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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Federal Court Dismisses Lawsuit Against Borough

At the August 25 meeting of the Borough Council, Mayor Beth Battel announced that the Federal District Court had dismissed the case brought by Congregation Anshei Roosevelt and Congregation Yeshivas Me'on Hatorah against the Borough, the Planning Board and individual members of both bodies on the grounds that it was not ripe for adjudication by the court, in that there had been no application by the plaintiffs that had been rejected. It had previously been reported in the press that the case against Council members Jeff Ellentuck and Peggy Malkin had been dismissed following oral arguments on July 21 on the grounds that their actions as public officials and as individuals were a protected exercise of their civil rights. In its order, the Court granted motions to dismiss brought by the municipal defendants and the Roosevelt Preservation Association and denied the plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment.

(Editor's note: It has subsequently been reported in the press that the plaintiffs have appealed the dismissal of the Federal court case and have filed a new State court case appealing the decision of the Planning Board.)

In response to a question from Melissa Branco, at the August 25 meeting, as to what action the Borough would now take with regard to the complaints that she and others have made regarding the operation of the Yeshiva, Mayor Battel said only that the Council would be meeting with its special counsel to discuss the matter.

As to other matters, Councilman Bob Silverstein reported, at the September 15 meeting, that the grit chamber problem, which had kept that important part of the sewage processing equipment out of operation since October of last year, could be corrected through replacement of a chain and flappers for \$3,100, instead of replacing the grit chamber for \$180,000. The replacement equipment will have to be specially fabricated, since parts for the machinery in the 72-year old plant are no longer commercially available, but Toby Moore, our utilities operator, was able to find a company that could make the equipment. Mr. Silverstein also reported that a leaking gas line had been replaced at the sewage disposal plant and that Mr. Moore has recommended the replacement of the metal gas lines there with new plastic lines. He further reported that the trickling filters at the plant that have been out of service are now almost fully repaired, and that it would be prudent to prevent future problems by refurbishing the other trickling filter as well, at a cost of \$22,000. He also stated that the Council has, for financial reasons, decided to repair the water tower, rather than replace it with a new one.

Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee reported that the Council was in the process of receiving bids for removal of the contaminated soil at the former gas station site. A plastic barrier was placed around the site in order to guard against unauthorized movement of that soil. Councilman

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 32nd edition of the *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin*.

As usual, there will be nine issues starting with this one (October) through July, 2009, leaving out January 2009.

We will do our best to make the *Bulletin* both informative and interesting with the help of our devoted writers and production people.

If you want to contact the *Bulletin*, please look at our masthead to the right with our address and telephone number as shown.

NOTE! New dates and times for the Council meetings. They are the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. Come and see what's happening!

Please report any bear sightings to:
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Kim Tinnes
Wildlife Control
609-259-7955

As well as to David Schwendeman, 443-6204



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.

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

We are sorry to have to report that the McCuskers' wonderful "Greenbelt Gossip" appearing this month will be the last one as they are moving out of town.

We all want to thank them for their wonderful, beautiful, and informative pieces and wish them much joy in their new home.

IMPORTANT DATE! LITTER PICK-UP

Meet us at the Post Office at 9:30–10:00 for assignment.
Lunch at the Hillis's (24 N. Rochdale Ave.) at 12:30.

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

Soon it will be time to exercise one of our society's greatest privileges- the Right to Vote.

In preparation of this article, I did some research to discover the proportion of voter turn- out, and was astounded to discover how poor it was.

In New Jersey, of the voting age population, only 71.61% were registered voters.

In actual turnout, the percentage was only 50.98%!! Voting is not only a privilege; it is a responsibility of every citizen.

Our government should be a government of all the people, by all the people, for all the people.

I encourage everyone to vote and participate in your local government.

Beth ■

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Kirk Rothfuss expressed concern about the need to board all windows at the former gas station, since some had recently been broken and posed a hazard.

Councilwoman Peggy Malkin announced that she had met with the Borough's auditor and that they had given the Borough a "clean bill." She also reported on a meeting that she and Mayor Battel had attended that was sponsored by the State League of Municipalities in response to concerns of the 89 municipalities that receive protection from the State Police and are now being called upon to contribute towards that cost of that service, which has heretofore been provided at no charge to the municipality. Unless Roosevelt makes other arrangements for police protection by the end 2008, either by forming its own police department or contracting with another municipality to provide police services, the State will bill Roosevelt approximately \$100

per household for State Police protection. She passed on the recommendation made at the meeting that residents of the affected municipalities send large numbers of emails protesting the increase to Governor Corzine's office.

In the public comment period, Jack Rindt called upon the Council to apply for a grant from the State Department of Health and Senior Services to provide reimbursement for the cost of immunizing first aid squad members against hepatitis and other diseases to which they might be exposed in the course of their volunteer service. Only the Borough can be reimbursed, not the squad or the individual members. Mr. Rindt also asked if the State Police would station a trooper in town on a full-time basis if we were now to be charged. The answer was that they would not.

Michael Ticktin took issue with the call to protest to the Governor, pointing out that it would be unreasonable to expect the 4% of the State's population that has been getting free police up to now to get

much sympathy from the other 96% of the population who, in addition to paying the same State taxes that we pay, must bear the cost of their own local police departments.

In other actions, the Council approved change orders for \$667.00 and \$3,350.06, for the Pine Drive storm sewer and Maple Court/Pine Drive reconstruction projects, respectively, and authorized payment from project funds in the amounts of \$82,912.90 and \$238,249.71 to the respective contractors. (Nona Sherak complained to the Council about the manner in which the paving on Maple Court was sealed.) The Council also approved a resolution amending the 2008 municipal budget and another application making application to the Local Finance Board for approval of spending in excess of the statutory caps. The final tax rate for 2008 will not be available until the Local Finance Board has acted on the application. ■

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PLEASE NOTE: Due to postal regulations we can only ask for "donations" rather than "subscriptions" from out-of-towners who wish to receive the *BULLETIN*. We will be pleased to continue sending them the *BULLETIN* when we receive their contributions which, of course, can be for the same amount (or more) as in the past.

From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

The 2008-2009 school year promises to be an exciting one. On September 4th, Roosevelt Public School opened its doors to welcome 90 students back to school. To jump-start the year, the PTA sponsored a wonderful luncheon for the staff, as well as breakfast for our families on the first day of school, and an ice cream social. What a great way to start the new school year!

I am proud to say that I lead a staff of teachers, assistants, office personnel, facilities workers that is second to none. Teachers came to school during the summer to prepare their rooms and to create exciting lessons and activities for the students. All staff participated in two inservice planning days before school began and all helped to get the school ready for its opening.

