

# Bulletin

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

by Michael Ticktin

### Kirk Rothfuss Joins Council as It Reorganizes; Mayor and Council Members Deplore Vandalism at FDR Memorial and Laud Citizen Who Paid for Repairs

At its annual reorganization meeting on January 7, the Council welcomed its newest member, Kirk Rothfuss, who had last served on the Council in the early 1990s. Mr. Rothfuss, who is the husband of Planning Board Chairwoman Jane Rothfuss, has served for many years as Democratic Committeeman for Roosevelt. Also taking the oath of office were Mayor Beth Battel and Councilwoman Peggy Malkin, both of whom were re-elected.

Much of the agenda of the reorganization meeting consisted of appointments of non-tenured officials, board and committee members and contracted professionals. On motion of Councilman Dan Hoffman, the Council tabled the election of the Council President, the Council member who presides in the absence of the Mayor, because the sole nominee, Councilwoman Malkin, has been named as a defendant, in a personal capacity, in the lawsuit that has been brought by Congregation Yeshivas Me'on Hatorah and Congregation Anshei Roosevelt against the Borough. Councilwoman Malkin was, however, elected as Council President at the next meeting, which was held on January 22.

While most appointments were unchanged, Mayor Beth Battel did make several changes in the composition of the

Planning Board. The Mayor appoints all members of the Planning Board, without any vote by the Council, except for her own position on the Board (Class I), which she holds *ex officio*, and the Council (Class III) member, who is elected by the Council, a position to which Councilwoman Arlene Stinson was re-elected. Administrator and Zoning Officer Bill Schmeling was appointed as Class II (Public Official) member, replacing Michael Ticktin, who was appointed as Class I alternate, meaning that he only votes in the absence of the Mayor. Tim Hartley and Jim Alt, who had served as alternate members of the Board, were appointed as Class IV (Public) members, replacing Lou Esakoff and Ralph Seligman. Mr. Seligman was named as an alternate member, as was June Ord. At the subsequent Planning Board meeting, Jane Rothfuss was re-elected as Chairwoman, Jim Alt was elected as Vice-Chairman, and Ann Kassahun was re-elected as Secretary.

At the meeting of January 22, Mayor Battel expressed the appreciation of the community to a citizen, who asked to remain anonymous, who arranged, and paid for, the cleaning of the Franklin D. Roosevelt memorial in the park adjoining the school grounds. The memorial, along with a

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're back! There will be a *Bulletin* every month from now on through July, 2008.

Incidentally, while we received contributions from many of you, for which we thank you, we do need to hear from more of you.

PLEASE HELP US! Other than your contributions we have no other means of paying our postage and printing costs which are our only expenses.

PLEASE HELP US! We need you!

We sadly report that our much-loved friend, Herbert Johnson, died on January 25th.

There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, February 2nd, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the school to honor Herb whom we all loved so much. For many years he was a writer for the *Bulletin*.

SENIORS: Please notice that our regular monthly meeting will be on Monday, February 4th instead of Tuesday, February 5th because of Primary Election Day.

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 will be 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?

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# From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

Many of us are proud of our town! Roosevelt is unique with its historic Bauhaus architecture and Greenbelt plan. The original structures were simple, functional structures that encouraged an egalitarian society—no matter what a resident's income, education, or ancestry, their houses and yards were similar. Jersey Homesteads was initially founded by the Resettlement Administration as an experimental Agro-Industrial Co-op. Because of that concept, Jersey Homesteads was accused of communism. Because the original settlers were Jewish, anti-Semitic comments were focused on our the town. The recent graffiti on

our FDR memorial hark back to those days of ignorance and prejudice. We had hoped society had progressed to a more enlightened state.

Some people have written articles in some publications with which I may not agree, but I defend their right to hold and to state their opinions, and I admire their courage to do so, especially when these people have given their time and efforts to make constructive contributions to the town. The graffiti is just an expression of blind hatred against the town, done by cowards in the night. If they were to put the same energy into productively trying to improve

their surroundings, the world would be a better place for us all.

Fortunately, there is a citizen who is the very antithesis of the graffiti vandal. An individual whose generosity is surpassed only by his modesty (in that he wishes to remain anonymous) came forth of his own initiative to have the monument cleaned at his own expense. His comment was he "Didn't think the school children should be exposed to such filth"

We thank him and, thanks to him, our town is a better place.

Beth Battel



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monument in Hightstown, the Roosevelt post office wall and various signs in Roosevelt, Hightstown and East Windsor, had been vandalized on the night of January 8-9 with messages expressing hostility to Jews, gays and Presidents Roosevelt and Bush. The anonymous community benefactor, according to Councilman Hoffman, saw the graffiti removal contractors looking at the monument in order to prepare their bid for the repair work and told them not to bother with bidding and to just do the job, and he would pay for it. While joining in thanking the citizen, Councilman Hoffman cautioned that, in the future, anyone contemplating any work on public property should get the approval of the Mayor and Council first since, unlike in this case, there may be other considerations that need to be addressed by the municipality, as the owner of the property, before work can be done. Mr. Hoffman also asked for approval by the Council, which was given, for an appropriation of \$850 to install motion detector lights at the memorial. He also spoke

of the need to reconstruct the masonry in the amphitheater. Councilman Jeff Ellentuck reported that he had discussed the vandalism incident with the New Jersey State Police and the Hightstown Police and that they are working together to follow up on leads involving certain suspects.

Councilwoman Arlene Stinson reported that tests of the soil at the former gas station, which is now in a pile awaiting transportation elsewhere, is not contaminated, and that we expect to receive a No Further Action letter from the Department of Environmental Protection once all of the paperwork following the submission of the report has been completed. Once that happens, the Borough will be able to sell the property if it chooses to do so. It may also be able to sell the soil as fill. Mrs. Stinson further stated that the removal of debris from the site would be a good task for community volunteers and suggested that it be organized by our local Clean Communities program, of which Ron Kostar is the coordinator. ■

# From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

Happy New Year one and all! I hope this year will find everyone in good health and good spirits.

January is School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey. This is an opportune time to share the roles and responsibilities of our school board. School board members are elected by the community and represent the communities beliefs and values when making educational decisions. They represent the public's voice in education and provide governance for what the school and community need and want. The board provides oversight, sets policies for our school and makes decisions affecting curriculum, financing and staffing. In Roosevelt, we are especially fortunate to have school board members who are worthy of this recognition.

Please join the Roosevelt staff and me in thanking Roosevelt Public School Board for their tireless efforts. Remember, the community is invited to all board meetings. Our next meetings are scheduled for February 14th and 28th. The board and I hope to see you there.

