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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Borough to Contract with County for Street Sweeping and Storm Sewer Clearance; Stream Flow West of Tamara Drive Improves; Utility Shutoffs Pending

At the March 12 meeting of the Borough Council, Councilman Tom Curry reported that Monmouth County was willing to contract with the Borough for the periodic sweeping of the gutters of all municipal streets at a cost of \$525 per sweep, which is less than what private contractors would charge. Sweeps of the municipal streets would be conducted when County trucks come in to sweep County Route 571. Mr. Curry further reported that the County would jet out all municipal storm sewers at a cost of \$40 per hour, which is also well below what private contractors would charge.

Mr. Curry also stated that he had walked along the section of the Roosevelt Woodland Trail that goes through the land between Tamara Drive and the sewage treatment plant that is owned by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and had noted that water levels in Empty Box Brook had gone down considerably due to removal of logs and other obstacles by DEP. He said that he would speak with both Monmouth County and DEP to see if the Borough could get assistance in doing similar clearance both in the Borough-owned portion of Empty Box Brook between Valley Road and Tamara Drive and in the stream that flows behind the properties on the north side of Pine Drive and Elm and Cedar Courts. He was able to establish, in conversations with various officials at DEP that, contrary to what was previously thought to be the case, DEP does not have

any objection to the removal of obstacles from the streams, and the swamps that have resulted from the blockage of the stream, with consequent loss of forest for many years, may finally be reversed.

As to the now unnamed stream north of Pine Drive, Councilman Ralph Warnick brought to the Council a copy of an 1851 map of Millstone Township--of which what is now Roosevelt was then a part--that shows that stream as the northern branch of Empty Box Brook, into which it flowed at that time. Now it flows into Assunpink Brook on the western side of the sewage treatment plant, downstream from the confluence of Empty Box Brook and Assunpink Brook.

Councilman Jeff Ellentuck reported that there were currently 20 households that were at least eight months delinquent in water-sewer utility payments, resulting in a deficit in the utility fund of over \$50,000.

Notices will be sent to those who are delinquent advising them that their water will be shut off if they do not either make the necessary payments or enter into, and comply with, a payment agreement. When this problem last arose, all affected households responded to the notices by either paying or entering into agreements and no shutoffs were therefore necessary.

In other action, the Council awarded the annual lawn maintenance contract to Acer Lawn and Landscaping.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 35th edition of the *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin*.

As usual, there were nine issues starting with October 2011 through July, 2012, leaving out January 2012.

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State Bureau of Wildlife Management
Kim Tinnes, Wildlife Control
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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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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

You may have received a flyer in previous issues of the Borough *Bulletin* describing some of the activities planned by the Recreation Committee for citizens of the town; I hope you responded by answering the questionnaire at the end regarding things you would like to see offered by the Recreation Committee. Currently there are several programs for youth and adults, but we would be glad of your ideas to expand the offerings. They could be classes, activities or trips; so please feel free to contact Eric Schubiger or come to the Council with your thoughts. There is a mailbox on the Borough phone system for Eric and Councilman Ellentuck is the Council representative for Recreation.

Please be sure you are up to date with your water bills. Council is going to act on bills in excess of 8 months by shutting off the delinquent's water. It is not something that anyone wants to do, but it is not fair to those paying to have their rates increase to cover those that do not pay their fair share.

Here it is: spring! Let's all pull together to have Roosevelt looking beautiful for it's 75th anniversary. Council is working on the public places but every resident can help by doing their best to keep their yards well maintained and removing debris from their property. A lovely Roosevelt is a collection of attractive individual homes and gardens.

Enjoy the spring!

Beth ■



Scenes around Roosevelt, New Jersey.

