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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Fire and Public Works Departments Commended for Storm Damage Response; Hearing in Yeshiva Student Residence Case Scheduled for June 1

At the March 22 meeting of the Borough Council, the first meeting following the recent storm that knocked down trees and power lines, Mayor Beth Battel and Councilman Jeff Ellentuck, the chairman of the Environment, Health and Safety committee, expressed appreciation of the excellent work done by the Fire Department and Public Works Department to protect the safety of the community. Councilman Ellentuck asked that funds be made available to four barricades, at \$60 to \$70 each, that would be more effective at keeping traffic away from downed trees and power lines than the plastic cones that are currently used.

Councilman Tom Curry reported that fallen trees on municipal property, including those that fell onto adjoining properties, were in the process of being removed. He also reported that the Environmental Commission is making arrangements for the collection of fallen branches to be held in the latter part of April, probably on the 26th.

Mayor Battel reported that the Borough has been receiving numerous reports of use of all terrain vehicles on municipal lands. She noted that these vehicles damage the natural environment and are a nuisance to nearby residents, and that their use is generally prohibited by an ordinance that, she warned, will be enforced.

Resident, and Planning Board member, John Impellizzeri told the Council that he has been experiencing severe drainage problems on his property because the storm drain on North Valley Road appears to be clogged. Mayor Battel assured him that the Public Works Department would seek to correct the problem and, if that were insufficient, the problem would be brought to the attention of the municipal engineer.

Municipal attorney Richard Shaklee reported on the status of the ongoing litigation involving the Borough and Congregation Yeshivas Meon Hatorah. A hearing in the Law Division of Superior Court on the Yeshiva's appeal of the Planning Board's decision upholding the ruling of the zoning officer that the use of the house at 28 Homestead Lane as a student residence constitutes a violation of the zoning ordinance will be heard in Freehold on June 1. No hearing date has yet been set by the Appellate Division for the Yeshiva's appeal of the Law Division decision that a variance is required in order for the Yeshiva to have classes for more than 12 students at the Congregation Anshei Roosevelt synagogue.

In other action, the Council awarded a contract for grass cutting on municipal property to Dr. K., the low bidder. Under the contract, there are to be two lawn cuttings a month for eight months, at a cost of \$475 per cutting. ■

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

As usual, there will be nine issues starting with October 2009 through July, 2010, leaving out January 2010.

We will do our best to make the *Bulletin* both informative and interesting with the help of our devoted writers and production people.

If you want to contact the *Bulletin*, please look at our masthead to the right with our address and telephone number as shown.

NOTE! New dates and times for the Council meetings. They are the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. Come and see what's happening!

Please report any bear sightings to:
State Bureau of Wildlife Management
Kim Tinnes, Wildlife Control
609-259-7955

As well as to David Schwendeman, 443-6204



Parents: It has come to our attention that many children as well as teenagers have been playing in the streets. Before there is an accident because of on-coming cars, please make sure that this practice is stopped.

Though the *Examiner*, our weekly source of local and regional news, is no longer distributed free of charge in printed form, it can be accessed online at <http://examiner.gmnews.com>.

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 annual membership meeting of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, the community non-profit corporation that owns Roosevelt Solar Village, will be held in on Thursday, May 6th at 8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. Elections will be held for board members and officers for the coming year. All Roosevelt residents who are members, or who would like to become members by paying a lifetime membership fee of \$5.00 per household, are invited to attend.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

**Thoughtful neighbors
pick up after their dogs.**

**Are you a
thoughtful neighbor?**



"Chloe" and "Igby"

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

This month's article may sound somewhat like a travel-log, but I'd like to share some experiences and observations with you.

Last month I had the chance to visit the land of Egypt, which had been a desired destination of mine since grade school history lessons. (Which went something like this-'First there were dinosaurs, then there were Egyptians, then Greeks, then Romans, then Pilgrims then America.)

Whenever I plan a trip, I spend eight or nine months in preparation by reading histories and novels of the area to get a feel of the country and the population. It's nice to have an understanding of the cultural, political and religious history of an area to further appreciate it when you're there. (It was difficult, however, finding much written about Egyptian history between Cleopatra and Nasser). Most of the trip dealt with Pharonic Egypt, though, so it was all right.

What is absolutely amazing is the quality and immensity of the work those people did without any of the technology or the equipment we have today. Most of the temples and the pyramids are aligned to perfection with the compass points and astral events. The mortuary temple of Ramses II, originally built at Abu Simbel, was designed to allow the sunrise to penetrate into the inner most sanctum on his birthday, Feb. 21st. to light up his statue. When the temple was moved to avoid the flooding caused by the construction of the high dam in the late 20th century, modern technology never matched the original timing- now it's a day late.