Our shared mission is to educate and inspire students to excel academically, to become independent and creative thinkers, skillful communicators and lifelong learners. Roosevelt Public School nurtures and challenges the unique potential of each student so that our children will develop individual, social and civic responsibility as well as respect for themselves, each other, and the environment. As a team, we strive to create a high quality, supportive and safe school environment.

We have used the summer months to make some exciting changes at RPS. New carpet was installed in the hallway and the preschool room and the building was painted. (The children loved the carpet.) Thanks to Ms. Ilene and the many parents and school personnel that took care of the garden this summer, it flourished and many have enjoyed the "fruits of their labor." Additionally, revisions began on the math and music curriculum; Diana Hart was hired as our new Spanish teacher, and Doreen Duck is our new preschool assistant. We are pleased that they are part of our

school community. Please join me in welcoming them.

The county approved our school's Professional Development, Mentoring and Highly Qualified Teacher Plans. These plans outline the scope and implementation of our staff development opportunities, our plan to mentor new teachers and the techniques and programs that RPS utilizes to attract and retain highly qualified teachers. We are continuing to implement our three year technology plan which includes holding technology classes in our state-of-the-art computer lab, utilizing digital and video cameras, the Internet and grade level applications and software to enhance the curriculum.

We had standing room only on Back to School Night. Parents/Guardians had the opportunity to meet the teachers and become acquainted with grade level curriculum, classroom procedures and expectations.

On another note... This summer, as in the past, the school grounds were filled with children playing basketball, bicycling, playing manhunt, etc. This was common gathering place for children and adults alike. The board and I were pleased that the school was used for these purposes and hope to keep it that way. Unfortunately the school and the grounds were vandalized (see *Letter* written by Jaymie Kosa – Roosevelt Board of Education president) a number of times this summer causing tremendous amount of concern. We want to ensure that this is an inviting, safe environment for all. To this end, the school purchased two surveillance cameras with a third one ordered. The cameras record all activities that occur on school grounds. Please be advised that behaviors and activities that are inappropriate and/or violate the law, will be and have

been reported to the State police for investigation. Help us continue to create a safe and friendly environment for our children and the community. Encourage your elementary, middle and teenage children to have pride in their community.

Let's continue to work together to make this a great school year!

Please feel free to call to arrange to meet with me regarding any pertinent issues, concerns, and/or questions.

Very truly yours,

Shari Payson, Principal ■

OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 10/1 School Closed
- 10/3 Pizza
- 10/9 School Closed
- 10/14 School Pictures
- 10/15 Book Fair
- 10/16 Book Fair
- 10/17 Pizza
- 10/21 Early Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/23 Early Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences
Board of Education Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 10/31 PTA Trick or Treat Night
Pizza

NOVEMBER

- 11/4 Early Dismissal
- 11/6 School Closed
- 11/7 School Closed

**ALLENTOWN ART GUILD'S
2008 ART YARD SALE**

by Judy Nahmias

The Allentown Art Guild's Fall Art Yard Sale will be held October 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily at the Jeff Martin Photography Studio, 78 N Main St., Allentown, NJ.

The Fall Show will coincide with Allentown's Harvest Festival.

Allentown Art Guild is a non-profit organization and is comprised of 24 members from Allentown, Cream Ridge, Perrineville and Roosevelt. The works at the Fall Art Show and Sale will include, paintings in oil, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media; prints, mobiles, stained glass, photography, and pottery.

Information about the sale, monthly Guild activities, or how to become a member can be found on the Guild Web site: www.AllentownArtGuild.org, or by calling Elizabeth Martin at 609-259-0455, or Ericka O'Rourke at 609-259-4292.

RESCUE SQUAD NEWS

by Jack Rindt, EMT-D
President, Roosevelt First Aid Squad

The Squad so far this year has responded to 44 calls in town and

out-of-town. Our last calls were three fire stand-by's, difficulty breathing with chest pains and a host of medical emergencies.

The latest training that the Squad members have attended was New Jersey Protocol for Scene Investigation of Infant and Child Deaths and To Hell and Back, a class about burns. The Squad has recently purchased some new equipment.

We can always use more members. We will pay for the training. If anyone is interested, please contact a Squad member or stop in during our training and meetings for an application and an EMT training schedule. By receiving your Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training, you can help you community and have a good chance of getting started on a career as an EMT.

If any one wishes to make a donation please make it out to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Remember all donations are tax deductible.

A Safety Note: A heart attack can cause the heart to beat in an irregular way. This may prevent blood from circulating effectively. When the heart does not work properly, normal breathing can be disrupted or stop. It can be some or all. Know the signals and the care.

Signals of a Heart Attack

- Persistent chest discomfort lasting more than 3 to 5 minutes.
- Persistent chest discomfort that goes away and comes back.
- Discomfort, pain or pressure in either arm, back or stomach.
- Discomfort, pain or pressure that spreads to the shoulder, arm, neck or jaw.
- Dizziness, lightheadedness or loss of consciousness.
- Trouble breathing, including noisy breathing, shortness of breath and breathing faster than normal.
- Nausea.
- Pale or ashen-looking skin.
- Sweating—face may be moist or person may be sweating profusely.

Care for a Heart Attack

- Recognize the signals of a heart attack.
- Call 911.
- Convince the person to stop activity and rest.
- Comfort the person.
- Monitor the person's condition.

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

HOLIDAY PARTY FOR ALL ROOSEVELT SENIORS (60 and up)
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 1 p .m. (snow date 12/18)
AT BOROUGH HALL
TICKETS \$3.00 PER PERSON
NO ADMISSION WITHOUT A PRE-PURCHASED TICKET
Tickets must be purchased prior to December 9. No sales after this date.
To purchase tickets call:
Gerry Millar 448-0351
Karen Block 426-1560

Lester and Lucy—Better than Gold

Thanks to a leather-bound volume, authored diligently by their only son-in-law, I have a wonderful family history of my great-great grandparents, on my mother's side, Lester Delos Castle and Lucy Angelia Taylor. Lester, born in 1827 in New York, and Lucy, born in 1831 in Massachusetts, were youthful pioneers of the Illinois frontier. To supplement the book, written by Dr. C. W. Coltrin, D.D.S., I have a copy of another family treasure: the nine courtship letters, five by Lester and four by Lucy, leading from December 5, 1851 to their wedding on June 9, 1852.