Photos by Mary C. Macher

From the Office of CSA/Principal

As we change seasons, the feeling of family and community at the Roosevelt Public School continues to remain steady. Our Student Council, under the direction of Ms. Larisa Bondy, has been working hard to show a dedication to community service. Recently, due to generous food contributions from the Roosevelt community, the RPS Student Council assembled approximately 180 bag lunches for the RISE organization. RISE is a non-profit, social service organization, in Hightstown, to help struggling members of our local community build independence and achieve their full potential. A deep and heart-felt thank you to the students and Roosevelt Community!

In March we also celebrated the annual RPS "School-House Hooky Day" on Friday, March 9, 2012, where our PTA sets up different stations for the students to enjoy. The schedule for the late morning and afternoon included 5 stations: yoga, fitness, art, video trailer, and outside time. The student groups rotated every 30 minutes to take part in each of the stations. Thank you to the PTA, faculty and staff, and

community volunteers for making this a very successful and enjoyable event for the students. It was truly special to see all the smiles on their faces as this event took place.

We are preparing for the RPS Talent Show so the students can showcase their individual talents. It is almost time for our Spring Concert to take place, under the direction of Mr. David Lerner. The students did a masterful performance at the Winter Concert; I am excited to see them perform again this Spring. Also, Mr. Jeff Santanello has been facilitating fundraisers with his 6th grade class for their annual class trip. This year the class has picked New York as the destination for their excursion.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all of the faculty and staff at RPS for all of their hard work each and every day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph S. Campisi
CSA, Roosevelt Public School ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- April 3 – RPS Talent Show
7:00 p.m.
- April 6–13 – School Closed for Spring Break
- April 17 – PTA Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- April 20 – Pizza Day
- April 21 – PTA Movie Night
- April 26 – Board of Ed.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.



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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.*

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RPS BOE responds with a sound budget, after losing 6.6% of their state school aid

On February 21, 2012, the RPS community learned that the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) chose to reduce our aid by 6.6%. This means RPS will receive \$48,302 dollars less than it did last year. Of the 591 districts in the state, 97 saw reductions in aid.

The NJDOE released an “Education Funding Report” with the state aid projections. The report outlines proposed changes to the School Funding Reform Act (SFRA) aimed at closing gaps in student achievement. Since the proposed changes base state aid allotments on a new means of measuring student enrollment, Roosevelt receives less state aid.

Currently, Roosevelt has one public school for 76 resident students and 22 tuition students. Overall enrollment increased by 27% this year. The numbers the state

acquired, however, came from the previous three years when RPS saw enrollment decline.

Roosevelt Public School’s 2011-12 budget totaled \$2.4 million and relied on \$710,117 in state aid. Next year, RPS will receive only \$687,262. The majority of our budget focuses on fixed costs- health care, pension contributions and energy costs. All of which are expected to increase next year. To trim down the financial strain of these fixed costs, the RPS Board of Education negotiated a 0% increase with the EW school district for our 2012-13 tuition payment for our 7-12th grade students. The Board also intends to reduce our administrative costs and to collaborate with nearby districts to lower transportation, curriculum and business expenses. In addition, our new administration worked diligently to increase revenue by accepting more out-of-district tuition students. Our number of tuition paying students increased by 3% and our class size average remains at 14.

Dr. Campisi said, “The Roosevelt School District is facing a fiscal challenge; however, through our hard-work and dedication we will continue to provide a safe and effective educational institution. Challenges often lead to questions, which lead to answers, which lead to solutions. These solutions will be the basis of the Roosevelt Public School District to continue moving forward in the best interests of our students.”

The next full RPS Board of Education meeting will be March 22, with a budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. and a full meeting at 7:30 p.m. The Board and Administration continue to look for ways to reduce costs without affecting student achievement or safety while continuing to stay focused

on the mission of the school and providing the best educational experience we can for our students. The 2012-2013 budget may be viewed at www.rps1.org.

Update on 6th Grade AdHoc Committee

The Board is awaiting a final report from the AdHoc Committee that continues to examine and analyze data. It has been announced that 6th grade will remain at RPS for the 2012-2013 school year.

If you have questions or comments concerning the Board please contact Natalie Warner, Board President, at RPSBOE@gmail.com.