The qualities of the many sculptures and bas reliefs are exquisite, despite the fact that it was all done by hand with primitive tools made of soft metals. And speaking of metals- the ancient jewelry in the Cairo Museum is gorgeous. The sad part is that the lighting and presentation in the museum leaves much to be desired. Three thousand years ago they were capable of crafting monuments and works of art that continue to be unsurpassed, but today those same creations are hidden in poorly illuminated, crowded rooms.

People always ask about the food. I enjoyed it, for the most part. On our own in Cairo we sought out Middle Eastern restaurants, where I had pigeon in baked rice and a wonderful gibleet dish. The fruits and vegetables were very fresh, lamb and chicken were frequent offerings, and desserts were usually a baked fruit dish, often with chocolate sauce. Most of our meals were on the ship that we lived on to cruise the Nile.

I had been warned that Middle-Easterners "hated Americans" but I did not find that to be true at all. Aside from the hawkers, who were obnoxiously friendly, most people were quietly friendly and polite. Learning a few 'polite' words like 'please, thank-you, and good morning', in advance of going to a new country often helps to assure a comfortable reception.

It was dry, it was hot (99' three days in a row, even in February) and it was sandy, but nothing like visiting an arid country to make one appreciate New Jersey climate, even with all the rain we've had this winter. It was a wonderful trip, but 'There's no place like home'!

Beth

PS, Yes, I did ride a camel by the pyramids, but came to find out they are not only not native to Egypt, they're imported from Australia! ■



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

School board elections and the school budget vote are upon us and I have much to share with you. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the school board candidates and share some information regarding Roosevelt’s budget, and the impact that the reduction in State Aid has had on our budget.

There are three seats open on our school board. This year, for the first time since I have been here, we have four community members running for board seats. Two incumbents, Kelly Yang and Jaymie Kosa, will be running for another three-year term. Linda Grayson has regretfully opted not to run again. We are pleased to announce that Ed Goetzmann is running for the third seat. And, there will be a write in candidate, William Felong. (The community may mail in ballots for the write-in candidate.) The candidates come with a multitude of experience and knowledge.

Kelly Yang lives in town with her husband, John, and two daughters, Caitlin and Ashlynn, who both currently attend RPS. As an undergraduate, Kelly studied French and Political Science at Dickinson College. She spent a year abroad studying at the University of Toulouse. Kelly did her graduate work at The College of New Jersey where she earned a Masters in Education. Kelly holds New Jersey teaching licenses in French, Social Studies, Elementary Education and English as a Second Language. For the past ten years, she has been teaching in the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District as an ESL Teacher.

Before moving to New Jersey, Kelly taught in Camden City Public Schools. Kelly has been serving on Roosevelt’s Board of Education for the past three years. Most recently, she has been working on the Anti-Bullying, Curriculum and Legislative/Public

Relations committees. When not working or attending board meetings, Kelly loves spending time with her family, reading, and working on crochét projects.

Jaymie Reeber Kosa is an educator and storyteller for eleven years. She taught language arts, reading/literature, media literacy and storytelling/performing arts in her alma mater school district of West Windsor-Plainsboro, New Jersey. Jaymie earned her B.A. in English Language Arts and Literature from the University of Maryland-College Park where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa. She holds an M.Ed. in teaching from Rutgers University. In 1999, she earned her National Board Certification.

From 2002–2006 Jaymie served on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which develops professional rigorous standards and creates a voluntary system to certify teachers to advance the quality of teaching and learning, and was a member of its executive committee. From 2006–2009, Jaymie worked with several not-for-profit organizations that strive to infuse the arts into the classroom and create inspiring and memorable lessons and units of study. In 2005, seven years after moving into town, Jaymie joined the RPS school board where she chaired the Buildings and Ground and Education/Personnel Committee and served as the president for one year. She is married to David Kosa, a math teacher at Princeton High School and the Girls’ Varsity Basketball coach for Haddonfield High School. They have two children who attend RPS: Trevor, 10 and Annie, 5.

In August 1972, Ed Goetzmann and his wife Judith moved into the house on the corner, 8 School Lane along with Evan, four years old, Justin, seven months, and Theadora, a housewarming present. Ed moved into the office

APRIL/MAY EVENTS

APRIL

- March 29–April 5
SCHOOL CLOSED
- 9 Pizza Day
- 13 PTA Meeting
- 22 Early Dismissal/
Staff-In-Service
Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Pizza Day

MAY

- 3-7 NJ ASK Testing
Grades 5 & 6
- 7 Pizza Day
- 10-14 NJ ASK Testing
Grades 3 & 4
- 20 Spring Concert
- 21 Pizza Day
- 26 Spelling Bee
- 27 Pre-K & Kindergarten
Orientation 10:00

of the Administrative Principal of Roosevelt Public School. The Board of Education wanted to “upgrade” the K–8 school, and we did! It was a community, parent, teacher, and student effort. WOW!

