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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Borough Urges Delinquent Utility Ratepayers to Enter into Payment Agreements to Avoid Shutoffs; Court Denies Yeshiva's Motion to Reconsider Penalty for Violation of Cease and Desist Order

At its March 14 meeting, the Borough Council directed municipal attorney Richard Shaklee to draft an ordinance establishing a \$250 reconnection fee to be charged when water service is restored to any property from which it was discontinued by reason of delinquency for six months. The Council had discussed how the costs of disconnection and reconnection might vary, depending on the relative ease or difficulty of locating shutoff valves and of accessing and turning them once they are located, but concluded that it would not be fair to impose extra charges for any difficulties that might be encountered and that a uniform reconnection fee would be most appropriate.

Speaking for the Utilities committee, Councilman Jeff Ellentuck urged any property owner who receives a shutoff notice to immediately contact Tax Collector Salvatore Cannizzaro to enter into a payment agreement and thereby avoid a water shutoff. Mr. Cannizzaro can be reached by calling the Borough offices at 448-0539.

According to Mr. Cannizzaro's records, there were 35 properties with utility delinquencies of at least six months (three billing cycles) as of January 1, 2011. As of March 8, there was a sharp increase in the payment rate, with the result that owners of 12 of these properties were no longer six months delinquent, and the owners of another nine proper-

ties had entered into payment agreements designed to make their accounts current as of next December, thus leaving 14 properties facing water shutoffs. Mr. Cannizzaro joined the Council in urging the owners of these 14 properties to contact him immediately so that the impending shutoffs, which no one wants to see happen, can be avoided.

Mr. Shaklee reported that the lawsuit brought by Yeshiva Me'on Hatorah and Congregation Anshei Roosevelt against the Planning Board and the Roosevelt Preservation Association (RPA) was not yet over because the Yeshiva's attorney had applied to the New Jersey Supreme Court for certification of the case, meaning that the Yeshiva be permitted to appeal the decision of the Appellate Division in favor of the Planning Board and the RPA. In cases where the decision of the Appellate Division is unanimous, as it was in this case, there is no automatic right of appeal to the Supreme Court. Certification means that the Supreme Court agrees to hear the case.

Mr. Shaklee also reported that, on March 8, Monmouth County Assignment Judge Lawrence Lawson had issued an opinion denying a motion made by the Yeshiva for reconsideration of the fines in the amount of \$11,200

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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



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

As well as to David Schwendeman, 443-6204

All artists are invited to Roosevelt Public School on Wednesday evenings from 7–10 p.m., to work on some form of art. No instruction, just a place to gather with other artists to do your own thing (no oils please). We will gather in the lobby of the school, except when that is in use, we will meet in the art room upstairs. For more information please call Barbara Atwood at: 918-0757 or e-mail her at: barbatwood@comcast.net.

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

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

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

An archive of all past issues of the *Bulletin* can be found online at www.mazicmusic.com/rbb.htm, courtesy of Mark Zuckerman. Current and recent issues can also be found online at www.web2sons.org, the unofficial Roosevelt website that is maintained by Bob Francis.

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

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

If you are able to help, please contact

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

At this time, when it looks as if our litigation problems are nearly concluded, I would like to compliment the citizens of Roosevelt for your exemplary composure doing the last five years. It has been a difficult time for us, but I feel that the people of this town have exhibited the best of the qualities that make this country the best on the planet. Whereas there were legitimate differences of opinions, individual neighbors showed respect and tolerance of others' ideas. With very few exceptions, the dialog between opposing points of view was restrained and civil. At the Planning Board and Council meetings the public felt free to express their concerns without risk of censure. It made me proud to be part of such a town.

We at the Borough Hall can now concentrate on the on-

going projects such as getting the clearance from the DEP to sell and/or use the lot which formerly contained the gas station, and seeing if we can get Federal help to reduce the burden of our debt on the Water Sewer system.

The State of New Jersey has created a new designation for 'Licensed Site Remedial Professionals', which establishes a means to sort out the red tape between entities such as our town and the DEP, so we can turn the ex-gas station into an attractive building which makes a positive contribution to the Borough.

Our water bills could be significantly diminished if we can get the interest reduced on our outstanding debt. We are investigating the ways and means to do so.

Happy Spring!

Beth ■

BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS (CONT'D.)

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and the attorney fees in the amount of \$3,900 that Judge Lawson had imposed against the Yeshiva and in favor of the Borough in his order of February 1 concerning the use of 28 Homestead Lane as a dormitory and dining facility, in violation of his previous order.

