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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Council Amends Cemetery Ordinance to Include Full-time School and Municipal Employees with 25 Years' Service; Ellentuck and Hoffman Re-elected

At its November 12 meeting, the Borough Council voted unanimously to adopt an amendment to the municipal cemetery ordinance extending burial rights, which include a free plot, to full-time municipal and school employees who have served for at least 25 years, as well as to their spouses and unmarried children under 21 years of age. Prior to this change, the only persons having such burial rights were those living in Roosevelt at the time of their demise, those who had lived here for at least 20 years (or at least three years if they were elected to public office in the municipality or school district), and the spouse or unmarried child under 21 of any person buried in the cemetery.

The Council had deferred action on the proposed amendment at its second October meeting because of questions as to its rationale and how many people might qualify. In response to these concerns, Board of Education President Jamie Kosa explained that the Board supported the change because it saw it as a benefit that Roosevelt could easily afford

to give to dedicated employees who worked for many years at salaries considerably below those in other area school districts. Mrs. Kosa also indicated that there are currently two teachers who would qualify under the terms of the amendment.

Reporting for the Utilities Committee, Councilman Bob Silverstein told the Council that, though the contractors for PSE&G who parked their vehicles at the Borough-owned former gas station site paid no rent for doing so, they did pay over \$1000 for water that they used, so the Borough did get some benefit from their presence. He also reported that the committee was seeking less expensive alternatives to the possible expenditure of over \$200,000 for replacement of the nonfunctioning grit chamber in the sewage disposal plant.

Councilwoman Arlene Stinson, reporting for the Administrative Committee, stated that Ralph Kirkland has settled into the job of zoning officer, with the assistance and guidance of Borough Clerk Krystyna Olejnik. Mrs. Stinson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A REMINDER!

As usual, there will not be a January 2009 *Bulletin*. Every year we feel our devoted writers and staff need time between December and January for personal holiday-related activities. But our regular monthly schedule will resume with the February 2009 edition and will continue every month through July 2009.

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?

The annual sale of tax liens and other municipal liens by the Tax Collector will be held on December 12 at 10:00 AM at the municipal building.

ART NIGHT OUT AT RPS

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.

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

Congratulations to the population of Roosevelt! 83 % of the eligible voters came out to vote in the November Presidential election.

Congratulations and Thank You to Councilmen Ellentuck and Hoffman, who were re-elected to their Council seats.

Residents of Roosevelt are encouraged to patronize the Roosevelt Post Office. The Federal Post Office is seeking to close Post Offices that don't do sufficient business (i.e.,

sell enough stamps and services), and our Post Office is one of those threatened. Please make an effort to help by buying all your postal needs locally.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Thank you for allowing me another great year to serve as your mayor.

Beth ■

BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS (CONT'D.)

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thanked Mrs. Olejnik for the help that she has given to Mr. Kirkland.

Councilman Kirk Rothfuss, chairman of the Community Development Committee, reported that all windows in the former gas station would be boarded up in order to prevent further vandalism once the gas company contractors are finished using the property

for their vehicles. He also reported that, again in response to vandalism, this time involving school playground equipment, motion-activated night vision security cameras had been installed at the school. On the same theme of damage and vandalism, Councilwoman Peggy Malkin reported that a fallen branch that was obstructing the passage

of vehicles on Eleanor Lane near the cemetery had not yet been removed and that the stone bench alongside the roadway in the cemetery had been destroyed by vandals.

In other news, Councilmen Jeff Ellentuck and Dan Hoffman were re-elected without opposition, winning 346 votes and 320 votes respectively.

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

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From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

The year is flying by and I can't believe we are gearing up for the winter holidays. This is an exciting time of year and the PTA and staff have planned many wonderful events. It is through these types of parent-teacher interactions that partnerships grow strong and a shared vision for academic achievement is fostered. We are very fortunate to have such a caring and supportive community.

It was wonderful to see parents, guardians and community members during American Education Week. The school community was invited to the school to see students and teachers in action during a regular working day. My sincere thank you to all our staff members who planned presentations and activities for our parents and guests.

Our school-wide Thanksgiving assembly took place on November 26th, complete with a Thanksgiving feast and parade. Staff and students spent countless hours preparing for the day. It was worth it, the floats were exceptional and the food was delicious. There was standing room only. Thank you to everyone that helped make this day such a huge success.

