News*. By the time he met my mother, much to all of our dismay, the family fortune had been lost due to family illness and bad investments. My sisters and brothers and I would grow up solidly middle class in Middletown, NJ, not too far from Roosevelt.

My sisters, Emily and Molly and my brothers, Mike and Jim and I grew up in a four-bedroom ranch style house surrounded by woods in a small development of thirty houses or so. By this time my father had begun working in public relations in New York City and would commute there by train for over 25 years. My mother stayed home to raise us and would eventually, as we got older, begin teaching art lessons out of our house. One class I remember her

teaching in particular was a sculpture class for blind children. After class we would all play hide and seek and they would always, always find us. This scared the daylight out of my sister Molly. I loved it and couldn't wait for Tuesday afternoons to roll around. My mother began painting portraits at this time too and would start to teach at the Guild of Creative Art in Shrewsbury. She would eventually become president of the Guild and I would spend many afternoons there helping her get ready for a class or to hang a show. At one point in her career she was commissioned to paint a portrait of Senator Harrison Williams. Sadly, it was never finished. Senator Williams would be found guilty of bribery and conspiracy charges in connection with the Abscam investigation. "Oh well," as she would often say. One of the most amazing facts about my mother, and there are many, is she never learned to drive. Here she was with five kids out in the middle of suburbia, miles from any store or hospital and she never had any desire to learn to drive. In fact, when one of us got hurt, which was fairly often, she would call a taxi and Mr. March would pull into the driveway, beep the horn and drive like mad to the emergency room.

My father who rarely got home from work before 7:00 would more often than not manage to squeeze in a game of tennis with friends or pile us all into the station wagon and head for the shore. At some point it was he who suggested we become a host-family to foreign exchange students for the summer. One summer we had a student from Thailand stay with us. We nicknamed her Ping-Pong which she didn't seem to mind. Another summer a young girl from France came. Some nights if he got home too

late and we were all in bed he would stand in the hail and recite a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson or just simply say the Lord's Prayer to us. Both my parents could recite long passages from their favorite authors and were always reading. They loved politics and I can remember falling asleep listening to their lively discussions about some issue of the day.

My parents encouraged us to spread our wings and soon, one by one, we all left home for college or other pursuits. And although we live in different parts of the country today, busy raising families, we still manage to get together every couple of years or so. Their grandchildren, all nine of them, turned out to be interesting people as well. My parents died shortly after we moved to Roosevelt—my father of complications from Parkinson's and my mother a couple of years later from Alzheimer's. Their enthusiasm for life and basic goodness is what I admired most about them and still do. ■

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.

For information telephone:

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BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

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fund—to reconstruct a portion of Lake Drive.

In other business, the Council introduced a bond ordinance appropriating \$85,000 for various water and sewer improvements, introduced an ordinance that would create two additional alternate seats on the Planning Board—there are now two, but the statute allows four in the case of a planning board that also functions as a zoning board of adjustment, as ours does, approved resolutions granting municipal consent to Verizon to operate a cable television system in Roosevelt, appointing Joseph Petrick as Emergency Management Coordinator and awarding a contract for \$6,162.50 to Oswald Enterprises to repair sinkholes on Pine Drive, as well as a temporary emergency budget resolution to cover expenditures until such time as the 2007 budget is approved, and passed motions accepting (with regret) the resignation of Ed Miller as emergency management coordinator, authorizing the municipal engineer to apply for an NJDOT grant for roadway improvements, and authorizing the municipal engineer to advertise for bids for replacement of the sanitary sewer main on Maple Court. ■

To my Democratic Neighbors in Roosevelt,

I am writing to ask for your support and vote as I once again run for Democratic Committeeman during the primary election on June 6th.

Successfully addressing the challenges we face as a community will in part be dependent on Ann and me encouraging talented and concerned citizens to run for Mayor and Council positions in the future. Please consider getting involved yourself if you have not already done so. And please support Council candidates Jeff Ellentuck, Bob Silverstein and Arlene Stinson by voting on June 6th. Unless we all take on the responsibility of governing our town from within, as Jeff, Bob and Arlene have decided to do, others will do it for us.

Roosevelt is so small that some issues are much more difficult to navigate than in larger towns. But it is this same smallness that has made, and will continue to make, Roosevelt the special place it is. But we have to really work at it!

I thank you for your past and future support.

Sincerely,

Kirk Rothfuss

Roosevelt Democratic Committeeman

To the Editor:

It is quite a long time since the death of Ilus Lobl, but I am still saddened by it.

In 1951 my family and I moved to Roosevelt from New York City. Ilus was one of our first friends.