Every January we honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King is remembered for his kindness, and students learn about acts of kindness. In light of the recent events that occurred in the town, this is a good time to reflect about our own character and how we can encourage character development in our children. Building a child's character must start early in life. Below are a few character-building techniques to consider:

- Be consistent in a child's daily routine. Develop stable relationships with your child. Let your actions set a positive example.
- Help your child learn to respect others and their personal property. Teach your child positive and respectful ways to express themselves.

- Develop a mutual trust within the family.
- Model how to respectfully disagree with others and share strategies regarding ways to solve disagreements.
- Use positive reinforcement often. If punishment is necessary, carefully choose an appropriate response to the behavior to be corrected.
- Help your child to assume responsibility and admit and correct mistakes.
- Share successes.
- Help your child develop a set of values that direct everyday actions.
- Help your child to express his/her feelings in a positive way.

In the spirit of kindness, our student council began the new year by sponsoring a variety of activities to help children in need. Every grade donated school supplies to help a class in the Trenton School District. Books, pencils, puzzles, paper and more were donated. They also collected money for Pennies for Patients, which helps children with leukemia. Students learned the joy of giving and realized how lucky they are. We are very proud of our students. Thank you to everyone who donated. Many will enjoy the generous contributions.

As always, we are looking forward to the myriad of educational and fun-filled activities planned for 2008. School House Hooky, the 100th Day of School and the Fitness A-Thon will take place in February. During School House Hooky, the PTA sponsors an engaging day of activities, which may include dancing, singing, art or a movie.

Our PTA is working hard for the school's annual winter carnival. This is a wonderful time to bring youngsters of all ages to participate in the games, and take a chance to win something

special at the auction. The carnival is planned for Saturday, March 1st. Please join us for all of these wonderful activities.

Congratulations to Howard Kaufman, our Physical Education teacher. He was unanimously selected to receive the 2008 Governor's Teacher Recognition Award.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please call or stop by.

Sincerely,  
Shari Payson



## FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 1 Pizza
- 5 Schoolhouse Hooky
- 8 Report Cards Distributed
- 13 PTA Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Bd. of Ed. Meeting  
7:30 p.m.
- 15 School Closed
- 18 School Closed
- 22 Pizza
- 28 Bd. of Ed. Meeting  
7:30 p.m.
- 29 Fitness-A-Thon

## MARCH EVENTS

- 1 PTA Winter Carnival
- 4 Read Across America
- 7 Pizza
- 10-14 NJ Assessment of Skills & Knowledge (NJ ASK) 3&4
- 13 Bd. of Ed. Meeting
- 18 PreK & K Registration  
2008-09
- 19 PreK & K Registration  
2008-09
- 21 School closed
- 24-28 School closed

## Last Minute Election Information

By Ann Baker

The presidential primary election for both parties is on February 5. Polls are open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. In Roosevelt we are hoping for a large turnout, because there are competitive races among both the Democrats and the Republicans. In primaries, voters cast a ballot for their party preference. If you haven't voted in a primary before, you have the opportunity to choose a party in this primary.

As of this writing (January 17, 2008), the following are presidential candidates.

### DEMOCRATS

Senator Hillary Clinton (NY)  
 Senator John Edwards (NC)  
 Rep. Dennis Kucinich (OH)  
 Senator Barack Obama (IL)

### REPUBLICANS

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani (NY)  
 Governor Mike Huckabee (AK)  
 Rep. Duncan Hunter (CA)  
 Ambassador Alan Keyes (MD)  
 Senator John McCain (AZ)  
 Rep. Ron Paul (TX)  
 Governor Mitt Romney (MA)  
 Senator Fred Thompson (TN)

New Jersey is one of 22 states that will be holding primaries or caucuses on February 5. By moving our primary up to this date, New Jersey will have an important voice in choosing the presidential nominees for both of the parties, but we will share that voice with 21 other states, making February 5 much more like a general election.

Primaries are the way that party members choose their candidates for every elected position from local government to president. If we don't participate in the primary, we can't complain about who the candidate is when it comes to the general elections

in November. Be informed. Know what is important to you in a candidate, and vote in the primary. See you on February 5.

## My trip to Uganda

By Jill Lipoti

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) sponsored an Integrated Regulatory Review of Uganda the week of October 15–19, 2007. This is a program where they match individuals from established radiation control programs with counterparts in other countries to review the adequacy of the program. I was pleased to be selected as team leader, with team members Cynthia Heinberg (representing the IAEA), Tom Ryan (from Ireland), and Teadros Gebremichael (from Ethiopia). The plane trip from New Jersey to Uganda took 20 hours, and had stops in Amsterdam and Nairobi before landing in Entebbe. Our contact in Uganda, Michael Kiza, met Cynthia and I at the airport and we had about an hour's drive to Kampala. Arriving at our hotel, we made arrangements to meet with the whole team on Sunday for a day of sightseeing, planning for our report, and adjusting to the time difference.

Uganda has a population of about 30 million people. English is the official language. The life expectancy is only 52 years. Women have an average of 6.8 children. The literacy rate is 66%. It is estimated that between 2 and 7% of the population has HIV/AIDS. Uganda has substantial natural resources, including fertile soils, regular rainfall, and sizable mineral deposits of copper and cobalt. Agriculture is the most important sector of the economy, employing over 80% of the work force. Coffee accounts for the bulk of export revenues.

The team spent Sunday getting to know each other and Kampala. We visited the Kasubi Tombs and learned about the Bugandan people, who speak

Lugandan. We spent some time in a market for native goods. We learned that the Ugandan population is 42% Roman Catholic, 42% Protestant, and 12% Muslim.

On Monday, we began our work. We had an entrance meeting, and began asking questions to elicit the information we would need for our report. The Ugandan radiation control program is based on an Atomic Energy Decree passed in 1972 and signed by General Idi Amin Dada, President. It established an atomic energy control board, a chief radiation safety officer with authority to enter and inspect, licenses for possession of rad material and enforcement—fine of 2000 shillings or imprisonment for up to 6 months. To put this in perspective, I paid 1000 shillings for a small bottle of water each day to brush my teeth. Maybe 2000 shillings was a lot in 1972, but it is not a deterrent in today's Uganda.

Uganda has recognized the need to update the radiation control program, as well as to encourage the establishment of nuclear power reactors. A bill has been drafted and is expected to be considered by Parliament before the end of the year. If passed, it would establish an independent regulatory body with authority to promulgate regulations and guidance; issue, amend, suspend, or revoke authorizations; enter and inspect; enforce (with real up-to-date penalties), and respond to emergencies. If passed, this will represent a vast improvement in the authority of the radiation agency.

The team arranged to visit Makerere University, to see the facilities available for radiation protection work. Dr. Kisolo, a physics professor with teaching and research duties, was the sole inspector for the entire country. He had a registry of about 280 sources, but he had no transportation to go out of the capitol city to inspect

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them. His laboratory consisted of two radiation detection instruments.

