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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Federal and State Courts Rule in Favor of the Borough in Yeshiva Litigation; Budget Approved by Local Finance Board and Adopted; Ordinances Vacating Farm Lane East of North Valley Road As a Public Road and Leasing It to Solar Village Nonprofit Corporation Approved

Challenges brought by Congregation Yeshivas Me'on Hatorah and Congregation Anshei Roosevelt to the 2007 ruling by the Planning Board that a variance was required for the establishment of a full-time school in the synagogue were rejected this summer by both Federal and State courts. In July, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the earlier decision of the United States District Court for New Jersey that the plaintiffs' claim that their civil rights had been violated was "not ripe" for adjudication and, in August, Judge Lawrence Lawson of the Superior Court upheld the ruling of the Planning Board regarding the need for a variance. In a related matter, the Planning Board unanimously voted in August to uphold a ruling by Zoning Officer Ralph Kirkland that the house at 28 Homestead Lane that is owned by Congregation Yeshivas Me'on Hatorah was being used as a dormitory, and that this use violated the zoning ordinance. The yeshiva's attorney indicated that his client would appeal that decision.

Also in July, the Council accepted the resignation of Councilman Bob Silverstein and selected Tom Curry, one of three candidates proposed by the municipal Democratic committee, as required by law, to succeed him. Mr. Curry had previously been chosen to run for the seat being vacated by Mr. Silverstein in the June primary.

As was the case last year, the Council had to delay approval of the annual budget in order to get approval of the Local Finance Board in the Department of Community Affairs, because the increase in the municipal tax levy from \$5.30 to \$6.34 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation was in excess of the amount that would otherwise be allowed under State law governing local budgets. Councilman Jeff Ellentuck explained that, although overall expenditures were actually lower, the increase was necessary because of reductions in State aid. Last year, the Borough received \$30,000 in "extraordinary aid" from the Department of Community Affairs that was not

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 33rd edition of the *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin*.

As usual, there will be nine issues starting with this one (October) through July, 2010, leaving out January 2010.

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:
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.

**COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY:
SUNDAY, OCT 4, 2009 10 A.M.**

**MEET IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE
FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT**



"Clancy" Edwards, Summer 2004

**PLEASE
REMEMBER:**

**Thoughtful neighbors
pick up after their dogs.
Are you a thoughtful
neighbor?**

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

Last month I had the privilege of visiting some of our most impressive National Parks, including Zion, Bryce Canyon, the Grand Canyon, and Death Valley National Park. The tour was with National Geographic Expeditions, so we had a Ph.D. geologist and a naturalist leading us. They gave us priceless insights into the history, geology, and ecology of the high desert Colorado plateau, plus a basic information on identifying common plants and animals.

But before I start making this all sound too academic, I have to emphasize the fun we had hiking, rafting, and, in my case, riding mules.

The scenery was spectacular and variegated, especially Bryce Canyon. Famous for its odd rock formations, Bryce is a huge museum of abstract sculpture. The colors and shapes were incredibly different from one view to the next. Every time we went around a turn there was a whole new world. The magnificence of the Grand Canyon defies description, it should be seen in person to be appreciated. Whereas I described Bryce as sculpture, the Grand Canyon can be seen as a painting, with the play of light and shadow, and an impossible array of shapes and hues changing constantly from sunrise to sunset.

Zion is a more approachable park because, unlike the first two, one enters into the depths of the canyon and all hiking is done from the bottom up. The other two have accommodations on the rim of the canyons, so one hikes down initially, then goes up to return to camp. The temperature is cool in the morning at elevations up to 9000 feet, but the climb out can be especially exhausting as the temperature reaches into the upper 90s. Death Valley National Park is desolate, stark, and frightening in its barrenness. It's surrounded by the Badlands-rugged monochromatic hills of rock and sand. The valley itself is flat, arid and in some places rough surfaced, with knee high salt rock crystals. (That area is called the Devil's Golf Course). I read that desert rats could live out there without ever needing to drink water. They metabolized water from the seeds they ate and the air in their burrows. (The snakes that ate them got their only fluids from their prey).

It was all very fascinating, instructive and marvelous. I encourage everyone to take advantage of our National Parks, both local and distant, and do as our mothers used to tell us to do- "Go outside and play"!

Beth ■

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provided this year. The total property tax rate, including county, municipal and school taxes, increased from \$21.43 to \$23.27 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Since the 2009 tax rate was not available in time for the tax bills to be issued prior to August 1, the entire increase, which would ordinarily have been divided between the 3rd and 4th quarters, will be billed for the 4th quarter, and will be due on November 1. The budget was approved at the September 7 meeting.

