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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Council Adopts Resolution Concerning Water Shutoffs; Court Limits Occupancy of 28 Homestead Lane

At its November 8 meeting, the Borough Council adopted a resolution establishing procedures for shutting off the water of seriously delinquent ratepayers. At the previous meeting, the Council had authorized municipal attorney Richard Shaklee to prepare an ordinance authorizing shutoffs. When researching the issue, however, Mr. Shaklee discovered that the existing ordinance already contained a provision authorizing shutoffs. What it did not have, however, were any guidelines as to when this drastic remedy should be used, or what procedures should be followed.

Having learned from Mr. Shaklee that no ordinance was needed, Councilman Jeff Ellentuck drafted a resolution setting forth the financial difficulties now facing the municipal water and sewer utility, due both to high interest costs that the Borough will be locked into until such time as either the Federal loan is paid off or Congress passes a law allowing such loans to be refinanced and to the fact that 23% of ratepayers are now in some stage of delinquency, with the result that reserves are now depleted, noting the fact that the Borough is authorized by ordinance to shut off water service to

ratepayers who fail to make timely payments, but also noting that current economic conditions are having a substantial adverse effect upon some residents and that it is desirable to avoid, at the same time, accelerating other obligations, meaning delinquent taxes, which would be the case were the Tax Collector to conduct an accelerated tax lien sale, meaning a sale of the current year's tax liens and other municipal liens, rather than those of the previous calendar year, as is done in a regular tax lien sale.

Mr. Ellentuck's resolution, after calling upon the Mayor and Council, as well as citizens, to petition our elected representatives at the Federal and State levels to assist us in obtaining relief from some or all of our obligations under the Federal loans that we are not allowed to refinance, goes on to establish procedures for shutting off water in cases in which payments are six months in arrears. If more than one ratepayer is in arrears, water shall be shut off in block and lot order. Ratepayers who receive a default notice, but cannot pay the entire amount immediately, will be able to continue to receive service only if they enter into an arrearage agreement, in the form prescribed by the resolution, which would

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 34th edition of the *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin*.

As usual, there will be nine issues starting with October 2010 through July, 2011, leaving out January 2011.

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.



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

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.

The Meals on Wheels program delivers prepared meals to Roosevelt seniors who need this assistance. Though meals are provided free of charge to recipients, the cost to the program is \$2.50 per meal. Donations to help cover these costs may be sent to Interfaith Neighbors, 810 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712.

SENIOR CITIZENS: There is a S.C.A.T. bus provided by Monmouth County Division of Transportation that comes to Roosevelt on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and will take you shopping to ShopRite in East Windsor. The bus will pick you up at your home, you spend 1 ½ hours shopping, and the bus will take you home and leave your groceries at your door. There is no charge to you for this service.

If you wish to go, you must call the SCAT bus Tuesday no later than 3:00 p.m. at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and your interest in going on Wednesday, the next day.

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Everyone is invited to participate, whether in writing, or in production, or making a contribution.

We especially need people to take turns delivering the copies to the Post Office in Freehold every month, since our local post office can no longer accept bulk mailings.

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

Here it is, December, that festive time of year. It's also time to prepare for winter, so we can enjoy the season. I would remind everybody to stock the cars with a bag of kitty litter, a shovel and an ice scraper to be ready for the snow. Remember to move your parked cars off the streets when it snows so the plows can do their work efficiently.

Please be sure your home smoke alarms and CO detectors have good batteries.

Bikers and walkers need to remember it can be hard for drivers to see them at night, so it's wise to carry a light and wear reflective tape on your clothing and have reflectors and lights on bicycles.

Best wishes for a safe, happy, healthy holiday season,

Beth ■

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require them to make all future payments promptly and to make arrearage payments in installments so that they are all paid off by the time of the next tax lien sale, or by the following December 1, if no date has been set for the tax lien sale. In the event of any default in compliance with the arrearage agreement, the Borough is to initiate immediate shutoff procedures.

The resolution was passed by the Council, to be effective December 31, 2010. Council members expressed hope that people would take advantage of the arrearage agreement procedure and pay their bills, and that the shutoff provision, which would render houses unfit for occupancy, would never have to be used, as it was never used in the past. Council members agreed, however, that in fairness to the majority of ratepayers who do pay their utility bills on time, the Borough must, however reluctantly, use the enforcement measures that are commonly

used by municipal and private water providers in other communities in order to maintain their solvency.

