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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Borough Explores Interlocal Agreement with Hightstown for Garbage Collection; Use of Borough Hall Approved for Census Worker Tests on December 10; Yeshiva Granted Stay Pending Either Variance Application or Appeal

At its November 9 meeting, the Borough Council authorizing the appointment of Richard Sciria as special attorney to represent the Borough in negotiation and review of an interlocal agreement under which Roosevelt would pay the Borough of Hightstown for garbage collection services. Since Hightstown's recycling is done by Mercer County, Roosevelt would have to enter into a separate contract with a recycling contractor. The appointment of Mr. Sciria was made necessary by the fact that the regular municipal attorney, Richard Shaklee, also does legal work for Hightstown, and any representation of Roosevelt in its dealings with Hightstown would therefore be an impermissible conflict of interest. The Council also approved advertising for bids from garbage collection contractors in the event that no satisfactory agreement can be reached with Hightstown.

The Council also passed a motion approving the use of the Borough Hall by the United States Census Bureau on December 10 for the purpose of conducting tests for applicants for temporary field and office jobs. The census will be conducted in 2010, as it is every ten years, and positions

are available paying between \$10 and \$16 per hour. Anyone who is interested in applying for a position and taking the test is invited to call the Monmouth County office of the Census Bureau at (732) 333-9680 or (866) 861-2010.

Also at the meeting, Naomi Brahinsky, Bob Atwood and Tim Hartley, representing the Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP), requested approval for installation of energy-efficient lighting to light the mural on the front of the Borough Hall that RAP had previously presented, as well as to light the American flag. The plan called for the flag pole to be moved to the south side of the building. Fire Chief Jack Rindt protested that, as a veteran, he objected to moving the flag, which is required by law to be flown on every municipal building, to a less conspicuous location. In response to Mr. Rindt's concern, the Council agreed to consider further where the flagpole should be located and to defer approval of the plan that had been submitted until the flag issue was resolved.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Shaklee stated that there would be a hearing before Judge Lawrence Lawson in

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

As usual, there will be nine issues starting with October 2009 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.

Though the *Examiner*, our weekly source of local and regional news, is not longer distributed free of charge in printed form, it can be accessed online at <http://examiner.gmnews.com>.

SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKERS/RUNNERS

- Wear light colors or reflective material at dusk or night.
- Walk/run on left side FACING traffic.

—http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/



"Sadie" and "Molly" Esakoff

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,

In November, I was privileged to attend the Roosevelt Arts Project program featuring Alan Mallach at the piano. During that delightful evening I couldn't help but wonder at the dexterity and skill a musician must possess to play so well. Surely, there is a lot of hard work and practice as well, but some individuals are also gifted. We are so lucky here in Roosevelt to have so many artists, musical, visual, performing, and literary who are willing

to so freely share their talents with us.

Speaking of RAP, they have undertaken at their own expense the project of lighting the exterior of the Borough Hall, with the expert guidance of Tim Hartley. The new lighting better displays the mosaic in the evening, and is more efficient.

Happy Holidays to all.

Beth ■

BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS (CONT'D.)

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the Superior Court, Monmouth County on a motion by Congregation Yeshivas Me'on Hatorah for a stay of the Judge's August 28 ruling upholding the decision of the Planning Board that the operation of a full-time school at the Roosevelt synagogue required a variance, as well as on motions by the Roosevelt Preservation Association seeking an order to require the Borough to shut down the school and by the Borough seeking to have the Judge order use and operation of the school to discontinue no later than a date to be fixed by the Court, pending approval of a variance and any other municipal approvals.

Mr. Shaklee subsequently advised the *Bulletin* that court hearings had been held on November 13 and 17 and that the Judge had granted the Yeshiva's motion for a stay, subject to the following conditions:

—The Yeshiva can have no more than 31 students, the number it told the court that it now has, until the end of the

school year June 28, 2009; following which the Yeshiva can have no more than 12 students, the number enrolled at the time of the original determination of the then-zoning officer;

—If the Yeshiva is going to file an appeal of the Judge's August 28 Order, it must do so by November 20 or the stay is vacated; provided, however, that if the Yeshiva does not file an appeal, but does file for and perfect an application for a variance by December 10, the stay, subject to the above conditions, continues;

—The Judge's August 28th Order is certified as final for purposes of taking an appeal; and,

—If the Yeshiva does not fulfill the conditions of the stay, the Borough can make application to the Court to close the Yeshiva.