We had never met anyone like her. She had a myriad of natural artistic gifts. She was a painter and a creative designer of clothing. She was a gardener of note. She was a magnificent cook and a friend of children and adults as well. Even when she was very ill she still was concerned about her friends and their health.

We can never forget her.

Honey Sochowitzky ■

As happens every year, we again find ourselves in a situation where the many generous contributions we have received are not enough to pay the cost of all of our scheduled issues and we must once again request your help.

If you have not yet contributed, please do so.

If you have already contributed but can contribute more, also please do so.

This is your community newspaper—if you can keep it!

I was the hostess for the May senior citizens meeting and made two desserts that had jello in them. I remembered that I often would hear the different members at previous meetings saying how much they liked jello.

The pretzel recipe caught my eye because my grandchildren like pretzels. I always have them in the house. I wanted to see how the recipe would turn out so that I could make it when they are visiting us. I found that I didn't crush the pretzels enough so that the crust was rather chunky and people thought they were pieces of nuts, so I think you will like it better if you really crush the pretzels, although some people said they liked the chunkiness!

Pretzel Surprise

8 oz. cream cheese 2 – 3 oz. pkgs. strawberry jello
 3/4 c. sugar 2 – 10 oz. pkgs. frozen strawberries
 2 c. boiling water 1 – 8 oz. can crushed pineapple

For Crust

2 c. crushed pretzels
 1/4 c. melted butter
 3 Tbsp sugar

Preheat oven to 400°. For crust, mix pretzels, butter, and 3 Tbsp. of sugar. Press this mixture into a 9 x 13 in. pan and bake for 7 min. Set aside and allow to cool. In a mixing bowl, heat together the 3/4 cup sugar and the cream cheese. Fold in the whipped topping

and spread over the cooled crust. Refrigerate until well chilled. In a small bowl, dissolve the gelatin in the boiling water, allow to cool slightly. Add the strawberries and pineapple, and pour over the cream cheese mixture. Refrigerate until serving time. To serve cut in slices. Makes 9 servings.



Lemon-Pineapple Dessert Squares

2 – 3 oz. pkgs. lemon jello
 1 1/2 c. boiling water
 1 can – 20 oz. crushed pineapple in juice, well drained, liquid reserved

1 container – 12 oz. frozen whipped topping thawed
 1 round angel food cake (9 or 10 inch)
 2 c. sliced fresh strawberries

1. In a large bowl mix jello and boiling water until gelatin is completely dissolved. In 2 cup measuring cup, mix reserved pineapple liquid and enough cold water to make 2 cups. Stir into gelatin mixture. Refrigerate until thickened but not set, about 45 minutes.
2. Stir pineapple into thickened gelatin mixture. With rubber spatula fold in 3 cups of whipped topping.
3. Tear angel food cake into pieces, placing half of the pieces in an ungreased 13x9 inch glass baking dish. Spoon half of gelatin mixture evenly over cake pieces. Repeat layers. Cover tightly with plastic wrap; refrigerate until set, about 1 hour.
4. Cut dessert into serving pieces. Top each with 2 tablespoons strawberries and 1 tablespoon of remaining whipped topping.

For the senior meeting I didn't use the strawberries because I had strawberries for the pretzel dessert and it tasted very good without them. ■

Spring flowers and flowering trees put on a good show this year in Roosevelt and the surrounding area. Dogwood trees seemed particularly brilliant. My theory is that the bountiful precipitation of late winter countered the dry conditions of March and early April. The lack of rainfall during the flowering period may also have resulted in more vibrant looking flowers because the rain was not knocking petals off flowers. And bright sunny days have a tendency to make everything outdoors look better.

April was another warm month in Roosevelt. The average temperature of 54.4 degrees was 4.2 degrees above the normal average April temperature. There were 319 degree-days in April—the normal average number is 445-degree days.

Precipitation for April was 3.59 inches, 0.45 inches below normal. April's precipitation deficit, along with a very dry March, led New Jersey officials to declare a "drought watch" in early May. Officials cited dry spring conditions that led to falling stream and ground water levels, particularly in the northern part of the state. Heavy rainfall measured in Roosevelt on May 12 and significant precipitation measured on the 16th and the 17th pushed precipitation levels for the first seventeen days of May above normal. The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center outlook through July calls for equal chances of above, below or normal levels for precipitation and temperatures in our region.