The annual PTA holiday gift shop will take place on December 9th and 10th. The gift shop will be open December 10th from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. This popular event allows the students to purchase gifts within their budget, for friends and family. PTA parents work hard to help the students select just the right gifts for their family. Our PTA is an extension of our school community, working in concert with the school's administration and teachers, our PTA expands upon our district

programs. Throughout the year, it provides our students with several family oriented activities. Many of our parents also enjoy volunteering their time in classrooms to support the learning experiences.

Our Winter Concert will be on Tuesday, December 16th, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this special night of music.

Our sixth graders proved to be resourceful entrepreneurs as they continued to develop their fund raising prowess. The six children raised over \$2,000 through their Thanksgiving pie sale. We would like to thank Mrs. Pappas for coordinating the sale and the parents and the community for supporting the school.



RPS teachers and students facilitate and take part in exceptional educational opportunities each and every day. I am proud of the work that they do and feel, as does the board, that it is important to share and showcase their efforts. Each month a different grade level will be sharing their work during a Board of Education meeting. In November, our third grade students presented stories and poems to the board. They demonstrated their strong desire to learn and their ability to reach the high standards that are set forth. Through their writing pieces, the children demonstrated the connection of the curriculum to the school's mission as well as to the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. It was a gift to watch and listen to the children.


Additionally, Mrs. Gazzani explained the Writing Process and how an idea became a published piece of work. Thank you for your support, caring and dedication. I hope the community will join us at

future board meetings to share in this outstanding educational experience.

With the possibility of inclement weather and school closings, an emergency phone chain is in place for students in grades pre-K-6. In addition, school delayed openings or closings will be announced on News 12 New Jersey, 101.5 FM radio, and WABC TV.

On behalf of the staff and students at RPS, have a happy, healthy and safe winter season, filled with love, and peace. ■

 **DECEMBER/
JANUARY
EVENTS** 

DECEMBER 

12/5 Pizza Day
(aka Chicken Finger Day)


12/9 & 10 PTA-Holiday Gift Fair

12/16 Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.

12/18 BOE Meeting 7:30 p.m.

12/19 Pizza Day

12/24 – 1/2
Winter Break

JANUARY 



1/5 School Reopens

1/7 PTA Meeting 7:30 p.m.

1/9 Pizza Day

1/19 School Closed

1/23 Pizza Day

Art Night Out at RPS

by Judy Nahmias

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RESCUE SQUAD NEWS

by Jack Rindt, EMT-D

The Squad has responded to 56 calls in town and out of town so far this year. Our last calls were for people who had difficulty breathing, a host of medical emergencies, burns and mutual aid to Millstone Twp. The latest training that the Squad members attended was Emergency Incident Rehab. The Squad recently purchased some new first aid equipment. Stop in and see what we have. We can always use more members and will pay for the training. If you are 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 your community and have a good chance in getting started in a career as an EMT.

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 you wish to make a donation, please make it out to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Remember that all donations are tax deductible.



Safety Notes: Burns

Burns are among the most serious and painful of all injuries. Burns occur when the body tissues receive more thermal energy than they can absorb without injury. Potential sources include heat, toxic chemicals, and electricity.

Burn Severity: The severity of a burn may influence medical control's choice of a treatment facility. Consider these five factors in determining burn severity.

1. Depth
2. Extent
3. Location (critical areas include face, air way, hands, joints, feet and genitalia)
4. Patient's past medical history
5. Patient's age (increased severity if less than 5 years old and older than 55)

Superficial (first degree) burns: Involve only the top layer of skin, the epidermis. The skin turns red but does not blister. The burn site is painful. A sun burn is a good example.

Partial thickness (second degree) burns: Involves the epidermis and some of the dermis. These burns do not destroy the entire thickness of the skin or damage subcutaneous tissue. Typically the skin is moist, mottled and white to red. Blisters are common and pain is intense.

Full thickness (third degree) burns: Extend through all skin layers and may involve subcutaneous tissue, muscle, bone or internal organs. The burned area is dry and leathery and may appear white, dark brown or even charred. Some full thickness burns feel hard to the touch. A severely burned area may have no feeling, while surrounding less severely burned tissue is extremely painful.

To estimate burned surface area we use the **Rule of Nines** which divides the body into sections of approximately 9% of the total surface area.

Emergency Medical Care: The first priority is to stop the burning pro-

cess and prevent additional injury. For First degree burns immerse the affected area in cool water and cover with a sterile dressing. Remove all jewelry from the burned area. Call 911

Second degree burns: Do not apply water or any ointments. Cover the burns with sterile dressing. Do not break the blisters. Keep the patient warm preventing shock. Watch for breathing problems and call 911.