In denying the motion, Judge Lawson quoted an earlier case in which the judge had held that "reconsideration should be utilized only for those cases which fall into that narrow corridor in which either the Court has expressed its decision based upon a palpably incorrect or irrational basis, or it is obvious that the Court either did not consider or failed to appreciate the significance of probative, . . . competent evidence." He further quoted the judge in that earlier case as having "astutely noted" that "if repetitive bites at the apple are allowed, the core will swiftly sour."

In response to the Yeshiva's request that it be shown mercy by the Court due to its having only limited resources and having been "driven out" of town by Borough officials and residents, Judge Lawson found that he had already shown sufficient mercy by allowing repeated opportunities to bring

the property into compliance with his order of September 2, 2010 without penalty, and then only applied the penalty back to November 10, rather than to September 2. He then went on to say that he disagreed with the Yeshiva's characterization of having been "driven out" of Roosevelt by Borough officials and residents, saying that "such a characterization impugns an untoward motive upon Defendants' conduct in seeking compliance with its zoning ordinances. The fact that Plaintiff is unhappy that Defendants would not permit it to operate as it pleased does not rise to any evil intent on the part of Defendants. In fact, there is still a question of whether Plaintiff could have operated as it pleased had it simply sought a variance. This case is just an example of a town enforcing its zoning ordinances."

In other developments, the Council adopted ordinances establishing a \$2,500 annual fee for the as-yet unsold liquor license, establishing the position of assistant code enforcement officer and setting maximum salaries of \$500 each for the assistant zoning officer and the assistant code enforcement officer. Housing Inspector John Marini has been appointed to both positions in order to provide back-up to Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Kirkland. ■

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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.*

APRIL/MAY EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 Pizza Day
- 5 PTA Assembly - "Flight of the Raptor" 1:00 p.m.
- 7 PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Brd of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m. (may be cancelled)
- 15 Pizza Day
- 18-22 School Closed:
Spring Break
- 25 School Reopens
- 28 Brd of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Earth Day Celebration
Pizza Day

MAY

- 1 PTA Mother's Day Plant & Bake Sale
- 2-5 NJ ASK 6th grade testing
- 9-12 NJ ASK 3rd-5th grades testing
- 12 PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 16-20 SPIRIT WEEK
- 23-25 PTA Book Fair
- 27 Pizza Day
- 30 School Closed -
Memorial Day

The Roosevelt Board of Education Presents the Roosevelt Public School 2011-12 Budget

It is time to look ahead towards the 2011-12 school year, and the school budget which will be put before voters on April 27th. As many of you are aware, the past school year was a difficult one financially for most public schools in New Jersey. With your support, the Roosevelt Public School was able to pass a fiscally responsible budget that kept our programs intact, with no need to lay off staff members, unlike too many other schools in the state.

2011-12 promises to be another challenging year for many schools. At RPS, we are looking at a number of fixed costs that are likely to rise over the next year. Health care costs, for instance, are expected to increase 6.6% for the next school year, while pension costs will be increasing 39%. Roosevelt will receive approximately \$25,000 more in state aid than we did last year; however, we will also be losing the same amount in extraordinary aid from the state government which we received the year before, so the overall effect is flat.

We are asking for a 2% increase in the property taxes for the 2011-12 school year, to \$1,473,717, which should average out to an increase of about \$50 per household per year. Despite the fact that some costs are anticipated to increase at a rate great-

er than 2%, we will not be seeking an exception to raise taxes above the 2% limit set by the state. We are happy to announce that we do not anticipate the need to reduce any of the services currently offered by the school. The Board thanks the administration for their work in preparing this budget, and more importantly for ensuring that we can continue to provide an excellent education for all students during these difficult economic conditions.

We invite you to attend our presentation of the budget to the PTA on Thursday, April 7th. Roosevelt has long been a supportive environment for public education, having passed its school budgets for as long as anyone in town can remember. We appreciate your continued support, and take our responsibility to the town very seriously. We hope you will agree that we have put together a fiscally sound budget, and ask you to turn out to vote on April 27th! ■

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

VOTE!

School Board Election

April 27th

Roosevelt Borough Hall, 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SOLAR VILLAGE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

By Bob Clark

The nonprofit Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, which owns the “Solar Village” senior and disabled housing project on North Valley Road, will hold its annual meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at the Roosevelt Municipal Building. At the meeting, Corporation members will elect all seven members of the Board of Trustees, including officers. Only Corporation members are eligible to be nominated for election to the Board.