In 1843, at age 16, Lester arrived in Deer Grove, IL, about 30 miles northwest of Chicago, with his parents and three younger siblings. Ten dollars bought a cow and calf, and another ten — the other half of their funds — bought 10 acres of woodland. They rented an old, two-room log house from a man later shot to death by a local ruffian in a boundary dispute. Lester's mother killed with an axe a large rattlesnake she discovered under the children's "Trundle Bed." In the fall of 1843, Lester's family "took up 40 acres of Government land." Over the next few years, Lester and his father cultivated the land and built fencing, a barn and a house. When not furthering his education or attending to the farm, Lester spent a good deal of time stocking the family larder with fish and game. As the "preemption period" on the family's land was about to expire in early 1848, Lester's father learned that one of the neighbors "purposed to quietly prove up on the land and claim all

of the improvements that had been put upon it." Walking all night to Chicago, his father arrived at the land office just in time to save his farm. Within six years, Lester and his father increased their holdings to 200 acres.



Lester Delos and Lucy Angelia (Taylor) Castle at the time of their marriage, 1852

In the winter of 1850-51, Lester aspired to teach and attended the Academy at Waukegan, IL, which later led to winter teaching stints in five school districts. Most important, however, he met Lucy, who had migrated with her family at the age of two to Ohio and at the age of 11 to Illinois, all via a "Prairie Schooner" covered wagon. She had read the entire New Testament while still only four years old. Not surprisingly, she too aspired to teach and did so "at a salary of \$1.25 a week."

In his first letter to Lucy, Lester, subscribing himself as "your sincere friend and admirer Lester D. Castle," told the "Respected Miss Taylor, ... In you I see beautifully blended all those virtues, and charms both of mind and person, which could be desired and which I never saw to so great a degree in any other person." Fourteen days later, Lucy pointed out to her "Respected Friend" of brief acquaintance, "I have nothing to recommend me by myself, no gold or silver." But she assured Lester, "I shall be pleased to hear from you again." Sixteen days later, Lester boldly continued: "I consider you rich in all those virtues that go to adorn the female character. It is for these I love you, and now permit me to say that that

passage in your letter which reads that whoever wins your affection will have little else to tempt him and must love you for yourself alone gave me more pleasure than all the rest. Knowing little or nothing about your circumstances in life, I feared they might be so far above my own as to throw greater obstacles in the way than would otherwise be the case."

In January's letter, Lucy professed herself appreciative that, despite her pecuniary situation, Lester would still "condescend to address me." She noted that for the past three years she had "been teaching or attending school as I had the means." She declared, "You know that the wages of a female teacher are so low that it would be impossible for me to lay by much." Describing her district's school as an addition to her father's "shanty," put there because of his concern that her two younger brothers "should have an opportunity of going to school," she reported "I have on average about twenty scholars ... several of them larger than myself."

At this point, Lucy reminded Lester of his failure, thus far, to set forth his "religious sentiments," a matter "of some importance to young people just setting out in life and wishing to spend it in the most agreeable manner." Just two days later, Lester wrote that his parents were Methodists and that he belonged "to no particular church, although I always attend church when situated so that I can." Assuring that he was not "atheistical" and "not exactly" a "Universalist," Lester concluded: "I think religion consists more in doing acts of kindness to suffering humanity than in hollow professions, not that I feel like ridiculing religious sentiment under any guise. I cannot say that I fully agree with you that it is necessary

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LESTER AND LUCY (CONT'D.)

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to be of the same belief in order to insure domestic happiness; to a certain extent it undoubtedly is. I should not like to wed a young lady whose mind was so dark and narrow as to cherish the cold and cheerless doctrine of infidelity. I do not know what your religious views are nor do I care particularly. I knew you were a young lady of too good sense to give place to skepticism, and farther than this I did not care to know."

Describing his own school as "a large school in a very good house, Lester rejoiced in being "among friends." He added, "I believe I possess the esteem and confidence of the parents and larger scholars, and the unbounded love of the little ones." As to Lucy's own achievements, Lester advised: "I entirely approve of your conduct in educating yourself. A mind well stored with knowledge is of more consequence than riches." Then he peeled himself open: "And now permit me to express the hope ...that I shall one day be permitted to call you mine, that I shall be so happy as to win your love. For could I (which I know I could not) by any circumstances obtain your hand without your heart, I should consider it a shadow beautiful indeed, but a shadow still. ...I do not press you for an immediate answer on this point for I am aware great interests are at stake, but please do write on the reception of this as I shall look for your letter with anxiety."

After what must have been two long weeks for Lester, Lucy responded. As to religion, she stated, "I am satisfied with the answer to my question in your letter. I am situated nearly the same as yourself, excepting that my parents belong to the Congregationalists." Referring to what can only be regarded as Lester's marriage proposal, she

demurs: "As you have given me liberty to defer answering in haste, I shall readily accept of it, for I had rather answer it verbally than by letter, and as (I hope) we shall so soon have the pleasure of seeing each other, I think it would be the best plan. Meanwhile, I shall think on the subject seriously and candidly and hope I shall be able to make the right decision." We can guess the outcome of Lucy's deliberations (occurring as they did at the time of the great Gold Rush) when, before mailing her letter two days later, she added, "I cannot close without saying to you that I think I can fully appreciate your offering to me, and that instead of being of little worth, that the affection of an honest and sincere heart would be of more value to me than all the gold of California, for never can I wed a man, however rich or poor he may be, unless I am convinced that he loves me sincerely."

After their winter schools ended in late February, Lester visited Lucy for several days at her parents' home, had separate "confidential talks" with his parents and returned to Lucy's home in March to ask for her parents' consent.

Lester and Lucy knew what trials awaited them. Lester's two brothers each died before the age of four. The youngest of his three sisters died at age 22, two years after marrying. Two of Lucy's four brothers died as infants. Of three sisters, one died at age one and another at age seven. Lester and Lucy had six sons and three daughters. In 1863, their fourth son, then a child of two, fell into an open cistern and drowned. Two years later, their second daughter, Ina, died at the age of one. Their third child, my great-grandfather, named his daughter, my mother's mother, Ina, and my wife and I named our daughter Ina.

Lester and Lucy's surviving children included a teacher, a postal

worker, a lawyer (my great-grandfather) and three bankers. When not farming, Lester was either teaching or holding various public offices. He served as School Director in Deer Park for many years, Town Clerk and School Trustee in the Township of Palatine, Supervisor of Cook County, and Village Trustee, President of the Board and Justice of the Peace in the Village of Barrington. He died at age 77. Lucy died less than two years later at 75. On their 50th Anniversary, Lester paid tribute to Lucy in verse. He recalled the vows kept, the love and happiness, the sorrows, the children ("our chief assets"), and the grandchildren that "scatter grandpa's things about and clean their grandma's cupboard out." He ended, "And now, dear wife, about success, I think that we can answer, yes." ■

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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In Memorium

By Ron Sackowitz

Lottie Notterman Sackowitz Eisner

1921 – 2008

Lottie died on June 29, 2008 at a Monmouth County Senior Care Facility. She is survived by me and my brother David, her brother Joe, and grandchildren with one great grandchild to be born in March. She is also survived by two step sons and their families.

