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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

School Library Now Open to Community; Council Hears Presentation on Shared Services from County Representative; Concern Expressed Over High Groundwater Levels

Mayor Beth Battel opened the March 23 meeting of the Council by announcing that the library in the school was now open on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., and that residents would be able to borrow books. She expressed thanks to the Board of Education and to the volunteers who are assisting in this project.

Councilman Jeff Ellentuck reported that the two bids for lawn mowing that the Council had received were tied, with each bidder offering to do two cuts per month from April through November, of all grass on municipal property, at \$575 per cut. Municipal attorney Richard Shakley advised that the Council could choose whichever bid it determined to be “more advantageous.” Councilman Dan Hoffman moved to accept the bid of Acer Lawn and Landscape, on the grounds that its bid was more detailed. The Council then voted to accept Acer’s bid. Mr. Ellentuck also advised the Council that a proposed lease for use of the portion of Farm Lane east of North Valley Road as a parking area had been presented to the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation and that there was general agreement, but that a few details remained to be worked out in consultation with counsel. The lease is the solution preferred by the Borough in order to allow head-in parking at the Solar Village.

Councilman Bob Silverstein announced that the Borough would have a wood chipper available on April 27 for use by residents wishing to get rid of twigs and logs. He also announced that the Borough would be applying for a grant for the creation of bicycle and pedestrian paths and that Carmela Roberts, the municipal engineer, had determined that planned work on the utility plants would qualify for a simplified air permit from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that could be obtained at considerably less cost than alternative permits. He also stated that discussions were being held with Millstone Township concerning joint recycling.

Councilman Dan Hoffman recommended acceptance of a quote for \$11,000 for improvements to provide better drainage, and to restore, the unpaved roadway at the cemetery. Though a lower quote had been received, it did not meet the requirements of the engineering design that would allow for continuous run-off. He also announced that a new bench was being installed at the cemetery to replace the one that was vandalized.

Councilwoman Peggy Malkin expressed concern about trees falling over, which she thought might be due to elevation of the level of the water table. Councilman Silverstein reminded the Council that the Borough had gotten a grant from DEP for restoration of the woods near Empty Box

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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:
State Bureau of Wildlife Management
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?

All artists are invited to Roosevelt Public School on Wednesday evenings from 7–10 p.m., to work on some form of art. No instruction, just a place to gather with other artists to do your own thing (**no oils please**). We will gather in the lobby of the school, except when that is in use, we will meet in the art room upstairs. For more information please call Barbara Atwood at: 918-0757 or e-mail her at: barbatwood@comcast.net.

If you expect to include an insert in the *Bulletin*, please be sure to check with Bess first.

Roosevelt Public School's Library is now open every Thursday evening for use by RPS students and Roosevelt residents 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

-- PTA activities at 6:30 p.m.

4/2 Games Night

4/9 Arts & Crafts

4/16 Art Session with Barbara Atwood

4/23 Games Night

4/30 Arts & Crafts

-- Story time 7:15 p.m. every Thursday night.

-- Computer lab available for use.

Check it out!

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

Those of you lucky enough to have attended RAP's presentation Alan Mallach's piano recital last month had a remarkable experience. Mr. Mallach's mastery of his instrument is an inspiration. Who would think it possible that one human being could sit down at an inanimate object, interpret a book written in an esoteric code by another

human being who lived hundreds of years ago and spoke a different language, and produce sounds so expressive and beautiful? The performance was enhanced by the intimate space of the borough hall in that one could watch his face (and his hands!) and hear the music without amplification.

As a citizen of Roosevelt, I'm grateful to the members of RAP for enriching our community with their talents.

Thank you,

Beth ■

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Brook, but had been unable to use the grant because another office within DEP had denied a permit for clearance of the stream, on the theory that the stream should be allowed to return to its natural state, even though this meant saturating the woodlands, killing trees and creating a swamp. Since the water can no longer drain properly, it is backing up, raising the water table near Empty Box Brook and possibly causing enough saturation of the ground further from the stream to cause harm to trees. (In public comment, Nona Sherak reminded the Council that she had spoken on numerous occasions about the formation of 'Lake Nona' in the stream behind her house, and how it has saturated the soil there.) Councilwoman Malkin also mentioned information that she had gotten about soil runoff going into storm drains on Nurko Road, and the need to take corrective action.