Ed attended the Teachers College, Columbia University (NYC), did his Post Doctoral Studies in Educational Administration, Doctor of Education, Professional Diploma. He attended the University of Georgia, Athens where he received his Master of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Science. And, Ed holds an Associate of Arts degree from Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC

After serving as Administrative Principal for RPS from 1972–1974, Ed became Principal for Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District, from 1974–1996. He was also the Supervisor of Fine and Industrial Arts, Teacher of Music, Band, Orchestra for Union Free

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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.*

Feedback is a gift. Last year, the RPS board wanted to hear from our Roosevelt families and community members about how effective we are in delivering our mission statement. In coordination with the administration, we created various mechanisms to collect feedback. There are three electronic surveys that are easily found on our Web site – one for families who leave RPS, one for families whose children graduate from RPS and one for staff members who leave RPS. Also in the spring of 2009, we surveyed the parents of our then current students.

In June 2009, we hired an education consultant, Jim Sheerin, to meet with four focus groups- teachers, board members, community members and parents, to help us identify a workable governance structure after our CSA resigned. This school year we used the stakeholders' feedback from that process to add communication and governance to our main goal of improving the academic achievement of our students.

First, our primary concern is student learning, because we want to see our mission statement become a reality for every RPS student. For the past two years, our district goal has been to *implement a high quality, creative and differentiated curriculum, which is fully inclusive and includes benchmark assessments and goal setting.* We are grateful for our student to teacher ratio of 12/1 and feel strongly that this luxury affords us the opportunity to offer our students more opportunities for differentiated and individualized instruction. We are committed to accomplishing our goal.

Second, we learned that we need to improve the quality of our communication with the community, so we made three significant changes this year. 1. We write monthly updates in the *Bulletin*, instead of sending out our annual newsletter. 2. We revised our RPS Web site www.rps1.org. 3. We created a form for community members who have complaints and inquiries. We learned that people were confused about where to direct their concerns about our school, and so the form is now available on our revised Web site.

Third, we gathered the entire community together for three sessions to meet with Dr. Sheerin, to make a collective decision about what governance structure best serves the needs of our school. This process brought staff, parents, community and board members together to investigate different governance options: CSA/Principal (current model), shared options: sharing a superintendent and sharing a business administrator/secretary, as well as sending our students to a neighboring district and charters schools. After three sessions, the community collectively decided that having a full time Chief School Administrator/Principal and a $\frac{3}{4}$ Business Administrator/Secretary is the best governance structure that allows us to comply with the financial limitations of the S-1701 law. The board voted to adopt this structure in January.

Each board member is committed to learning how to deliver effectively our RPS mission. If you have any responses, questions, or concerns that will help us do this, please feel free to contact us at rpsboe@gmail.com.

Personnel Committee
Roosevelt Board of Education ■

SPRING LITTER PICK-UP:

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010 AT 10 A.M.

**IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE FOR YOUR
STREET ASSIGNMENTS AND EQUIPMENT**

Contact Ron Kostar with questions (443-4179).

PRINCIPAL (CONT'D.)

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School District #1, Eastchester, NY from 1961–1972. Before all that, there was teaching at Columbia, Teachers College as an instructor; years of teaching in Georgia; two years with NBC Music Department; and two years in the US Army.

Because of the unique community it serves, RPS is one of the greatest educational institutions imaginable. I want to help keep it that way, with improvements if, when, and where needed.

Meet The Candidates Night is tentatively scheduled for April 13 at 7:00 p.m. Please come out and join the Board, PTA and me for this special night.

Roosevelt Public School Budget Information

New Jersey released State Aid figures late Wednesday afternoon, March 17, 2010, leaving only a few days to complete the budget before submission to the Monmouth County Executive Superintendent for approval. We were notified at that time that Roosevelt Public School District's State Aid was **decreased by 15.66%**. This decrease amounts to a **\$127,000** on top of the **\$193,000 decrease** in State Aid (Budget Fund Balance) from this year.

RPS already works with a barebones budget and these reductions place tremendous constraints on the school. Our goal with this budget is to meet the limitations placed on us by the State while keeping our educational programs, teachers and staff intact.

- The total amount of lost State Aid for Roosevelt for the 2009–2010 school year is \$193,000.

- This must now be used in our current budget and will NO LONGER be available for tax relief for our community in the 2010–2011 budget.

- Coupled with the loss of State Aid for this year, the Commissioner of Education advised all school districts to anticipate a 15% decrease in State Aid

revenue in preparing their 2010–2011 school budget.