Current Board members are Michael Ticktin, President; Michael Hamilton, Secretary; William Counterman, Treasurer; Louis Esakoff; Susan Schwartz; Louise Baranowitz; and Margaret Schlinski. Other business may be conducted, and suggestions for improving the Solar Village are welcome.

Currently, the non-sectarian facility is managed by the nonprofit Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey under a contract with the Board overseen by the mortgage holder, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which subsidizes rents for elderly and disabled residents. The 21-unit complex also enables Roosevelt to satisfy the lion’s share of its affordable housing obligation under state law.

Roosevelt residents who have questions about the organization, or who want to become new Corporation members and participate in the voting during the Annual Meeting, may contact any of the above Board members or Corporation member Bob Clark. To become new members they need only make arrangements to pay to the Corporation, through its Treasurer, Bill Counterman (448-3182), \$5.00, as required by the Corporation’s by-laws. Multiple residents of a single household may become Corporation members upon payment of a single \$5.00 fee. The

single payment confers lifetime membership. Currently, 43 Rooseveltians are Corporation members. ■

REVIEW: THE ASSIFA SPACE ART SHOW

By Frances G. Duckett

The March 12 show at the Assifa Space in Roosevelt was very well attended. It was a lovely day. Generous refreshments were served, and the lighting of the twenty-eight featured works was excellent. These works were split between contributions from local artists and guest artists. None of the works were advertised for sale. The Show’s theme was the combination of art and lettering/poetry. The participants interpreted this in various ways, from Jaime An-Wong’s “Block Print,” in which the lettering is the entire subject, to pieces like Carol Schepps small but elegant “Mowing” where the letters simply caption the work. In “The Bluebird” by Deirdre Sheean, the lettering was signage on a building which formed the subject of the picture. Setting the tone was a large Ed Schlinski print hanging over a door. It was not officially part of the show, but participated fully in its theme. Its subject dangled a string of cutouts of images and letters from his pudgy hands.

Both two and three-dimensional pieces were included. Gary Edelstein’s “Walt Whitman” is a large wooden

cabinet faced with a bearded head, which opened to reveal poetry books. Barbara Atwood’s “Untitled” featured a row of organic forms arrayed on sticks. Steve Bowen’s “Logos” is a large, curvaceous expressionist form.

My favorites among the two-dimensional works were Ron Kostar’s “Reading the Sunday Times”, which is small in size and has the light-hearted feel of a Paul Klee, plus witty and colorful montages by Renee Kumar, Bill Leech and Ina Marx. I also liked “elab.org” by Ilene Dube—a flat colorful painting of two (perhaps Newyoric) cooks. This deadpan, naïve piece had a lot of charm.

The methods employed by the artists ranged from the sophisticated (Sheila Linz’s transfer of images from newspaper to art paper in “Portal of the World”) to the extremely crude. On the whole the documentation offered on the artists and their works was better than average.

Before visiting the Assifa Space, I had been asked by Borough *Bulletin* readers why it is so named. I enquired, and was told that this was the original name of the town of Roosevelt. Assifa means gathering in Hebrew and storm in Arabic. The space lived up to the first meaning on March 12. I would like to thank hostess Sheila Linz and Ilene Dube for organizing this fine show under the auspices of the Roosevelt Arts Project. ■

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ATTENTION

ROOSEVELT BOROUGH RESIDENTS

On Monday, April 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. the Roosevelt Borough Governing Body will conduct a public meeting at the Roosevelt Borough Municipal Building, 33 North Rochdale Ave., Roosevelt, NJ 08555, on the contents of an application to be submitted to the Monmouth County Community Development Program.

The public is invited to attend and participate. If you wish to attend and require a sign language interpreter (voice, TTD and ITY), you can contact Roosevelt Borough by calling 609-448-0539, ext. 0 or 4.

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Happy 75th Birthday Roosevelt!