In the public portion, the Council heard a presentation con-

cerning shared services from Roger Staib, a former member of the Millstone Township Committee and a management consultant, who is currently serving as shared services coordinator for Monmouth County. Mr. Staib told the Council that the county is very much interested in sharing services with municipalities, and in encouraging them to share with each other. He commended the Council for its recycling initiative with Millstone and suggested contacting the Monmouth County Board of Agriculture for assistance with the water table and runoff issues. He related how, in the 1990s, when he tried to encourage sharing of services, he encountered great resistance from local officials seeking to protect their autonomy, but that the concept is now generally accepted, and it is a matter of "when" and "how," rather than "if."

The Council postponed action on appointing a representative on the joint meeting known as the Central New Jersey Council of Governments pending determination by the municipal attorney as to whether the representative had to be a member of the governing body. ■

Litigation Update

by Michael Ticktin

A case management conference in the New Jersey Superior Court litigation involving both the appeal by Congregation Anshei Roosevelt and Congregation Yeshivas Me'on Hatorah of the decision by the Planning Board that a variance was required for the operation of a school at the synagogue and the complaint by the Roosevelt Preservation Association against the Borough and Zoning Officer Ralph Kirkland for not issuing an order to shut down the school was held by Monmouth County Assignment Judge Lawrence M. Lawson on January 21, 2009.

Attorneys for the Planning Board, the Borough and Mr. Kirkland had asked permission to file a motion for summary

judgment to dismiss the complaint of the congregations, on the grounds that the matter had previously been heard by the Federal District Court and had been dismissed as not ripe for decision. In a letter to the counsel for the parties dated February 2, 2009, Judge Lawson stated that that dismissal only applied to the claims made under federal law, and that the Superior Court has jurisdiction to hear the appeal of the Planning Board's decision and to determine whether it was arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable, as the congregations claim it to have been.

The Judge also stated that there would be a subsequent conference to discuss the complaint of the Roosevelt Preservation Association against the Borough and Mr. Kirkland. ■

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From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

Hello Everyone and Happy Spring!!! Members of our Child Study Team wrote this month's *Bulletin* article. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 609-448-2798. Thank you Mrs. Goldfond and Mrs. Levine for writing this article.

The FYI on I&RS and CST

by Susan Goldfond, LDT-C and
Ronnie Levine, MA, CCC-SLP

If you suspect that your child is struggling academically or may struggle when he/she reaches school age, there are many resources available to you and your child to support his/her education. The educational system has been set up to provide information and guidance to parent(s)/guardians(s) with many avenues to follow to enable your child to succeed academically at home and in school.

By definition, a child with a disability between the ages of 3 and 21 includes a child with physical, emotional, learning, and cognitive disabilities who, because of the condition, needs special education and related services. Not all children who are struggling academically and having difficulty in school necessarily have a learning disability. Our school district has a wide range of alternative options available to provide for your child's educational needs.

If your child is experiencing difficulty in school, the first professional to talk with is your child's teacher. He or she can discuss your child's unique difficulties and together you can decide what strategies might help your child. While some parents may feel that their child can achieve higher standards than he or she is demonstrating, we must always remember that not all students will achieve the highest level in all areas of all subjects. This is where the teacher and the parent can work together to help the child reach his/her maximum potential. Sometimes, the child con-

tinues to struggle despite continuing communication between the teacher and the parent(s).

Our **Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS)** team is the next step. Team members meet to discuss alternative interventions and strategies that may be of assistance in the classroom and at home. It is a structured problem solving process. The focus of the team is on short-term, achievable academic and behavioral goals to provide a high likelihood of success in addressing the child's needs. The parent(s)/guardian(s) is a welcomed member of this team. Intervention and Referral Services was established in April, 2001 by the State Board of Education with rules to provide standards for the delivery of these services (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7). Roosevelt Public School has a coordinated system for planning and delivering Intervention and Referral Services designed to assist children who are experiencing learning, behavior, or health difficulties; and to assist staff who have difficulties in addressing the needs of those children. Our team works within the general education program to provide interventions to children who may not be reaching their full potential. In the event the I&RS team obtains information that indicates that an evaluation for special education services is warranted, the I&RS process provides clear documentation of data and other information on related issues and concerns that are used by the **Child Study Team (CST)** to facilitate the evaluation process.

The I&RS program is intended to be used as a *primary mechanism* in the school for assisting *general education staff*. The goal is to successfully accommodate the needs of students in the general education program who might be struggling academically. I&RS programs are not intended to replace traditional methods or resources for

APRIL-MAY EVENTS

Just a reminder...Roosevelt Public School's library is open to the public every Thursday night from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Please stop by and visit.