- Roosevelt's reduction in State Aid for 2010–2011 is \$127,000, which amounts to a 15.66% decrease.

Process For Budget Review

- The Board prepares a budget and approves the submission to the Monmouth County Executive Superintendent, which took place on March 22, 2010.

- The budget must conform to the tax cap law of 4% unless the Executive County Superintendent allows the district a waiver for extraordinary circumstances, such as loss of State Aid, which occurred in Roosevelt.

- Any waiver must be approved by the Executive County Superintendent and then must be approved by the voters at the April 20th election.

- The budget can and will continue to be refined up until the time of the Public Hearing, which will take place on April 1, 2010, RPS lobby, 7:30 p.m.

- The vote will take place on April 20, 2010.

Process If The Budget Does Not Pass

- Unsuccessful budgets are sent to the Roosevelt Town Council where they must reach agreement on a final budget amount.

- If both bodies fail to reach agreement, the budget moves to the Executive County Superintendent who then must establish a 2010–2011 budget amount.

Due to the tremendous cuts in aid, we needed to create a budget that was educationally sound, while working within the parameters and constraints imposed on us by the State. We considered a variety of options. We could decrease our teaching staff, which is already barebones, use all our surplus to make up the loss of aid which would leave us with nothing in an emergency, cut programs and activities, raise taxes or do a combination

of all three, which is what the board chose to do. (Remember the County could change this.) We made cuts in the area of technology; we took \$50,000 from our already reduced surplus; we used money earmarked for additional students that move into town to pay for tuition to East Windsor, and there will be an increase in taxes. The Board and I are working on additional cuts to decrease taxes. Please remember that any further reductions will result in the elimination of programs and activities, as we do not have any additional surplus funds to utilize.

As of this writing I have not received word from the county regarding approval of our budget. The Board, the Business Administrators and I will share the budget with you on April 1, 2010 during our public budget hearing. Please join us on April 1st and remember to vote on April 20th. As always, please call or stop by with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Shari Payson
Interim CSA/Principal ■



**Please obey
the posted
speed limits
in town.**

ROOSEVELT POETRY READING

By Gladys Nadler

Somehow you knew that something special was about to happen. Judy's lovely flute music overrode the background noise. The mood was set for the annual poetry reading on February 20th.

In celebration of Dylan Thomas, the program began with the reading of several of Thomas's poems.

Then came our local poets reading their own work. Judith McNally, a very talented poet with much wit and intelligence, contributed two dialogues she had written. She played the role of Emily Dickinson being

interviewed by Ron Kostar, and the audience was with her all the way. Next, McNally as interviewer probed the thoughts of Dylan Thomas played by Ron Kostar. The author was in good form as she examined the thoughts and feelings of her subjects.

McNally also read a lovely nature poem of hers and a longer one describing her thoughts while listening to music.

Ron Kostar read his long, humorous prose-poem "Fixing Our Shower head" in which the joke is on himself. In other poems, he shows his lyrical side. Kostar's poems often have a conversational tone which makes them particularly accessible (See *All Our Mothers* below).

David Herrstrom read several of his well-constructed poems on a variety of subjects including observations during a trip to Spain. He also read an imagined interview with the poet William Blake.

Wes Czyzewski has a simple, direct writing style that seems to strengthen it. He may start with something ordinary, but by the end there's that special lift that highlights the fact that this is meaningful poetry.

Relatively new to the group, Silent Lotus (known in Roosevelt as Jim Chasan) contributed a group of eight meditative poems. ■

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All Our Mothers

By Ron Kostar

pink blossoms fall in a perfect circle
around our neighbor's dog wood tree
- its branches stripped bare by the air
"here we go loop-de-loop"
its falling leaves breathe as do we,
as it does for everybody but today - or so it seems
for me in particular

yellow arms of forsythia flail
like dancers
under a ridiculously red maple tree -
whose leaning slightly forward suggests a certain
attentiveness, might he be
The Director or maybe Nature's Choreographer?
- against this lush lush
backdrop of moving from lime-to-deeper-green swooping
chickadees cardinals titmice and blue jays
supply a sound track
while we lean back in our lawn chairs smile
& occasionally even break out into applause

until

a woman with frazzled grey hair
drives up in a tan sedan & leans over & says in shaky cracky
voice
she's looking for her teenage son .
"i don't know where he's gone!" she says
her face is puffy inside this hum of mums,
her eyes swollen
"i don't know where he's been now for years."

i think but don't say :

"maybe he's flailing too, m'am or *falling*
or maybe he's just testing his wings
straining to reach his own red nimbus
or maybe he's *climbing* some *real* mountain somewhere
or maybe he's high (then very very low)
on *drugs* it's hard to say, m'am."

i think but don't say

*there's no one right way
and no guarantee
and maybe he'll make it
and maybe he won't
it's hard to say -*

"but at this stage of the no game it seems
all you and i can do is stay in one place
and hope that *wherever* he is
and whatever he's doing
at some point he'll be able to reach deep down into himself
and pull out something *steady splendid and solid*"

i think but don't say
think *loud* but don't say

as all of our mothers looks up and straight ahead
steps on the gas peddle
and drives away ■

TOWN TOPICS (CONT'D.)