My Mother came to Roosevelt (then called Jersey Homesteads) in 1936 with her family at the age of fourteen. They lived on Homestead Lane. At the same time the Sackowitz family also came to Roosevelt and lived on Homestead Lane. My father "Izzy" was seventeen.

What followed was a story book romance, including parents who said that they were too young. My mother and father were married, a first for Roosevelt, at the ages of nineteen and twenty one. I was born in 1943 and was six months old when my father went to the Pacific during World War II. My mother moved in with her parents as many wives did during the war. I was over two when my father, by the grace of G-d, came home.

My mother became a farmer's wife when my father went into the chicken farming business with my uncle Harry Sackowitz and my grandfather Jack Sackowitz. We then moved from School Lane to 22 Farm Lane where my brother was born in 1948. The chicken business did poorly at that time. After a few years my father went in a different direction, as one can see by the plaque dedicated to him in the Community Room. He was Borough Clerk and wore most of the "hats" in the local government. In Monmouth County he was known as "Mr. Roosevelt."

My mother worked at Princeton University as a lab technician, and then a departmental secretary.

A favorite pastime of my parents was collecting art and antiques. They had a beautiful collection of local artists. In fact we lived next to the Prestopino family and were close friends. I have wonderful memories of those times.

Tragically, my father died suddenly at the age of fifty eight. My mother was devastated, but had incredible strength and recourses. She traveled the world with other Roosevelt widows and after a few years, married my stepfather Robert Eisner - a kind and generous man. They were married for fourteen years before Bob died of old age.

I share with you a memorial that my daughter Rachel wrote and spoke at my mother's funeral. She is my mother's only granddaughter.

"Lottie was connected to people in many different ways she was a mother, sister, aunt, best friend, second mother. To me she was grandma. When I speak today of grandma just think of whom she was to you.

My grandma was the classiest lady I knew. I remember her teaching me at an early age how to set the table and how to tell the difference between cheap and good crystal. She always took great care of herself and was impeccably dressed. Grandmom was a woman of great beauty.

Grandmom was a pioneer. She helped settle this small little town and it wasn't always easy. She told me stories about how she would lose her galoshes in the muddy streets because the roads weren't paved and how they

were discriminated against because they were Jewish.

Grandmom never discriminated against anyone. I never heard her say a disparaging remark about anyone because of their race. She believed in social justice and equality. She loved other cultures which was evidenced by her numerous trips to far off lands.

Grandmom felt deeply about her Jewish heritage. She kept a can on her window for trees in Israel. She felt strongly about Zionism and she took great efforts to teach me about my Jewish heritage.

Grandmom was generous. She took each of her grandchildren to California when they were 10. Can you imagine experiencing Disneyland, Seaworld and a Philippine pig roast for the first time? One of my favorite memories of Grandma was during my California trip. It was grandma, myself and Aunt Sara all singing Aretha Franklin's version of Pink Cadillac on the LA freeway.

Grandmom had a lot of emotion. She lost her childhood love at an early age and then her best friend her sister Sarah. She would cry about that.

Grandma was also full of life. She was the "hostess with the mostest" with all you can ever eat and drink. A holiday at grandmom's house meant a party and a good time.

Grandmom will be immortal through our memories and we should pass on those memories to those who aren't lucky enough to know her. We will tell them about Lottie a woman of warmth, class, beauty, emotion, laughter, generosity and strength." ■



Greenbelt Gossip

By Manuela & Mark McCusker

As many of us are now working through our autumnal yard cleanup chores, it seems an appropriate time to mention that our greenbelt was, and is, to the best of our understanding, not intended to serve as a dumpsite. The dumping of leaves and other yard waste is still dumping, having negative and lasting consequences.

Natural areas have a cycle of leaf litter and grasses, twigs and branches, and even fallen trees decomposing and returning to the soil. Plants, young and old, depend on these nutrients in the soil as they grow. Naturally occurring and delicately balanced processes break down these materials and release nutrients. Natural areas and their systems can handle only as much debris and nutrients as they produce internally without becoming overloaded.

A natural system can be thrown out of balance when excess materials are added. This is what happens when yard waste is dumped into a natural area. While materials from yards are natural or organic (-composed of grass clippings, leaves, and trimmings from trees or shrubs), they were not produced by the system in which they are disposed. Dumping yard waste in a natural area with the intention that the pile will decompose and return nutrients back to the land may seem like the right thing, but it isn't. These piles take

years to decompose. They smother and kill any plants they cover. Garden seeds, pests, chemicals, and excess heat from the decomposition process are introduced into the natural community, causing unforeseen havoc on that site. Besides being unsightly, this practice often encourages others to dump their waste there. Yard waste is also known to be a vector for the introduction of destructive, non-native, invasive plants. Any spot denuded of vegetation by leaf-pile sterilization is



Yard waste dump in the greenbelt, edging N. Valley Road



Greenbelt yard waste dumpsite, Valley Road

much more likely to suffer from erosion, as it lacks the living root systems needed to hold soil in place. Worst, since some borough residents have been routinely dumping their yard waste in the same easy-to-reach greenbelt edge areas, these spots have accumulated unnatural and growing piles of combustible materials. Not a good idea in a town where almost every home lot is contiguous to a wooded area.

The open burning of leaves and all other yard waste has been illegal in New Jersey since 1956. Leaf burning creates serious fire and health

hazards, producing particulate matter and hydrocarbons, which contain significant numbers of toxic, irritant, and carcinogenic compounds. Leaf smoke also contains carbon monoxide.

Leaves should never be removed from the property where they're collected. Instead, avail yourselves of these alternatives:

Mow Them: simply use your rotary blade lawn mower to shred your leaves. Gather them together on a lawn surface, then run the mower over them. This is actually a form of composting. Any garden-variety rotary mower will at least partially shred leaves, allowing them to fall between and beneath a lawn's grass blade canopy instead of resting upon it. The miniaturized fragments are then easily and naturally composted into soil-enriching material. The shredding process results in greatly increased leaf surface areas, which in turn makes it easier for insects and microbes to consume your leaves in a short period of time.

Use Them as Mulch: whole leaves may be used to good effect as a mulching material. Most leaves make excellent mulch for use around trees and shrubs, or in flower and vegetable gardens. They help retard the growth of weeds, retain soil moisture, maintain lower soil temperatures in the summer, and protect against temperature fluctuations and some types of low temperature injury during winter. Best, unlike commercial mulching materials, they will eventually decompose, adding nutrients to your soil and improving soil structure.