(Footnote: The Yeshiva filed an appeal of Judge Lawson's decision on November 20.) ■

Notice to Roosevelt Taxpayers:

The Monmouth County Board of Taxation and the Division of Taxation have approved an interim reassessment to reflect changes in the real estate market since our last revaluation was conducted in 2006. All land valuations, other than those for qualified farmland, will be reduced by 20% for tax year 2010 so that they will better reflect current market values. This change will result in a reduction of just over 12% in the total assessed valuation of property in Roosevelt. (Qualified farmland is not affected because its valuation is based on agricultural productive value, not market value.)

When we revalued in 2006 for tax year 2007, the percentage of the total valuation that was for land went from 35% to 60%, reflecting general economic conditions.

With this adjustment for 2010, the land component will be reduced to 54% of the total, thus partially reversing the impact with regard to individual properties of the overall shift from improvements to land at the time of the last revaluation.

If this reduction in total assessed valuation had been in effect this year, the tax rate would have been 2.65%, rather than 2.33%. Therefore, in order to estimate the impact on any particular property, it is necessary to multiply the land portion of the assessed value by 80%, add the value of the improvements, and multiply by 2.65%.

If you have any questions, please call me at 448-0363.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Michael Ticktin, Tax Assessor ■



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*

Letter from The Roosevelt Board of Education: How Recent New Jersey Law Affects Our School

If you have been to any board meetings in the past several years, you have most likely heard the term “S1701” uttered numerous times. You may have also wondered exactly what S1701 is, and why it is discussed so often. S1701, in fact, is one of several state laws passed in recent years that have greatly impacted school districts throughout the state, particularly small ones like RPS.

In July 2004, former governor James McGreevey enacted this law, which severely restricts the amount schools may use to cover administration costs. Its intended purpose is to ease the tax burden for New Jersey’s citizens.

S-1701 affects RPS in three significant ways. It requires us to limit our surplus funds, which were set aside

for unanticipated expenses, such as emergency building repairs or an increase in transportation costs. The law also requires RPS to appropriate the money from our surplus for municipal property tax relief.

The other limitation S-1701 places on RPS is how much money per pupil we can spend on administrative costs by setting a fixed ratio based on student enrollment. When the law passed, RPS knew that it would have to make some changes to comply. During the past five years, the following has occurred:

We hired a chief school administrator (CSA) for five hours a month and a full-time principal to reduce administration costs.

We now share transportation costs with East Windsor school district, MOESC, as well as with Millstone school district.

We share services with Monmouth County Educational Services Commission for Child Study Team members.

We have implemented a public Pre-K program to increase our student enrollment.

In addition, we are continually reminded by our lawmakers that more restrictions may be in our future. The Assembly Education Committee recently released a bill that would severely limit or eliminate our school’s ability to subcontract services. Additionally, on June 30, 2009 bill S-3000/A-4141 was signed into law, eliminating the 26 New Jersey “non-operating” school districts that send all of their children to neighboring school systems on a tuition basis. The mergers did not involve a vote by the citizens of the affected municipalities. For more information, go to html://www.njsba.org/sb_notes/20090701/sendall.html.

The board, staff and community continue to adapt to these restrictions as we dedicate our efforts to making our RPS mission a reality. We will continue to apprise you of significant legislative and budgetary issues as they arise. We are very lucky to have an extremely caring and active community, and we appreciate your ongoing support of Roosevelt Public School. ■

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

DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS

DECEMBER

11/2	Meeting With Dr. Sheerin
12/4	Pizza Day
12/9-10	PTA Holiday Shopping
12/15	RPS Winter Concert
12/17	Board of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
12/18	Pizza Day
12/23	Early Dismissal
12/24-31	School Closed

JANUARY

1/1	School Closed
1/4	School Reopens
1/8	Pizza Day
1/14	Board of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
1/18	School Closed
1/22	Pizza Day
1/18	Board of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Ambassador for the Breast Cancer Resource Center

By Ann Baker

When the YWCA of Princeton developed a 2010 calendar to highlight their many programs and services, Carol Watchler was honored to be chosen to represent the YWCA Breast Cancer Resource Center. As she explained in remarks at the reception to introduce the calendar on November 8, "When I was finishing my breast cancer treatment, I was totally drawn in by Kara Stephenson, the new BCRC director in 2004. She has an amazing ability to make people feel they have a role to play and she invited me to volunteer in the speakers program and the telephone buddy program. It's empowering to know that there are compassionate staff members who are there for me as a breast cancer survivor as well as a place for me to give back and share with other persons on a breast cancer journey.