April 1	PTA Meeting-- 7:30 p.m.
April 2	Board of Education Meeting--Budget Hearing--8:00 p.m.
April 3	Pizza Day
April 6-13	School Closed-- Spring Break
April 23	Board of Ed. Meeting--7:30 pm
April 24	Pizza Day
April 30	PTA Book Swap
May 4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week NJ ASK Testing 3rd & 4th Grades
May 8	Pizza Day
May 11-15	NJ ASK Testing 5th & 6th Grades
May 22	Pizza Day
May 25	School Closed-- Memorial Day
May 27	RPS Spelling Bee

helping students to function effectively in school.

In the event the I&RS team decides that there are increasing issues developing and the strategies are not working to help the student achieve academically, a referral to the Child Study Team (CST) may then become necessary. Referral to the CST does NOT mean that the child has a learning disability or that he/she requires classification. It also does not mean that the child is entitled to a special education evaluation and/or services.

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Ira Alfred Hinsdale

Ira Alfred Hinsdale (1890-1952) was the father of Robin Hinsdale Gould, and Cynthia Hinsdale Imbrie, two current Roosevelt residents.

Ira was born in Camillus in upstate New York, near Syracuse. He was the ninth generation of a family that can be traced back to Deacon Robert Hinsdale who came to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1637, probably from Dedham, in County Essex, England. In this country in the year of Robert's arrival he became one of the original proprietors of the town of Dedham, Mass. and was granted six acres of meadowland near a hill. Dedham was a Christian utopian community in the Massachusetts colony. Robert and his sons founded Deerfield, Mass., a site of numerous conflicts with the French and Indians in the area over the next 100 years because it was one of the westernmost settlements of the English in this country. Deerfield was an outpost and a buffer for the rest of the towns that were closer to Boston. Robert and three of his sons were killed at the battle of Bloody Brook outside of Deerfield in 1676. A fourth son was killed in a subsequent battle, but the Hinsdale family remained in the Deerfield area. Generations of the family can be traced in the Hinsdale Genealogy, published in 1906, as well as various on-line sites. The Hinsdale Genealogy reports that "the family of Hinsdale had its origin in the district of Loos, in the country of Liege, now in Belgium, where it was settled as early as the end of the twelfth century."



Ira Alfred "Buddy" Hinsdale

Alfred L. Hinsdale, my grandfather on my father's side, was #1506 in the genealogy. Alfred was born in 1845 and married Jennie Ellis in Onondaga, N.Y. in 1850. Jennie Ellis was known as a "kind and special lady because she fed the tramps and the gyp-



Ira in Sharon, CT, in August, 1952, two months before he died, holding grandson Timothy Imbrie

sies when they came by." My father recalled that they let Indians into the kitchen in the winter to sleep by the stove. Alfred and Jennie's children were Alexander Ellis, Cora, Grace, and my father Ira. They grew up on a farm, which I saw when I visited Aunt Grace in my childhood. Most of the farm by that time had become a small airport in the Syracuse area and I enjoyed observing and recording the small propeller planes that landed and took off. My father, Ira, attended Syracuse University, then Cornell Medical School in Manhattan. He did an internship at Bellevue Hospital and fully remembered some of the drama and trauma of riding in the Bellevue ambulance. Ira loved opera, and asserted that he had been an extra at the Metropolitan Opera on occasion. He especially admired Mary Garden. Ira fell in love with my

mother, Robin Elizabeth Ridgway, when he saw her coming down the aisle at the wedding of her sister, Eleanor, to E. Pulver Cook (who became our "Uncle Cookie"). Ira proposed to Robin under the clock at the Biltmore Hotel in Manhattan, a famous place for romantic meetings and special occasions. They went to live in Rochester, N.Y., where my father started his practice as an eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist, later dropping the eyes because it was overly taxing, fine work. Ira and Robin moved to Manhattan soon after, where he joined the practice of Dr. Stuart Craig at 135 E. 65th St., and remained there his entire career. He had some famous patients, such as Henry Fonda, Ethel Merman, and Helen Keller. He took me backstage to meet

Ethel Merman who was in *Annie Get Your Gun*, and he took me to meet with Helen Keller and her companion in her Manhattan apartment.

Ira Hinsdale a man with a lot of *joie de vivre*. He was full of laughter, jokes, and stories, and it was said that you could hear the laughter from his office when you got off the elevator on his floor. At home he teased and played with Cynthia and me, an endless game of hide and seek which he always won. He laughed, listened to the Saturday afternoon Metropolitan opera broadcasts while falling asleep on the couch, greeted Bessie Smith, our once-a-week laundress, at 7 a.m. with an operatic version of *O Sole Mio*. In the country, on our mountaintop in Sharon, Connecticut, where we went for summer vaca-

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tions, he revived himself from his tiring medical practice by gardening. He planted a Victory Garden during WWII and allowed me to harvest the vegetables and sell them to my mother—at market prices—for dinner. So I know about digging for potatoes, and I loved it. This joyous, loving man was stricken by a serious heart attack in 1951, and lived for a year with the subsequent disability, which he actively disliked, having been a person to help others all of his life. (“What is Mother going to do while I’m in Heaven picking violets?”) Coronary care in 1951 was not what it is today, and Ira Hinsdale died in Sharon Hospital in the fall of 1952 at age 62. He had been much loved by many patients and by his two daughters, now known as Cynthia Imbrie and Robin Gould. Ira Hinsdale is still missed by those who knew him.