Compost Them: leaves make a great addition to your personal compost pile. Shredding is not required, but is highly recommended, as it will speed their rate of decomposition. Again, simply gather, then run over your

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GREENBELT GOSSIP

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leaves with your rotary blade lawn mower. Leaves are very difficult to compost alone, though, and the compost pile will require other layers of materials that are high in nitrogen content, such as grass clippings, vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds. These are known to composters as “greens”, regardless of their actual color. Autumn leaves are part of the “browns” group, high in carbon content.

Dumping leaves and other yard waste in natural areas not only results in dead zones and fire hazards, but it also introduces and disperses environmentally destructive plants and animals. One of the worst current and spreading threats to our greenbelt’s understory is a dangerous alien invasive plant, garlic mustard, *Alliaria petiolata*. Spring is the time for us to do something about this growing infestation, before these plants have had the opportunity to set seed. Seed production and dispersal is garlic mustard’s sole means of reproduction and spreading. We’ll scrutinize this noxious weed in a spring article, and suggest some methods of control.

Considerate and ecological

behaviors will assure a beautiful and viable greenbelt for our enjoyment, health and well-being, and in doing so we’ll bequeath an invaluable treasure to later generations of borough residents. ■

“The first law of ecology is that everything is related to everything else.”

—BARRY COMMONER



Another Tamara Drive / Elm Court greenbelt dump, years in the making, and growing



Lots of refuse such as this was recently dumped in the Greenbelt, Tamara Drive directly opposite Elm Court



Sign at trailhead on Pine Drive— Apparently, dumping had once been someone’s concern

Editor’s Note: I am sad to say that this will be the last column by Mark and Manuela McCusker. They will be moving out of Roosevelt. All of us at the *Bulletin* want to thank them for the hard work and research that they put into every one of their columns and wish them the best of luck in their new home. We will miss them!

RESCUE SQUAD NEWS (CONT'D.)

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Check your house numbers to make sure that they are large enough and colorfully enough so Emergency Services can see them from the roadway. Remember if you need, help just Dial 911.

Our mission is your life.

- Wanted to help others.
- Felt obligated to give back what I got.
- Sense of citizenship.
- Interested in the work being done.
- Desire for involvement with a group of friends.

Volunteerism is a tradition in the United States. Americans have a long history of voluntarism.

Emergency medical services have depended on volunteer support for many years. The importance of volunteers to the delivery of emergency medical services cannot be overstated. Rural America relies almost totally on the volunteer system to provide EMS services in a timely manner.

Volunteers are characterized by the diversity of their backgrounds, ages, gender, and reasons for volunteering. Since almost one-half of the population engages in volunteer activities, it is no surprise that the typical volunteer can be almost anyone.

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad needs you as a member. We pay for all training. Some of the classes do run on Weekends only, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., then there are classes that run Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Sundays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., then there are classes that run Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. These classes are at the MONOC classroom in Wall Twp. just off Rt. 34 or at the Marlboro First Aid building.

The people of Roosevelt pride themselves on volunteering, well now it’s time to learn to save a life.

If anyone is interested in joining just e-mail FMFD7568@verizon.net ■

PHOTO OF WILD BLACK BEAR IN ROOSEVELT!



Welcome to new Rooseveltians Bill, Tara and Tanner Horne. They are my neighbors on Tamara Drive since January and Tanner was born this summer.

On June 18, 2008 Bill took this photo with his camera phone. It was around 6pm and this 270 pound male Black Bear wandered through his back yard. This was a tagged animal captured in Ewing and released into the Assunpink on June 9th by employees of the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. It seems that this critter did not stay here long and has not been seen since June. Quick thinking and reflexes Bill and thanks for sharing your photo with us and the *Roosevelt Bulletin*. You guys are great neighbors!

WHAT GOES IN OUR SEWERS AND CLOGS THEM?

Sewer systems sometimes clog and that costs all of us time and money. This information will save us money personally and town wide by reducing municipal maintenance expenses paid through our taxes or your own budget with unexpected plumber costs. Accidents happen but toilet paper is designed to dissolve in toilets and that's all that should be flushed along with, well, you know, personal waste..

Please do not flush chemicals (except those designed to clean toilets), grease (kitchen or otherwise), paper towels, diapers (any kind), wipes, cigarette

butts, rags or gold fish down the toilet bowls, sinks or into the sewer system. Each time a clog occurs most of us are unaware that emergency crews have to be summoned day or night to fix the problem. That is very expensive! So be a little more cautious and considerate as to what your household flushes into OUR system.

WHAT THIS COLUMN IS ALL ABOUT!

Like all the other contributors to the *Roosevelt Bulletin*, I am not paid to write this column. As a member of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission I was offered this column to report on our meeting highlights and sometimes not much happens there. I also offer commentary about our environment often drawing from personal experiences. My goal is to inform and promote peace and harmony with our environment and each other.

VISITING THE RPS BUTTERFLY GARDEN

I made several visits to the RPS Butterfly Garden this summer. Congratulations to Ms Ilene and all the teachers, students, families and residents involved in the care and maintenance of the large assortment of plants and flowers at the flagpole.

Several different butterflies and many other insects were observed drinking nectar and flitting about. A smile naturally occurs when you gaze upon so many flowers in a wide assortment of beautiful colors. I even enjoyed a few delicious cherry tomatoes while there (permission to pick and eat was given early in the season).

It will be interesting AND educational to watch the garden complete a full cycle through the seasons. For much much more, including pictures, visit the recgreen.ning.com website.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST MEETINGS

LEAVES. What to do with leaves. We are exploring a municipal solution but until we do here is what the Roosevelt Environmental Commission recommends:

Use a mulching lawnmower to chop them where they fall thus adding nutrients to the lawn over winter or dedicate a 4 foot by 4 or 8 foot section in the corner of your yard as a mulching site. The leaves will continue to decay and create a rich potting soil overtime. I will elaborate details on the mulch pile in a future column.

THE TOWN RULE OF NO DUMPING ANYTHING in the green acres or green zone behind most of our homes is still in effect. We cannot and do not condone dumping autumn leaves in the public areas around town. This applies to landscapers and lawn maintenance services as well.

WOOD DEBRIS. A wood debris pick-up is to be scheduled and we will post notices as soon as a date is arranged.

CEMETERY TRAIL. Plans are being made to move the Roosevelt Woodland Trail sign and Trail End at the cemetery to accommodate concerns voiced by the owners of the Orthodox section of the Roosevelt Cemetery.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on October 15, 2008. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is a chance for public comment and questions during each meeting.