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JUNE COUNTERMAN RECEIVES TAI CHI AWARD

Ten years ago June Counterman introduced the subtle martial art of Tai Chi to Roosevelt. Her classes have been a resource for all seeking to develop strength, balance and mindfulness ever since. Nine groups in other towns also perform under June's tutelage.

On March 6th June's extraordinary ability to reach and teach received wider recognition when she was singled out as "Tai Chi Instructor of the Year" by the United Fellowship of Martial Artists at its first Hall of Fame Banquet. Three hundred people attended the event, which honored 74 practitioners representing every form of the martial arts, during the ceremony at the Joy T'sin Lau Restaurant in Philadelphia's Chinatown.

So, the night before Hollywood's Oscar Ceremony on television, our neighbor was presented with an Oscar of her own.

The trophy is June's latest award. At the National Tai Chi Competition in Winchester, Virginia, she placed first in the Saber contest and was ranked among the top ten in Yang Long Form. She teaches Straight and Broad Sword as well as Saber, Staff and Staff-Sparring, and, yes, the Fan Ritual.

June's activities in Roosevelt did not begin with Tai Chi classes. Over the years, she has served as Captain of the Roosevelt First Aid Squad (Monmouth County's first woman Captain); was a member of the town's Juvenile Conference Committee; and active on the Monmouth County Board of Health (a Charter Member). ■



Roosevelt Dragons set out to Paddle for Pink in the 2009 festival.

GET READY NOW FOR THE PADDLE FOR PINK DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL IN JUNE

As spring comes upon us, the dragon boat season calls to eager paddlers to get out on the water. Dragon boat, you ask. What is that? A dragon boat is a forty foot long canoe festooned with a dragon head and tail and propelled by twenty paddlers side-by-side in ten rows synchronizing their efforts.

All Rooseveltians are invited to a great opportunity to experience this exciting sport and raise funds supporting programs for breast cancer patients and their families. The Machestic Dragons, central New Jersey's first breast cancer survivor dragon boat team, is holding its annual festival, Paddle for Pink, at Mercer County Park Lake on Sunday, June 6. Besides the dragon boat races, there will be colorful entertainment, a silent auction, rides for spectators, greetings from local dignitaries, and the Flowers on the Water Ceremony to remember all those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer.

The festival will welcome back for a third year the Roosevelt Dragons Women's Division team. Old and new members may contact Carol Watchler (as below) who will forward your name to this year's captain to schedule practice time and other details for the team.

Paddle for Pink invites the Roosevelt community to build on its rich history of joining in the competition by entering an additional team—or more. The Community Open Division of races consists of mixed teams with no restrictions on the number of male or female paddlers. There is also a Youth Division for teams of thirteen to eighteen year old paddlers.

No prior experience is necessary; all safety equipment and paddles are provided. Check out www.paddleforpink.org for more details and the registration forms as well as other ways that you can volunteer and participate in this festival. You can also contact Carol Watchler, member of the festival host team, the Machestic Dragons, for additional information: 609-448-5215, carolwatchler@comcast.net. ■

Concerned citizens, members of the Council, and the Environmental Committee have received complaints about illegal ATV use in the Borough Greenways. Please be aware that it is prohibited by ordinance as well as being destructive to the environment.

LITTER PICK-UP SCHEDULED

The annual Spring litter pick-up is scheduled for Sunday, APRIL 11, 2010. Meet at the Roosevelt Post Office to get your street assignments and equipment. Ron Kostar is again the Master of Ceremonies and you can call him with questions (443-4179) anytime. A good time will be had by all. We are looking for all the regulars, old-timers, families and new faces to participate in what has become a Roosevelt Annual Rite of Spring.

WOOD DEBRIS PICK-UP! APRIL 26th, Monday

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission has arranged for a town-wide pick-up of woody branches and prunings April 26th, 2010. Please have all wood debris (NO LUMBER!) out to the curb by the morning of the 26th of April. Put the wood, no larger than 6 inches in diameter, to the curb and Allen's Tree Service will be along to chip it up. The chips will be used for the RWTrail—a win-win situation.