There is a photograph of him sitting on our lawn in Sharon in August, 1952, two months before he died, holding Timothy Imbrie, the only one of his grandchildren whom he met. There are now six grandchildren, and so far fourteen great-grandchildren, and it is partly with them in mind that we offer this description of the beloved Ira Alfred Hinsdale, known to close friends as “Buddy.” ■

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:

Pearl Seligman 448-2340

Bess Tremper 448-2701

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It does, however, mean that the parents are entitled to meet with the members of the CST at a mutually agreed upon time to discuss the available data and decide whether it would be appropriate to test their child for possible learning disabilities.

As the process unfolds, one must first understand what is and what is not a learning disability. A learning disability is NOT a diagnosis in the same sense as chicken pox which implies a single, known cause with a predictable set of symptoms. A learning disability reveals a significant gap between a child’s intelligence and the skills that he/she is able to perform at a particular age. A learning disability is a lifelong disorder that has been present from birth; it is NOT school related difficulties that develop as a result of a general weakness in certain academic areas. A learning disability is neurological in origin that affects the way individuals of average to above-average intelligence receive, process, or express information. Specific signs of a learning disability include difficulty with auditory processing (the interpretation of information one hears), difficulty associating sounds with symbols, difficulty hearing or seeing sounds and words in sequence (order), poor memory skills, illegible writing, difficulty following directions, and low frustration tolerance/impulsivity. Not all learning problems are necessarily learning disabilities. Many children are simply slower in developing certain skills. Because children show natural differences in their rate of development, sometimes what seems to be a learning disability may simply be a delay in maturation. To be diagnosed as a learning disability, specific criteria must be met.

As educators and the staff of Roosevelt Public School, we are committed to providing the best possible education

and educational atmosphere to enable all of our students to succeed academically and socially. This is a team effort among the teachers, staff, administrators and parent(s)/guardian(s). Our expertise in the areas of general education and special education enable us to work as a team to develop the appropriate learning environment for each and every student who was, is, and will be part of the Roosevelt Public School community. ■

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**WOOD DEBRIS PICK-UP:
MONDAY, APRIL 27TH**

Trees, branches, and prunings up to six inches in diameter can be placed curb side for collection and chipping. Do not tie or bundle, and no lumber or manufactured wood. This is a free service sponsored by the town for this day only. There may or may not be one in the fall so take advantage of this opportunity to clean up your yard for summer and to make our town 'more pretty'.

See flyer enclosed in this *Bulletin* and tell your neighbors. Thanks.

ROOSEVELT BOUNDARY MAPS

We received a call regarding Roosevelt town, Green Acres land and the Assunpink boundaries. There have been some changes recently and I consulted the authorities about using maps to determine property lines. The USGS Topographic maps are great for elevations and topography but are not official or necessarily legally correct. Current and officially legal maps can be seen at the Assunpink Headquarters and the Roosevelt Borough Hall by appointment.

Some citizens were concerned this past deer hunting season about hunters parking near homes on South Rochdale and shooting near Roosevelt homes. Some of the Assunpink Wildlife Management Lands are not buffered by Green Acres (a sanctuary for humans and animals alike). The Assunpink Office said they will look into posting 'No Parking' signs on the Roosevelt side of the stream at the base of Paradise Hill. Signs are also available for residents to post 450 feet into the woods and fields from any buildings or structures on their properties creating a "Safety Zone" of no shooting anything.

Please call me with any questions or concerns. We have friendly ears at the Assunpink Headquarters and we both want to be good neighbors.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 8, 12, 15, and 18, 2009—Wood Frogs (*Rana sylvatica*) were heard calling in the ponds near the water treatment facility at the end of Pine Drive. Remember for next year. If it's April, it's over for this year.
- April 11, 2009 (at precisely 8 a.m.)—Trout stocked lakes, rivers and streams re-open for fishing.
- April 18, 2009—Turkey Season opens. Be careful on the trails and in the woods. Wear bright clothing and DON'T Gobble! The season runs through the whole month of May.
- April 22, 2009—Earth Day.
- April 24, 2009—New Jersey celebrates Arbor Day on the last Friday in April. Check on-line for details
- April 25, 2009—Rutger's Ag Field Day, Folk Dance Day and Rutgers Day all rolled into one. Events are all over the various campuses (or is it 'campi').