"One of the greatest gifts that I learned about through BCRC is the Machestic Dragons Breast Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat team. Becoming a member of this team has challenged me physically and has also put me in touch with a great team, a support group that's happy to be together in the heat of a competitive race and the calmness of a beautiful paddle at sunset on Lake Mercer. And to be there for one another as members face their own dragons."

Carol is pictured on the October page appropriately for breast cancer awareness month in 2010. Many Rooseveltians who have shared the dragon boat experience with her will recognize her—outfitted with boating gear and paddle in hand against the Lake Mercer background.

"I'm in good company in this calendar of stunning photographs," stated

Carol. She shares the honor of representing programs with Fern Spruill of the YWCA Racial Justice Institute, Mei Yang, ESL student, Nia Hornsby, former camper/now camp counselor and others showcasing a rich diversity of programs and participants.

Copies of the calendar titled "Twelve Lives Changed" are available for \$15.00 from the YWCA Princeton by contacting Jenn Attridge at 609-497-2100 ext. 333 or jattridge@ywcaprinceton.org.

Another One of Our Own

By Bess Tremper

As most of us are aware, our town has produced many important people in the arts. Right now, one of them, Nicholas Martin, has directed a play, "She Stoops to Conquer" by Oliver Goldsmith, which recently finished a two-week run at the McCarter Theatre Center in Princeton. As he told them in an interview, "I grew up near Princeton, quite near, a half-hour away, in a town called Roosevelt, a Jewish kid in the 1940s. My parents took me to the theater and so I saw pretty much everything at McCarter for many years. I remember the best being Mae West in "Diamond Lil." In fact, my first acting job was with the Association of Producing Artists Repertory Company at McCarter. I played Puck in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." (He started as an actor.)

He is the son of Clara and George Levinson. They lived here for many years and I know that there are lots of people here in town who knew them well.

Martin has directed many Broadway plays and he is the Artistic Director of the Williamstown Theatre Festival as well as the Director Emeritus of Boston's Huntington Theater Co. He is also about to direct a play by Noel Coward, "Present Laughter" to be shown in a Broadway theater. ■

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BIRD WATCHING CAN BE FUN!

I know we are all so busy especially during the holidays but we all need a break once in a while. What kind of hobby can be done solo or in groups, requires little equipment, can be done anywhere and virtually anytime? Bird watching!

I remember as a little kid looking out the window on cold winter days and watching birds go about their business. Were they cold? Where do they go at night? Do they talk to each other? Years of education later I've learned the answer to those questions and much more but there is so much more to learn and discover.

Arm yourself and the family with a pair of binoculars and a book, pick a favorite window with a good view and start watching. Keep your nature notes journal handy and record what birds you see at different times. Note their behaviors and interactions. Follow up with reading about them in one or more of many Field Guides available.

Perhaps inspired by a recent trip with me to Cornell University's prestigious Laboratory of Ornithology (the study of birds) Bob Dermody remarked that maybe listing the different birds he sees would be interesting. His idea is to keep track of all the birds he sees from up on roofs



Bob Dermody at the Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University with a Passenger Pigeon, Eskimo Curlew (mounted birds both extinct) and an elephant bird egg. DBSW

PHOTO FROM STS OPEN STUDIO TOUR

Dave Schwendeman at entrance to his taxidermy studio with Bruce Reibold, Assenka Oksiloff and five younger Rooseveltians: Ashlynn, Caitlin, Rachel, Kelby, and Jaida.