By Mike Hamilton

"The first moving day at Jersey Homesteads was on July 10, 1936, when seven families arrived after dark. Their fifty-mile trip from New York City was delayed by a bridge that was out and by the loss of three trucks in heavy traffic. Elaborate opening ceremonies had to be cancelled, and the homeowners unloaded in the face of a thunderstorm, delayed by a publicity director who insisted on recording the event on a newsreel. With the completion of the project, visitors were allowed, with approximately 5,000 inspecting the project on July 12. The first settlers were greeted by the "doers of good" or the "eager helpers and amiable zanies," depending on the point of view, that represented the Special Skills Division of the Resettlement Administration. There were lectures on preserving, co-operation, and drama and, to a group of frugal Jews, on the necessity for economy. On the day of moving an interior decorator came from Washington with a load of furniture and set up a model cottage, despite the fact that homesteaders were on their way from New York to move into every completed home. On her departure a van came to the house and unceremoniously removed the model furniture and placed it in storage. Soon after the first homesteads were occupied, a large surprise package arrived—a huge modernistic statue depicting a woman at a sewing machine."

From "Tomorrow a New World:
The New Deal Community Program"
by Paul Conkin

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Roosevelt. Upon reading the above passage in Paul Conkin's wonderful book about the Subsistence Homesteads Program, I was reminded of the courage of the original homesteaders who packed all of their

Notice to All Residents

If you have any light or heavy iron scrap you would like to clean out, now is your chance to do so and benefit the Borough of Roosevelt. From April 21st thru April 26th, a dumpster will be in place at the East end of Lake Dr, near the horse farm, to collect any light or heavy iron or small machinery. Roosevelt will receive .12 cents / pound for this metal.

If you are not sure if your scrap metal is iron or another element such as aluminum, use a magnet. The most common metals found in homes are steel (including stainless steel) and aluminum. To tell the difference, touch them with a magnet. It will stick to the steel but not to the aluminum. Steel and iron are very similar and will both react to a magnet; the difference in the two is the carbon content. Most metal found in houses will be steel, which is more expansive, durable and common than iron. If you have steel rims on junk tires, remove the tires before putting in the special iron recycling dumpster. If you have garden or lawn equipment with iron parts that are attached to wood such as old lawn spreaders, shovels, or fences, remove the wooden parts and then recycle in the dumpster.

To read more, please read "How to Tell the Difference in Metal for Recycling" at eHow.com. Go to: http://www.ehow.com/how_5622361_tell-difference-metal-recycling.html#ixzz1HCLxX2IK

Do not put tires in the iron reclosing bin. Here are the locations to get rid of tires:

TIRES

- D & S Recycling, Lakewood, (732)363-5130
- Freehold Cartage, Freehold, (732)462-1000
- Integrated Tire, Bayonne, (201)437-7070
- Neptune Iron & Scrap, Neptune, (732)774-4100
- Red Bank Recycling, Red Bank, (732)747-7779
- SWTR, Newark, (201)565-0180

belongings into trucks one summer night in 1936, and traveled from New York City to start their new life in an experimental community in the fields of New Jersey. The passage also serves to remind us that there was a time when the federal government had the courage to act in highly innovative ways when many doubted that economic and social progress was even possible. Paul Conkin summed it up well when he wrote that the New Deal communities "...will remain vivid reminders of a time, not so long past, when Americans still could dream of a better, more perfect world and could so believe in that dream that

they dared set forth to realize it, unashamed of their zeal."

Many of our new settlers may not be aware of our unique history and heritage as an experimental planned community and social experiment, and others may have forgotten. Perhaps a 75th anniversary celebration is in order, a time to remember and celebrate our unique place in the history of our country. Anyone interested in getting together to plan a community-wide 75th anniversary

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SPRING PEEPERS ARE CALLING

Frogs, little spring peepers are sensing the change in seasons and SPRING is upon us. It's a great time of year and nice weather heralds the beginning of yard work, garden planning and (Uggh) lawn mowing. Please try to compost leaves and vegetable kitchen waste and no dumping anything in the Green Acres in and around the town.

WOOD DUCK NEST BOXES ARE READY FOR TENANTS

Normal order of business was suspended during the REC's February meeting so members present could construct the nest boxes. The six boxes were put out the next week. Two were placed on trees along Empty Box Brook south of Solar Village (RWT Section D). Two were placed in trees north of the village (RWT section C). Then one box was placed upstream from where the brook crosses Rochdale

and one downstream from Rochdale. This is an exciting experiment. We will need help watching the boxes for activity. Post your observations on our web site (photos would be super great). Please call me if you see ducks in or around the nest boxes. Try not to disturb them and watch from a distance. Many other animals may use the boxes and that's okay. Happy animals and variety is the spice of life!

Rutgers Ag Field Day

Rutgers Ag Field Day is the last weekend in April. Check with Google for the exact date and times.