**FISHING SEASON OPENS
APRIL 11, 2009!**

Actually, you can fish every day all year long in New Jersey. No license is required for saltwater fishing (which may change soon) or if you're under 16 or over 70 years of age. A freshwater fishing license is required for all others. That means Bert Ellentuck could have been fishing Lake Assunpink for a little over 10 years now for free!

We are very lucky to have some great fishing lakes so close. The Central District Headquarters of the DEP'S Dept. of Fish, Game and Wildlife is right in Assunpink and they provide a free color booklet all about fishing in New Jersey. It has descriptive pictures of all our game fish and many others. The HQ is a great place to visit and collect some information about Assunpink, other Wildlife Management areas, other outdoor activities and our abundant natural resources.

In conversation there with a ranger recently, I told of two adult male friends who just wanted to go for a boat ride but were chased from two different lakes by Fish and Game Rangers (who, by the way, have all the powers of a NJ State Trooper!). Why? He answered that they were suspicious for not having a fishing license, but they would have been fine and free to float their boat if they had a child under 16 or a 'Senior Citizen' over 70 with them. Of course a fishing rod and the appropriate boating safety vests etc. would have supported their credibility. Better safe than sorry. Learn and follow the rules. It's a new and different world then the one I grew up in. But there is still a lot of fun to be had in the great outdoors!

ARBOR DAY -

TREES

I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is
pressed
Against the sweet earth's flowing
breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

—JOYCE KILMER (1886-1918)



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST MEETING (3/18/09)

A tentative date was set for the Spring wood debris pick-up. Monday, April 27th should not conflict with the 'Big Garbage' pick-up and yet give everyone a chance to clean up their yards and get wood-debris to the curb. You know the rules. See *Bulletin* insert for details.

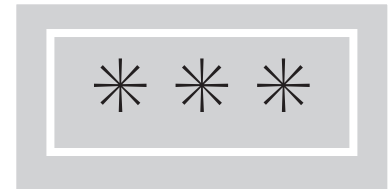
We are applying for a "Smart Growth" trail grant to facilitate the creation of a bicycle/walking trail that would connect larger trails on public lands across the state's

county and municipal boundaries. The prospects are exciting and will help more people to find and enjoy visiting our town and the Roosevelt Woodland Trail.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on April 15, 2009. 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 P.O. Box 203. Thank you for reading this column and please visit the recgreen.ning.com Web site. HAPPY SPRING! ■



RECREATION PROGRAMS

By Eric Schubiger

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

COMMUNITY DANCE— "DANCING WITH THE STARS"

Residents are invited to a Community Dance Night on May 16th at the Roosevelt School, from 7.p.m. – 9.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 brief instruction of various types of dances, based upon the interest of those in

attendance. The remaining time 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.

YOGA PROGRAM

The Recreation Department is continuing its very popular Yoga program this Spring at the Roosevelt School. Classes will be instructed by Valerie Skillman, a certified Yoga instructor and Roosevelt resident. While yoga mats will be provided, participants are welcome to bring their own. Classes will be offered on Monday nights from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. on April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 8. The cost of the program is \$75.00 and is due in full at the first class. For further information, please contact (609) 448-0539.

AFTER SCHOOL THEATRE PROGRAM

The Recreation Department is sponsoring "Playing Around With Theatre" beginning April 16th for students in Grades K–6. In this workshop, students will participate in theatre games, movement, and arts activities as they learn about improvisation and character development.

Classes will be held on the following Thursdays: April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, and June 4 from 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. The cost of the program is \$40.00. For further information, please contact (609) 448-0539. ■



The Squad has responded to 19 calls in town and out of town for the year of 2009. Our emergency calls were a medical emergency, cardiac emergency, fire stand-bys, water rescue at Rising Sun Lake and mutual aid calls into Millstone Twp for a motor vehicle accident, emergency transport and difficult breathing.

The training in February was American Red Cross CPR/AED and Bloodborne Pathogen. Both classes help keep all the Squad EMT's New Jersey State certified. The Bloodborne Pathogen class meets OSHA CFR 29 - 1910:1030.

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 for an application and an EMT training schedule. By becoming an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) you can help your community and have a good chance in getting started in a career as an EMT. If you'd like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT just e-mail FMFD7568@verizon.net.

We would like to thank all the residents of Roosevelt for their generous donations to the Squad. Without your support we could not operate. Thank You!!!

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.