June 1st marks the beginning of meteorological summer and the Atlantic Hurricane Season. Some of last year's dramatic hurricane statistics include:

- Named storms: 28; previous record: 21 in 1933
- Hurricanes: 15; previous record: 12 in 1969
- Major hurricanes hitting the U.S.: Four (Dennis, Katrina, Rita and Wilma); previous record: Three, most recently in 2004
- Hurricanes of Category 5 intensity (greater than 155 mph): Four (Emily, Katrina, Rita and Wilma); previous record: Two in 1960 and 1961

From the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

If you want to learn more about hurricanes and what to do to protect yourself and your property you can visit <http://hurricanes.noaa.gov/>. If you want a reminder of what a hurricane can do, go to <http://ngs.woc.noaa.gov/katrina/KATRINA0000.HTM> for pictures from hurricane Katrina. It might take a little looking around at the many satellite photos there to find the ones that make the damage apparent. Those of us who are unfamiliar with the Gulf Coast landscape will probably get more out of the photos that show flooded and battered buildings.

According to NOAA between 1841 and 2004, only two hurricanes landed direct hits on New Jersey. Both of those hurricanes were category one storms when they hit. But the effects of many hurricanes have been felt in our state. For example, tropical storm Floyd, a diminished hurricane, passed through New Jersey in mid-September 1999.

The storm blew through the state with gusts of over seventy miles-per-hour and dumped from 12 to 14 inches of rain across the region. Roosevelt was spared the devastating flooding that plagued many areas of the state. We were fortunate in that only 7.20 inches of rain fell here during the two-day storm. Six people were killed as a result of the storm in New Jersey. Across the storm's entire path over fifty people were killed.

Here is the list of names for hurricanes in 2006: Alberto, Beryl, Chris, Debby, Ernesto, Florence, Gordon, Helene, Isaac, Joyce, Kirk, Leslie, Michael, Nadine, Oscar, Patty, Rafael, Sandy, Tony, Valerie, William. Hurricane season ends November 30.

Weather Word

A *Pulse Storm* is a thunderstorm within which a brief period (pulse) of strong updraft occurs during and immediately after which the storm produces a short episode of severe weather. These storms generally are not tornado producers, but often produce large hail and/or damaging winds. ■

April 15 - May 15, 2006

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	79.3	48.2	63.8	0.10
16	69.3	49.3	59.3	0.00
17	64.6	39.2	51.9	0.00
18	70.5	41.9	56.2	0.00
19	74.5	44.2	59.4	0.00
20	80.4	48.2	64.3	0.00
21	64.2	50.0	57.1	0.00
22	53.2	42.6	47.9	0.27
23	66.0	53.2	59.6	1.05
24	67.1	50.2	58.7	0.20
25	72.3	44.2	58.3	0.55
26	61.3	38.8	50.1	0.00
27	72.0	39.0	55.5	0.00
28	63.3	44.6	54.0	0.00
29	63.0	36.1	49.6	0.00
30	67.5	33.6	50.6	0.00
1	68.4	37.4	52.9	0.00
2	69.6	37.9	53.8	0.00
3	75.6	42.6	59.1	0.00
4	79.5	54.1	66.8	0.00
5	79.5	56.3	67.9	0.00
6	77.2	54.1	65.7	0.00
7	68.5	39.6	54.1	0.00
8	62.6	48.2	55.4	0.00
9	71.1	45.7	58.4	0.00
10	75.4	53.1	64.3	0.00
11	71.2	55.2	63.2	0.00
12	77.5	57.9	67.7	1.75
13	74.7	52.7	63.7	0.05
14	64.0	52.0	58.0	0.00
15	67.3	50.7	59.0	0.00
Total Precipitation				3.97

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

2005 - 2006 SEASON

THE LAST EVENT FOR THE SEASON:

Saturday, June 17th, 2006

ART BY ROOSEVELT ARTISTS SELECTED FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS IN ROOSEVELT

This exhibit will feature privately held art of Sol Libsohn, Stefan Martin, Jacob Landau, Bernarda Bryson Shahn, Ben Shahn, Ed Schlinski and others.

The exhibit will be in the Eleanor Gallery in the factory, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The exhibit will continue on Sunday, June 18th, 12 to 5 p.m. and on succeeding Saturdays and Sundays, 12 to 5 p.m. through July 1st.

Voluntary contributions are suggested at \$5 per adult.

THE ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the work of Roosevelt artists and presenting their work to the community. Next year, the 2006-2007 Season will be RAP's 20th anniversary and numerous celebration events are now being planned.

LEAVES, a 28-page collection of poetry by Roosevelt poets is now available at \$5.00 from the Roosevelt Arts Project.

MURAL POSTCARDS



Postcards of the Ben Shahn mural in our school are available through the Roosevelt Arts Project for \$2.

To order or for further information call Robin Gould at 448-4616.