Also at the September 7 meeting, the Council approved two ordinances concerning the portion of Farm Lane east

of North Valley Road and north of the Solar Village low income senior/disabled housing project. The first ordinance vacated that portion of Farm Lane as a public road so that it could be leased to the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation (RSCHC), the community nonprofit organization that owns the Solar Village, for use as a parking area. Since the land to the east is now part of the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area and is therefore protected from development, the only purpose served by this part of Farm Lane is to provide access to the Solar Village. The other ordinance approved the leasing

of the roadway and the right-of-way south of the roadway to the RSCHC at a nominal cost so that it might be improved to provide adequate parking for Solar Village residents. This lease was made in accordance with a State law that allows municipalities to make such leases to nonprofit entities that provide affordable housing to low and moderate-income people. The Solar Village, which has 20 units for low income senior citizens and disabled people and one efficiency unit that can be occupied by any person of moderate income, is Roosevelt's only affordable housing project. ■

THE ROOSEVELT BOROUGH BULLETIN

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From the Office of the Interim CSA/Principal, Shari Payson

I warmly welcome you back to a new school year and to a new beginning for RPS. The school year has gotten off to an exciting start and has come alive once again. Six new staff members have joined the RPS family including: Susanne Shaw, Grade Two; Maria Gonzalez, Spanish; Doreen Duck, Accounting Clerk; Marla Pantalone, Nurse; Mark Resnick, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Ernie Turner, Business Administrator. WELCOME!

Roosevelt Public School has the ingredients to be a model school... a strong staff...supportiveparentsandcommunity and the optimum learning environment. The education of our young children is an awesome responsibility. I can't think of anything more exciting or fulfilling. Let's all work together to create the highest quality, safest learning environment for our children.

All school personnel worked very hard this summer to prepare for the opening of school. We all believe the education of our students is a joint responsibility; one it shares with the parents/guardians of our school community. To insure that the educational needs of our students are being met, every effort is made to see that a strong educational program, along with communication between school and home, is established for each student. Open and meaningful communication with parents and community members is one of our primary goals. Our children should expect nothing short of excellence from all of us.

Top priorities this year are to offer a high quality curriculum in all areas, infusing technology, character education, differentiated instruction, and data driven assessment into instruction to meet/exceed our students' learning needs.

To this end, RPS has implemented new goals, programs, and activities. Our school's goal is, "To implement a high quality creative and differentiated curriculum, which is fully inclusive and includes benchmark assessments and

goal setting." The goal is explained in an article by the Board's Legislative/Public Relations Committee on page 5 of the *Bulletin*.

We are now implementing *The Responsive Classroom* as part of our character education program. It is a philosophy of education based on the premise that children learn best when they have both academic and social-emotional skills. *The Responsive Classroom* emphasizes social, emotional, and academic growth in a strong and safe school community.

New curriculum has been written based on the revised standards. The revised standards focus on global communication with students around the world, analyzing and synthesizing information, higher order thinking skills, and a greater use of technology. Revised curriculum areas include Pre-K, Technology, World Language, Art, Health/PE, Gifted & Talented, and Career Education. We will continue to "raise the bar" to enhance student achievement in all content areas and to fulfill our mission and our goal.

All of the Board committees have been working diligently towards fulfilling the school's mission and goals. One goal is to enhance communication between the school and the community. Each board committee is going to write an article for the *Bulletin* to apprise the community of the activities, and news from the board. The first article by our Legislative/PR committee is included in this month's *Bulletin*. The Policy Committee will be contributing to the *Bulletin* next month however, I want to take the opportunity to share an update on Policy 1312 – Community Complaints and Inquires. The revised policy, procedures and forms are in place and detail procedures for articulating concerns. The policy will be posted on our Web site. Details regarding other policies will be included in the article by the committee.

All schools in New Jersey are required to go through a monitoring process called Quality Single Accounting Continuum

(QSAC). Schools are being monitored over a 3-year period and RPS is being monitored this year. The 5 areas: Governance, Personnel, Instruction, Facilities, and Operations. We had monitors visit RPS over the summer for pre QSAC visits. Our final visit is in November. The status of the monitoring will be included in subsequent articles.

We had a most successful "Back To School Night." There was standing room only. Parents were eager to meet with their child's teachers to find out about the exciting plans for the school year.

Our wonderful PTA set the stage for a fabulous school year with a staff luncheon, breakfast for families and staff on the first day of school, and an ice cream social as part of their first meeting. PTA membership is vital so that the PTA can continue with the programs they provide

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EVENTS

- OCTOBER**
- 10/1 Pizza Day
 - 10/7 School Closed – Staff In-Service
 - 10/8 Board of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - 10/12 School Pictures
 - 10/16 Pizza Day
 - 10/17 Fall Plant & Bake Sale
 - 10/20 Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - 10/22 Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - 10/29 Board of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - 10/30 Pizza Day

- NOVEMBER**
- 11/3 Early Dismissal/ Staff In-Services
 - 11/5–6 School Closed
 - 11/13 Pizza Day
 - 11/19 Board of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - 11/25 Early Dismissal
 - 11/26 School Closed Thanksgiving
 - 11/27 School Closed

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for our students. Please join and support the PTA! Forms for PTA membership and room parent may be obtained at the school. E-mail Meredith Murray, our PTA President, at mlrmurray@comcast.net for more information.