Photo by Abigail Schwendeman, 2009

he's working on all over Roosevelt and beyond. His quest reminds me of a friend at the American Museum of Natural History who has a special window list. If he hears of a new bird sighted near the Museum, he must run to his particular window for it to count. He has seen over 200 different species in his 30 years at American Museum of Natural History. Let's encourage Bob and see how he does with his "Roosevelt Roof List."

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST MEETING (October 2009)

A quorum was met, correspondence read and past minutes were approved. Discussion began regarding the filling of vacancies to this commission and some possibilities will be presented to Mayor Battel.

We will continue with only a spring wood debris pick-up service since the demand for a fall pick-up is small. The only way we can act on your behalf is to hear from you.

Tree tags have been acquired to label identified trees around the Roosevelt Public School (with permission, of course) and create a public arboretum for the community. We hope to again partner with the school and map the perennial vegetation perhaps as part of the 2010 Arbor Day events. Any

other ideas and suggestions would be welcome.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meetings will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on December 16, 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 Holidays and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

... AND PLEASE

WALK THE ROOSEVELT WOODLAND TRAIL

(With the leaves down,

whole new vistas are open to view)

The First Aid Squad has responded to 106 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, and mutual aid to Millstone Township

For October, the members of the Squad attended a Hazardous Materials Awareness class. In this class they learn how to use the Emergency Response Guidebooks, identifying different hazardous materials, patient care, if exposed. The members receive 4 ceu's for this training.

The Squad would like to congratulate Jeff Klein for passing his New Jersey State EMT exam. Good Job. We now have 13 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) on the Squad. The Squad would like to welcome Amy McCaffrey and Paul Freedman as probationary members.

We would like to thank all the residents that attended the new ambulance dedication on Saturday October 10th. All total at the end of the day, there were about 50 people that did brave the weather and attended. Some of the notable people that attended were; from the New Jersey State First Aid Council Central Area Executive Vice President Barbara Aras, 23rd district Vice President Dee Ziobro, the Millstone First Aid Squad and Jeff Sagnip aide to Congressman Chris Smith.

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 resi-

dents of Roosevelt for their generous donations to the Squad. Without your support we could not operate. Thank You!!!

If anyone 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: In January 1963, the Squad changed the elections from January to November. April 1964 Ben Surasky was elected as 2nd Lieutenant. March 1973 the Squad had three calls. In April 1973 new certifications for all Squad members know as the "5 Points" which was Standard and Advance First Aid, CPR, Defensive Driving and Child Birth was in place. September 21, 2009 the Squad took delivery of its new 2009 ambulance.

Health Notes:

Dizziness or Weakness

Dizziness is a common complaint among older people. A person who experiences dizziness is more likely to experience a fall, fracture a hip, and end up in a long term care facility or die as a result of the fall.

Person complaints of dizziness can be caused by a single or a combination of factors. These factors can be divided into balance, injury, oxygen, energy or psychological factors. Damage to the body's balance mechanism in the inner ear by inflammation, infection or injury can cause dizziness. Direct brain injury from a stroke or from trauma can also result in dizziness. Low oxygen supply to the brain can be caused by a blood pressure that is too low or too high.

Dizziness means different things to different people. You may describe the dizziness as spinning (vertigo), light-headedness, weakness, being unsteady, wooziness or having a loss of balance. The person may feel that he himself is spinning, that the surroundings are spinning or both. The person with ver-

tigo is more likely to have a balance problem from the inner ear than from any other cause. Lying quietly often makes the vertigo better.

A person with dizziness but no vertigo can be divided into dizziness at rest and when active. For dizziness at rest include an irregular heart rate and severe hypotension. Certain heart medications can make the heart beat too slowly and some over-the-counter medications, such as certain cold compounds and herbals can cause the blood pressure to increase.

Whatever the cause of your dizziness or weakness is be safe, always dial 911.



There are still houses in town that do not have house numbers or the numbers 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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HOLIDAY PARTY

FOR ALL ROOSEVELT SENIORS (60 and up)

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 1 p.m.

AT BOROUGH HALL

TICKETS \$3.00 PER PERSON

NO ADMISSION WITHOUT A PRE-PURCHASED TICKET

Tickets must be purchased
prior to December 12. No sales after this date.