First Aid Squad History:

In 1948 Mark Klatskin was the Squad's first Captain. The Squad's first ambulance was a 1939 Pontiac. In 1976, June Counterman elected as First Aid Captain and was the first female Squad Captain in Monmouth County. That same year, Nathan Richter was elected President.

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**Safety Notes:
Infants and Children**

Seizures are the result of disorganized electrical activity in the brain. Seizures may appear in different ways, including shaking of the whole body or movement in a single arm or leg. In a true seizure, movement cannot be stopped on command or by restraint. In the course of a seizure episode a patient may experience one or more of the general categories of seizures.

Generalized (grand mal) seizures appear as back and forth motions of both upper and lower extremities. The patient is unresponsive to verbal commands or painful stimulation.

Partial seizures may appear as movement in one limb, lip smacking or eye deviation only (eyes turned to either side or up or down).

Absence (petit mal) seizures appear as a state of unresponsiveness with or without any movement and may last seconds to minutes.

Seizures may be brief (30 seconds to 1 minute) or prolonged for up to 30 to 45 minutes. Status epilepticus a continuous seizure or multiple seizures without a return to consciousness is a life threatening condition.

Common causes of seizures: Fever, head injuries, hypoglycemia (low blood sugar level) idiopathic (no cause can be found), infection, decreased lev-

els of oxygen (hypoxia), medications, poisoning, recreational drug use, and trauma.

Febrile Seizures, those caused by fever are common in children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years. These seizures occur on the first day of a febrile illness and are characterized by generalized tonic-clonic seizure activity and last 60 to 90 seconds with may be a short postictal phase or no postictal such as meningitis.

Contrary to common belief a person in seizure will not swallow his or her tongue. Do not try to force a spoon or other object into the mouth. This can cause bleeding and broken teeth both possible causes of airway obstruction.

If a infant or a child has a seizure call for emergency medical assistance right away.

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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.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Roosevelt Community,

This is not a letter of complaint, but a letter of praise. In a town this size, there is sometimes disharmony taking place, complaints here and there. I would like to discuss what is right about Roosevelt.

On March 7th, the Roosevelt Public School Winter Carnival took place, as it has every year, for more years than I have been living here (which is already 19 years). The carnival is run by the RPS PTA, a group of hard-working volunteers trying to continue tradition despite the fact that most families have both parents working now, and nobody has any time.

If you attended the carnival (and if you didn't, I hope you do next year), you would have witnessed a coming together of a town that is remarkable. In order to run the carnival, there is a need for about 80 volunteers, that is far above the number of families that have children in the school. But it doesn't matter, because this is who helps at the carnival.

1.) Alumni: children/teens ages 12 and up come back and help. Yes, those "kids" who we see wondering around, playing in the street, hanging at the school and Deli. They come back. They don't have to; there is no pay, just a free lunch. They could stay outside and separate themselves from the younger children, but they don't. And they don't do it just once, they come back every year. And it doesn't matter if their friends are doing it, or if the kids they are "not friends" with are doing it, they do it anyway. I

would like to thank the following alumni for helping:

Larry Hartz, Joe Zahora, Sam Husth, Jack Curry, Justin Lenart, Jack Leech, Gus Vuolle, Sierra Duchai, Jamey Silverstein, Cheyenne Dermody, David Rothfuss, David Atwood, Ben Nuhlman, Daniel Garton, Amber Gobel, Tim Curry, Luke Vuolle, Luke Dermody, Annika Aakus, Cameron Grayson, Blase and Amber Nolan, Becca Cordo, Ellen Rothfuss, Becky Zahora, Jessenia Benegas, Nicole Caruso, Jessie Schuster, Tori Pizzarelli, Sage Duchai, Tim Herlihy, Marissa Ticktin, Abbey Schwendeman, Kim Ng, Brandon Block (and out of town friends Max Cutler and Justin Daisy) and Chris Muzer (not an alumni, but has a brother in the school). (That is 38! 38 people under the age of 20 volunteering!)

2. The Seniors of our community. Thanks to Ota Bondy and Florie Johnson for taking part in the fun.

3. School Board Members, volunteering more time! Jaymie Kosa, Assenka Ossilfof, Alan Newrath, Anna Johnson, Eric Vuolle, Kelly Yang (crafts and prize organizer), Natalie Warner.

4. RPS teachers and staff: Kathy Dileo (as if she doesn't do enough for our children!), Seniorita Hart, Tanya Vash (a student teacher), Holly Pappas (and son Stefan), Fletcher Grayson.

Thanks to Shari Payson and Ilene Levine for generous auction donations.

5. PTA Board Members: Meredith Murray, Karen Krelove, Jess Colleton (auction co-chair) and Vindhia Gordon (assistant kitchen cook!).