Third degree: Do not apply water or any ointments. Cover the burns with sterile dressing. Do not break any blisters. Keep the patient warm preventing shock. Watch for breathing problems and call 911.

Under New Jersey State protocol EMS must transport burn patients immediately if within 20 minutes of a hospital and at the hospital the doctors will assess the patient and then may transport by air to a burn center.

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



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Connections

I remember this as if it happened yesterday.... It was June 10, 2005, the last day to submit the application for the principalship in Roosevelt. I remember racing home from work to get the application in before 5:00 p.m. that day. I had to stop home first to change into a suit as those who know me realize I almost always wear a suit to work. The warm and friendly face of Kathy Dileo, greeted me as I entered the building. We chatted for a few minutes and she said she wasn't the Superintendent but would give my application to the selection committee. We continued talking and she asked if I had trouble finding the school or knew of Roosevelt. I chuckled to myself because I lived on the other side of Assunpink for 15 years and not being much of a cook, had many dinner parties that were catered by Rossi's.

I had a good feeling after the interview, even though I left my pocketbook in the library after the interview. A few weeks later I was in Philadelphia at the Walnut Street Theater watching a play. My cell phone was turned off and when I turned it back on during intermission, I had about 4 calls from Linda Grayson, President of the Roosevelt Board of Education at that time. I called her back a few times but

was unable to reach her. I remember not being able to concentrate on the play in anticipation of speaking with Mrs. Grayson. I was offered the position and the rest is history.

Over the last three and a half years, I have had the most wonderful experience here. The staff at RPS is second to none and it is heartwarming to work in a community that is so supportive of the school and values education. While I have had many wonderful experiences I would like to share a personal one that occurred recently.

The Bard family (former residents of Roosevelt) and relatives of one of the first settlers in Roosevelt, the Nisnevitz family, coordinated a rededication ceremony for the factory in honor of Oscar Nisnevitz, as his family was the original owner. After the ceremony they held a small reception at the school. I received a call from Mr. Bard asking if I would meet with the caterer, show him around, discuss logistics, etc. Barry the caterer called and we met late in the afternoon on a Friday. I was ready to go home, did not feel up to meeting with him and was thinking of rescheduling; but we met. I greeted him at the door and we talked for a few minutes. Of course he asked about the mural, the school, the town, etc. After a while I said that I knew him. He looked and looked but

could not place my face. He asked if I knew him from Cherry Hill, South Brunswick or Hopewell; to which I replied "no." This indicated that he had no idea who I was. Then he asked if I knew him from East Brunswick, which is where we grew up. He looked again and I saw the recognition in his eyes. Barry said, "I know you.... You were my very first girlfriend." I had not seen him in over 34 years. It was great to see him again and reminisce. And, his food was delicious.

What I will remember most about Roosevelt is that it is a close knit special community that brings people together.

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



DREAMING

by Karen Block

Last night I had a dream
I can remember it all.
I dreamt I was a giant
Ten feet tall.

I sat in a treetop
And touched all the stars.
I climbed aboard a rocket
And took a trip to Mars.

I floated through the clouds
Oh! It was a sight.
But I wish my dreams were in color
Instead of black and white!

NATURE NETWORKING CALENDAR

Here is an idea involving nature activities, environmental happenings and you. This calendar idea may afford a chance to carpool, do things as a group that pertain to nature and the environment. Perhaps a hike, or a visit to a nature center or the following that I saw in a State Park booklet.

I've always wanted to see George Washington cross the Delaware River. This historic re-enactment occurs each year at Washington Crossing State Park. There is a museum building and a nature center building open most of the year but the historic revolutionary war event happens just once each year. For more information call 603-737-9303.

I would like to have input for this idea from readers and suggestions for trips and activities for like minded 'green' people who enjoy nature and some outdoor activities.

WHOOPS! RE: PHOTO OF WALKING STICKS

Whoops! My bad! (An expression I don't understand) The photo of the walking stick insects was taken by Margaret Schliniski at 11 Homestead Lane. Margaret said that she has seen quite a few of these insects in recent years in this area. She confirmed that these two individuals were indeed mating.

Thanks and another "hat tip" to Margaret for her quick thinking and these photographs.