We also visited Mulago Hospital. It contained two radiation therapy sources for the entire population of Uganda. One of the sources was used to treat cervical cancer and required the patient to remain in the treatment bed for 12

hours at a time. The oncologist told us that 80-90% of the people in the waiting room would die because the waiting list was so long that the treatment was mostly palliative. The nuclear medicine facility only had access to Tc-99, but wanted to expand to additional sources. The main reason for not being able to expand the diagnostic and treatment

options was that trained individuals were needed to oversee the work, equipment was needed, and regulatory oversight was lacking.

Each day we would gather information from the Ugandan authorities in the time they had available to spare for us. Then, in the evening after dinner, the team would get together and work on our report. Sometimes we worked together and other times we divided the work so that we could maximize our report-writing. We would assemble the pieces and together craft our conclusions and recommendations. As team leader, I was fortunate to have extremely knowledgeable and productive team members. All of us were motivated to finish the report and provide a thorough picture of the Ugandan radiation control program, along with recommendations for improvement. We found that we were in agreement the majority of the time, although our Myers-Briggs scores were quite diverse.

On Wednesday evening, as we exam-

ined the proposed bill, we found that the regulatory body consisted of three individuals who met quarterly. There was no mechanism for them to delegate responsibility for inspection and enforcement to radiation protection officers. We wanted to communicate what we considered a flaw in the legislation to the chief attorney. So on Thursday morning, as my team worked



to complete our report, I went to the Attorney General's office with our Ugandan contact. The attorney was grateful for our careful review and made notes to craft an amendment which could be introduced on the floor to address the implementation difficulty. As we were walking back to the office where my team

was working, the Ugandan counterpart suddenly asked if I knew my way back—he had urgent business to attend to and needed to take a taxi. (Actually, the taxi was a motorcycle, called a boda-boda.) Bravely (but naively) I walked back alone on the streets of Kampala. I reached the building unharmed, but only in retrospect did I realize that this was risky behavior on my part. I did not blend in.

We finished our report on Thursday evening and Irene Batebe, a chemical engineer in the Energy Ministry in Uganda, printed it out for us to present to the Minister and Permanent Secretary the next morning. Irene was a very studious and motivated individual who was working on her Master's degree on-line with a Swedish University.

We left that evening to celebrate completion of our report at the Haandi Indian Restaurant in Kampala. After a few "Nile Special Beers" at dinner, and many toasts to our team, Tom

Ryan said that he had brought a "wee dram" with him to continue our celebration. Whether it was the intensive work that we put in on the report, the grim radiation control picture that we depicted, the difficulties that we had worked through during the week or just the general compatibility of the members of the team—I was overwhelmed with a sense of camaraderie. I know that we will be friends for life, after the bonding experience of an IAEA mission.

On Friday, we presented our report to Mr. Kabagambe Kaliisa, Permanent Secretary and the Honorable D'Ujanga Simon, Minister of Energy. We received some Ugandan presents which were lovely. Then we left for an afternoon of R&R on a boat trip on Lake Victoria to Ngamba Island—a refuge for chimpanzees established by Jane Goodall.

I have lots of pictures and lots of great memories of Uganda. I also have a "list". We made a list of the things we will remember that are unique to our team and unique to our mission. Of note were the Maribu storks that inhabit the city. They are about 5 feet tall, and live in trees in the median of the roads. The first time I saw one in flight, I thought it was a Pterodactyl. I knew I was not in NJ any longer!

*Photos:*

*Top: Ceremonial drums draped with bark cloth outside the Kasubi Tombs.*

*Bottom: Ngamba Island, wildlife sanctuary founded by Jane Goodall, as seen from a boat on Lake Victoria.*

## FARM NEWS

By Barbara Burlew

### Plant "Therapy"

They came from as far away as Point Pleasant and Burlington to pick up their weekly "share" of fresh, local, pesticide-free produce at the Roosevelt CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Farm. Many

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# The JEEP

**D**URING THE SUMMER OF 2007, a weary traveler arrived in Roosevelt after a long journey that started during World War II. On March 27th, 1942, this traveler was “born”, later to be “adopted” into the Rothfuss family in 1946. I don’t know exactly where the traveler spent its first years before being adopted, but since 1946 it has always had a roof over its head at a Rothfuss residence. The traveler is our 1942 Military Ford Model GPW Truck, ¼ Ton, 4x4 Command Reconnaissance Vehicle, or “The Jeep”.

Referred to as the “All-American Wonder,” over 600,000 Jeeps were built before the end of WWII. After WWII General Eisenhower credited the Jeep and the M1 Carbine rifle as the two most significant technological achievements that contributed to winning the War. The original Jeep design was by the Willys-Overland Company which won a US Military engineering design challenge in the late 1930’s. The military specifications called for a light-weight four-wheel drive personnel carrier and the Willys design proved to exceed specifications and was considered “indestructible” by the soldiers that drove it.

Willys began manufacturing the Jeep, but when the US entered WWII after Pearl Harbor, Willys could not keep up with demand for the vehicle and contracts were awarded to the FORD motor company to build identical Jeeps using the Willys design. My families’ jeep is a Ford Model GPW.

Our Jeep was bought at the end of WWII through army surplus sales by

my father Al’s Uncle George, as a present for Dad when he left the Army Air Force, where he had served as a Flight Officer and Bombardier-Navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress, another legendary US designed and constructed military machine. Dad never saw combat; the war ended in Europe as he



*Al & Gloria Rothfuss in “The Jeep” sometime in the 1970s*

was preparing fly to join that effort. Then as he was being redeployed to the west coast to join the Pacific war, the atomic bombs were dropped and Japan surrendered. Like many young men during that era who never saw fighting, Dad always lamented not participating in combat. As I got older and could appreciate what he and his generation had done for all of us, I tried to remind him that with the average life expectancy of a B17 crew over Germany in WWII at 45 days, his missing the action was a blessing that allowed me to be born! Besides, based on his stories of Pilot, Bombardier and Navigator training, I think he probably came close enough to an untimely death without ever leaving the states!

Al drove the Jeep as his car, and continued to do so after marrying his hometown sweetheart Gloria a few years later. The Jeep had only a canvas top, no sides, no doors, no heat, and metal seats with cushions that might as well have not been there. In an effort to encourage my Mom to drive it, Dad painted the Jeep pink to make it resemble a beach buggy. The newlyweds drove the Jeep as their family car for two years, until Uncle George gave them a used sedan and the Jeep was put into storage in Uncle George and Aunt Emmy’s garage in East Orange, New Jersey. The Jeep stayed in storage for years until both Uncle George and Aunt Emmy had died.