6. Former RPS parents just back to be nice: Jane (worked Friday night, Saturday and cleanup) Rothfuss, Kirk Rothfuss, Mary Tulloss, Linda Silverstein, Bob Atwood, Sharlene Ellentuck

7. And the current RPS parents: Deb (imagine shopping and cooking for the entire "carnival family") and Tom Curry, Geryl Hickey (auction organizer), John Yang, Shani Peretz (auction co-chair), Kacie Mixon, Patty Roberts, Gordon Krelove, April Ng, Barbara Grossman, Silvia Raines, Janice Donnely-Fine, Luci Caruso, Dave Kosa, Leo Gordon, Tina Washington, Sangeet Kotdawala, Marianne Block, Kim Felong and many parent bakers who supplied the baked good for the sale!

And thanks to the numerous businesses and neighbors who donated auction items, including the generosity of new Deli owners, The Zimmermans.

The list is long, and had it been an academy award speech, I surely would have heard the fanfare of the music long ago, but luckily for me, the *Bulletin* is another "Pro" of Roosevelt providing a space for free and rambling speech. Take a second look at your Roosevelt neighbors, banding together for a good cause! Thank you to all the willing volunteers, see you next year!

Larisa Bondy
RPS parent/teacher



O! how this spring of love resembleth
The uncertain glory of an April day,
Which now shows all the beauty of the sun,
And by and by a cloud takes all away!

—William Shakespeare, *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*



April Showers and May Flowers

Do those April showers help May flowers? An article in April 2008's *Slate Magazine* gives a mixed answer: "Whatever effect April's showers do have on May flowers tends to be negative. Too much rain while the plants are blossoming makes them more susceptible to diseases like *Botrytis blight*, which causes buds to shrivel before they open.

The one place where April showers would truly bring May flowers is the desert. In arid regions like the Mojave, plants sit under the sand, sometimes for years, just waiting for enough water to send up shoots and leaves. A few weeks—or sometimes even days—after a heavy rainfall, the desert will explode with color."

The Climate Prediction Center of the National Weather Service has no predictions regarding May flowers. However, it is predicting equal chances for above, below or normal temperatures and precipitation in our region for April.

February and Winter News

February was extremely dry this year. Total precipitation in Roosevelt for the entire month was 0.40 inches. That's 2.35 inches below normal. February 2009 is officially the driest February on record for New Jersey. Looking back to the beginning of the year, the two months of January and February represents the driest January and February on record for New Jersey, Delaware and Virginia.

The precipitation that did fall in Roosevelt during February came in the form of snow leaving us with a monthly total of 4 inches of the white stuff. The snow fell on the third and fourth. There

was no more rain or snow for the rest of the month.

Precipitation for the entire winter, December, January and February, was greater than normal in Roosevelt by over 1.25 inches. The surplus was due entirely to the eight inches of rain that fell in December. Winter snowfall was about 4 inches of snow. An additional 7 inches of snow fell on March 1.

The average temperature for February was higher than normal by about 4 degrees. There were 808 heating degree days, about 109 less than normal. The warmest day in February was the eleventh when the high for the day was 63.5 degrees. The low for the month occurred on the fifth. The overnight low went down into single digits for a low of 9.1 degrees.

Nationally, February temperatures were above average. Only parts of the Southeast, Northwest, and West experienced near-normal temperatures. Florida was the only state to experience a cooler-than-average temperature for the month.

In Roosevelt, the winter as a whole was about 2 degrees warmer than normal. Nationally, the December 2008 through February 2009 average temperature was 33.49 degrees F, which is 0.53 degree F above normal.

Weather Word

Dew Point. The temperature at which water starts to condense out of a particular air mass. The dew point temperature changes only when the moisture content of the air changes. The higher the dew point, the greater the moisture content is in the air.