I am honored to once again serve as your Interim CSA/Principal and will do everything possible to work together with you and the school community to continue to offer an exceptional education for our students. We are a school that is committed to excellence.

Please know that my door is always open, and you are always welcome to

visit. I appreciate hearing from parents, and I hope I can count on you to share your concerns, ideas and feedback. On behalf of the Board of Education, teachers and staff, I wish everyone a successful school year

Shari Payson,
Interim CSA/Principal ■

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS



MISSION

To educate and inspire all 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.*

**to achieve or exceed N.J. CCCS at all grade levels*

Each year, the Board of Education and the RPS administration gather at a retreat to reflect on how effective we are at serving our RPS mission statement, to discuss RPS' accomplishments and to create goals that build upon those accomplishments while honoring our mission.

Two years ago, much of our discussion centered on the small size of our school and how to best take advantage of the uniqueness of RPS. With an incredibly low student to teacher ratio, we felt RPS has an amazing opportunity for implementing curricula that can guide each and every child to reach their fullest potential. With that in mind, we established a

multi-year goal *to implement a high quality, creative and differentiated curriculum, which is fully inclusive and includes benchmark assessments and goal setting.*

So, what exactly does this all mean?

What is differentiation of instruction?

In differentiated teaching, teachers react responsively to the needs of students of all achievement levels and learning styles. An additional focus is for our staff to develop and implement a variety of methods and tools to insure that our students are internalizing the daily lessons.

What does it mean to be fully inclusive?

Plainly speaking, this means attending to the social, emotional and academic diversity of all learners, so they are able to excel academically. Confucius wrote: Tell me and I will forget. Show me and I will remember. Involve me and I will understand forever. It is our hope to create learning experiences that are memorable and that inspire all of our students to be curious and to love learning.

What are benchmark assessments and goal setting?

Benchmark assessments are formal and informal assessments that are periodically given throughout the school year to determine if our students are meeting or exceeding grade level expectations. These assessments provide our staff with feedback and data, so they can make informed choices to guide further instruction.

What is our next step?

In conjunction with the district's three-year goal, we are also investigating the school's leadership structure. In June, the Roosevelt Board of Education sponsored a series of focus groups, facilitated by a professional education consultant, Dr. Jim Sheerin. The purpose of those meetings was to seek input from our RPS community about a variety of issues that affect the quality of learning for our students.

The focus groups and resulting data are part of a larger process to help us achieve consensus as we make decisions vital to the well-being of our school. On **Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m.**, our entire RPS community is invited to another meeting led by Jim Sheerin. At that time, he will guide all interested RPS stakeholders through a decision-making process that will focus on school governance and other related issues. It is our hope to have a dedicated group of stakeholders that represent RPS' staff, parents and community at this meeting and for everyone to effectively work together with us to make our goal a reality. ■

Each month the Roosevelt Board of Education is going to submit an article to keep the public apprised of Board goals, decisions, and activities

World Premier of Composition by Mark Zuckerman

Dr. William Berz will conduct the Rutgers University Wind Ensemble in the world premier of *Fanfare for an Uncommon Time* by Roosevelt composer Mark Zuckerman. The concert is at 8:00 p.m.,

Thursday evening, October 15, 2009 at the Nicholas Music Center on the Cook College campus in New Brunswick. Admission is free.

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE AT ROOSEVELT SOLAR VILLAGE

We currently have apartments available for rent at Roosevelt Solar Village! In order to qualify, you must be 62 years of age or older OR you must receive disability benefits. Income requirements also must be met. An efficiency apartment is also available for rental to a person of moderate income of any age.

If you are interested, please call Diane or Kim at 856-661-0141.

In Memorium

Lois Hunt

Lois Hunt, my mother, passed away on July 26th following open-heart surgery at age 84. I know that she loved her years in Roosevelt and being embraced by the friends she made there.

During the course of her professional life, my mother sang at the Metropolitan Opera, performed with every major symphony orchestra in the country, recorded numerous albums for Columbia Records, and played countless roles in musical theater venues all over the United States. Her singing partner for 40 years, Earl Wrightson, passed away in 1993.

With all that travel, often 250 days out of a year, my mother was never really able to feel part of a community other than the show business "community," a tenuously fleeting proposition at best. She was never much for travel vacations; in fact what she really enjoyed was the quiet home life and the company of family and friends. In Roosevelt, she was able to find all three.