To purchase tickets call:

Gerry Millar 448-0351

Pat Moser 448-4865



RECREATION PROGRAMS

By Eric Schubiger

The Roosevelt Recreation Department is pleased to announce the following programs:

Indoor Floor Hockey

The Roosevelt Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth Indoor Floor Hockey program at the Roosevelt Public School on Monday nights from 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. beginning on December 7th. The program will not run on days that school is not in session. The program is open to students in 1st – 6th Grades. There is no cost for this program.

Open Gym

The Roosevelt Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth Open Gym program at the Roosevelt Public School on Friday nights from 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. beginning on December 11th. The program will not run on days that school is

not in session. The program is open to students in 7th–12th Grades. There is no cost for this program.

Yoga Classes

The Roosevelt Recreation Department is sponsoring a Yoga program at Roosevelt Public School. Classes will be led by Valerie Skillman. Valerie is a certified Hatha Yoga teacher and is a Borough resident. Classes will be offered on the following Monday nights from 6:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.: November 16, 23, 30, December 7, 14, 21, January 4, 11. The cost of the program is \$75.00 per participant. Entire fee is due at the first class. While yoga mats will be provided, participants are welcome to bring their own.

For further information, please contact the Recreation Department at (609) 448-0539. ■

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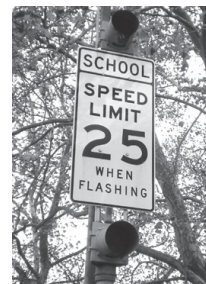
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sponsors.

Most of them

are our

neighbors.



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in town.



LETTERS to the EDITOR

We want to tell our Roosevelt neighbors what we are doing.

On the third (3rd) Saturday of every month, we host a Soup Kitchen at The First Baptist Church of Hightstown. The Community Supper, Soup Kitchen was established in February 2009 to serve the growing needs of hunger within our local area. As word spread throughout the area, more and more people in need come to The Community Supper to be fed. In the winter months, we also supply free coats and sweaters for all those who attend.

We are gratified that we have received support from local individuals as well as local businesses. Just yesterday, we got a call from Heidi Mendies, of Mendies Farms, to pick up all their surplus produce to use for our upcoming dinners. Who knows what other calls we will get? On Saturday, November 21, and on December 19, 2009, we will serve a holiday dinner menu and going forward into 2010, we shall be back to serving our more tra-

ditional hot supper meals. As you know, needy people in our community go without proper food and clothing due to a variety of factors including low income and job loss.

Please give generously! We need your help! We are collecting coats, sweaters, etc. as well as canned goods and non-perishable items. You can drop them off on the porch of Bobbi & Dave Teich @ 41 Tamara.

Please see enclosed flyer.
Thanking you in advance,

Adrienne & Larry Cheshier

If you would like to help, please call: Adrienne @ (609) 308-2381

Sandbags

The
Words
From her well
Serendipitously fell
In fine lines of charcoal
Wisdom had no tolerance
For washed out
Pastels

Dogwoods
Planted last year
Pussy willows a decade or
so ago
Walnut probably forever
She grew up
Hanging

From its branches

No
One else
Knew

Why
She withdrew
From grad school
And married the blacksmith

silent lotus



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To the cold December heaven
 Came the pale moon and the stars,
 As the yellow sun was sinking
 Behind the purple bars.

—CHARLES DAWSON SHANLY,
The Walker of the Snow

The outlook for Winter 2009/2010 from the Climate Prediction Center as of this writing calls for equal chances for normal, above normal or below normal precipitation and temperatures for the mid Atlantic states. Meanwhile the Old Farmers Almanac says, “Winter will be colder than normal, on average. While precipitation will be below normal, slightly above-normal snowfall will occur in many parts of the region.” A third forecast comes from a Web site called “NY NJ PA Weather Forecasts” at <http://www.nynjpawweather.com/> which focuses on weather in, that’s right, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It is forecasting an active season for stormy conditions with temperatures near or slightly below normal and precipitation above normal.

So there you have it. These winter forecasts cover a wide spectrum of possibilities.

For a shorter-term forecast, you might consider using these weather proverbs:

“Horses run fast before a violent storm or before windy conditions.”

“A cow with its tail to the west, makes weather the best; A cow with its tail to the east, makes weather the least.”

Now you have a reason to buy that cow or horse that you always wanted.