Feb. 15, 2009 - Mar. 15, 2009

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Degree Days
15	41.7	26.2	34.0	0.00	31.1
16	39.9	23.0	31.5	0.00	33.6
17	40.5	22.5	31.5	0.00	33.5
18	43.9	24.1	34.0	0.00	31.0
19	49.6	27.9	38.8	0.00	26.3
20	36.1	23.7	29.9	0.00	35.1
21	39.9	25.0	32.5	0.00	32.6
22	45.9	30.2	38.1	0.00	27.0
23	38.1	27.1	32.6	0.00	32.4
24	38.1	21.2	29.7	0.00	35.4
25	41.2	20.1	30.7	0.00	34.4
26	52.7	28.9	40.8	0.00	24.2
27	55.7	36.9	46.3	0.00	18.7
28	54.5	33.6	44.1	0.00	21.0
1	40.5	30.4	35.5	0.05	29.6
2	35.4	23.5	29.5	0.70	35.6
3	28.2	9.7	19.0	0.00	46.1
4	32.7	10.2	21.5	0.00	43.6
5	41.5	17.6	29.6	0.00	35.5
6	54.7	32.4	43.6	0.00	21.5
7	68.4	38.1	53.3	0.00	11.8
8	64.6	51.3	58.0	0.00	7.1
9	57.4	44.8	51.1	0.00	13.9
10	55.0	40.6	47.8	0.00	17.2
11	62.1	41.4	51.8	0.00	13.3
12	56.7	33.8	45.3	0.00	19.8
13	46.0	30.2	38.1	0.00	26.9
14	53.2	29.8	41.5	0.00	23.5
15	51.3	42.6	47.0	0.00	18.1
Totals				0.75	778.9

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Mrs. Staats' Health Bread

This is an easy bread to make. Mrs. Staats was an eighty-something-year-old neighbor of my sister Ginnie's in East Millstone, N.J. Whenever we had a picnic or a celebration with our six children and my sister's three at Ginnie and Anthony's house Mrs. Staats was sure to be there. She loved being with the children and they always enjoyed her stories. We could count on her loaves of "Health Bread" to be finished up—her way of seeing to it that we ate something "healthy."



Health Bread

1C white flour
2 C wheat flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1 1/2 C scalded milk
1/2 C dark molasses
1/2 C honey
1/2 C dates or raisins

Mix together first four ingredients. Dissolve baking soda in the milk and add molasses. Add liquids and honey to dry ingredients. Mix thoroughly. Fold in raisins or dates. Pour into greased pan. Bake 1 1/2 hours in 325° oven.

Enjoy. ■

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2008 - 2009 Season

April 4, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

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Part Two: "CATCH" - Ensemble Reading of a new one-act comedy by Judith McNally; A modern-day Inspector General sets out to find out the "truth" about Adam & Eve, and the Snake!

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Begin your tour at the Roosevelt Public School with Ilene Levine's photography exhibit featuring photographs of her students and their activities spanning her 30 year career.

* maps/guides available at Roosevelt Public School

EVENTS OF INTEREST BEYOND OUR TWO SQUARE MILES

Sunday, May 17 at 3 PM, Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, 310 Mounts Corner Dr., Freehold NJ
Alan Mallach performs the piano music of Jewish composers, including some who were born Jewish, in honor of the 200th anniversary of Felix Mendelssohn's birth. In addition to Mendelssohn, composers include Anton Rubenstein, Moszkowski, Schoenberg and Roosevelt's Mark Zuckerman.

June 14, 2:00 PM, Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, Freehold

Presentation of the video "Jersey Homesteads, In the Architectural Vanguard", followed by discussion by Ben Johnson and Michael Ticktin. Call 732-780-1220 for directions.

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

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1 Wed.	RECYCLE ♻️
3 Fri.	PIZZA DAY, RPS
4 Sat.	8 p.m. The Roosevelt Poets, Roosevelt Borough Hall
7 Tues.	12:30 p.m. Blood pressure check, Borough Hall 1:00 p.m. Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall Gerry Millar, President 448-0351
8 Wed.	7:00 p.m. PTA Executive Meeting, Meredith Murray, President, 371-9714 7:30 p.m. PTA General Meeting – all invited
10 – 17	School Closed, Spring Break
12 Sun.	10:00 a.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
13 Mon.	7 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
14 Tues.	7:30 Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
15 Wed.	15 Wed. RECYCLE ♻️ 7:30 p.m. Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Dave Schwendeman, Chair 443-6204
21 Tues.	8:00 p.m. School Board Elections Roosevelt First Aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall, Neil Marko, President 443-3748
23 Thurs.	Roosevelt Board of Education, Roosevelt School Library, Jaymie Kosa, President, 6294
24 Fri.	PIZZA DAY, RPS
27 Mon.	7 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor 448-7701
29 Wed.	RECYCLE ♻️
30 Thurs.	Book Swap, RPS sponsored by Roosevelt PTA

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1 Fri.	8:00 p.m. Roosevelt String Band, Roosevelt Borough Hall,
2 Sat.	8:00 p.m. Roosevelt String Band, Roosevelt Borough Hall
3 Sun.	10:00 a.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
4 – 8	Teacher Appreciation Week
8 Fri.	PIZZA DAY, RPS
9 Sat.	Plant Sale, PTA, Meredith Murray, 371-9714
11 Mon.	7 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
12 Tues.	7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713 Last day to register to vote in June 2 primary
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