After Earl died, my mother was alone on Long Island when the Weiners' house came up for sale just up Homestead Lane from us, and down the street from my wife Jessica's Aunt Pearl and Uncle Ralph. In 1997 she moved in and was quickly welcomed by members of the Roosevelt community. She was able to embrace a sense of community activity

and involvement, a spirit Roosevelt seems to engender in so many of us. I know she loved her life there for the eight years she stayed.

In 2005 we combined households and moved to East Amwell, then later to Frenchtown where my mother lived with me and Jessica for the past two years. It was, as we called it "a small company, but perfectly formed." However, as became increasingly apparent, my mother was suffering from the effects of advancing and acute heart disease, which she wanted to attempt to have remedied even if it entailed the risks associated with surgery. Her only other option was to deteriorate further and she could no longer abide the effects of her illness that restricted her activity so much. Her last choice was a brave, if ultimately and sadly, unsuccessful one.

My mother did not want to take up a cemetery plot, nor did she want to have a service – that, she might have said, that was the one house she would not want to play. She will simply rest beneath flowers in an urn on our property, mingled with her mother's and Earl's remains, as were her wishes.

I send her fond farewells to all her good friends in Roosevelt by proxy.

Jeff Hunt

FORAGING WILD EDIBLES

Wild Black berries just starting to ripen July 26, 2009 Sunday. Where? The Roosevelt Woodland Trail, of course. Foraging as a youth we quickly learned where wild edibles were and when they were ripe. I remember playing sandlot baseball in a lot where there were a few apple trees. We would play several innings (without adults or uniforms!) and the winning team got to climb the trees first. We would perch up in the trees eating both ripe and green apples until we were full, sick or the street lights came on which signaled time to go home.

The good old days are still here if you take the time to look. Also along some sections of the Roosevelt Woodland Trail there are wild grapes. If you beat the squirrels, you may find hickory nuts. With a little more information the more adventurous among us can find many more wild edibles. A friend recently said that the young shoots of the bamboo like 'Japanese knotweed' (an invasive 'bad' plant we want to eradicate) is quite tasty. Please share your knowledge and wild eating experiences with me so we can all learn to appreciate the world of nature that surrounds us.



The endangered Swamp Pink plant in flower standing 1 to 3 feet tall.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12th was the start of bow hunting season in New Jersey. This year the big change is that hunting with bow and arrow is allowed on Sundays in Wildlife Management Areas which includes the Assunpink. So be aware that you may encounter hunters and wear bright colored clothing when walking in or near the Assunpink boundaries which borders significant sections of Roosevelt. The archery season extends through February. For more details, visit the Assunpink Management Headquarters. They can answer questions and have booklets with all the rules and regulations regarding hunting, fishing and other WMA use opportunities.

SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE/STUDIO INVITATION

October 3 (a Saturday) is a special day to visit Schwendeman's Taxidermy Studio in Milltown, NJ 08850 for all the readers of this column to see up close the many animals with which we share the environment. Many of you have expressed an interest in seeing how taxidermy is done and where I work so I will host a special open house where visitors will be able to see the hundreds



Swamp pink flower, close-up

of animal mounts and natural history art and artifacts (from six continents!) that we have on display.

This is the place my ancestors settled in 1859 and I just realized it is the 150th anniversary of our family homestead! It is also 'Milltown Day' with events within walking distance from 10 to 4 (vendors, crafts, activities and music) and our Historical Society will have museum tours from 1 to 4. I will give shop tours throughout the day and we will have food and drinks after 4 p.m.. All are welcome. Like the Fourth of July, bring a covered dish or picnic item and BYOB if you want. RSVP or surprise me and come help us celebrate. The secret code word is "taxidermy." Call me for directions or any questions at 732-828-0249.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST MEETING (July and August)

We are looking for a few more members to join the commission. After approval of our mayor, you too can join our friendly and jovial bunch at our meetings. Despite our need for new members a quorum was reached and meetings were held in July, August and September.

Our application for a "Smart Growth Grant" was unsuccessful due primarily to the current fiscal climate. We will continue to plan for the continuation of a bike and walking trail through Roosevelt that ties into other county trail segments. Wood duck boxes are still on the agenda for next spring and the planting of swamp pinks continues. One complaint was received about questionable use of ATV's in town boundaries and the matter will be turned over to the NJ State Police. We also discussed the over growth of trees and shrubs into the right of way obstructing the view of drivers on Homestead and Eleanor Lanes. Plans

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are being made to address and remedy the situation. We also have new plans for the Roosevelt Woodland Trail to bypass the cemetery and connect to the Millstone trails northeast of town.

Finally, there is a low-cost neutering program available. Go to FriendsOfAnimals.com for more information.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meetings will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on October 21, 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. ■

... AND PLEASE WALK THE ROOSEVELT WOODLAND TRAIL



To our dear friends,

My family and I want to thank you for your concern at the loss of our beloved granddaughter.