I remember my first encounters with the Jeep as a very young boy while visiting my great Aunt Emmy’s home. It was parked in their small, one car detached garage behind their row house. As soon as I could break away from the family, I was down to the garage to “drive” the Jeep. Occasionally, my dad would start up the Jeep and drive me up and down the short driveway for a thrill, but never out onto the street as it was no longer insured. Aside from the love poured on me by my Aunt Emmy “driving” and daydreaming of adventure behind the wheel of the Jeep was the highlight of my weekend visits to Aunt Emmy’s, which in those years my family rarely missed. During all those years in East Orange, my Aunt Emmy and Uncle George’s car played second fiddle to the Jeep; the Jeep always was kept in the garage, the family sedan was left in the driveway!

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The Jeep was moved to my childhood home in West Long Branch, New Jersey in 1968 when I was 12 years old. My dad insured it and I rode with my dad in the Jeep as we drove it from East Orange to home. During the long and windy drive, I'm sure Dad was full of thought of my Aunt Emmy and Uncle George who had raised him as their only child after the loss of his mother and father when he was 10 years old. The Jeep was the last "family heirloom" to leave the East Orange homestead.

Once again, the Jeep was stored in a Rothfuss garage, until I approached driving age and became interested in auto mechanics. I asked my dad if I could fix it up and get it running. I'm sure he bit his lip as he gave me the go-ahead since I had a habit of taking apart (and rarely putting back together!) every mechanical device or electric appliance that I could get my hands on. But in my father's wonderful manner, he knew I had to break a few things in order to learn, so he gave me the green light and even bought me my first set of tools for my birthday.

After getting the Jeep running, I changed its color back from pink to military green. I drove the Jeep as my car for two years after getting my

license until I bought a 1966 Triumph TR4A as my next fixer-upper vehicle. The Jeep went back into the garage for a third time in West Long Branch. Not needing it for transportation while in college, I began an historical restoration of the Jeep. This project started out strong, and then slowed in direct relation to the increases in my other responsibilities, such as college student, new husband, new homeowner, father, and teacher.

I lost my dad in 2005 and then my mom in early 2007. The old West Long Branch homestead where I spent my entire life was sold and the Jeep had to travel to a new Rothfuss homestead in Roosevelt. During the summer of 2007 the Jeep rode on a flat bed tow truck to Roosevelt and was put into a Rothfuss garage for a fourth time. Anxiously awaiting its arrival was another young 14 year old Rothfuss boy, my son David who is interested in continuing the restoration and is hoping to be seen driving the JEEP around Roosevelt in a few years.

As our "Model-T" sized Roosevelt garage was already filled with possessions that would normally go in an attic or basement of a larger home, the arrival of the Jeep necessitated the construction of a garage addition off the back of our house. I'm currently building the garage addition with the help of my son and daughter. As we work, I realize how my dad's gentle

nature, patience and wisdom gave me the freedom to learn by experience as I deconstructed and reconstructed his beloved Jeep. I'm trying to do the same for my children. He understood what is important in life; allowing a young child's dreams to grow and encouraging children to experiment and learn by doing. I believe David and Ellen will someday understand this as well. ■

### 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:

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# Greenbelt Gossip

By Manuela & Mark McCusker

The wintry landscape unfolds distinct forms of trees otherwise covered by their foliage. Their outstretched, barren branches embrace the wind as it whirls through each tree's leafless openings and provides a different view of our wooded areas... one that the other seasons hide. For instance, no longer hidden by leaves, many birds can easily be seen as they perch or break seeds on branches. The sight, sounds and activities of our winter birds, such as cardinals, blue jays, juncos, titmice, nuthatches, chickadees, finches, woodpeckers and even the larger hawks brightens an otherwise drab winter day.

Not all birds overwinter in our area. Gray catbirds, wrens, song sparrows, warblers and purple martins, to name a few, fly to warmer areas where insects and fruits are still plentiful. The cardinal is one bird that many associate with colder weather, since they are often seen depicted on holiday cards or in other wintry pictures as their bright red feathers glisten against a white background of snow. However, the northern cardinal only expanded northward in the last 100 years; previously, it was predominately found in the Southeast. It now extends from the South to the Mid-west, and as far north as Canada. In these areas, the cardinal will be found in a variety of brushy or semi-open habitats, such as woodland edges, thickets, parks, suburban gardens and towns. Credited as being one of the most popular birds, seven eastern states have named the cardinal as their official bird: Illinois,

Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

The northern cardinal is considered a medium-sized songbird, averaging 8.75 inches in length. It has short, rounded wings, a long tail, a heavy conical bill and a prominent head crest. Males, like many birds, are the more colorful of the sexes. The males are almost all brilliant red with a brownish-gray-tinged scapular and back feathers. Even its legs and feet are reddish, being dark pink-brown. The female is soft grayish-brown on the back, with variable areas of red on the tail, crest and wings. The female is slightly smaller than the male and the juveniles are similar in appearance to the females, except that the young males will molt into adult male plumage in the fall.

The northern cardinal is noted for its loud and clear whistled songs. Females will often sing in a duet with males. This usually occurs after the males have established territories and before nesting begins in spring. Males sing

to defend nesting territories and will actively attack intruding males. Males have even been recorded attacking their own reflections in windows and mirrors. It is interesting to note that duller-colored males do not do as well as brighter red males who, on the average, hold territories with denser vegetation, feed at higher rates and have greater reproductive success. In courtship, male and female cardinals will raise their heads high and sway back and forth as they softly sing. A mated pair sings song phrases, but the female may sing longer ones. A female will also sing when incubating her eggs, possibly signaling the male to bring her food.

Cardinals are unusual in that they mate for life and return year after year to the same place with the same mate. The nests are built by the females, who hide them in dense shrubs, vines, or low trees. The nests are open cups made of twigs, weeds, grass, bark strips, leaves and root-lets, and are lined with fine grasses or hair. Incubation is accomplished by the female, taking 12-13 days, during which time her partner brings her food. Both parents feed the hatchlings, which will

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leave the nest about 9-11 days after hatching. Since the females hatch 2-3 broods per year, the male may be feeding the fledglings (-young when they start to fly) while the female is simultaneously beginning the next nesting attempt.

Equipped with powerful, cone-shaped bills, cardinals eat seeds of all sorts, but also eat insects, buds, leaves, flowers and fruit. While one-third of its summer diet is comprised of insects, its winter diet is ninety percent vegetable matter. Parent cardinals, however, seem to prefer to feed insects to their young. Cardinals can be attracted to feeders that contain sunflower seeds and cracked corn. A mated pair will often feed one another, beaks touching briefly in what appears to be a tender moment. Since cardinals like fruit, planting shrubs with berries such as native viburnums, elderberries, or hackberries will attract cardinals to your yard.