In another development in the ongoing legal battle involving the Borough, the Roosevelt Preservation Association and Congregation Yeshivas Me'on Hatorah, the Borough applied to Judge Lawrence Lawson of the Law Division of Superior Court for an order to enforce his prior decision that use of 28 Homestead Lane as a dormitory and student dining facility was illegal and that the property could only be used as a single family residence. On November 12, according to Mayor Beth Battel, Judge Lawson issued an order allowing occupancy of the property as a residence by no more than five adults and directing that the relevant officials and inspectors be given all necessary access to the property to make sure that the order is being complied with, with fines to be imposed in the event of any violation. ■

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

I cannot believe that November has come and gone and it is already December. November was a busy month and December will be just as busy. The PTA held their annual Book Fair, and as always it was a huge success. Thank you Silvia Raines for coordinating the activity and thank you to all the volunteers and shoppers.

Our annual Holiday Gift Fair will take place on December 8th and 9th. 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 the perfect gift. The PTA's efforts really contribute to the welfare of our children, and they are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the PTA, the RPS library is open to all Roosevelt community members almost every Thursday night. Come and join us.

Our annual Thanksgiving/Diversity Day feast was a huge success thanks to Emily Orlando and all of our 6th graders. As part of the 6th grade service learning "Do One Thing" projects, Emily Orlando chose to organize Diversity Day as her project. Although Diversity Day is typically celebrated on May 21st, Emily thought it would be a great idea to celebrate with an all school multicultural feast in conjunction with our annual Thanksgiving celebration.

Diversity Day stemmed from the September 11, 2001 tragedy, which illustrated that serious conflicts can arise over "cultural differences." Due to this, 185 nations adopted the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity "to proclaim that our cultural difference should not separate us from each other, but rather bring a collective strength that can benefit all of us." (Excerpt from Do One Thing Web site.) Thank you

Mr. Santanello for all the "behind the scenes" work you did to help organize this wonderful event. And, thank you to the RPS staff, students and families for your help with this wonderful activity.

The week of November 15 was National Education Week. During that time families and community members were given the opportunity to visit the school and see students and teachers in action during a regular working day. This year's theme was *Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility*. This reflects the NJEAs calling upon America to provide students with quality public schools so that they can grow, prosper, and achieve in the 21st century.

The Winter Band/Chorus Concert will take place after the winter holidays in January. Detailed information will be forthcoming. All are invited to attend.

On our Web site, www.rps1.org, under Administrator's Message, there will be a monthly newsletter from a company called Helping Children Learn. This newsletter provides strategies and useful information to help children grow academically, socially and emotionally. This month's newsletter is about helping your child with reading, writing and spelling. The topic of a prior newsletter was about developing responsibility in children, a topic that we are constantly addressing in the school. In order to be responsible, a child has to have things to be responsible for. Children can probably do much more than you think. Teaching responsibility at home contributes to a child's growth and self-esteem. Toddlers and preschoolers, for example, love to help out with household chores. Let them do as much as they want, as long as it is safe. They can learn to make beds, dust, and

❄️ DECEMBER/ JANUARY EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 3 - Pizza Day
- 7 - "Wrap for Roosevelt" 3-3:45 p.m.
PTA Meeting 7 p.m.
- 16 Brd of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Pizza Day
- 23 Early Dismissal
- 24-31 School Closed

JANUARY

- 3 School Reopens
- 7 Pizza Day
- 11 PTA Meeting 7 p.m.
- 17 School Closed
(Martin Luther King Day)
- 20 Brd of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Pizza Day
- 26 Early Dismissal
(Teachers In-Service)

take dirty clothes to the hamper. If a child wants to do a task that is clearly beyond him/her, rather than saying, "You can't" try to find some way to involve him/her in the job. He/she can watch you, or take turns with you. Adults need to take an active role in teaching responsibility, and will be very pleased with the positive response from children.

Thank you to our residents who supported our sixth grade fund-raisers by purchasing pies for Thanksgiving, sixth grade class will have other special sales this year and they are grateful for your continued support. I hope everyone had a loving Thanksgiving.

The staff and students at Roosevelt Public School join me in offering season's greetings and wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy New Year!