“The quality of our relationship is directly related to the quality of our communication.” ■

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

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CLEAN-UP DAY

Sunday, April 15, 2012

Meet at the Post Office at 10 a.m. — Finish by noon

We need your help on April 15 when we will be meeting in front of the Post Office at 10 a.m. before dispersing throughout Roosevelt to pick up the trash that collects during the winter months and becomes painfully obvious when the snow that never came this year melts and defiles the otherwise luscious greenery of our town. Everyone is welcome especially youngsters and the parents of RPS students!

And we look forward to
another successful Spring Clean-Up Day,
to commence from the Post Office
on April 15 at 10 a.m. ...

***But we need
your help!!!***



ANYTHING GOES ROCKS

by Frances G. Duckett

Roosevelt's seniors were admitted free to the dress rehearsal of *Anything Goes* at Hightstown High School on Thursday, March 8th, joining an audience of around eighty—in numbers, not in age, an audience many of whom grew up with the show's songs, "You're the Top", "Friendship" and "I Get a Kick out of You." These are classics of lyric art.

I was astonished at how well the *Anything Goes*' cast was able to enunciate these high-speed, lyric-heavy numbers and at how much fun and how refreshing the Cole Porter tunes still are.

Of special note to Roosevelt residents was the bright performance of Ellen Rothfuss as Bonnie, the sidekick of a faux gangster and friend to the leading man. Bonnie leads two energetic dance numbers: "Let's Step Out" and "The Heaven Hop," and really commanded the stage in a way that showed confidence and experience. Ellen has been in many productions before and plans to study communications and theatre in college. I asked Ellen Rothfuss for a reaction to the HHS production,

and she told me she felt that the show was a very good fit for the talent available:"the right kids for the right parts" and closed with "We're all having fun." Certainly the audience was.

Anything Goes concerns a marginally employed young man who follows a girl onto a cruise ship, where he masquerades as various people to avoid being busted for not having a ticket. He is helped by show business personality Reno Sweeney (played by the gifted singer Natalie Ortega) and by gangster wannabee "Moonface" Martin. Their antic maneuvering is classic farce, peppered with funny remarks and interspersed with escapist song.

The cruise ship set is crisp, colorful, and functions well. Annika Aakhus of Roosevelt was on the set construction crew. Also from Roosevelt, in the pit orchestra, Ed Cedar was to be found playing guitar and banjo.

The upbeat numbers worked better than the soulful ones. The high-energy finale "Blow, Gabriel Blow" knocked my socks off. On the whole I would say that *Anything Goes* surely floated my boat, providing the kind of escapist fun modern story lines often lack. ■

Half Marathon Dedicated to Clare Sacharoff: Raising Funds for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

by Debbie Sacharoff

This spring, I am dedicating my walk in a half marathon fundraiser to my late, dear mother, Clare Sacharoff, who spent the last year of her life bravely fighting Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Many remember Clare as a teacher, friend, neighbor or relative; and were inspired by her warmth, humor, intelligence, wit and compassion. She believed that with effort, people could overcome challenges in learning, health, and life.

Clare Sacharoff was also a great walker. For being 5 feet tall, I was proud that my mother was one of the fastest walkers in town.

I am reaching out and asking friends, family and community, to donate if possible, to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Any and all help is appreciated. To make a donation please see the following website:

<http://pages.teamintraining.org/wa/rnrseat112/dsacharoff#My-Fundraising-Page> or Email: beesand sac@yahoo.com ■

Rabbi Moishe Hezrony and his family invite you to a
traditional Seder
 either Friday April 7th or Saturday April 8th
 at the synagogue.

Please RSVP to kayla5842@comcast.net

The First Aid Squad has responded to 32 emergency calls from January 1 to February 28, 2011. In Roosevelt: emergency transports, unresponsive, leg injury, cardiac and falls. In Millstone Twp.: Motor vehicle accidents, emergency transports, cardiac, seizures, & respiratory distress. In Upper Freehold Twp.: unresponsive and in Manalapan Twp.: emergency transport.