Early settlers called cardinals “red bird” and, in the 1800s cardinals were highly valued for their color and song,

and consequently trapped and sold as cage birds. Fortunately, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 put an end to this atrocity. The birds were formally named, *loxia cardinalis*, derived from *loxos*, Greek for crossroads. This word was chosen because of the bird’s curved conical beak, which allows it to crush grains and seeds rather than peeling them as weaker-billed birds do. The word “cardinalis” (cardinal) comes from a comparison with the officials of the Roman Catholic Church who wore red, which was considered a sign of power and wealth. These garments were originally dyed by obtaining the color red from the relatively rare cochineal insect, a very expensive endeavor that only the rich could afford. The ecclesiastics got their name from the Latin, “cardo”, meaning “hinge”, as often the balance of individual and mass fates and ideas “hinged” on the judgments of these powerful clergymen. The cardinal family grouping has been changed several times, but cardinals are now generally grouped with grosbeaks

(from the French “gros” for large and “bec” for beak). The subfamily name is *cardinalidae*.

Although John Burroughs was correct to speak of birds in general, the cardinal is a fitting example --“The very idea of a bird is a symbol and a suggestion to the poet. A bird seems to be at the top of the scale, so vehement and intense his life . . . . The beautiful vagabonds, endowed with every grace, masters of all climes, and knowing no bounds—how many human aspirations are realized in their free, holiday-lives—and how many suggestions to the poet in their flight and song!”

—Comments and/or future topic requests?

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*Pictures: Top: Male & Female  
Bottom: Cardinal Eggs* ■

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—JOHN BURROUGHS, *Birds and Poets*



**WOOD FROG MATING SEASON SOON**

I guess it is my “cause celeb” to hear the wood frogs calling once again in Roosevelt. February is the month to listen for the frogs, probably near the end of the month when the sun is shining and the air is warmer than usual. The chorus may sound like a buzzing chain saw. Individual calls are harder to describe.

I will try to bring my recording of assorted frog calls to the next Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting. If anyone hears frogs or unusual sounds mid-day near the wetter pond-like areas in town please call me. Angel and I heard spring peepers calling on January 8th in Jamesburg, so anything is possible. Global warming?

**NEW TOWN WEB PAGE COMING SOON**

A friend turned me on to a Web site where we can set up an interactive communication page for the Roosevelt Environmental Commission for news and to update our Natural Resource Inventory with new and unusual species sightings. This site would allow dialog between people and the posting of pictures. It would also have links to other related Web sites.

I’d like to chronicle a list of animals sighted and/or heard while walking the Roosevelt Woodland Trail. We could watch for seasonal variations in species and perhaps someday participate in the nationwide Christmas Bird Count. Watch this column for more information when the site is up and running. First, I have to find a helpful 14 year old Kreps School student to help with the computer details.

**COYOTE SIGHTINGS, SNAKES AND CHICKEN**

There have been reports of coyote sightings around town. They are definitely here but it would be really cool to have a photo for the *Bulletin* or just for the historical record. Also watch for these and other mammals exhibiting strange behavior. An increase in rabid animals has been reported in nearby Middlesex County.

The Sunday morning crowd at the Roosevelt Deli was queried as to any environmental concerns or conditions around town and, surprise, there were none at this time. Then I remembered that during the last litter pick-up, Joey Block was frantically searching for his escaped pet Boa snake. Brother John said he found it the next day 15 to 20 feet up a tree near their property. It was retrieved safe and sound. Oh! And the pressure cooked chicken at the deli is “to die for!”

**STARTING THE NEW YEAR**

Our re-organization meeting in January will help us to set goals and projects for this new year. Once again we will have a spring wood debris pick-up. We will also continue to monitor the swampy area between Lake Drive and Solar Village, promote eradication of invasive and detrimental plant species, and review and advise on matters of an environmental nature to the appropriate authorities.

We are always willing to hear about environmental problems and concerns but remember our powers are limited. We cannot enforce rules and regulations but we can report to those powers that do have enforcement authority. “We do not wear no stinking badges” but we’re always ready to listen and advise when possible.

**OUR NEXT 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 PO Box 203. Please watch for future pleas for help from the Roosevelt Environmental Commission for future projects and activities. Thank you for reading this column.

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on February 20, 2008. Everyone is welcome to attend. ■

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members see the farm as a chance to wind down and connect with the people and place where their food is grown; to be able to see the butterflies, bees and birds during their stroll through the field each week. How exciting to watch the little watermelons the size of marbles, become golf balls, baseballs and finally basketball size. What a treat to be able to pick your own flowers, tomatoes, herbs, greens and hot peppers when they are in season.

Roosevelt's CSA just finished its second season with Pine Drive resident, "Farmer Dave" Burlew, 35. The membership increased this year to almost 100 families, which means that the farm feeds at least 300 people a week from the five-plus acres at the preserved farm on Nurko Road owned by Ed and Jackie Goldstein. The tractor has been serviced and Farmer Dave has been scouring the seed catalogs and getting input from members as to what they would like to have him to grow for next season. A farm is basically a three-ring circus with spring, summer and fall crops. He raises over 75 varieties that need constant care and attention. Plants are constantly being seeded, weeded and harvested from March through October. The farm is Certified Naturally Grown, a farmer-based rather than government (USDA) based program. No pesticides, fungicides or herbicides are used which means the production is very labor intensive.

### **C is for Community**

The Roosevelt area community has embraced its farm. Actually, a community farm was planned when Roosevelt was founded in the 1930s. Today, the core committee of Carol Watchler, Maria DelPiano and Bobbi Teich are the key to its success.

Carol, the coordinator, makes sure that the Hightstown Community Action Service Center gets any left-

over produce each week for its food program. Maria provides many of the recipes members share via e-mail so people can learn new ways to prepare their produce and Bobbi collects the fees. For 2008 a small share is \$350 (good for 1–2 people) and a large share is \$550 (good for a family of 3 or more or 2 avid veggie lovers).

Honeybrook Organic CSA Farm, Pennington, NJ determined that in 2006 their \$528 share would have cost \$1,861 at the local gourmet market. Honeybrook is one of the oldest CSAs in the country with over 2000 members. Basically, the middleman is eliminated. Members pay before the season starts and they agree to share in the successes and failures of the farm.

"This year, I planted early, middle and late tomatoes. As is turned out, they all ripened at the same time," reports Farmer Dave. Members that canned or froze tomatoes were delighted since they were allowed to pick their own with no limits. "The cantaloupes were a bust this year but we had really sweet watermelons and at one point we were overrun with cucumbers." Again, it was a bonus for those making pickles. Many families brought the kids out to "help" each week. Some were lucky if the cherry tomatoes weren't all eaten on the ride home.