Thank you for your cooperation. Call any Roosevelt Environmental Commission member or Dave Schwendeman at 609-443-6204 for any additional information or questions.

WOODY BRANCHES AND PRUNINGS CURB SIDE BY 7 A.M.

THANK YOU!

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MEETING

I had promised to bring a mounted Beaver to the last meeting and did so for our meeting on March 17th. Now the challenge was made to get a

picture of a live Beaver in the borders of Roosevelt. If you are so lucky (or skillful) please post it on the recgreen.ning.com Web site and you will be duly honored in a later column.

Sean Curry (RPS sixth grade) will participate in the Litter pick-up as a school project. Watch for his flyers and join him and his friends on April 11th.

The wood duck nest box construction project was approved and although we may be late for this season we will go ahead with plans to acquire supplies and organize an assembly party. More details will follow next month or call me to be on a notification list for more details as they evolve.

There have been continued reports of illegal off-road vehicle use in the borough and officials have been notified. This is a serious matter and the NJ State Police may soon be called in to issue fines and take further legal action against the offenders. Offenders should cease and desist now or face the consequences.

Finally we are trying to get a speaker to show pictures of invasive plant species and discuss what to do about them. If you know of a qualified speaker on this topic, please let me know.

On a personal note for those readers of the Roosevelt *Bulletin* interested in taxidermy and what I do, please see *STILL LIFE*, a taxidermy book (find more details at: www.melissamilgrom.com). We (Schwendeman's Taxidermy Studio and Museum Services) are featured in several chapters and it is a good read! Thank you.

I almost forgot from last month: *Here is a question for you. How many fire hydrants are there in Roosevelt's two square miles?* The Answer is 28. (Thanks George Vasseur!)

That's all for now. It's Sunday, bright and sunny, the first full day of spring and I'm inside (whimper, whimper) writing this column. As soon as I finish I am going to walk part of the Roosevelt Woodland Trail and look for critters and flowers and beavers. Happy Spring!

OUR NEXT MEETING

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

(Spring wildflowers will be blooming and birds quite visible as leaves are still tiny.) ■

Safety tips for walkers/runners

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

—http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/

The First Aid Squad has responded to 32 emergency calls from January 1 to February 28, 2010. The calls were medical emergencies, evacuated residents from their homes due to no power and heat during the snow storm, fire stand-bys, falls with broken bones, motor vehicle accident, mutual aid calls into Millstone Twp and Manalapan Twp.

The training in March was Autism Awareness which is mandated by the state for all emergency services personnel to receive within 2 years. All Squad members received ceu's for this training. The training was delivered by MONOC.

We are always looking for new members. We will pay for the training that is needed. If anyone is interested please contact a Squad member or stop in during our training for an application and an EMT training schedule. By receiving your Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), you can help your community and have a great opportunity to start a new career as an EMT. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT please e-mail FMFD7568@verizon.net.

We would like to thank all the residents of Roosevelt for their generous donations to the Squad. Without your support we could not operate. Thank You!!!

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

First Aid Squad History: March 31, 1953 the Squad members after each meeting would review their First Aid books to become better first aiders. April 27, 1954 the Squad was looking into starting weekly Bingo. June 25, 1954 the newly formed Millstone First Aid Squad bought Roosevelt's old ambulance for \$400.00 putting a \$10.00 deposit down. September 29, 1959 Jack Yudin applied for membership to the Squad.

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Health Notes:
INJURIES TO BONES

Fractures. Fractures or dislocations first determine whether the overlying skin has been damaged. If it has not, the patient has a *closed fracture*. With an *open fracture*, there is an external wound, caused either by the initial blow or by the broken bone ends. The wound can vary from small puncture to a gaping tear that exposes bone and soft tissue. Treat any injury that breaks the skin as a possible open fracture. Greater blood loss and a higher likelihood of infection are consequences to try to minimize or prevent. Fractures are also categorized based on whether or not the fractured fragments are displaced. A *non-displaced fracture* is a simple crack of the bone that may require an X-ray to diagnose. A *displaced fracture* produces actual deformity by shortening, rotating or angulating the limb.

Suspect a fracture in any patient with pain, a history of injury and any of the following signs:

Deformity: The limb may appear to be shortened, rotated or angulated at a point where there is no joint. Use the opposite limb as a mirror image for comparison.

Tenderness: Point tenderness on palpation in the area of injury is the most reliable indicator of an underlying fracture.

Splinting: The body attempts to immobilize or naturally splint fractures by contracting the muscles around the site of the injury. This dramatically limits the amount of motion which occurs at the fractured bone ends and limits ongoing injury to the soft tissues. Splinting does not occur with all fractures.