NEW BLOOD NEEDED

There are a couple of vacancies on the Roosevelt Environmental Commission. This could be a great opportunity for someone to dip their toes into community politics, learn how to apply for grants and help save the environment too. If this may

interest you give me a call or just come to one of our meetings. We have fun most meetings and you will too. Bring a friend and just think how good this would look on your resume!

Next meeting is April 20th.

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meetings will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on April 20, 2011. 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 website. ■

. . . AND PLEASE WALK THE ROOSEVELT WOODLAND TRAIL

Satire: ONE TO FIVE

By Judith McNally

This will only take a minute of your time. On a scale of one to five, please rate your most recent oil change, pharmacy visit, cable repair, emergency road service, bank transaction, dental surgery and online purchase.

For training purposes, this call may be monitored, recorded, or transferred to the FBI. As a valued customer, your opinions are important to us. However, please do not rock the boat. This will only take a minute of your time.

If you are willing to take the following survey, please stay on the line and someone will be with you, eventually. This survey has been carefully designed to elicit the answers we want to hear. If you wish to discontinue this call, please press the pound key at any time. Your refusal to take this survey will be seen as a direct threat to the consumer society in which you live.

If you find this survey to be in any way an invasion of your privacy, you have the right to file suit with our Committee for Public Privacy. If you are simply too tired, or can't remember the cable man ever showing up, please press nine now and your call will be automatically saved for 30 days. If at the end of 30 days you have not fully completed this survey, your phone may be tapped regarding suspicious behavior.

If you are willing to take this survey the first time around but cannot make head or tail of some of the questions, please press five now and your call will be automatically forwarded to our Committee for English as a Devilishly Difficult Second Language.

Now, on a scale of one to five, five being Irrelevant and one being Essential, please answer the following question: How do you feel about our pea soup? Please note that we are not interested in your opinion about the quality or cost of our soup,

and any complaints about same will not result in free coupons for more of our delicious and costly product.

On a scale of one to five, five being Surly and one being Couldn't Get Rid of Him/Her, please answer the following question: How would you rate your most recent Home Delivery of our pea soup? Please note that our drivers are underpaid and overworked, and must be able to carry up to 70 pounds of soup at once. Expressing sympathy for your driver will not improve his/her collective bargaining rights, nor will it expedite delivery of your next shipment.

And finally, one to five, five being Absolutely and one being Very Unlikely, would you recommend our soup to your friends? If you currently feel you have no friends, please do not answer the question at this time, and remember, Spring is just around the corner and even a blade of grass can be of comfort.

Thank you. ■

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sary celebration can contact me at mikehamiltonroosevelt@gmail.com.

Although the Conkin book is no longer in print, it is available for access as a free eBook on the website: openlibrary.org. When you get to the openlibrary web site, enter Tomorrow a New World in the search box at the upper right hand corner of the page and it should take you to a list of books with those words in it. The Conkin book is the 3rd one on the list. To the right you will see a stylized open-book icon labeled "Read". Click on the book icon and you should gain access to the eBook. If you want, you can go to the book directly by entering <http://openlibrary.org/search?q=Tomorrow+a+New+World> into your browser. If you like, a robotic reader will even read the book to you. There is a whole chapter of the book devoted to Jersey Homesteads but, the book is really quite interesting as it provides a thorough history of all of the movements and ideas which came together at a unique point in time which gave birth to our wonderful community. ■

Paddle for Pink at Lake Mercer, Roosevelt Team Filling Up

By Carol Watchler

The Fifth Annual Paddle for Pink Dragon Boat Festival at Mercer County Park on June 5, 2011 is fast approaching, Rooseveltians and their friends are invited to register a team of Roosevelt Dragons—twenty paddlers and a drummer. We are seeking a captain or co-captains for the team to enter into the Festival's exciting races on Lake Mercer. While past teams have been entered in the all-women category, this year Roosevelt Dragons are looking to field a men's and women's mixed team with a possible additional all-women team.

Besides the dragon boat races, the festival will feature music, entertainment, exhibit booths, food, a silent auction, the Field of Women display, picnicking, dragon boat rides, and traditional ceremonies. It's a day for the whole family to enjoy.

To sign up for the Roosevelt Dragons team or to learn more about the festival, please contact Carol Watchler, 609-448-5215 or carolwatchler@comcast.net. ■

Local Composer to Appear at Museum

Roosevelt composer Mark Zuckerman will present "In Search of Yiddishkeit: a composer's musical odyssey of Jewish exploration and self-discovery" 2:00 PM Sunday, April 10, 2011 at the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County.