Diana Klein ■

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY:

**SUNDAY, OCT 4, 2009 10 A.M.
IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE
FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT**

We're appealing to fellow Rooseveltans to come out and pick up unsightly trash at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct 4. The last few times we've had less than stellar turn-outs, and last spring's scheduled clean-up day was cancelled because of rain; so now it is incumbent on us to come out in droves and round up and discard the unsightly garbage befouling, begriming, and besmirching the natural beauty of our streets, woods and roads.

As usual, people will meet in front of the Post Office at 10 a.m. and after working we'll follow our friends and appetites to a delicious celebrative brunch at Lenny and Michelle's on 24 Rochdale Avenue. As added incentive, each participant will also receive a special organic gift courtesy of our own Mendies Farm.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Kostar at 443-4171, or rkostar1@hotmail.com.

The First Aid Squad has responded to 83 calls in and out of town for the year of 2009. Our emergency calls included a medical emergency, cardiac emergency, fire stand-bys, motor vehicle and bicycle accidents, emergency transport, difficult breathing, our third water rescue response this year and mutual aid to Millstone Township and Monroe Township.

For June the Squad training was on the New Jersey standards "Do Not Resuscitate." All EMT's received 3 continuation education units (CEU) for their state certification. The training that was conducted in July was using the oxygen and regulator. For August the Squad held a 8 hour defensive driving course through the National Safety Council. This class went over how to drive emergency vehicles. Each EMT received 8 CEU for this training. Training hours year to date, Squad time is 38 hours, total members time, 296 hours.

On Sunday August 9, the Squad did a stand-by for the Red Knights Motorcycle Club. The Red Knights did a "Ride for Children" benefit run. The Squad was one of the stop off points for check-in and rest brakes. We had six members at the stand-by.

On Saturday August 22, the Squad sponsored a CPR class which 7 Collage and high school students attended.

We are always looking for new members. We will pay for the training that is needed. If anyone is interested please contact a Squad member or stop in during our training for an application and an EMT training schedule. By receiving your Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), you can help your community and have a great opportunity to start a new career as an EMT. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT please 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,

you can send it to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad at P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Remember, all donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

First Aid Squad History: On July 28, 1953 member Dave Glassman requested a leave of absence from the Squad to go into the Army. In Nov. 1953 Abe Carman suggested that the First Aid Squad separate from the Fire Company. On August 30, 1966 a bill for \$21.83 was paid to the Roosevelt Market. During the April 26, 1967 meeting there was a discussion and a concern about letting women into the First Aid Squad. On February 27, 1968 Marvin Block became a member of the Squad.



HEALTH NOTES:

Congestive Heart Failure

Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) can be acute or chronic. Regular use of medications may reduce the severity of the symptoms in chronic cases and allow patients to resume normal activities. However, these patients often become ill again and are more frequently readmitted to the hospital.

Watch for the following signs and symptoms in a patient whom you suspect has poorly controlled CHF.

- The patient finds it easier to breathe when sitting up. When lying down, increased blood returns to the right ventricle and lungs, causing further pulmonary congestion.
- Often the patient is mildly or severely agitated.
- Chest pain may or may not be present.
- The patient often has distended neck veins that do not collapse even when the patient is sitting.
- The patient may have swollen limbs from edema.
- The patient generally will have a high blood pressure, a rapid heart rate, and rapid respirations.
- The patient will usually be using the accessory breathing muscles of the neck and ribs.
- The fluid surrounding small airways

may produce wheezes and/or rales, best heard by listening to either side of the patient's chest about midway down the back. In severe congestive heart failure, these soft sounds can be heard even at the top of the lungs.

Treatment: The EMT's would treat the patient with CHF the same as we would a patient with chest pains.

- We would give oxygen and take vital signs.
- We would have the patient sit upright with legs down.
- Patients who have had problems with CHF usually have specific medications for its treatment. We would take all medications with us to the hospital.
- If the patient has prescribed nitroglycerin the EMT's would assist the patient in taking.
- Prompt transport to the closest hospital Advance Life Support would be responding (ALS).



There are still houses in town that do not have house numbers or the number are too small to see from the street. Please check the numbers posted on your house to ensure that they are large and colorful enough so Emergency Services and State Police can see them from the road. There are many houses in town that do not have numbers or cannot be seen from the road, especially at night.

Remember if you need help please "Dial 911".