Shari Payson ■



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

Community Input on CSA Search

Board Announces Public Meeting on December 7 RPS Lobby, Following PTA Meeting

The Board of Education, in conducting its search for a Chief School Administrator (CSA), is seeking input from the staff and community regarding the qualities and characteristics of an ideal CSA. Your input will help the Board choose a CSA that best meets the needs of RPS and our community. Please join us as Kathy Winecoff, our NJSBA representative, leads this discussion.

Board Announces Repair of Gym Heater

As many of you know, the heater in our gym broke down earlier this year. Over the summer, the Board sought the input of an architect and received two estimates for resolving the problem. Given the location of the broken part, the job of replacing it is more complicated than just

exchanging a part of the heater. Having chosen the less expensive bid, we are on track to have the heater back and working.

Board Announces Web site Updates

One of the Board's goals this year is to improve the school climate, including our ability to communicate with stakeholders. It is important to the Board that the public has access to information and is aware of what is happening at the school. To help make that a reality, the school's Web site, www.rps1.org, has been updated! You will now find:

- The complete *District Policy Manual* located under "Board of Education"
- Weekly updates from administration on home page
- Direct hyperlinks to staff email addresses
- School calendar

We hope you check the Web site often and find the newest additions helpful and informative!

“WRAP FOR ROOSEVELT”

Members of the RPS student council offer their services to Seniors, Juniors and anyone in between who would like help wrapping their holiday gifts.

**We supply the paper and tape, you supply the presents!
Tuesday, December 7th, 3-3:45 PM in the RPS lobby.**

All welcome!

**Review:
GARY EDELSTEIN
AT THE FACTORY**

by Frances G. Duckett

November 13 was a fine day and the factory corridor stood open, flanked by the largest version of Gary Edelman's Running Woman sculpture. This vivacious nude cutout reminded me forcibly of Margaret Schlink's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, when this running figure formed part of the show's backdrop in the darkening woods behind 10 Homestead Lane. Now she welcomed patrons to the show. The exhibit ran from 1-5 P.M. Saturday and Sunday November 14th and 15th.

On entering, one of the first pieces I noticed was a small, lovingly crafted piece. It seemed to be a framed knot-hole, carefully finished. A spectator said, "It looks like it wants to talk to you." This small but elegant work, and the subtly curved spoon next to it, are two of the oldest pieces in the show, and demonstrate the love for wood that is one of the hallmarks of Gary Edelman's work. The spoon looks as if it could have been created by a colonial artist.

The show consisted of a nice combination of abstract sculpture, relief sculpture, paintings, whimsical but still utilitarian furniture, and craft items such as turned mirrors, and boxes.

Some of the tables and shelving had as supports cutout caryatids—curvaceous nudes reminiscent of Matisse. There is humor in Gary's choices of foliage cutouts to support a tile table, and his large startled faces on standing cabinets.

Some of the pieces I liked best were purely abstract: lightweight lattices requiring little support, airy and elegant.

In the turned pieces such as the hall mirrors, the grains of the vari-

ous woods became prominent. The viewer could see how lovely they are. To quote Gary, "Art is a seeing thing." These pieces let the viewer see the wood.

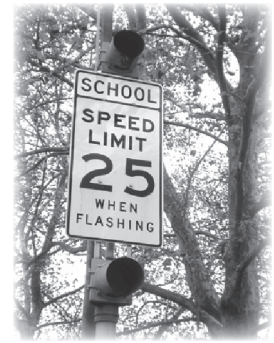
In the mainly monochrome paintings I saw again some of the same surprised faces that adorned cabinet doors. The paintings lack depth but are decoratively and authoritatively composed. They are more about line than anything else.

When I spoke with Gary about his art he said, "This show is an epiphany or moment in my life." He enjoys being an artist and is glad life has given him an opportunity to create. Gary feels like a nineteenth century man who uses his mind and body to work. He feels that, in this society of machine-made objects, art is not highly valued. It would be nice to be accepted as an artist.

In addition to furniture design, Gary Edelman does fine custom cabinetmaking and picture framing. More can be seen at his Web site, edelsteinfurniture.com. ■



Modigliani-inspired Caryatid table
designed by Gary Edelman



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AND
CANNED
GOODS**

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them off on the
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needy who are served
by the Community
Soup Kitchen,
The First Baptist
Church of Hightstown*

THE ROOSEVELT WOODLAND TRAIL EXTENSION

More and more people are using the trail and that's a good thing. We are now planning an extension from the end of trail section 'D' near the cemetery and connecting to the county property north of town. We are fortunate to have the help and enthusiasm of a boy scout whose older brother has helped us before.