The composer will talk about the development of Jewish influences, both conscious and accidental, on his music. The presentation will be illustrated with examples from 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.

The Museum is located behind Top Tomato in the shopping center at 310 Mounts Corner Drive in Freehold. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for Museum members) and are available at the Museum (732-252-6990) or online at jhmomc.org. ■

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If you are able to help, please contact Bess Tremper (609-448-2701) or write to P.O. Box 221.

Thank you.

Did you know... why the siren sounds Sundays at around 7:00 p.m. ?

Every Sunday in Roosevelt at around 7:00 p.m. one long blast of the siren is a test of all the First Aid Squad members' pagers and the siren.

Submitted by Jack Rindt

The First Aid Squad responded to 26 emergency calls from January 1 to February 28, 2011. In Roosevelt, these included emergency transports, cardiacs, motor vehicle accidents, difficulty breathing and downed wires; in Millstone, a motor vehicle accident, emergency transports and a cardiac.

The training for March was having the Squad recertify in using the Auto-Injector (Eip-Pen). The Squad carries 2 adult units and 1 pediatric unit on each ambulance. These are used for allergic reactions to food, insect stings, etc.

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

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

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

First Aid Squad History:

January 1962-- the Squad received a bid for \$250.00 to paint the building. March 1961--the Squad held a First Aid class-- all attended. The Mark Klatzkin award was going to be given by the Squad to top student in the graduating class of 1961. September 195--Jack Yudin joined the Squad.

**Remember,
If you need help,
Dial 911.**

Health Notes:

Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, a general term for loss of memory and other intellectual abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 50 to 70 percent of dementia cases. Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging, although the greatest known risk factor is increasing age and the majority of people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older. But it is not just a disease of old age. Up to five percent of people with the disease have early-onset Alzheimer's (also known as younger-onset), which often appears when someone is in their 40s or 50s. Alzheimer's worsens over time and is a progressive disease, where symptoms gradually worsen over a number of years. In its early stages, memory loss is mild, but with late-stage Alzheimer's, individuals lose the ability to carry on a conversation and respond to their environment. Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. Those with Alzheimer's live an average of eight years after their symptoms become noticeable to others, but survival can range from three to 20 years, depending on age and other health conditions.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimers Disease

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life.
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems.
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure.
4. Confusion with time or place.
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships.
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing.
7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps.
8. Decreased or poor judgment.
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities.
10. Changes in mood and personality.

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By Ron Filepp

'TIS spring; come out to ramble
 The hilly brakes around,
 For under thorn and bramble
 About the hollow ground
 The primroses are found.

from 'Tis spring; come out to ramble ~ A. E. Housman

February

February was warmer and drier than normal in Roosevelt. Precipitation was off by about 0.40" and the average temperature for the month was 3.7 degrees F higher than normal. As a consequence of the warm temperatures, there were about 106 fewer heating-degree-days than normal for February.

The lack of precipitation was reflected in the lack of significant snowfall. Although there was full snow cover in town through February 14, almost all that snow had accumulated in December and January. Only about an inch of snow fell in February.

February normally has more snow than any other month in our area. I doubt too many people had complaints regarding this February's poor showing of snowfall. Particularly since December and January brought a total of 52.5 inches of snow. With the inch in February, that makes the total snowfall for the winter of 2010/2011 53.5 inches. Very impressive and backbreaking.

We also experienced fierce winds in February.

This year, the globe experienced the 17th warmest February since record keeping began in 1880, as the climate phenomenon La Niña continued to be a significant factor. Last month's average Arctic sea ice extent tied with 2005 as the smallest extent for February in its 32-year period of record.

April

The Climate Prediction Center of the National Weather Service is predicting equal chances of above, below or normal temperatures and precipitation in April for our area. They really shouldn't go so far out on a limb.

The *Old Farmers Almanac* says April will be cooler and drier in our region. Meanwhile, LongRangeWeather is predicting conditions will be stormy in April. Precipitation and temperatures are expected to be near-normal levels in the late spring.

Weather Word

A **MACKEREL SKY** is the name given to cirrocumulus clouds with small vertical extent and composed of ice crystals. The rippled effect gives the appearance of fish scales.

Weather Joke

"Gosh, it's raining cats and dogs," said Fred looking out of the kitchen window. "I know," said his mother. "I've just stepped in a poodle!"