Swelling: Rapid swelling usually indicates bleeding from a fracture site and is typically associated with severe pain. If the swelling is severe enough, it may mask deformity of the limb. More generalized swelling may occur several hours after an injury.

Bruising: Fractures are almost always associated with ecchymosis (discoloration) of the surrounding soft tissues. Bruising may be present after almost any injury, it is not specific to fractures.

Crepitus: A grating or grinding sensation known as crepitus can be felt sometimes heard, when fractures bone ends rub together.

False motion: Motion at a point in the limb where there is no joint is a positive indication of a fracture.

Exposed fragments: In open fractures, bone ends may protrude through the skin or be visible within the wound.

Pain: Pain usually occurs with fractures.

Locked joint: When a joint is locked into position, any attempt to move the joint is both difficult and painful.

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

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

Jack Rindt, EMT-D
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By Ron Filep

Make me over, mother April,
 When the sap begins to stir!
 When thy flowery hand delivers
 All the mountain-prisoned rivers,
 And thy great heart beats and quivers
 To revive the days that were,
 Make me over, mother April,
 When the sap begins to stir!

from *Spring Song* by Bliss Carman (1861–1929)

On average, February is the snowiest month in our region. The average total snowfall for February is just 7.4 inches in our area. But this year, February really outdid itself. We had a total of 29.75 inches of the white stuff. Wow! February 6 brought 12 inches of snow. Then, just four days later over February 10 and 11, another 16 inches of snow blanketed the area. A couple of other days added to those days gave us the high total snowfall for the month. February’s total is nearly six inches above the average total annual snowfall for Roosevelt. For the entire winter, December, January and February, we had 45.75 inches of snow!

February was also a little colder than normal. The normal average temperature for February in Roosevelt is 32.3 degrees. This year the average temperature was 31.3 degrees—one degree below normal. Nationally, temperatures for February were 2.2 degrees below normal. Globally, the picture was much different. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported that “the combined global land and ocean surface temperature for February 2010 was the sixth warmest on record.”

Winter 2009/2010 was just a half a degree above normal in Roosevelt. The state as a whole also experienced near normal temperatures. Nationwide the

average temperature for winter was below normal in 63% of all states. For the entire winter globally NOAA reports “the combined global land and ocean average surface temperature for December-February was 54.8 degrees F, which is the fifth warmest on record.”

Precipitation for February was far above normal for Roosevelt at effectively 6.00 inches of rain. But for the entire winter, precipitation was 0.75 inches below normal. In northern New Jersey the winter precipitation was above average and in southern New Jersey, precipitation was much above normal. Nationwide, precipitation was a bit below normal for February but above normal for the entire winter season.

The Climate Prediction Centers forecast for the period consisting of April, May and June is calling for equal chances of above normal, normal or below normal temperatures and precipitation.

Weather Word

Ox’s Eye

Ox’s Eye—A nautical term of Guinea meaning hurricane. Two other words meaning hurricane are Cyclone and Typhoon, ■

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Heat’g Degree Days
15	39.7	19.9	29.8	0.00	35.2
16	37.0	31.1	34.1	0.05	31.0
17	39.9	21.9	30.9	0.00	34.1
18	43.3	30.4	36.9	0.00	28.2
19	43.9	33.1	38.5	0.00	26.5
20	44.8	29.1	37.0	1.12	28.1
21	42.7	29.0	35.9	0.00	29.2
22	40.8	26.7	33.8	0.00	31.3
23	39.2	34.2	36.7	0.27	28.3
24	44.1	35.8	40.0	1.60	25.1
25	37.8	31.1	34.5	0.24	30.6
26	34.0	24.8	29.4	0.72	35.6
27	35.4	24.5	30.0	0.00	35.1
28	41.7	24.8	33.3	0.00	31.8
1	46.9	31.6	39.3	0.00	25.8
2	49.3	28.0	38.7	0.00	26.4
3	39.9	34.7	37.3	0.10	27.7
4	48.0	34.3	41.2	0.10	23.9
5	50.2	35.4	42.8	0.00	22.2
6	52.2	26.1	39.2	0.00	25.9
7	54.7	28.6	41.7	0.00	23.4
8	59.4	31.1	45.3	0.00	19.8
9	60.4	34.2	47.3	0.00	17.7
10	61.3	32.9	47.1	0.00	17.9
11	66.0	42.1	54.1	0.00	11.0
12	45.0	41.2	43.1	0.00	21.9
13	48.4	40.3	44.4	1.68	20.7
14	53.2	44.2	48.7	2.50	16.3
15	45.9	41.4	43.7	0.93	21.4
Totals				9.31	751.2

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May 22, 1:00 PM, Borough Hall

TOURS AND SCREENINGS AT ROOSEVELT BOROUGH HALL FROM 1 - 4 PM.
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May 22, 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Assifa Space, Linz/Bowen House, 40 Tamara Drive

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This past month I had a birthday dinner for the vegetarian members of my family. I always look for any recipes that I can use for such an occasion. I was happy to find this recipe for a vegetarian side dish that I had saved from a 2001 newspaper. It turned out to be well-liked and healthy—often the case when going vegetarian.