Once the appropriate maps are obtained and boundaries established, James Collins will submit a proposal and plan for the extension as part of his Eagle Scout project. If similar to his Brother Tim's project he will enlist the help of other scouts to clear and mark the trail so it is easy to follow. Signage will mark both ends and perhaps we will get a simple resting bench or two.

WOODS WALKING CAUTION

Once again it is Hunting Season and we are surrounded by legal hunting areas. New to New Jersey is that hunting with Bow and Arrow is legal on Sundays. More than one person has reported being surprised by a camouflaged hunter perched up in a tree politely alerting the walkers to his presence. (That reminds me of the disembodied 'manly' voice coming from somewhere in the back of the minivan saying "YOU are LOW on FUEL!" while we were driving a lonely dark road heading home late one night).

Archery hunters tend to be very careful hunters and sure of their targets and less prone to accidents than some gun hunters. It is still advisable to wear brightly colored clothing to advertise your presence as humans while walking the trails around Roosevelt.

HIGHLAND VISTAS

One of the coolest places in Roosevelt is near trail section 'D'. Just as it curves around the large field to the left coming from Solar Village, go to the right towards the stream. Find a place to cross safely and head up the large hill. There is evidence of an old roadway heading up there as well. This road was used by 'moonshiners' to go back and forth from their 'stills' during Prohibition days. Once you reach the top look for several holes the size and depth of 5 gallon pails and if you see them, you are there. Now look around. You are at the highest elevation for miles around and the view is really cool.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MEETING

Water Woes

The big discussion this past meeting was the water in town both above and below ground. Water bills are sky high and part of the increase is due to default of payment by 23% of our homes and businesses. One suggestion was to go to monthly billing like our gas and electric companies so it is a smaller amount per month. We were warned that steps may be taken to actually shut off water service completely.

Above ground water is still a problem. Once we have proof with an updated wetlands delineation survey, compare it to one done about 18 years ago, and it shows a change to the wetter, we will be able to approach the state with proof of our problem. What can or will be done is not known at this time. As an aside, I remember several years ago we Rooseveltians were eligible to purchaser 'Flood Insurance'. Perhaps the insurance companies know something we don't?!

We still have no picture of a wild beaver in town and watch for news of our wood duck nest box plans. And we, of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, and a joyful holiday season

CORRECTION

In the "Good Deed Doer" segment, in the last issue, the correct initials were E.G. (Sorry E.G.).

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on December 16, 2010. 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 and contribute your thoughts and observations to the recgreen.ning.com Web site.

AND PLEASE WALK THE ROOSEVELT WOODLAND TRAIL

(The leaves are down and the views through the woods, especially on high ground, are really cool!
Watch for mammals along the way.)

The First Aid Squad has responded to 199 emergency calls from January 1 to October 31, 2010. In Roosevelt: emergency transports, cardiacs, strokes, difficulty breathing, alcohol poisoning. In Millstone Twp.: emergency transports, motor vehicle accidents with trauma, cardiacs, and a broken leg.

The training for October was review the operation of new stethoscopes and the location where they will be on the ambulances.

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!!!

Anyone who wishes to make a donation 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.

We are always looking for new members. We will pay for the basic training that is needed. If anyone is interested please contact any Squad member or stop in during our training for an application and an EMT training schedule. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT please e-mail FMFD7568@verizon.net.

First Aid Squad History:

March 1963 Art Mitchell to handle school awards. April 1963 the Squad was invited to New Shrewsbury First Aid Squad wet-down. June 1963 the Squad held an open house. February 1964 the Squad had 5 emergency calls. March 1964 the Squad started to talk about buying a new ambulance and had a demonstration on new first aid equipment.

HEALTH NOTES:

The Health Effects of Teen Alcohol Use:

Adolescence is a transition time when the body is undergoing many significant changes, such as hormonal alterations and brain development. It is also a time when young people start to associate more with friends and associates beyond their childhood contacts. They feel an increased pressure to 'fit in' or 'go along with the crowd' in order to be accepted socially. These new circumstances can be confusing and difficult for the youth to understand and deal with. Often their ability to make correct or safe decisions is also at a stage of immaturity. Exposing the brain to alcohol during this period may interrupt key processes of brain development, possibly leading to mild cognitive impairment as well as to a further escalation of drinking.