Dave's mom, Barbara, a dental hygienist in real life, always on the lookout for unusual vegetables provided the "agtainment". There were Teenage Mutant Ninja Radishes, Rata-too-ee (cucumber with a long tail), and veggies resembling Harry Potter, Donald Trump, Andy Rooney, penguins and many more. Babs, when she wasn't saving America's teeth, could be seen in the fields each weekend. In addition, Roosevelt residents, environmentalist Cody Parker and go-to guy Devon Kostar spent many hours in the heat of the summer keeping the plants in line. Ben Johnson faithfully volunteered on pick-up day to help pack the walk-in cooler. Dave's partner, Tara Keegan also spent endless hours on

the farm and in keeping it a true family affair, her two brothers, Jeff and Deva and mom Maggie pitched in as well.

Farmer Dave was interviewed on local TV station WZBN while he was at the Trenton Capital City Farmers Market and he also provided specialty crops to the Whole Earth Center in Princeton. He likes growing veggies that are a little "different". Maybe purple baby bok choy this year? Who knows? Each week 4–8 veggies will be in the "share" that members pick up at the farm between 4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Monday. Although he tries to have a new item each week, not all of the plants have been on board with this concept. Eggs from organically fed free range (happy) chickens are often available as well as honey from the farm's beekeeper. The season runs at least 20 weeks and if members are on vacation they can have someone else pick up their share or "donate" it to the Hightstown food program. The farm stand on Nurko Road is open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information contact Farmer Dave at [JerseyFarmhouse@aol.com](mailto:JerseyFarmhouse@aol.com), Tara Keegan at 609-477-0467, or visit [www.LocalHarvest.org](http://www.LocalHarvest.org).

## **REVIEW: ROBERT EMMETT MUELLER AT THE ELEANOR GALLERY**

By Frances G. Duckett

The Mueller exhibit at the Eleanor Gallery, sponsored by the Roosevelt Arts Project, kicked off at one P.M. December 8, 2007. It will run through Sunday December 23.

The show consists of works of three types. First, small colorful abstract oil paintings, reasonably priced, second large black and white woodcuts, and third, schema.

Mr. Mueller's woodcuts arise from

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To the Editor,

I thought I had written all I needed to write about the Yeshiva coming to Roosevelt's Synagogue until I saw Bert Ellentuck's December 2007 reply to my November 2007 letter in the Bulletin. Now I have a few additional things to point out to Mr. Ellentuck and to those he continues to lead astray.

1. When local ordinances, or the manner of their enforcement, violate constitutional and statutory provisions, state and federal, which local officials are sworn to uphold, the municipal ordinances must give way.

2. I had nothing to do with the letter from the Yeshiva's attorney threatening a lawsuit if the Borough persisted in depriving the Synagogue of its right to have a religious school. In my opinion (it's okay to have opinions as well as facts, Bert) Mr. Ellentuck wrote that I "introduced" the letter so that he could further the efforts of Yeshiva opponents to demonize and ostracize anyone who either associates with Yeshiva folks, urges a reasonable compromise with them, or points out any of the strengths of the Yeshiva's legal case. Congratulations, Mr. Ellentuck; after your letter appeared, I already have received one anonymous note asking me how much the Yeshiva pays me for what I write (for the record, I received nothing, Mr., or Ms., nasty anonymous scrawler).

3. Bert Ellentuck asks what settlement offer the Yeshiva has made as though it had made no overtures. But when Mayor Battel met with two Yeshiva leaders to find out where they might locate a dormitory to have the least impact on residential neighborhoods, Mr. Ellentuck confronted her and demanded that she refrain from any such communication. She had indicated in her inaugural statement, just a day or two before, that she would talk to any resident about

any of his concerns. The Borough Attorney told her that she could talk to anyone as long as she did not commit the Council to any action, but Mr. Ellentuck got his way. Later, when the Yeshiva presented a plan that would have jump-started negotiations and allowed the Borough to have input as to the final design, size and number of occupants, the Council almost immediately permitted an altered version of the plan to be distributed around town as part of an anti-Yeshiva propaganda piece. No one could be expected to continue negotiations after such a breach of trust. I have never seen such a clear example of bad faith negotiating as the Borough Council permitted in that instance.

4. Mr. Ellentuck considers the Yeshiva to be unduly disruptive of the Homestead Lane neighborhood. Hyperbolically, members of his organization, the Roosevelt Preservation Association, have called the Yeshiva's activities an "invasion." Courts, however, will demand evidence of unreasonable adverse impact, not bald assertions. These cases are fact sensitive, and the courts will understand that the Yeshiva generates little traffic since the students all walk. Courts also will see that what little off-street parking is required could be put on the lot between the Synagogue and the Ellentuck house. Mr. Ellentuck opposed off-street parking when the Zoning Board of Adjustment approved a secular nursery school at the Synagogue. That school required a multitude of drop-offs and pick-ups by automobiles every day. That traffic and substantial K-6 traffic now travels through School Lane's residential neighborhood on its way to and from the Roosevelt Public School. I think that if a court were to consider interference with "quiet enjoyment" on School Lane in comparison to interference with it on Homestead Lane, the court would find more interference on School Lane (which is not even a

through street like Homestead).

5. Mr. Ellentuck accuses me of "cowardice" for allegedly not naming the two Council members who, in my opinion, put their own personal interests above the collective interest of their constituents. He says that it would be "slander" (sic) (written defamation would be libel) if I had named them in my letter in the November 2007 Bulletin. He fails to remember that in a letter in the October 2006 Bulletin I indicated that the Yeshiva's attorney had asked that Council members Peggy Malkin and Jeff Ellentuck, Bert Ellentuck's son, "be disqualified from participating in Council deliberations and decisions regarding the Yeshiva because of their obvious divided loyalties as to whether to preserve the [Roosevelt Preservation] Association's funds or the municipality's (taxpayer's) funds." I pointed out in that letter that the Association's attorney had notified the Planning Board in writing that Ms. Malkin and Mr. Ellentuck were members of the Association. So far as I know, that attorney has not retracted his information. Bert, everyone knows who the conflicted Council members are. If there is anyone who believes that either your son, Jeff, or Peggy Malkin, who lives just across the street from where many of the Yeshiva students live, is capable of making an unbiased decision about the use of the Synagogue property by the Yeshiva, then I hope someone tells that person that if he deposits his life savings into my checking account, I will see that he gets half the fortune of an ousted Nigerian oil minister.

I see clearly now that Mr. Ellentuck has a gripe with freedom of speech as well as freedom of religion. I think what upsets him most is that other people are willing and able to contradict him from time to time, so he misrepresents what they say and tries to make others think they have bad motives.