Mixed Fruit Yams Gratin

Ingredients::

2 yams
1 Cup chopped pineapple
1 sliced banana
1 apple coarsely chopped
1/4 Cup raisins
1/2 Cup apple or grape juice
1 Tablespoon brown sugar

Optional Ingredients:

1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

(I doubled the recipe including all of the optional ingredients)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 8" x 8" baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Peel and cut yams into 1/4" slices. Layer half of yams in dish. Mix pineapple, banana, apple, and raisins. Spread half the fruit mixture over yams. Repeat with remaining yams and fruit mixture. Mix juice, brown sugar, and any of the optional ingredients; pour over fruit and yam layers in dish. Cover and bake for an hour or so until yams are tender. This recipe can also be served at breakfast, topped with nonfat plain or vanilla yogurt. ■



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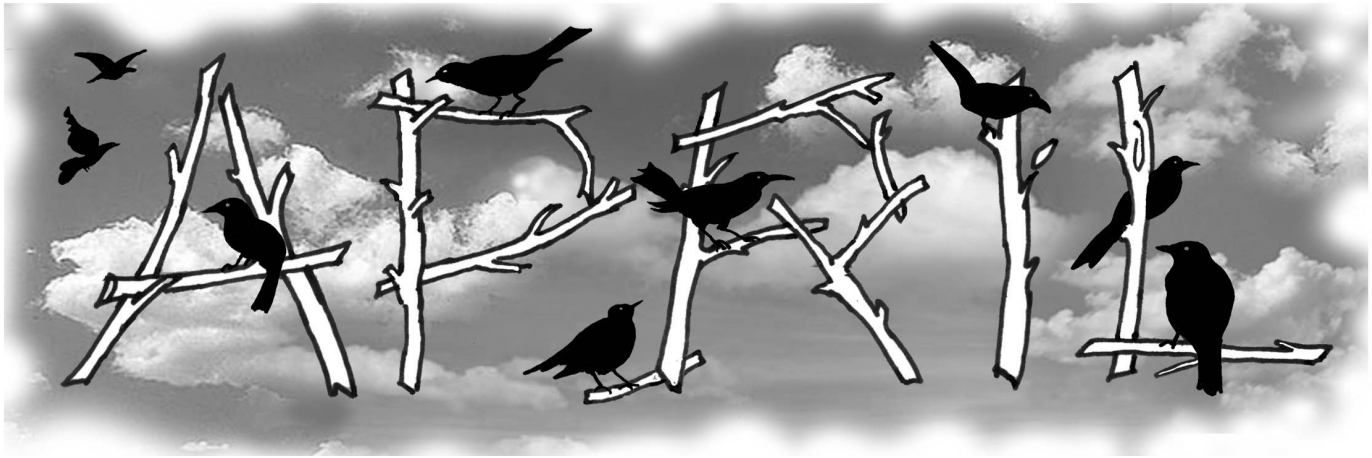
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1-5 School Closed - Spring Break	
6 Tues.	12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure check, Borough Hall 1:00 p.m. Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall, Pat Moser, President, 448-4865
9 Fri.	PIZZA DAY, RPS
11 Sun.	10:00 a.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training. Jack Rindt, Training Officer, 448-9475
12 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701 Filing deadline for candidates for Primary -- Borough Council, County Freeholder, U. S. Congress
13 Tues.	7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713 Alternate date: April 20 7:00 p.m. PTA Business Meeting, Meredith Murray, 371-9714
14 Wed.	RECYCLE 
20 Tues.	8:00 p.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad Business Meeting, Neil Marko, 443-3748 RPS Board of Education Elections
22 Thurs.	7:30 p.m. Board of Education, RPS Library, Assenka Oksiloff, President, 518-1529 RPS Early Dismissal -- Inservice Training
26 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
28 Wed.	RECYCLE 
30 Fri.	PIZZA DAY, RPS

MAY

3 - 7 Mon.-Fri.	Teacher Appreciation Week PTA, Meredith Murray, President, 371-9714
8 Sat.	PTA Mother's Day Plant and Bake Sale
10 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
11 Tues.	7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713 Alternate date: May 18
12 Wed.	RECYCLE 
16 Sun.	7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713 Alternate date: April 20
18 Tues.	8:00 p.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad Business Meeting, Neil Marko, 443-3748
24 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
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