Alcohol is absorbed very rapidly into the blood stream from the stomach lining, in as short a time as 5 to 10 minutes and it's effects last for several hours depending on the amount ingested and how quickly it was consumed. Females absorb alcohol faster than males because their bodies contain less water. The water dilutes the alcohol and so the same amount of alcohol will produce a higher concentration in the blood. After consuming only 2 to 3 normal strength beers, or 4 or 5 standard glasses of wine, most people will feel less inhibited and more relaxed. Anything consumed after this amount most people slur their speech and become less coordinated and clumsy. Some people have increased emotional reactions. More alcohol could result in staggering, double vision, and loss of balance, nausea, vomiting and an impression of the room spinning.

Drinking and Driving

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among youth ages 15 to 20. The rate of fatal crashes among alcohol-involved drivers between 16 and 20 years old is more than twice the rate for alcohol-involved drivers 21 and older.

Suicide

Alcohol use interacts with conditions such as depression and stress to contribute to suicide, the third leading cause of death among people between the ages of 14 and 25. In one study, 37 percent of eighth grade females who drank heavily reported attempting suicide, compared with 11 percent who did not drink.

Sexual Assault

Sexual assault, including rape, occurs most commonly among women in late adolescence and early adulthood, usually within the context of a date. In one survey, approximately 10 percent of female high school students reported having been raped. Research suggests that alcohol use by the offender, the victim or both, increase the likelihood of sexual assault by a male acquaintance.

High-Risk Sex

Research has associated adolescent alcohol use with high-risk sex, for instance, multiple partners or unprotected sex. The consequences of high-risk sex also are common in this age group, particularly unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS. According to a recent study, the link between high-risk sex and drinking is affected by the quantity of alcohol consumed. The probability of sexual intercourse is increased by drinking amounts of alcohol sufficient to impair judgment, but decreased by drinking heavier amounts that result in feelings of nausea, passing out, or mental confusion.

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RESCUE SQUAD (CONT'D.)

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There are still houses in town that either do not have house numbers or have house numbers that are too small or otherwise not easily visible, especially at night. Please check to make sure that you have numbers posted on your house that are large and distinctive enough so that the State Police and Fire and First Aid personnel can see them from the street.

**Remember if you need help
please "Dial 911".**

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

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In Memoriam

Mark Kleinman

By Leonard Deutchman

Mark Kleinman, formerly residing on Pine Drive, Roosevelt, passed away on October 5, 2010 of complications from a motor vehicle accident in which he was involved weeks before. He was 68 years old.

Mark was born in Roosevelt, the only child of Helen and Kurt Kleinman. The story of his parents' meeting is worth appreciating. Following Hitler's invasion of Austria in 1938, Kurt Kleinmann, a Jewish Austrian citizen, fled to Switzerland with his brother and ended up in a Displaced Person's camp. He wrote several letters simply addressed to "David Kleinman, New York City." One of them made its way to the home of David and Ida Kleinman, Mark's (and my) grandparents. Their eldest daughter, Helen, opened the letter and read Kurt's plea to help him and his brother get out of Switzerland. The Kleinmans did what they needed to and Kurt came to America, where he met and married Helen, and also dropped the last "n" from his German spelling of "Kleinman." Mark was born two years later. During that same time period, the Kleinmans were moving from New York to Jersey Homesteads, as Roosevelt was known until late 1945. Through Helen's and Kurt's efforts, the rest of Kurt Kleinmann's family was able to escape from Austria and today, in the United States as well as Australia, there are many Kleinmanns who owe their lives to the efforts of Mark's mother and grandparents.

Mark grew up in a Roosevelt that was dominated by art and left wing politics. Woody Guthrie sang at a Henry Wallace fundraiser in his home. His home was adorned

by pieces by Ben Shahn, Gregorio Prestopino ("Presto"), David Stone Martin, Stefan Martin and others. A photo of his grade school class was the front cover of a Woody Guthrie album. A lifelong friend of Mark's was the noted bluegrass guitarist Winnie Winston, who predeceased Mark in 2005.

Mark attended school in Roosevelt and Hightstown and graduated from Farleigh Dickinson University in 1968. He studied urban planning at the University of New Mexico and moved back to New Jersey in the mid-1970's. He worked for the City of Newark and later for the state of New Jersey, overseeing the construction or rental of space for state office buildings for the southern half of the state. He lived at various times in New Brunswick and Trenton before moving to Philadelphia in 1987, when he left his job with the state to start a successful cleaning services company. The business dissolved shortly after the death of Mark's partner and another boyhood friend, David Spelkeman. He returned to Roosevelt after the passing of his father in July 1997 and his mother in December 2002.