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deeply felt antiwar sentiments. I remember taking a bus with him and other Roosevelt residents to protest the Vietnam War in the early seventies. The largest wall at the Eleanor Gallery is filled by his "Dream Deferred" series, dated 1974. Its style could be described as expressionist. He told me that the series is arranged from "Hell" (on the right!) to "Heaven" (on the left). On the opposite wall a "triptych" grimly depicts the Iraq War. These woodcuts show a powerful command of the medium.

Mr. Mueller's "schema", although many did not grace the walls, are perhaps the most interesting and unique pieces in the show. Composed of lines, dots and slashes of clean color on paper, they have a lightness and elegance that reminds me of Kandinsky.

According to Mueller, a schema is "a translation of logic into sensual forms." It is a form that is rule-based and influenced by musical scores. Although inspired by mathematics, Mr. Mueller's schema are neither boring nor predictable. The large ones, at \$50, are the bargains of the show.

Robert Mueller is a scientist, musician and author as well as an artist. He is also a gifted puppeteer. He studied art at NYU, receiving a BFA degree, and also studied at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, where Ben Shahn and Gregorio Prestopino were lecturers. His show at the Eleanor shows that versatility. Its opening deserved to be better attended.

My personal favorites in the show were Mr. Mueller's self-portrait and his 2005 color woodcut "Classic Woman". Notable also are his Punch and Judy T-shirts, available for \$20.

## IN SEARCH OF YIDDISHKEIT: a local composer's musical odyssey of Jewish exploration and self-discovery.

By Mark Zuckerman

Tuesday, February 19, 2008,  
7:30 p.m., free admission  
Woodrow Wilson Auditorium,  
Monmouth University, 400 Cedar  
Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ  
Part of the Monmouth University  
Third Annual Jewish Culture  
Program

Roosevelt composer and NJ State Arts Council fellowship recipient 2004, 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. These will be used to illuminate challenges he has confronted when communicating, through music, facets of Jewish spirit, culture, and experience to both Jewish and non-Jewish audiences.

Composer Mark Zuckerman has lived in Roosevelt, NJ, for 35 years, having moved there while earning his Ph.D. in music composition from Princeton University, where he was a student of Milton Babbitt, J.K. Randall, and Peter Westergaard. A recent recipient of a NJ State Council on the Arts fellowship, he has served on the music faculties of Princeton, Columbia, and Rutgers Universities. His collection of a cappella choral arrangements of Yiddish songs, recorded on Centaur Records, has been performed on four continents.

For directions to Monmouth University, please use this link: [http://www.monmouth.edu/about\\_monmouth/at\\_a\\_glance/directions.asp](http://www.monmouth.edu/about_monmouth/at_a_glance/directions.asp).

## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY IN ROOSEVELT— A look back, a vision forward.

By Carol Watchler

As I walked in, I could see that the crowd was already gathered: families were there with children, town elders were among the expectant group, friends came from Hightstown. Music arose softly from Ann Kassahun's touch on the piano in a corner of the room, songs from the rich Black-American heritage with one voice, Ann's God-daughter Nicicia Jenkins breaking into the anthem "Lift every voice and sing... a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us...full of the hope that the present has brought us."

This set the stage for the Martin Luther King Day Roosevelt observance organizer Robin Gould to introduce a central moment in the program, a chance to see again, or maybe for the first time, King's resounding "I have a dream" call to action. We heard, again, the demand that America make good the promissory note of its Constitution and Declaration of Independence that "all men, yes, black men as well as white men," are created equal. And again his remonstrance to all who struggle for justice that "We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force." \*

Reflections on this rallying cry brought recollections from the audience members who had lived in the 1963 moment or who remembered the 1930s segregation. One recalled the color barriers in Hightstown, by custom rather than law, and the Rooseveltians at that time who were willing to help challenge the whites-only/colored-only sections in the movie theatre. Another remembered going as a young black

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child to the south and feeling the fierce “punch in the stomach” type feeling of having to stand in the back of the bus with her family for a ninety mile ride while seats remained empty in the white section at the front of the bus.

The program rolled on to a current challenge for justice, a look at issues related to immigration. Janice Fine, a Roosevelt neighbor who teaches at Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations, shared her experience in having her students bring immigrant stories—reaching back into their own families to fine-tune their ears for listening to today’s immigrant situations. She identified the reality that past immigrants had always been able to find work and not had the current experience of fear embedded in the simple reality of having a job. She pointed out how systems that despoil the economic situation in another part of the world put pressure on whole peoples to seek a better life in this country rather than this being a simple individual decision that a person might make to migrate here. She invited us to think of what Martin Luther King, who had stood against the war in his day, who linked the concerns of injustice to Blacks and economic injustice that affected all races, what would his response be to our situation today.\*\*

Discussion ensued, multiple points of view surfaced, and the closing song “We Shall Overcome” bound us together. We left this thought-provoking program knowing that while we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, we have yet much to do to bring that moment where all will be judged “not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”\*

\*Martin Luther King’s speech can be found in its entirety at [www.usconstitution.net/dream.html](http://www.usconstitution.net/dream.html).

\*\*Janice Fine is the author of *Worker Centers: Organizing Communities at the Edge of the Dream*. ■

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All this encourages nasty anonymous scrawlers. I expect the courts will see through the Yeshiva opponents’ dissimulation. Hopefully, that will occur before too many Roosevelt taxpayers bite the dust. If done soon enough, it also would permit a timely repeal of our new ordinance allowing 10-acre religious complexes on land zoned for farming. That’s not a sham, right? If not, we had better watch out for those hundreds of cars that a gigantic Hindu temple, Buddhist temple, Mosque or Mega-Church would bring to town. Well, maybe the Carduners’ lawsuit will take care of that. Oh, just for the record, nasty anonymous scrawler, the Carduners aren’t paying me anything either.

Bob Clark

To the Editor,

So, yeah Mr. Moser is right. It will cost money and negotiation is always better. Problem is, dictating what it wants is the Yeshiva’s idea of negotiating. Does Mr. Moser live on our block? No? So he does not have to deal with the arrogance of this group. I could list things like unsupervised large groups of kids on the street, of (presumably) teachers, racing dangerously down Homestead at high speed. Does Mr. Moser have a nice house. Perhaps we can switch. Will he be willing? Please pass on the offer to him. We each appraise our respective houses and expedite a change with due compensation.

It is sad that people who don’t think they are affected by quality of life issues, property value issues or, darn it, THAT PESKY RULE OF LAW are so annoyed at the Council’s position.

Here in Brooklyn, I have donated

thousands of dollars to fight cronyism, collusion, corruption and eminent domain abuse involving a Xanadu development. The reason is that it is a matter of justice. That alone. I don’t think Roosevelt is any different?