LEAF COMPOSTING

We talked about this previously. I sometimes get lost reading complicated instructions so I am going to try and keep this simple. So here is my take on leaf mulching. Talk to me if I'm wrong.

First find an unused corner of your

yard or garden and create two or three 4-foot squares on the ground. Make a pile of leaves in one section and for every inch of leaves and kitchen greens cover with 1-2 inches of soil. I also add wood ashes when available but **make sure they are out and not hot or still glowing** or we are going to have a real problem. Dish the pile in middle to collect rain water or else you will need to add water periodically. Turn or mix the pile in early spring. When you start finding worms, you've got good soil for planting. Sift out the worms and go fishing when you are done planting. I'd make a site for two or three 4-foot square piles so you can have one in development and one to use. Add kitchen and vegetable waste, coffee grinds but no dairy, meats, fish etc. Whoops, I've gone too long already. The End.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST MEETINGS (11/19/08)

WOOD DEBRIS PICK-UP IS OVER FOR 2008. Participation seemed less than usual and I hope you all saw the notices. If you have burnable wood contact your friends and neighbors who are using wood stoves. They may be glad to get the extra fuel.

We do not know if we can afford a Spring pick-up but watch the *Bulletin* or call a member of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission.

NURKO ROAD HEDGEROW. Some residents along Nurko Road are concerned about the removal of hedgerow trees on the Nurko Road side of the farmland-preserved 151 Acres. We promised to listen, mediate and/or advise for a mutually acceptable outcome for all parties involved.

WOODDUCK NEST BOX CONTEST. Since we have a lot of wetlands in Roosevelt and a large

population of woodducks there may be a shortage of nest sights for this attractive waterfowl. I first proposed a contest for members of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission to build a box of appropriate dimensions. Our timing was off but now we've opened the challenge to everyone.

Now you have something to do this winter. I will give a special tour of my studio to all who enter. I will try to have more tips and information in the next *Bulletin*.



OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening, December 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. 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.



Two photos of insects called 'walking sticks' by Margaret Schliniski. Shown are a larger female and the much smaller male.

Roosevelt First Aid Squad



- 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 volunteering.

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 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

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

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Send in a contribution today.
Thank you!

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

2008 - 2009 Season

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.

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.

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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. ■

... howling Winter fled afar
To hills that prop the polar star;
And loves on deer-borne car to ride
With barren darkness at his side,

—from *Ode to Winter*:
Germany, December, 1800
by Thomas Campbell (1777–1844)

Winter Forecasts

The *Old Farmer's Almanac* is forecasting a more challenging season than normal. "This winter will be colder and snowier than normal, with near or above-normal precipitation. The coldest temperatures will occur in mid-December, early January, and early February. The snowiest periods will be in early and mid-December, early January, early and late February, and early March."

The more cautious Climate Prediction Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is calling for equal chances of above normal, normal or below normal temperatures and precipitation in our area. An average winter brings just short of 23 inches of snow.

October

When it came to temperatures and precipitation, October 2008 will go down as cooler and drier than average. October was only the third month of the year to have an average temperature that was below normal. Normal average temperature for October is 53.8 degrees. This year's tenth month had an average temperature of 53.2. The few months that have been cooler than normal have had average temperatures that were within one degree of normal. But most of the warmer than normal months in 2008 have temperatures that are up to several degrees warmer than normal.

October was also very close to normal in precipitation. There was just under the normal precipitation level of 3.44 inches.

By Ron Filepp



Weather Words

Here are some frosty definitions for you to consider on a cold winter night from the National Weather Service.

SNOW FLURRIES

Snow flurries are an intermittent light snowfall of short duration (generally light snow showers) with no measurable accumulation (trace category).

— SNOW SHOWERS

A snow shower is a short duration of moderate snowfall. Some accumulation is possible.

— SNOW SQUALLS

Snow squalls are intense, but limited duration, periods of moderate to heavy snowfall, accompanied by strong, gusty surface winds and possibly lightning (generally moderate to heavy snow showers). Snow accumulation may be significant.

— HEAVY SNOW

This generally means:

- Snowfall accumulating to 4 inches or more in depth in 12 hours or less; or
- Snowfall accumulating to 6 inches or more in depth in 24 hours or less.

In forecasts, snowfall amounts are expressed as a range of values, e.g., "8 to 12 inches." However, in heavy snow situations where there is considerable uncertainty concerning the range of values, more appropriate phrases are used, such as "...up to 12 inches..." or alternatively "...8 inches or more..."