Mark enjoyed travelling and took many trips to Cuba and Central and South America. His greatest love, however, was for his horse, Shan. In his last years, his friends at the horse farm became his closest friends.

Mark was married twice but had no children. He will be missed by family and friends alike. Those who wish to honor his memory should do so by contributing to the charity of their choice. ■

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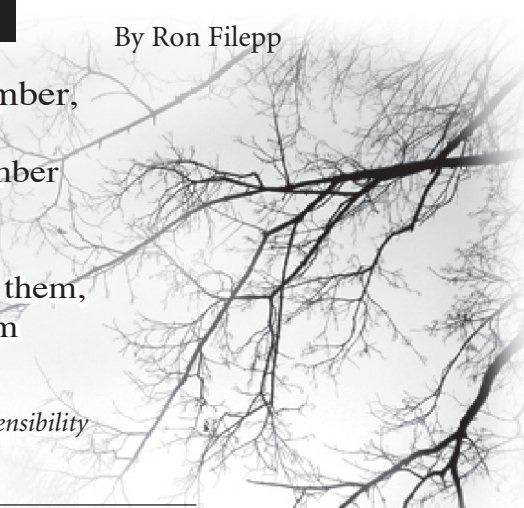


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By Ron Filepp

IN a drear-nighted December,
 Too happy, happy tree,
 Thy branches ne'er remember
 Their green felicity:
 The north cannot undo them
 With a sleety whistle through them,
 Nor frozen thawings glue them
 From budding at the prime.

—JOHN KEATS, *Happy Insensibility*



October 2010

October was another warmer than normal month with an average temperature 2.4 degrees above normal. Precipitation was very close to normal.

Although I was away in Texas for a couple of weeks in October, folks here said that the fall colors were spectacular this year. By the time, I got home in late October the colors were at their peak. Unlike recent autumns, many of the trees held on to their colorful display well into November.

Looking Ahead

The *Old Farmer's Almanac* is predicting a colder but drier than normal winter. Temperatures are expected to be a degree below normal in December, three degrees below normal in January and two degrees above normal for February. February is also forecast to be the winter month with the most precipitation. One inch above normal precipitation is expected. December and January are each predicted to have an inch below normal precipitation. Snowfall for the entire winter is forecast to be above normal.

The Web site LongRangeWeather.com agrees in large part with the *Old Farmer's Almanac*. "Thanks to the new La Nina sea-surface temperature event, the winter of 2010-11 looks colder and snowier than normal. We don't expect to see the record amounts of snow that was seen several years ago, but snowfall totals should be approximately 10 to 25 percent above average.

The coldest periods should be near the "full moon" lunar phases of December and January."

Meanwhile, the Climate Prediction Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration had yet to update their winter forecast as of this writing. The winter forecast that they released in October called for equal chances for above, below, normal temperatures, and precipitation amounts.

Enjoy the holidays.

Weather Word

YELLOW WIND (not to be confused with yellow snow) - a strong, cold, dry west wind of eastern Asia that blows across the plains during winter and carries a yellow dust from the desert.

Weather Jokes

If a band plays music in a thunderstorm, who is most likely to be hit by lightning?

The conductor.

There was a communist named Rudolph. One day he looked out the window and said, "It looks like a storm is coming." "No it isn't," said his wife. "Besides, how would you know?" "Because," he responded, "Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