A postcard home: The weather is here. Wish you were beautiful. ■

February, 2011

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Heating Degree Days
1	36.0	27.5	31.8	0.00	33.3
2	39.2	28.6	33.9	0.62	31.1
3	35.1	21.9	28.5	0.56	36.5
4	36.7	14.0	25.4	0.00	39.7
5	43.0	26.0	34.5	0.25	30.5
6	42.3	30.4	36.4	0.00	28.7
7	47.7	27.7	37.7	0.00	27.3
8	39.0	22.1	30.6	0.14	34.5
9	40.5	14.5	27.5	0.00	37.5
10	29.3	16.2	22.8	0.00	42.3
11	37.2	10.9	24.1	0.00	41.0
12	40.6	18.5	29.6	0.00	35.5
13	46.6	22.3	34.5	0.00	30.6
14	54.9	37.4	46.2	0.00	18.9
15	42.1	26.2	34.2	0.00	30.9
16	46.6	20.5	33.6	0.00	31.5
17	61.5	37.8	49.7	0.00	15.4
18	62.2	44.1	53.2	0.00	11.9
19	54.0	35.8	44.9	0.00	20.1
20	49.1	22.8	36.0	0.00	29.1
21	39.7	32.5	36.1	0.05	28.9
22	36.5	21.7	29.1	0.10	35.9
23	42.1	19.0	30.6	0.00	34.5
24	50.7	22.1	36.4	0.00	28.6
25	59.9	34.0	47.0	0.35	18.1
26	44.8	30.6	37.7	0.10	27.3
27	52.5	34.9	43.7	0.00	21.3
28	63.7	41.2	52.5	0.16	12.6
Totals				2.33"	812.7

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2010 - 2011 Season

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

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

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

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

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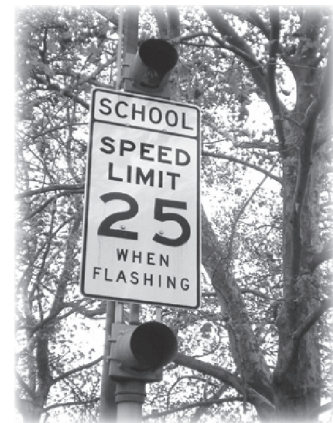
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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Neighbors,

My name is Seth Ditchik; I will be running for a second term on the Roosevelt Borough Board of Education this April, and I'd like to ask for your support. Some of you may not know me, so I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you.

My family and I have lived here for almost six years. When we were moving to the area, a friend introduced us to Roosevelt; we immediately fell in love with the history and independent spirit of the town, and never looked anywhere else. I have two young daughters who attend school here. Two years ago, my in-laws moved to Solar Village to be near us. I can honestly say that more so than anywhere else that I have lived, Roosevelt feels like home.

I work as a senior editor at Princeton University Press, where I publish books by the world's leading economists. I've spent the past 11 years surrounded by economics, and while I like to tell people, "I'm not an economist, I just play one on TV," being around them has made me acutely aware of the economic challenges we face. For the past two years I have served as the head of the Board's finance committee. As we all know, these years have been difficult from a financial perspective—in 2009-10, we had almost \$200,000 withheld from us by the state due to budget cuts, and we entered 2010-11 with a 16% reduction in state aid. I am proud that we were able to work with the administration to construct a

budget that allowed us to keep both our staff and our services intact, in stark contrast to our surrounding communities. We are continuing to seek opportunities to cut costs by establishing shared services with neighboring districts.

I think that anyone who knows me—either as a member of the Board, or in the wider world—would characterize me as someone who tries to see all sides. I have worked hard in my time on the Board to evaluate all of the information presented to us impartially, and come to decisions that take into account both the mission of the school as well as the needs of the community. My mother was a public school teacher, and my sister and two cousins all teach in public schools. I am the product of public schools—from elementary all the way through college—and I am a firm believer in the power of public education. I chose to serve on the Board of Education to ensure that my children and all the children of our community have access to the same excellent educational opportunities which I had growing up. Roosevelt Public School is a special place, and on April 27th I ask you to vote to allow me to continue supporting its mission.

Seth Ditchik ■

Dear Neighbors,

I am writing to thank the community for its support of our school and to urge everyone to come out and vote in the upcoming school elections on Wednesday, April 27. After 10 years in Roosevelt and seven years on the board, I will be honored if you re-elect me for another term.