October

October was another wet month in Roosevelt. Every month since and including April has had above normal precipitation. October brought almost two-and-a-half more inches of rain than normal. By the end of October, we had already had more than a year’s worth of precipitation.

The average temperature for October, on the other hand, was only two tenths of a degree below normal. Heating degree-days measured 355.5. Normal is 356. There were no cooling degree-days. Normally there are seven for the month. The warmest day of October was the last day of the month when the mercury rose to 75.9 degrees. There were no nights when the temperature dropped below freezing.

Winter Driving Tips

1. Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.

2. Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.

3. Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.

4. Keep your lights and windshield clean.

5. Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.

6. Don’t use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.

Oct. 15, 2009 - Nov. 15, 2009

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Heat’g Degree Days
15	45.7	41.4	43.6	0.00	21.5
16	45.7	39.4	42.6	0.80	22.5
17	50.5	41.9	46.2	0.75	18.8
18	49.1	42.3	45.7	0.20	19.3
19	53.8	32.7	43.3	0.20	21.8
20	62.1	36.1	49.1	0.00	15.9
21	63.9	43.0	53.5	0.00	11.6
22	68.4	48.7	58.6	0.00	6.5
23	61.5	51.6	56.6	0.00	8.5
24	73.8	55.3	64.6	0.22	0.5
25	61.0	46.2	53.6	0.85	11.4
26	60.1	39.6	49.9	0.00	15.2
27	57.6	41.7	49.7	0.15	15.4
28	61.0	52.7	56.9	1.50	8.2
29	59.2	48.2	53.7	0.35	11.3
30	61.2	42.4	51.8	0.10	13.2
31	75.9	54.7	65.3	0.14	0.0
1	59.7	42.6	51.2	0.12	13.9
2	56.3	40.3	48.3	0.00	16.7
3	60.8	36.0	48.4	0.10	16.6
4	53.4	33.1	43.3	0.00	21.8
5	56.1	38.7	47.4	0.00	17.6
6	49.1	32.5	40.8	0.00	24.2
7	52.3	27.7	40.0	0.00	25.0
8	65.3	40.5	52.9	0.00	12.1
9	67.3	39.9	53.6	0.00	11.4
10	66.0	48.4	57.2	0.00	7.8
11	56.3	48.2	52.3	0.07	12.8
12	50.5	44.4	47.5	0.09	17.6
13	52.7	47.1	49.9	0.34	15.1
14	61.5	51.3	56.4	0.46	8.6
15	68.2	54.3	61.3	0.10	3.8
Totals				6.54	445.9

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ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2009 - 2010 Season

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.

If you wish to participate, please call Bob Atwood 918-0757.

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, The Factory, 15 Oscar Drive

JONATHAN SHAHN PART II

A collection of Drawings, prints, and Sculpture of the Artist's family, some friends, and himself.

WISKA RADKIEWICZ'S FILM—"THE HEAD, MARTIN LUTHER KING: A SCULPTURE BY JOHNATHAN SHAHN"

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.

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 vocals, Paul Prestopino on every string instrument imaginable and one vocal, Howie Jacobson on fiddle and vocals, and Samantha Cedar on bass and vocals. This year's show features songs by Leonard Cohen, Lucinda Williams, Bob Dylan and many others.

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

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WEATHER (CONT'D.)

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7. Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.

8. Don't pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.

9. Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.

For more tips go to:

<http://www.weather.com/activities/driving/drivingsafety/drivingsafetytips/snow.html>

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.



Weather Word

ABSOLUTE ZERO: Considered the point at which theoretically no molecular activity exists or the temperature at which the volume of a perfect gas vanishes. It is also the zero point of the Kelvin Temperature Scale. The value is -273 degrees Celsius and -459.6 degrees Fahrenheit. At temperatures close to

absolute zero, matter can exhibit quantum effects such as superconductivity and super fluidity.

SNOW EATER: A term used to describe warm dry wind that blows over a snowy terrain and melts the snow. Usually used in the Rockies. ■

Safety tips for walkers/runners

- Wear light colors or reflective material at dusk or night.
- Walk/run on left side FACING traffic.

—http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/

This recipe was in the *Trenton Times* this past October. I had never made a cookie with carrots, so I was interested in seeing how they were.