October, 2010

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Heat'g Degree Days
1	75.6	57.4	66.5	1.25	0.0
2	66.0	46.2	56.1	0.50	8.9
3	63.7	45.7	54.7	0.00	10.3
4	57.0	51.6	54.3	0.15	10.7
5	57.4	52.3	54.9	0.22	10.2
6	60.4	46.6	53.5	0.01	11.5
7	69.7	47.8	58.8	0.00	6.3
8	70.9	46.0	58.5	0.00	6.6
9	73.9	47.6	60.8	0.00	4.3
10	68.9	34.5	51.7	0.00	13.3
11	76.1	52.4	64.3	0.07	0.8
12	67.4	51.6	59.5	0.30	5.5
13	64.2	38.2	51.2	0.00	13.8
14	60.5	37.1	48.8	0.47	16.2
15	55.7	42.8	49.3	0.01	15.8
16	58.8	38.3	48.6	0.00	16.5
17	67.7	37.4	52.6	0.00	12.5
18	59.6	39.8	49.7	0.00	15.3
19	60.1	44.8	52.5	0.00	12.6
20	62.1	41.7	51.9	0.10	13.1
21	64.2	43.0	53.6	0.00	11.4
22	56.3	39.4	47.9	0.00	17.2
23	63.7	37.4	50.6	0.00	14.5
24	72.9	46.8	59.9	0.00	5.2
25	73.9	52.2	63.1	0.00	2.0
26	71.4	57.5	64.5	0.00	0.5
27	75.0	64.6	69.8	0.18	0.0
28	72.3	53.6	63.0	0.20	2.1
29	59.2	40.1	49.7	0.00	15.4
30	57.4	38.3	47.9	0.00	17.2
31	59.9	38.8	49.4	0.00	15.7
Totals				3.46	304.6

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2010 - 2011 Season

December 11, 8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

THE ROOSEVELT POETS

Join the Roosevelt poets for an evening of Epistemological Wrestling with the Invisible World with guest appearances by Spinoza & maybe even Wittgenstein!

Friday, January 21 & Saturday, January 22, 8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

ROOSEVELT STRING BAND - IN CONCERT

Band regulars David Brahinsky, Paul Prestopino, Ed Ceder, and Howie Jacobson will again be joined by new band regular Sam Ceder (and hoped for guests from the past, Sarah Houtz and Joe Pepitone), for a winter season version of singer/songwriter hits, traditional folk, blues and bluegrass; songs to warm the hearts, the bodies and the souls of wo(men) and hint at the promise of Spring to come.

February 12, 8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

THE BEETHOVEN CONNECTION

Alan Mallach takes a look at the fascinating story of Ludwig van Beethoven, his teachers, his pupils and his friends in early 19th century Vienna, presenting a piano recital with commentary that will include music by Beethoven, Haydn, Schubert, Ferdinand Ries, concluding with the powerful *11th Piano Sonata* by Carl Czerny.

March 12, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Assifa Space, 40 Tamara Drive

ASSIFA SPACE ART SHOW

Assifa Space presents a show of Roosevelt artists and guest artists co-curated by guest curator, Ilene Dube, art critic and art blogger.

April 16 & 17th, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. both days, The Factory, 15 Oscar Drive & North Valley Road

JIM HAYDEN - WORKS, 30 YEARS AND COUNTING (AN INTRODUCTION THROUGH RETROSPECTIVE)

Roosevelt's favorite outsider artist returns for a solo show of his diverse works spanning thirty years of creating. Works to include early drawings, acrylics, assemblages, sculpture as well as many pieces created in the 10 years here in Roosevelt.

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May 14, 8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

MUSIC E-VENT

Joined by friends and colleagues from Columbia and Princeton Universities, Roosevelt resident and computer musician Brad Garton will present another fun-filled evening of technological delight. What does this mean? Come and find out!

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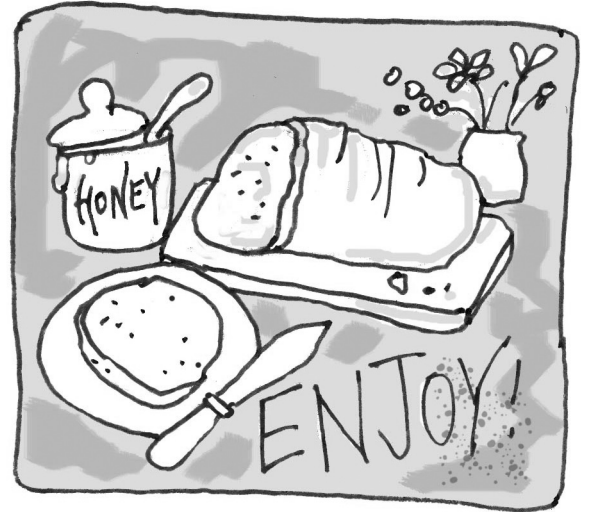
I first found this recipe online several years ago but only recently, in the last few years, have I been consistently making it. And it is wonderful, truly Healthful bread! It makes 6 small loaves which is perfect for my family because we freeze the other loaves. The loaves freeze really well, and make great gifts!

The recipe is versatile - certain ingredients can be swapped to match what you have available in the pantry. I have learned over the years that kneading is the most important step to ensure a great loaf of bread. When the recipe says "knead for 15 minutes", it is really important to look at the clock and time yourself.