Jack Rindt, EMT-D
 Captain
 Roosevelt First Aid Squad
 FMFD7568@verizon.net ■

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Roosevelt

First Aid Squad

Our Mission

Is Your Life

The First Aid Squad would like to thank all for their generous donations. Without your support we could not operate. This is where some of your donations went:

**This is a 2009 Ford F-450 McCoy/
Miller**

95% Federal Grant money

5% Roosevelt First Aid Squad money

Total cost of the ambulance was

\$128,000.00

First new ambulance in 22 years



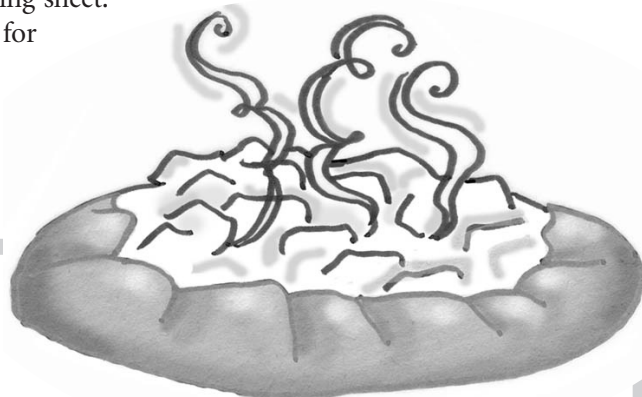
Thank You All !!!!!!!

**Come and help us celebrate our new
2009 Ford F-450 McCoy/Miller Type III Ambulance
On October 10th, 2009 starting noon
Food and Soda
Right on Rt. 571 (North/South Rochdale Avenue)
at the Roosevelt Amphitheater**

Submitted by Shan Ellentuck
Adapted from a recipe in *Bon Appétit*
– March, 2001

This funny-looking, free-form apple pie is assembled on a baking sheet. There's no need for a pie plate! Use your favorite pie crust recipe, for a single crust, rolled out to a 12" circle, or take a shortcut with a Pillsbury refrigerated roll-out crust (works fine!).

You can even make just the filling & topping, bake it all in a cake pan & have a delicious version of Apple Brown Betty.



Apple Crunch Pie

TOPPING (Can be made 1 day ahead. Cover; chill.)

- 3/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup (packed) golden brown sugar
- 1/3 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- A few chopped nuts
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 TBSPN (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, melted

Combine first 6 ingredients in medium bowl. Gradually add butter, stirring till moist clumps form.

FILLING:

2 1/2 pounds of apples – preferably a mixture including a sweet apple like Golden Delicious, Braeburn, or Jonagold and a more tart apple such as Granny Smith, Empire, or Cortland – peeled, quartered, cored, and sliced into small wedges.

- 1 TBSPN fresh lemon juice
- 1 TBSPN sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
- 3 TBSPNs apricot preserves
- 1 egg yolk beaten with 1 TBSPN whipping cream (for glaze)

Preheat oven to 400°F. Stir apples, lemon juice, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg & ginger in large bowl to blend. On a rimless baking sheet, put the un-baked pie crust on a sheet of parchment paper or a non-stick silicone baking mat. Leaving a 2-inch plain border, spread the apricot preserves over center of dough. Sprinkle preserves with 3/4 cup topping mixture. Spoon apple mixture over topping, mounding generously in the center to make a great big heap. Sprinkle the apples with the remaining 1/4 of the topping mixture. Fold the dough border in over the apple filling, pleating it as you go around the perimeter (Note: The border won't cover the filling completely, it's more of a wall than a lid). Press the border firmly to hold shape and keep it in place. Brush border generously with egg yolk/whip cream glaze. Bake the pie until the crust is set, about 25 minutes. Reduce temperature to 325°F. Bake until apples are tender, about 40 minutes longer. Check after 20 minutes, and cover the top loosely with foil if its browning too quickly. Cool pie on baking sheet at least 30 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature. ■

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2009 - 2010 Season

November 14, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

ALAN MALLACH, PIANO RECITAL: NOCTURNES AND BALLADES, MOODS AND STORIES

The nocturne and the ballade are the archetypal Romantic musical form, the one designed to set a mood, the other to tell a story. After Chopin's example, many of the greatest-and lesser-Romantic composers created some of their finest work in these forms. Alan Mallach will perform works of Chopin, Brahms, and Grieg, as well as lesser-known composers, illuminating their works and their lives with his insightful and entertaining commentary.

December 12, 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Assifa Space, Linz/Bowen House, 40 Tamara Drive

2ND ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND SALE OF WORKS BY SHEILA LINZ AND NAOMI BRAHINSKY - JOINED THIS YEAR BY AMANDA SLAMM

A recent collection of paintings, ceramics and beadwork will be on display by Sheila Linz, Naomi Brahinsky, and Amanda Slamm

January 9, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

OPEN MIC CAFÉ

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

February 20, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

THE ROOSEVELT POETS

Join the Roosevelt poets & friends in celebrating the 60th anniversary of Dylan Thomas' arrival in NYC for his 1st US poetry reading tour! You (think you) know what to expect, plus music & refreshments.

March 20, 12 - 5 PM, Shahn Studio at the Factory, 15 Oscar Drive

JONATHAN SHAHN II: AND FILM, BY WISKA RADKIEWICZ THE HEAD, MARTIN LUTHER KING: A SCULPTURE BY JONATHAN SHAHN

A Collection of Drawings, Prints and Sculpture of the Artist's family, some friends and himself.