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

To the Editor

Meet The Candidates - October 10
Democratic congressional candidate in the 4th CD, Josh Zeitz. Josh is determined to change the direction of Congress in the process of defeating an incumbent who is more interested controlling women's reproductive lives around the world than voting for the interests of his constituents in central New Jersey. The incumbent has voted for billions of dollars in tax breaks for Big Oil, and voted against making price gouging at the pump a crime.

Josh Zeitz is running for Congress because he is tired of watching the neighbors he grew up with in the 4th CD fall farther and farther behind while politicians in Washington nurture their special interest friends in Big Oil and the anti-abortion lobby. This is the year we take back our congressional district and elect a representative who knows he is working for us.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Josh Zeitz, Amy Mallet, and Glenn Mason. Be at Borough Hall on Friday evening, October 10 at 7 p.m.

Ann Baker

To the Editor

Hi,
You all do a remarkable job with the *Bulletin*. I wish I could give more today.

I'd love to see an article on what people in town are doing to lower fuel costs: for example, solar cells, wind turbines, cisterns, etc.

Thank you.

Best wishes,
Alexandra Bonfante-Warren

To: Mayor & Council & *Bulletin*

Re: Phone Service & Bills & Free Services

I would like to know why the phone system will cost \$2-6K?

The phone service is more than the Borough needs but it works for the Borough. No one knows how to use it so lets replace it at a cost to the taxpayer. The Borough needs to decide what and how to use the system that is in place now.

I have offered to fix the computer and the phone system for FREE. The phone system is more than sufficient to support the Borough. It does not need to be replaced. Maybe upgraded with new software.

Over the years residents have offered services to the Borough for FREE. What does this Council and other Councils have against the word FREE. Why does the Borough not jump at the free services that residents offer.

The check register report for 8/25/2008 has some high phone bills that concern me.

1 - The AT&T Long Distance amount is \$428.47

2 - The Verizon amount is \$117.13

What time period does this cost cover? Maybe this is a reason to upgrade.

Again, I offer my services to analyze, fix PC, fix phone system, where I can help the Borough and the tax payer save a dime or two with this technology.

Thank you,
Robert Francis

Dear Roosevelt Community,

Where were the police?

Well, kids will be kids.

There's nothing for kids to do around here. That's just how it is in Roosevelt.

Above are frequent comments that can be heard at the conclusion of each summer when acts of vandalism take place on our community's playground. This summer, unidentified vandals broke a window, spray painted graffiti in various spots throughout the school, damaged three swings and sawed a piece of playground equipment in half. (Note: This sawing incident occurred last summer as well.) Additionally, the playground became a gathering place for people to smoke, break glass bottles and light candles. The total amount for this damage will cost the community several thousands of dollars. Of course, this money could be used toward better purposes, but these actions also can be perceived as a call for help to our community.

Another frequent comment when bad things occur in our town is, "The world is much more dangerous today than in my day." Perhaps, there is truth in this statement. 60 years ago, 80% of Americans lived, worked, worshiped with the same people and with their extended family nearby for the majority of their lifetime. Yet, here we are again, in September, feeling the reverberations when our community chooses to turn our heads away from a problem that plagues us every summer.

The School Board is asking for every community member to dedi-

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cate a portion of their time to walk, run or drive by our playground and just check in on it. If you see some trash on the ground, pick it up. If you notice damaged equipment, call the school immediately. If anyone is smoking or lighting fires, kindly ask him or her to leave the school grounds. We need to teach and remind anyone who attempts to destroy our playground that it's unacceptable, and its purpose is to stand the tests of time as it provides people with a peaceful place to play and relax.

It is the hope of the school board that we can turn this problem into an opportunity. Our mission is to educate and inspire students to excel academically, to become independent and creative thinkers, skillful communicators and lifelong learners. Roosevelt Public School nurtures and challenges the unique potential of each student so that our children will develop individual, social and civic responsibility as well as respect for themselves, each other, and the environment. So, please feel free to send your comments and ideas to the school. We also meet once a month in the library and welcome new faces.

September is a time for renewal and beginnings. At this time, we purchased surveillance cameras and are

taking other proactive measures to stop the vandalism. In June, we will send another letter out to the community to help us keep an eye on our playground. Einstein wrote, "We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." He also wrote, "Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth and Knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the gods." While it benefits the vandals to take responsibility for their actions, our purpose in sending this letter is not to judge their actions but for our entire community to teach them to make better choices in the future.

Sincerely,

Jaymie R. Kosa

RPS School Board President

Dear Editor,

I am a former Roosevelt resident living in Sarasota, FL and receive the *Roosevelt Bulletin*. Each month I rip the scotch tape and immediately turn to Letters to the Editor and read with dismay the ongoing conflict about the Yeshiva Me'on Hatorah's pursuit to have an "eventual student body of 150 boys" in attendance. I have great empathy for the adjacent resident's opposition. And, although it may affect nearby residents the most, it will change the character of Roosevelt. Just the thought of an

asphalt parking lot on a residential Roosevelt street is abhorrent, let alone the number of additional residents that would, in one swoop, increase pastoral Roosevelt's population by over 10%.

Years ago, my mother, Marilyn Magnes and others, achieved historic landmark designation for Roosevelt due to the town's unique design. Other diligent neighbors worked to create the Roosevelt Fund to preserve its borders from development; while WPA towns across the country, not so lovingly protected, were lost to urban sprawl. I imagine those of you who have chosen to live in Roosevelt value its rarity; you value living in a "village," an oasis that boasts green belts, amidst the malls, asphalt, and treeless cookie-cutter dwellings that have blighted much of this country.

It is this integrity and quality of life which is in danger of being destroyed and with it, the magic of the Roosevelt I remember. Roosevelt is too small; too elegantly designed to absorb an "institution" and the thought of Roosevelt being so changed breaks my heart.

Sincerely,

Laura Vigiano
Sarasota, FL ■

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ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2008 - 2009 Season

October 18, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

PREVIEW SCREENING OF *FINAL GIFTS* A MOVIE BY NEIL SELDEN

Two courageous women, strangers to each other, both fought against tyranny and tried to save the lives of children they loved. In the communion with one another after death they are able for the first time to speak of the unspeakable and help each other begin their healing.

Dress rehearsal November 30, 2:00 PM • Full performance December 1, 8:00 PM • Rutgers University

THE OUTLAW AND THE KING, ACT II by Mark Zuckerman & David Herrstrom

Act II of *The Outlaw and The King*, an opera by Mark Zuckerman with libretto by David Herrstrom, will be performed in concert. The opera centers on the triangle of King Saul, David, and Jonathan, and in this final act, David displaces Saul.

December 6, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

DIGITAL ART WITH DAVID TEICH AND FLETCHER GRAYSON

A collaborative effort by digital artists Fletcher Grayson and David Teich incorporating photography, video and virtual 3D elements composited into a three screen presentation.