Like I said, the recipe is versatile. For instance: Use all molasses for the honey for vice verses and the eggs can be omitted to make a vegan bread. I prefer to make the vegan version so that I can share with friends. Also, the recipe can be made with all white flour or a mixture of flours.

A simple note on shorthand:

"C" = Cup "t" = teaspoon "T" = Tablespoon



Health Bread

-- An easy multi-grain bread

1/2 C warm water

A pinch of sugar

2 T yeast

3 1/2 C warm water

1/4 C honey

1/4 C molasses

1/2 C vegetable oil

2 eggs (omit if making vegan)

juice from half lemon

4 t. salt

1/4 - 1/2 C flax seed

1/4 - 1/2 C cracked wheat

1/4 - 1/2 C oat or wheat bran

1/4 - 1/2 C sunflower seed

1/4 - 1/2 C sesame seed

*Can add/ substitute other grains such as millet, wheat berries, quinoa, etc.

2 C white flour

1 C rye flour (if available in your pantry)

2 C wheat flour

3+ C more flour: combination of rye and wheat flour

i. Warm your bowl first with unmeasured warm water, then pour it out. (I find this step helpful especially in my house in the cooler days of fall and winter.)

ii. Add 1/2 C warm water to large bowl. Add yeast and sugar and mix with whisk. Let sit 5 minutes. Add the rest of warm water, honey, molasses, oil, (eggs), lemon juice, and salt. Mix well.

iii. Add the 5 C white, wheat, rye mixture of flour and stir. Add the flax, cracked wheat, sunflower, etc. and stir well. Let bowl stand for 20 minutes.

iv. Add a few more cups of flour and stir. When stirring becomes tiresome, roll the dough out onto floured surface. Knead 10-15 minutes, adding more flour to prevent dough from sticking to counter. Set into greased bowl. Let rise 1 hour. (I boil a pot of water and set it into the stove with my dough to create a moist humid environment for rising.)

v. Punch down the dough and cut into 6 pieces. Roll each piece with a handful more flour and shape into loaves. Let rise on un-greased cookie sheets until they look ready to bake (1-2 hours). Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Transfer to cooling trays once baked. Enjoy! ■

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- 7 Tues. 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure check, Borough Hall
1:00 p.m. Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall,
Pat Moser, President, 448-4865
3-3:45 p.m. WRAP FOR ROOSEVELT,
RPS Student Council will wrap your holiday
presents in RPS lobby between 3 -3:45 p.m.
Larisa Bondy, 443-7430
7:00 p.m. PTA Meeting, RPS, Bill Felong, President
448-8728
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- 8 Wed. RECYCLE 
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- 11 Sat. 8:00 p.m. Borough Hall. Roosevelt Arts Project,
The Roosevelt Poets
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- 12 Sun. 10:00 a.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training,
Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
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- 13 Mon. 7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall,
Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
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- 14 Tues. 7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall,
Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
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- 15 Wed. 7:30 p.m. Environmental Commission, Borough Hall,
Dave Schwendeman, Chair, 443-6204
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- 16 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Board of Education, RPS Lobby,
Natalie Warner, President, 448-2913
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- 21 Tues. 8:00 p.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business meeting,
Neil Marko, President, 443-3748
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- 22 Wed. RECYCLE 
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- 23 Thurs. Early Dismissal
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- 24 Fri.-31 Fri. School Closed, Winter Recess
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- 27 Mon. 7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall,
Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701

JANUARY

- 3 Mon. School Resumes
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- 4 Tues. 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure check, Borough Hall
1:00 p.m. Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall,
Pat Moser, President, 448-4865
7:00 p.m. PTA Meeting, RPS, Bill Felong, President
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- 5 Wed. RECYCLE 
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- 9 Sun. 10:00 a.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training,
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- 10 Mon. 7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall,
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- 11 Tues. 7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall,
Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
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- 15 Sat. School Dance, PTA,
Bill Felong, President 448-8728
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- 17 Mon. School Closed, Martin Luther King's B'day
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- 18 Tues. 10:00 a.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training,
Jeff Klein, President, 448-4818
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- 19 Wed. RECYCLE 
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- 20 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Board of Education, RPS Lobby,
Natalie Warner, President, 448-2913
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- 21 Fri., 22 Sat.
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- 24 Mon. 7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall,
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