The Yeshiva has the opportunity to build. That was the hand of compromise given to them by the town.

Allowing a violation of the law will put the camel’s head in the tent. Who knows? Maybe Mr. Moser will be the next victim when his new neighbor asks to be free from the confines of legal and appropriate zoning.

When it is HIS OX THAT IS GORED he will complain and justifiably.

Paul Heller  
12 Homestead La.

To My Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for your cards, care, and concern.

Your support is helping me through a very difficult period.

Thanks, again.

Clare Sacharoff ■

Patronize  
our business sponsors.  
Most of them are  
our neighbors.

By Eric Schubiger

**YOGA**

The Recreation Department is continuing its very popular Yoga program this Winter at the Roosevelt School. Classes will be instructed by Kym Kulp, a certified Yoga Instructor who teaches at The Peddie School and throughout the area. While yoga mats will be provided, participants are welcomed to bring their own. Classes are offered on Tuesday nights from 6:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.. Please contact 609-448-0539, x3 for an updated schedule.

**YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY**

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth Indoor Floor Hockey program at the Roosevelt Public School on Monday nights from 8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Program will not run on days that school is not in session. The program is open to students in 1st–8th Grades.

Students will not be able to participate unless a registration form is completed and signed by a parent/guardian. There is no cost for this program.

**TEEN DANCE NIGHTS**

The Recreation Department will be sponsoring Teen Dance Nights at the Roosevelt School for students in Grades 7–10 on select Saturday nights throughout the school year. These are free events that include a DJ and refreshments. Please contact the office at 609-448-0539, x3 for updated scheduling information.

**OPEN GYM - BASKETBALL**

The Recreation Department is sponsoring an Open Basketball program at the Roosevelt Public School on Friday nights from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Program will not run on days that school is not in session. The program is open to students in 9th–12th Grades.

**COMMUNITY DANCE—  
“DANCING WITH THE STARS”**

Residents are invited to a Community Dance Night on March 15th at the Roosevelt School, from 7 p.m.–10 p.m. This special event will be led and DJ ‘d by Candace Woodward-Clough. Candace has extensive training in Ballroom Dance, Jazz, Tap, Acting and Singing. She has acted, danced in or choreographed several Off-Broadway and summer stock productions, as well as movies, soap operas and videos.

The night will start with an hour of brief instruction of various types of dances, based upon the interest of those in attendance. The remaining two hours will be devoted to an open dance party! No dance experience is required – adults and children are welcomed. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

By Ron Filepp

**Dec 15, 2007 - Jan 15, 2008**

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Degree Days
15	35.4	27.7	31.6	0.00	33.5
16	43.3	33.8	38.6	0.90	26.5
17	36.3	27.1	31.7	0.25	33.3
18	37.4	24.3	30.9	0.00	34.2
19	46.6	28.0	37.3	0.00	27.7
20	44.8	30.4	37.6	0.00	27.4
21	40.3	29.5	34.9	0.00	30.1
22	41.7	36.0	38.9	0.20	26.2
23	60.3	40.8	50.6	0.35	14.5
24	59.7	33.3	46.5	0.40	18.5
25	43.9	30.0	37.0	0.00	28.1
26	38.1	26.8	32.5	0.00	32.6
27	42.1	36.0	39.1	0.38	26.0
28	47.7	31.1	39.4	0.09	25.6
29	53.8	34.2	44.0	0.35	21.0
30	43.2	30.4	36.8	0.00	28.2
31	43.5	29.8	36.7	0.60	28.4
1	49.5	32.4	41.0	0.09	24.1
2	39.6	18.1	28.9	0.00	36.2
3	23.0	15.8	19.4	0.00	45.6
4	37.0	12.2	24.6	0.00	40.4
5	45.1	24.3	34.7	0.00	30.3
6	49.3	32.9	41.1	0.10	23.9
7	60.4	37.4	48.9	0.00	16.1
8	63.0	43.5	53.3	0.00	11.8
9	64.4	47.7	56.1	0.00	9.0
10	50.9	33.6	42.3	0.00	22.8
11	61.9	40.5	51.2	0.60	13.8
12	49.8	35.6	42.7	1.15	22.3
13	45.9	28.4	37.2	0.00	27.9
14	42.6	35.4	39.0	0.58	26.0
15	41.2	31.1	36.2	0.20	28.9
<b>Total Precipitation</b>			<b>6.24</b>		
<b>Total Degree-Days</b>			<b>840.1</b>		

*(Editor’s note: Ron was not able to write an article this month.)*



This no-flour cake has become a favorite with company.

I happened upon the recipe in the *Vegetarian Times Complete Cookbook*.

This is a moist, dense cake. It has a rich taste that doesn't need any frosting.



## *Poached Orange Cake*

1 large navel orange, unpeeled and seeded  
 1 cup ground almonds  
 ½ cup granulated sugar or honey  
 3 large eggs or 1 ½ cups egg substitute

1 teaspoon almond extract  
 ½ teaspoon baking powder  
 ¼ cup sliced almonds

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease an 8-inch pan with margarine.
2. Put the whole orange, including rind, in a 2-quart pan, and cover with water. Bring to a boil, and cook for 20 minutes. Drain, cool and cut the orange in quarters. Put the orange quarters in a food processor, and puree.
3. Put the almonds and sugar in a mixing bowl, and mix. Add eggs and almond extract, and whisk together.
4. Add the orange puree to almond mixture, and mix well. Stir in the baking powder. Pour immediately into the pan. Sprinkle the sliced almonds evenly over top, and place in the oven.
5. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until a skewer inserted in the cake's center comes out clean.

Serves 8.

Enjoy!

# ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

## 2008 Season

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Saturday, February 9, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

### **THE ROOSEVELT POETS**

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Saturday, April 26, 2008, 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

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4	Mon	12:30 p.m.	Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall
		1:00 p.m.	Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall, Gerry Millar, President, 448-0351
5	Tues		Presidential Primary Election Day, Borough Hall, Polls Open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
6	Wed		<b>RECYCLE</b> 
9	Sat	8 p.m.	RAP Program, Roosevelt Poets, Borough Hall, Robin Gould, 448-4616
11	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
12	Tues	7:30 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair 448-3713
13	Wed	7:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting, RPS, Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325
14	Thurs	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, Linda Grayson, President, 443-6462
15	Fri		RPS Closed
18	Mon		RPS Closed, President's Day

19	Tues	7:30	Roosevelt First Aid Squad Business Meeting, Borough Hall, Jack Rindt, 448-9475
20	Wed		<b>RECYCLE</b> 
		7:30 p.m.	Environmental Commission Meeting, Borough Hall, Dave Schwendeman, Chair, 443-6204
22	Friday		RPS Pizza Day
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