December 13, 12:00 – 5:00 PM, Assifa Space, Sheila Linz House, 40 Tamara Drive

EXHIBITION AND SALE OF WORKS BY SHEILA LINZ AND NAOMI BRAHINSKY

Grand opening of Assifa Space (a Hebrew word meaning Assembly). A collection of ceramics and paintings will be on display by Naomi Brahinsky and Sheila Linz.

January 10, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

OPEN MIC CAFE

Roosevelt residents 13 and older, past and present, are invited to sing, read, do comedy, or play an instrument.

February 7, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

IN SEARCH OF YIDDISHKEIT: A LOCAL COMPOSER'S MUSICAL ODYSSEY OF JEWISH EXPLORATION AND SELF-DISCOVERY

Roosevelt composer and NJ State Arts Council fellow Mark Zuckerman will talk about the development of Jewish influences, both deliberate and fortuitous, on his music. The composer will illustrate with examples from his body of choral, vocal, and instrumental music, with special emphasis on his internationally-recognized collection of Yiddish choral arrangements.

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March 14, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

THE DAWN OF ROMANTICISM: ALAN MALLACH/PIANO RECITAL

In the 1810's and 1820's, as new ways of making music swept across Europe, a generation of composers used the piano to express their most powerful ideas and feelings. Alan Mallach will perform the music of those years, from the works of Beethoven and Schubert, the two towering figures of the era, to lesser-known composers including Muzio Clementi, Jan Dusik and Carl Maria Von Weber, along with a commentary that will illuminate their lives and creative achievements.

April 4, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

THE ROOSEVELT POETS

Join the Roosevelt Poets for their Second (Provocative) Poetic Ensemble: an evening of poetry, music & movement

May 1 and 2, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND

With David Brahinsky on guitar and vocals, Ed Ceder, on bass, guitar, mandolin and one vocal, Paul Prestopino on every string instrument imaginable and at least one vocal, Sarah Houtz on vocals, Joe Pepitone on bass and guitar, and Howie Jacobson, in a guest appearance where he attempts to steal the show (and usually does).

May 30, 12 - 4 PM, Roosevelt Public School

ROOSEVELT HOUSE TOUR & 30 YEARS OF PHOTOGRAPHS BY ILENE LEVINE

Come visit the insides and outsides of contemporary Roosevelt homes, see how personal aesthetics have intersected with the demands and desires accompanying contemporary life in our borough. Ilene Levine's exhibit in RPS will feature photographs of her students and their activities spanning her 30-year career

Voluntary Contribution:

For most events \$5 per adult, for the String Band \$10 per adult, \$5 for seniors and children.

Visit RAP's webpage at <http://music.columbia.edu/roosevelt>. Use the link at the top of the page to sign up for our e-mail list. For further information call Robin Gould at (609) 448-4616. ■

By Ron Filepp

Summer 2008 goes down as another warmer than normal summer for Roosevelt. The average temperature for the three months of summer, June, July, and August, was 74.0 degrees. That's 2.1 degrees above normal. June was particularly hot. Its average temperature was 4.5 degrees hotter than average. July was hotter than average, too. Its average was 2.7 degrees above normal. August's average temperature of 71.6 was cooler than an average August by 0.8 degrees.

There were three heat waves this year. A heat wave is defined as at least three days in a row of high temperatures that reach 90 degrees or higher. Two of our heat waves occurred in June. One lasted four days starting on June seventh. The second one lasted the minimum of three days starting June 27. We had our longest heat wave of the year in July. It lasted six days starting on July 17. It was during that heat wave that we had our hottest day of the year, July 20. On that day, the mercury rose to 95.4 degrees.

In August, there were no heat waves and the temperature never topped 90 degrees. June had seven days with temperatures that rose to 90 or above. July had eight. That's a total of fifteen 90 degree or above days for the summer, just short of the normal 16.2.

Total precipitation for summer 2008 was about ten percent below normal. A typical summer brings 13.76 inches of rain. This year we got just 12.43 leaving a deficit of 1.33 inches. Just as the temperatures of June and July were greater than normal, the rainfall amounts for June and July were greater than normal. June brought 1.87 inches more rain than normal,

July 0.23 inches. August rainfall was under normal by 3.43 inches. Only 1.42 inches of rain fell in August. July 24 was the wettest day of the summer; 2.85 inches of rain fell that day. That was more than half of the rain that fell in July. June had the most precipitation of the summer and of the year so far; 5.82 inches of precipitation fell.

Looking forward, the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is predicting equal chances of above normal, normal or below normal temperatures and precipitation for our area in October. The CPC has made the same prediction for November, and December.



Weather Word

An **ALBERTA CLIPPER** is a fast moving, snow-producing weather system that originates in the lee of the Canadian Rockies. It moves quickly across the northern United States, often bring gusty winds and cold Arctic air. ■

(Note: Due to vacation, Ron could not give us the detailed weather statistics.)

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This is a recipe I've adapted over the years, the original came from a little Italian woman, whom I loved very much. She was patient with me, in teaching me the ins and outs of her kitchen. Whenever I asked for a recipe, she gave me her full attention and list of ingredients, so that I too could prepare the dish authentically.

The original recipe included dairy products, of course. Only the smallest eggplant was used, and she checked the bottom to see if the brown marking that is present on all eggplant was circular or oval. She'd choose the oval, saying the eggplant was a male and had fewer seeds.

A process of salting and weighing the eggplant slices, to remove bitterness, was involved and added an hour onto the prep time.

Once the brown liquid was rendered, she rinsed the slices and dredged them in a flour bath, then an egg bath and then an additional plunge into the seasoned flour, fried them in hot olive oil and assembled good home-made gravy (spaghetti sauce's Italian name) and thick slices of mozzarella cheese into a baking dish and covered them up with more gravy and grated Locatelli cheese and baked it till bubbly. It was very delicious.

My adaption uses fennel seeds for flavor and nutritional yeast which adds a cheesy flavor. It's also very delicious.