The film offers a personal look at the artist's work and witnesses the process in which, over time, a sculpture comes into being. The film will be shown several times during the afternoon.

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April 23 & 24, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND

With David Brahinsky on guitar and vocals, Ed Cedar 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 once again (and usually does).

May 22, 1:00 PM, Borough Hall

TOURS AND SCREENINGS AT ROOSEVELT BOROUGH HALL FROM 1 - 4 PM. THE ROUNDTABLE WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 4 TO 5:30 PM, FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION AT BOROUGH HALL.

ROOSEVELT BAUHAUS: AN ARCHITECTURE DAY

A series of events will explore Roosevelt's rich heritage of Bauhaus architecture, and the ways in which that heritage has been affected by the changes of the past 70+ years. The day will include guided and self guided tours of Roosevelt and its houses, including houses that have been creatively altered or expanded; screenings of Ben Johnson's engaging documentary "Jersey Homesteads: In the Architectural Vanguard"; and a roundtable conversation, featuring residents, architects and architectural historians, on the significance of Roosevelt's Bauhaus architecture and the challenges of making it work in the 21st century.

May 22, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, Assifa Space, Linz/Bowen House, 40 Tamara Drive

WORKS ON PAPER AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY LOCAL ARTISTS

Other events of Interest...

"Jersey Homesteads: In the Architectural Vanguard" by Ben Johnson & Fletcher Grayson will be screened as part of the county's annual Archives and History Day, October 10, at 1:30 PM, at the Manalapan Library, Rm 7, 125 Symmes Drive and at The NJ Film Festival Fall '09, November 8, at 7:00 PM, at Rutgers University, College Avenue Campus, Scott Hall, Rm 123.

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

Aug. 15, 2009 - Sept 15, 2009

Autumn begins to be inferred
 By millinery of the cloud,
 Or deeper color in the shawl
 That wraps the everlasting hill.
 —from *“The Single Hound”*
 by Emily Dickenson

Summer 2009 was much wetter than normal. I’m sure you could tell just by looking at your lawn in August. Most years grass will get dry and brittle by August. But this year, lawns stayed lush through the entire summer thanks to over average rainfall in June, July and August. Total rainfall for the summer was 22.42 inches. Sound like a lot? It is. It’s nearly half of the normal total annual precipitation in just three months!

The normal amount of rain we see in summer is 13.76 inches. That’s 8.66 inches less than our total for summer 2009. June brought about 150% more rain than normal. July had about 25% more rain than normal and August about 30% above normal.

The summer was just a bit warmer than normal. With an average temperature of 72.1 degrees as opposed to the normal 71.9 degrees, the difference is barely worth mention. There was a dramatic difference between the number of cooling degree days in a normal summer and during this summer. We had just a little over half the number of cooling degree days this summer compared to an average summer. I hope you saw that reflected in a reduced electric bill for the summer months. The only month with a higher than normal average temperature this summer was August. June and July were slightly cooler than normal.

There were only three days when temperatures got to 90 degrees or greater. One day in June and two in August. The normal average number of 90+ days for summer is sixteen. There were no heat waves this year. It takes three consecutive days of 90+ temperatures to make a heat wave.

The hottest day of the summer was very early in the season on June 7 when

the mercury rose to 91.9 degrees. But that wasn’t the hottest day of the year. April 27 was the hottest day so far. The temperature reached 92.7 degrees and capped off three very hot spring days that almost constituted a heat wave. April 26 had a high of 91.7 and April 25’s high came in at 89.4.

Globally, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association tells us that “the world’s ocean surface temperature was the warmest for any August on record, and the warmest on record averaged for any June-August summer season.

The combined global land and ocean average surface temperature for the June-August season was 61.2 degrees F, which is the third warmest on record and 1.06 degrees F above the 20th century average of 60.1 degrees F.”



Weather Word

INDIAN SUMMER—

“The air is perfectly quiescent and all is stillness, as if Nature, after her exertions during the Summer, were now at rest.”

— JOHN BRADBURY 1817

“A typical weather map that reflects Indian Summer weather involves a large area of high pressure along or just off the East Coast. Occasionally, it will be this same high pressure that produced the frost or freeze conditions only a few nights before, as it moved out of Canada across the Plains, Midwest and Great Lakes and then finally, to the East Coast. Much warmer temperatures, from the deep South and Southwest, are then pulled north on southerly breezes resulting from the clockwise rotation of wind around the high pressure. It is characteristic for these conditions to last for at least a few days to well over a week and there may be several cases before winter sets in.” – USA TODAY ■