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. ■

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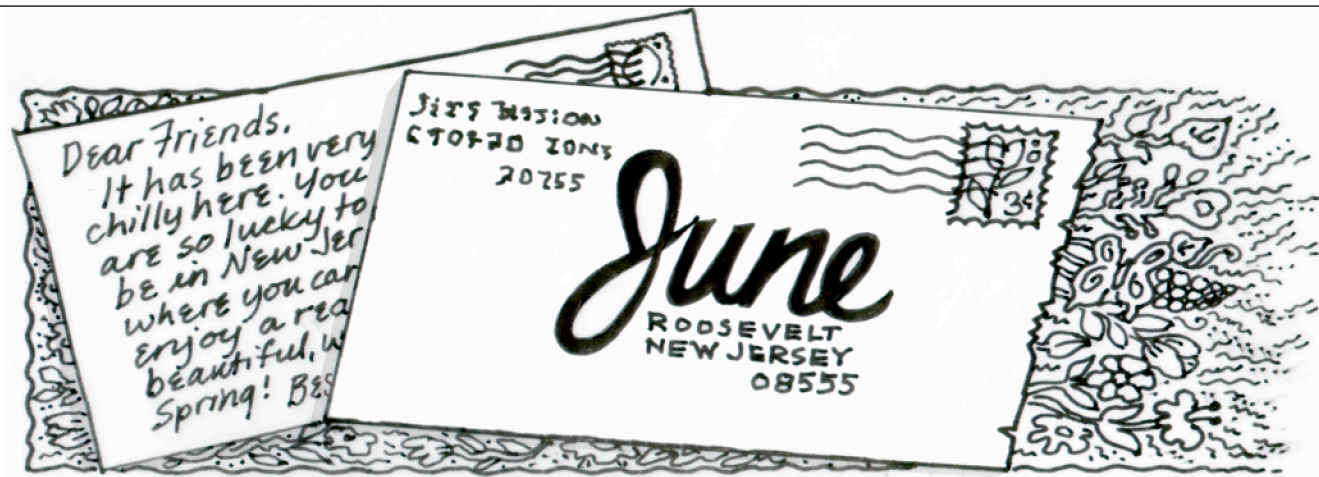
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2	Fri		RPS Pizza Day
5	Mon	12 pm	Senior Blood Pressure Check Boro Hall Moved due to Election on Tuesday, 6/6
		1 pm	Seniors Meeting Boro Hall Gerry Millar, President 448-0351 Moved due to Election on Tuesday, 6/6
		7 pm	Council Committee Mtg Boro Hall Pat Moser, President 448-4865
		7:30 pm	PTA Meeting RPS—Jill Joyce, 443-9423 or Deidre Pizzarelli, 448-2126
		8 pm	Council Agenda Meeting, Boro Hall Beth Battel, Mayor 448-7701
6	Tues		RPS Field Day - Early Dismissal (12:30)
7	Wed	12:30 pm	RPS Early Dismissal - Staff Development Rain date for RPS Field Day
11	Sun	10 am	First Aid Squad Training, Boro Hall Jack Rindt, 448-9475 (Call 9 am to 6 pm)
12	Mon	7:30 pm	Council Action Meeting, Boro Hall Beth Battel, Mayor 443-7701
13	Tues	7:30 pm	Planning Board Meeting Boro Hall Ralph Seligman 448-2340
14	Wed		RECYCLE
15	Thurs	12:30 pm	RPS Early Dismissal
		7:30 pm	PTA Meeting RPS—Jill Joyce, 443-9423 or Deidre Pizzarelli, 448-2126
16	Fri	12:30 pm	RPS Early Dismissal
17	Sat	11 am 7 pm	RAP Program - Art by Roosevelt Artists Hayden Gallery (see RAP Page)
		4 pm	RPS Graduation

19	Mon		RPS Awards Assembly, 12:30 Dismissal
		7:30 pm	Council Committee Mtg Boro Hall Pat Moser, President 448-4865
20	Tues	7:30 pm	First Aid Squad Business Mtg Boro Hall Jack Rindt 448-9475
21	Wed		Last day for Kreps/Hightstown HS Students
		7:30 pm	Environmtl Com. Mtg Boro Hall Dave Schwendeman, Chair 443-6204
22	Thurs	7:30 pm	Board of Education Meeting RPS Linda Grayson, President 443-6462
26	Mon	7:30 pm	Council Committee Mtg Boro Hall Pat Moser, President 448-4865
31	Wed		RECYCLE

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3	Mon	7 pm	Council Committee Mtg Boro Hall Pat Moser, President 448-4865
		8 pm	Council Agenda Meeting, Boro Hall Beth Battel, Mayor 448-7701
4	Tues		Independence Day

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