Eggplant Parmingiano (Vegan Style)

1 large eggplant	1/4 tsp. fennel seed	1/4 cup nutritional yeast
1 lb. tofu firm or extra firm	1 cup whole wheat flour	3-5 pinches oregano
2 cups spaghetti sauce	Oil for frying	Salt & pepper

- Remove tofu from packaging and drain in a colander, for approx. 15 minutes. Slice the widest side into 1/2 inch slices, there should be a minimum of 7 slices. Drain these on toweling.
- Slice the eggplant lengthwise (from top to bottom) into 1/4 inch slices, being careful to slice them as evenly as possible. There should be a minimum of 10 slices.
- In a heavy skillet, such as cast iron, heat 1" of oil, till hot. Oil is hot when a small amount of flour bubbles when added to it.
- While the oil is heating, place flour in a large plastic bag and season with salt and pepper to taste. Moisten the slices of eggplant with water and add 1 slice at a time into the seasoned flour, shaking off excess flour.
- Cook the eggplant in a single layer in the hot oil, till golden brown on both sides. Turning when necessary to keep from burning.
- Drain the cooked eggplant on paper toweling to absorb the oil.
- Preheat oven to 350, or use microwave.
- In a baking dish add 1 cup of the spaghetti sauce and 1/2 of the fennel seeds. Next assemble 1/2 of the cooked eggplant slices over the sauce. Arrange the sliced tofu on top of each eggplant slice, cutting the excess off the edges and filling in the bare spots with the extra slices of tofu, so that in the end each slice of eggplant is covered with tofu. Season tofu with salt, pepper and oregano.
- Cover with remaining eggplant slices and add remainder of spaghetti sauce and fennel seeds.
- Sprinkle on nutritional yeast.
- Cook uncovered in oven, until the sauce bubbles, approx. 15 minutes. Or if using a microwave cook for approx. 3-5 minutes on high power, till bubbling. ■

The Recreation Department is pleased to announce the following upcoming programs. Please contact 448-0539, x3 for additional information.

OPEN GYM

The Recreation Department is sponsoring an Open Gym program at the Roosevelt Public School on Friday nights from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Program will not run on days that school is not in session. The program is open to students in 6th–10th Grades and begins on October 10th.

**COMMUNITY DANCE
“DANCING WITH THE STARS”**

Residents are invited to a Community Dance Night on November 8th at the Roosevelt School, from 7 p.m.–10 p.m. This special event will be led and DJ’d by Candace Woodward-Clough. Candace has extensive training in Ballroom Dance, Jazz, Tap, Acting and Singing. She has acted, danced in or choreographed several Off-Broadway and summer stock productions, as well as movies, soap operas and videos.

The night will start with an hour of brief instruction of various types of dances, based upon the interest of those in attendance. The remaining two hours will be devoted to an open dance party! No dance experience is required—adults and children are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth Indoor Floor Hockey program at the Roosevelt Public School on Monday nights from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Program will not run on days that school is not in session. The program is open to students in 1st–6th Grades and begins on December 8th.

Students will not be able to participate

unless a registration form is completed and signed by a parent/guardian. There is no cost for this program.

UK ELITE SOCCER CLINIC

The Recreation Department, in conjunction with U.K. Elite Soccer, is sponsoring a one-day Columbus Day

soccer clinic at the Roosevelt Public School on Monday, October 13th from 9 a.m.–12:00 p.m. The program is open to students in Grades K– 8 and the cost is \$15.00 per child. This is a great opportunity to learn soccer skills from the qualified staff at U.K. Elite. For more information, please contact 448-0539, x3.



ROOSEVELT RESIDENTS, past and present, ages 13 through adult!

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Please include a short description of your performance (performance should be kept to 10 min.)

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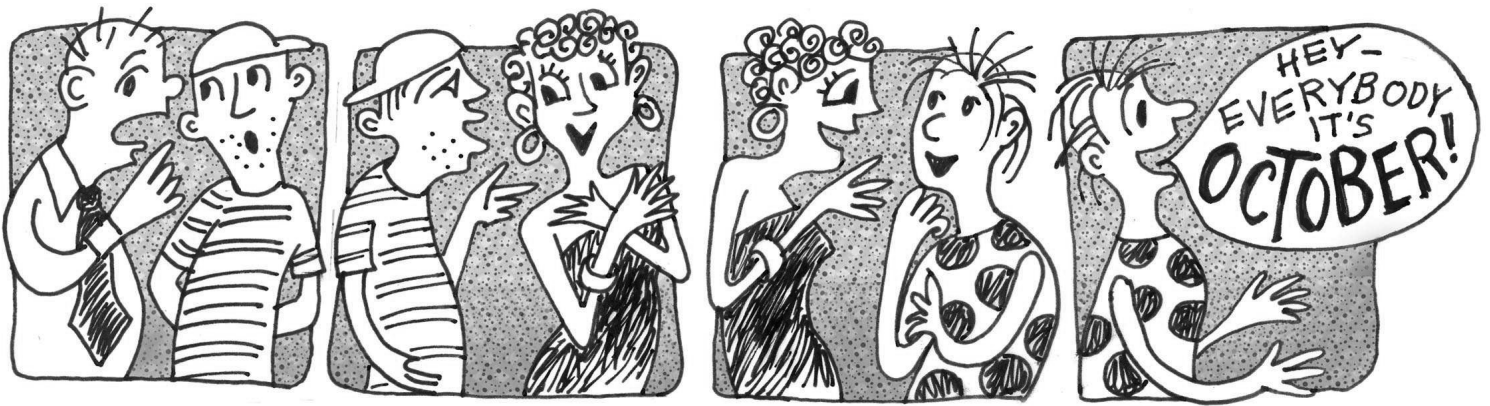
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OCTOBER

1 Wed.	RECYCLE  Rosh Hashanah, School Closed (Sept. 30-Oct. 1)
3 Fri.	RPS Pizza Day
7 Tues.	All School Assembly - AESOP and the Bully - PTA, Meredith Murray, President, 371-9714 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall 1 p.m. Senior's Meeting, Borough Hall Gerry Millar, 448-0351
9 Thurs.	Yom Kippur, School Closed
12 Sun. 10 a.m.	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Drill, Jack Rindt, President, 448-9475 9:30-10 a.m. Town Litter Pick-Up, meet at Post Office
14 Tues.	RPS School Pictures Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
15 Wed.	RECYCLE  7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701 (notice change of day from Monday) 7:30 p.m. Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Dave Schwendeman, Chair 443-6204 RPS Book Fair - PTA, Meredith Murray, President, 371-9714
16 Thurs.	RPS Book Fair - PTA
17 Fri.	RPS Pizza Day

18 Sat. 8 p.m.	Roosevelt Arts Project, Borough Hall, Preview Screening of <i>Final Gifts</i> , by Neil Selden
[21 Tues. 8 p.m.	RPS Early Dismissal, Parent Conference Roosevelt First Aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall, Jack Rindt, President 448-9475
23 Thurs. 7:30 p.m.	RPS Early Dismissal, Parent Conference Board of Education Meeting, RPS Library, Jaymie Kosa, President, 371-6294
27 Mon. 7:00 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
29 Wed.	RECYCLE 
31 Fri.	RPS Pizza Day PTA Trick or Trick Night at RPS Meredith Murray, President, 371-9714

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