— BLIZZARD

A blizzard means that the following conditions are expected to prevail for a period of 3 hours or longer:

- Sustained wind or frequent gusts to 35 miles an hour or greater; and
- Considerable falling and/or blowing snow (i.e., reducing visibility frequently to less than ¼ mile).

Happy Holidays! ■

Oct. 15, 2008 - Nov. 15, 2008

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Degree Days
15	70.2	55.4	62.8	0.00	2.2
16	77.5	58.3	67.9	0.00	0.0
17	63.1	42.8	53.0	0.00	12.1
18	57.4	41.2	49.3	0.00	15.7
19	54.7	36.5	45.6	0.00	19.4
20	57.2	30.6	43.9	0.00	21.1
21	60.2	39.4	49.8	0.00	15.2
22	55.0	39.2	47.1	0.00	17.9
23	52.7	35.1	43.9	0.00	21.1
24	57.4	31.5	44.5	0.00	20.6
25	69.6	46.4	58.0	0.00	7.0
26	59.0	43.3	51.2	0.77	13.9
27	60.1	43.2	51.7	0.00	13.4
28	43.3	36.9	40.1	0.35	24.9
29	50.4	37.6	44.0	1.29	21.0
30	48.0	30.7	39.4	0.15	25.7
31	58.5	31.6	45.1	0.00	20.0
1	65.1	42.3	53.7	0.00	11.3
2	52.5	36.3	44.4	0.00	20.6
3	59.9	36.0	48.0	0.00	17.1
4	63.9	44.0	54.0	0.00	11.1
5	63.1	53.4	58.3	0.00	6.8
6	61.5	55.8	58.7	0.55	6.4
7	62.6	58.1	60.4	0.45	4.7
8	61.5	51.1	56.3	0.35	8.7
9	57.9	41.5	49.7	0.70	15.3
10	50.9	36.7	43.8	0.00	21.2
11	47.8	31.6	39.7	0.00	25.3
12	50.5	35.2	42.9	0.00	22.2
13	57.2	40.6	48.9	0.00	16.1
14	61.7	54.3	58.0	0.80	7.0
15	69.1	57.0	63.1	0.65	2.0
Total Precipitation				6.06	
Total Degree Days					466.4



By Florie Johnson

When we first moved here in 1984 one of the first persons we met was Jeanette Koffler. She was our neighbor and she invited us to join the Roosevelt Seniors. We mentioned that we were not seniors yet but she said "Oh, that's okay." Herb was still teaching, but when he retired in 1994 we became members. It is a good group and we were happy to be a part of it.

Members take turns being "hostess" and I took a November meeting to bring refreshments. I looked through cookbooks and magazines to come up with something new. I found "Nut-Topped Strawberry-Rhubarb Muffins" and remembered hearing one of the members saying she like rhubarb. This is one of the recipes I decided to use.



Nut-Topped Strawberry-Rhubarb Muffins

2 3/4 C all purpose flour
 1 1/3 C packed brown sugar
 2 1/2 tsp baking powder
 1/2 tsp baking soda
 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
 1/4 tsp salt
 1 egg
 1 C buttermilk
 1/2 C vegetable oil
 2 tsp vanilla extract
 1 C chopped strawberries
 3/4 C diced fresh or frozen* rhubarb

Topping:

1/2 C chopped pecans
 1/3 C packed brown sugar
 1/2 tsp cinnamon
 1 T cold butter

In a large bowl, combine the first six ingredients. In another bowl, whisk the egg, buttermilk, oil, and vanilla. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in strawberries and rhubarb. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full.

In a small bowl combine the pecans, brown sugar, and cinnamon. Cut in the butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over batter.

Bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire rack.

Yields 1 1/2 dozen.

*Note: If using frozen rhubarb, measure rhubarb while still frozen, then thaw completely. Drain in a colander but do not press liquid out.

Enjoy. ■





MY DOG

by Karen Block

My little Boston Terrier
 Whom I named Jet Star.
 Loves to join our family
 Riding in the car.
 He runs faster than a rabbit
 And he eats more than a horse
 But I'd never part with him;
 He's mine, of course.

He hardly barks at strangers
 He is gentle with our cat.
 They even share their food and bed.
 Can you imagine that?

When I am sometimes all alone,
 Jet sits right by my side.
 And when I see he wants to play
 His doggie bone I'll hide.

All in all he's a very good dog
 He is a pal to me
 My Jet Star is the cutest dog
 And he's even pedigree!