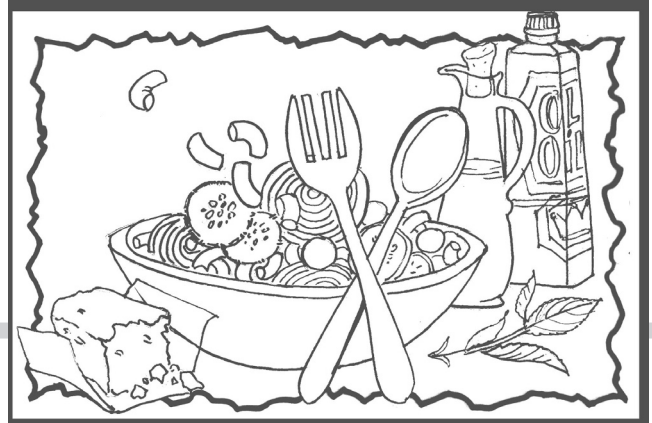
During my years on the board, I have been very grateful to be part of a community that makes education its number-one priority. While budget after budget has been brought down in neighboring districts, Roosevelt has consistently supported the school, its staff and, most importantly, its children.

I pledge to carry forward the practice of fiscal responsibility that has been a hallmark of our board. Last year alone, our school faced a drastic cut in state aid, along with a mandatory spend-down of our reserves. Despite the loss of nearly \$200,000 in aid, the board was able to maintain our excellent curricular programs and avoid staff layoffs. As we continue to weather this fiscal crisis, the board is taking a pro-active stance by securing shared-service agreements with neighboring districts. Many of these agreements are expected to be in place during the 2011-12 school year.

Our school, like our community, is small in size but mighty in spirit. Our children are our most valuable resource. As a school board member, my goal is to maintain a school that sends young people out into the larger world as confident learners, unafraid thinkers, and humans increasingly aware that kindness matters.

Assenka Oksiloff ■

I made this salad for a family get-together last fall. When I was telling Bess about it at the time, we decided to wait until Spring to put it in the *Bulletin*. That seemed fine, but I just spent two days going through my recipes to find it again! Oh well, I now have a neat Recipe shelf!



Greek-Style Pasta Salad

1 lb. small seedless cucumber, cut into bite-size pieces
 1 lb. bite-size pasta
 1 lb. (about 1 1/2 dry pint) cherry tomatoes, halved and lightly sprinkled with salt
 1/2 C crumbled feta cheese
 1/2 medium red onion, cut into small dice
 3 T minced fresh mint
 Creamy vinaigrette, made with rice vinegar and mayo

1. Sprinkle cucumber lightly with salt, place in colander to drain.
2. Cook pasta until just tender, drain, spread out in shallow baking pan, let cool to room temp
3. Pat cucumbers dry, transfer them with pasta and remaining ingredients, except dressing, to a large bowl: do not mix. (Pasta salad can be covered and refrigerated for up to 2 hours.) When ready to serve add dressing and let stand for 15 min.

Creamy Vinaigrette Dressing

1/4 C rice wine vinegar or fresh lemon
 2 T Dijon mustard or mayonnaise
 1 large garlic clove, minced
 Salt and pepper
 2/3 C olive oil

- With small whisk stir in garlic, salt and pepper.
- Slowly whisk in oil.

Vinaigrette can be made and refrigerated one day in advance.

Note: One teaspoon dried oregano and 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley can stand in for the fresh mint.

T = tablespoon tsp = teaspoon C = cup

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7:00 p.m.	PTA Business Meeting, Bill Felong, President, 448-8728
TBA	Book Swap, PTA, Bill Felong, President, 448-8728
10 Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Roosevelt First Aid Squad Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
11 Mon. 7:00 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
12 Tues. 7:30 p.m.	Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
13 Wed.	RECYCLE 
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16-17 Sat.-Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. both days	RAP, Jim Hayden Works, (see page 12) at The Factory, 15 Oscar Drive
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20 Wed.	Environmental Commission, Dave Schwendeman, Chair, 443-6204
25 Mon. 7:00 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
27 Wed. 2:30 - 9:00 p.m.	RECYCLE  School Board Election Borough Hall
28 Thurs. 7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, RPS Library, Natalie Warner, 448-2913

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May 3 - 6	Teacher Appreciation Week
6 Fri.	PIZZA /DAY
7 Sat.	Plant Sale, PTA, Bill Felong, President, 448-8728
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