I was hostess for our November Senior meeting and thought that this would be a good, healthy treat. The recipe said it would make 12 large cookies. I made them small in order to have enough. When they were baked they didn't look very fancy. I was pleasantly surprised, though, when I went to clean up after the meeting: There were just 2 left to bring home for my daughter. I have definitely decided to make them for the holidays.

Carrot Raisin Cookies

1 Cup whole wheat flour
 2/3 Cup old fashioned oats
 1 1/2 Teaspoon baking powder
 1/4 Teaspoon salt
 1 Cup roughly chopped walnuts
 1 Cup raisins (I plump them
 with hot water, let them set)
 2/3 Cup shredded coconut

1 Teaspoon cinnamon
 1/4 Cup Canola oil
 4 Tablespoons honey
 6 Tablespoons skim milk
 1/4 Cup applesauce
 2 Teaspoons Vanilla
 1 1/2 Cup shredded carrots

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

Mix whole wheat flour, rolled oats, baking powder, salt, chopped walnuts, raisins, shredded coconut, and cinnamon in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, mix canola oil, honey, skim milk, applesauce, and vanilla.

Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients. Mix until well combined. Stir in shredded carrots and mix until well combined.

The original recipe calls for a 1/4 Cup ice cream scoop to dish out the cookie batter on parchment-lined baking sheets. Flatten with back of spoon to about 4 inch diameter.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Do not over bake.

I measured out by teaspoons and didn't flatten them out. (I guess that's why they didn't look special!) I don't remember how long I kept them in the oven, just keep checking. The cookies were not too sweet and the combination sure tasted good! ■



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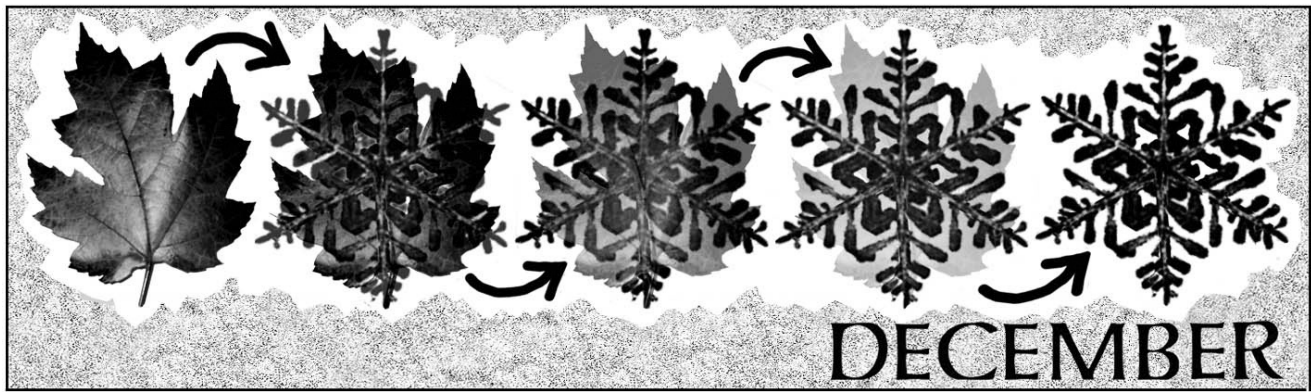
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DECEMBER

1 Tues.	12:30 p.m.	Blood Pressure check, Borough Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall, Pat Moser, President, 448-4865
8 Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
	9 a.m.–Noon	Holiday Shop; PTA
	2:30 p.m.–7 p.m.	Meredith Murray, 371-9714
9 Wed.	9 a.m.–Noon	RECYCLE  Holiday Shop; PTA
13 Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
14 Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
15 Tues.	8:00 p.m.	Winter Concert, RPS
	8:00 p.m.	Roosevelt First Aid Squad Business Meeting, Neil Marko, 443-3748
17 Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, RPS Library, Assenka Oksiloff, President, 918-1529
23 Wed		RECYCLE  RPS Early Dismissal
24-31		School Closed, Winter Recess
28 Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701

JANUARY

4 Mon.		School Resumes
6 Wed.		RECYCLE 
8 Fri.		School Dance
9 Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
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