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Cooling Degree Days
15	84.2	65.1	74.7	0.00	4.7
16	86.7	66.0	76.4	0.00	6.3
17	88.5	67.3	77.9	0.00	7.9
18	87.6	66.9	77.3	0.00	7.3
19	88.5	69.8	79.2	0.10	9.2
20	89.4	70.2	79.8	0.00	9.8
21	91.4	71.4	81.4	0.00	11.4
22	84.2	69.8	77.0	1.00	7.0
23	86.4	70.0	78.2	0.21	8.2
24	81.7	64.4	73.1	0.00	3.1
25	83.7	61.3	72.5	0.00	2.5
26	84.9	65.5	75.2	0.00	5.2
27	76.5	67.3	71.9	0.00	1.9
28	73.2	64.8	69.0	0.25	0.0
29	79.5	68.6	74.1	0.55	4.1
30	80.4	60.4	70.4	0.90	0.4
31	74.7	58.8	66.8	0.00	0.0
1	72.5	50.4	61.5	0.00	0.0
2	75.9	50.5	63.2	0.00	0.0
3	75.6	53.1	64.4	0.00	0.0
4	83.6	58.5	71.1	0.00	1.1
5	84.2	62.3	73.3	0.00	3.3
6	73.1	59.0	66.1	0.00	0.0
7	73.3	57.5	65.4	0.00	0.0
8	71.4	58.4	64.9	0.00	0.0
9	71.4	63.3	67.4	0.00	0.0
10	68.8	58.6	63.7	0.16	0.0
11	66.9	58.6	62.8	2.09	0.0
12	69.5	62.0	65.8	0.10	0.0
13	79.7	63.8	71.8	0.00	1.8
14	78.4	58.1	68.3	0.01	0.0
15	78.7	59.0	68.9	0.00	0.0
Total Precipitation				5.37	
Total Cooling Degree Days					94.9

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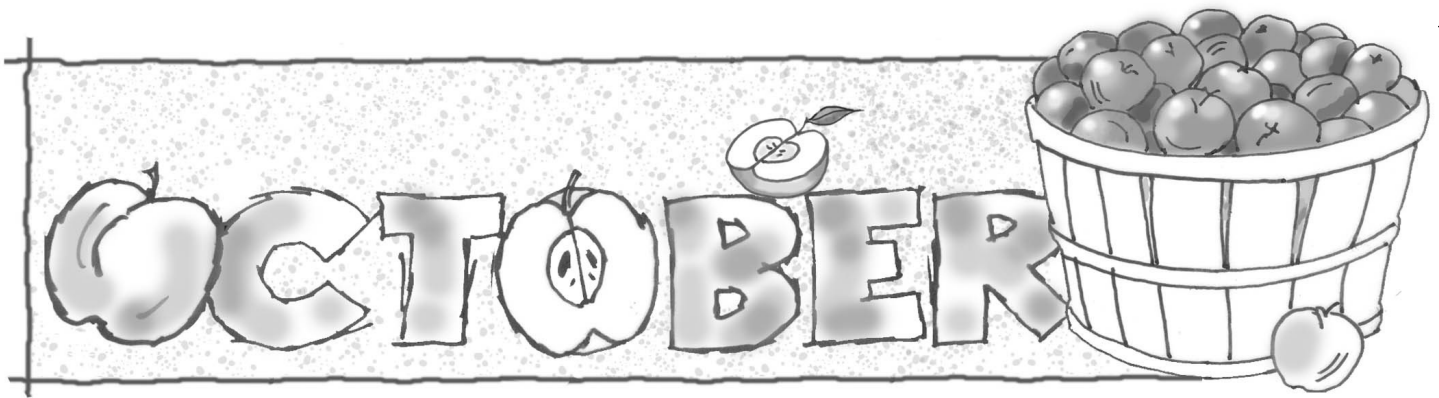
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6 Tues.	12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure check, Borough Hall 1:00 p.m. Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall, Pat Moser, President, 448-0351 7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, chair, 448-3713
7 Tues.	RPS School Closed, Teacher Inservice
8 Thurs.	7:30 p.m. Board of Education, RPS Library, Assenka Oksiloff, President, 918-1529
11 Sun.	10:00 a.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
13 Tues.	Last day to Register to Vote or Change Voting Address for November 3 General Election: Borough Council, County Freeholders, State Assembly, Governor. Contact Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik, Clerk, 448-0539 or Ann Baker, 443-8780 for registration form 7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701 7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
14 Wed.	RECYCLE  7:00 p.m. PTA Executive Meeting, Meredith Murray, 371-9714 7:30 p.m. PTA General Meeting, All Welcome
20 Tues.	RPS Early Dismissal, Parent Conferences 8:00 p.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, Borough Hall, Neil Marko, President, 443-3748
21 Wed.	7:30 p.m. Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Dave Schwendeman, Chair, 443-6204
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27 Tues.	Deadline: applications for Mail-in Ballot
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NOVEMBER

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3 Tues.	RPS Early Dismissal General Election Day, Borough Hall, Polls open 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik, Clerk, 448-0539. Election for Borough Council, County Freeholders, State Assembly, Governor
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