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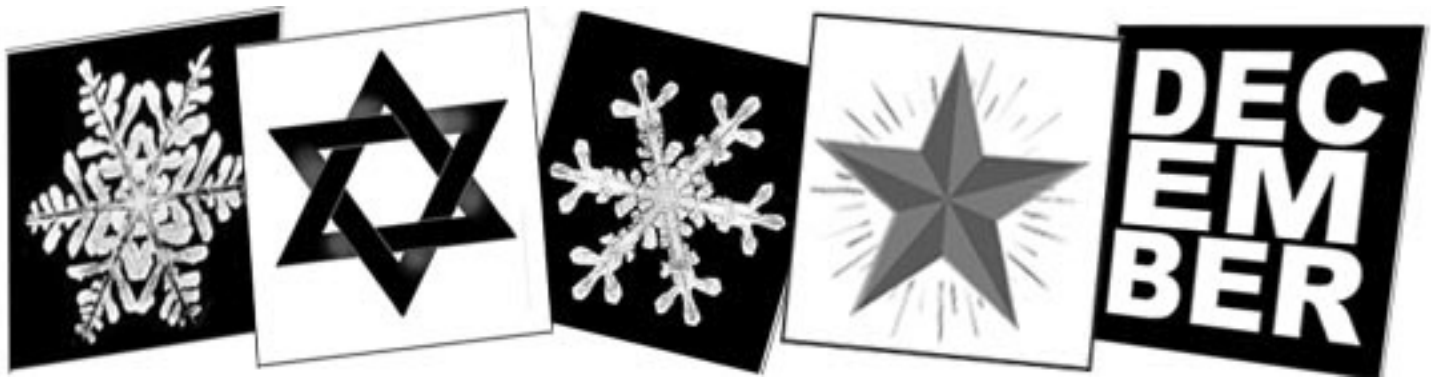
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DECEMBER

1 Mon.	8:00 p.m.	RAP, Full Performance of <i>The Outlaw and The King, Act II.</i> Nicholas Music Center, Douglass Campus of Rutgers University.
2 Tues.	12:30 p.m. 1 :00 p.m.	Blood pressure check, Borough Hall Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall Gerry Millar, President 448-0351
3 Wed.	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	PTA Executive Meeting, Meredith Murray, President, 371-9714 PTA General Meeting – all invited
5 Fri.		PIZZA DAY, RPS
6 Sat.	8 p.m.	Borough Hall, Roosevelt Arts Project. Digital Art, David Teich and Fletcher Grayson
9 Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
9 – 10 Tues. Wed.		PTA Holiday Gift Fair Check with PTA about the date for the Winter Concert
10 Wed.		RECYCLE
13 Sat.	12-5 p.m.	Roosevelt Arts Project, Exhibition and Sale of Works by Sheila Linz and Naomi Brahinsky, Assifa Space, 40 Tamara Drive
14 Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, President, 448-9475
15 Mon.	7 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor 448-7701
16 Tues.	1:00 p.m.	Seniors' Holiday Party, Borough Hall, Pre-purchased tickets only admitted. Tickets: \$3.00 by Dec. 9. Gerry Millar, 448-0351, Karen Block, 426-1560
16 Tues.	8:00 p.m.	Roosevelt First Aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall, Jack Rindt, President, 448-9475
17 Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Dave Schwendeman, Chair 443-6204
18 Thur.	7:30 p.m.	Roosevelt Board of Education, Roosevelt Public School Library, Jaymie Kosa, President, 371-6294

19 Fri.		PIZZA DAY, RPS
24 Wed.		RECYCLE School Closed until January 5
29 Mon.	7 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701

JANUARY, 2009

1, 2 Thurs., Fri.		School Closed
5 Mon.		School Re-Opens
6 Tues.	12:30 p.m. 1 :00 p.m.	Blood pressure check, Borough Hall Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall Gerry Millar, President 448-0351
7 Wed.	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	RECYCLE PTA Executive Meeting, Meredith Murray, President, 371-9714 PTA General Meeting – all invited
9 Fri.		PIZZA DAY, RPS
10 Sat.	8 p.m.	Borough Hall, Roosevelt Arts Project, Open Mic Café
11 Sun.	10 a.m.	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Borough Hall, Jack Rindt, President, 448-9475
12 Mon.	7 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
13 Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
19 Mon.		School Closed, Martin Luther King's Birthday
21 Wed.		RECYCLE

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