The training for February was recertification in CPR/AED and OSHA 29 CFR:1910:1030 for Bloodborne Pathogens. In attendance for the CPR/AED class was Mayor Beth Battel, Councilman Ralph Warnick, and Amber Nolan. Councilman Warnick also attended the Bloodborne Pathogens training. All Squad members received a total of 6 continuing education units (ceu's) for their EMT certification.

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

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

We are always looking for new members. We will pay for the basic training that is needed. If anyone is interested please contact any Squad member or stop in during our training for an application. The next EMT class will be starting on May 14, 2012 at the Marlboro First Aid building. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT please e-mail FMFD7568@verizon.net.

First Aid Squad History: May 1977 Squad purchased a 1975 Chevrolet ambulance for \$13,000. Got \$4,000 for the old one in trade. July 1977 Richard Goldstein became a member. November 1977 CPR class was held in town for all Squad members. December 1990 the Squad started to work on 55th reunion dinner. January 1991 Helen Barth became the Squad's historian.

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Health Notes:

• **Hepatitis C**

Hepatitis C is an infectious disease affecting primarily the liver, caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). The infection is often asymptomatic, but chronic infection can lead to scarring of the liver and ultimately to cirrhosis, which is generally apparent after many years. In some cases, those with cirrhosis will go on to develop liver failure, liver cancer or life-threatening esophageal and gastric varices.

HCV is spread primarily by blood-to-blood contact associated with intravenous drug use, poorly-sterilized medical equipment and transfusions. An estimated 130–170 million people worldwide are infected with hepatitis C. The existence of hepatitis C (originally “non-A non-B hepatitis”) was postulated in the 1970s and proven in 1989. It is not known to cause disease in other animals.

The virus persists in the liver in about 85% of those infected. This persistent infection can be treated with medication; peginterferon and ribavirin are the current standard therapy. Overall, between 50–80% of people treated are cured. Those who develop cirrhosis or liver cancer may require a liver transplant. Hepatitis C is the leading cause of liver transplantation though the virus usually recurs after transplantation. No vaccine against hepatitis C is currently available.

Acute infection

Hepatitis C infection causes acute symptoms in 15% of cases. Symptoms are generally mild and vague, including a decreased appetite, fatigue,

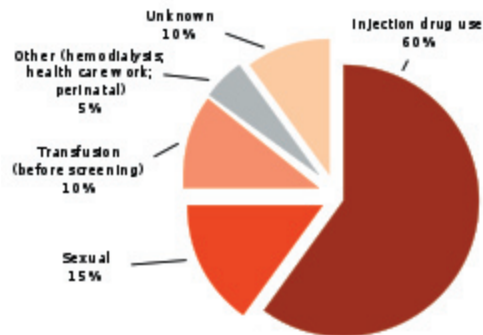
nausea, muscle or joint pains, and weight loss. Most cases of acute infection are not associated with jaundice. The infection resolves spontaneously in 10-50% of cases, which occurs more frequently in individuals who are young and female.

Transmission

The primary methods of transmission in the developed world is intravenous drug use (IDU), while in the developing world the main methods are blood transfusions and unsafe medical procedures. The cause of transmission remains unknown in 20% of cases; however, many of these are believed to be accounted for by IDU.

Intravenous drug use

IDU is a major risk factor for hepatitis C in many parts of the world. Of a review of 77 countries 25 had rates of hepatitis C in the intravenous drug user population of between 60% and 80% including the United States and China. While twelve countries had rates greater than 80%. It is believed that ten million intravenous drug users are infected with hepatitis



Hepatitis C infection in the United States by source

C; China (1.6 million), the United States (1.5 million), and Russia (1.3 million) have the highest absolute totals. Rates of hepatitis C among prison inmates in the United States are ten to 20 times that of the rates

of the general population, which is attributed to high-risk behavior such as IDU and tattooing with nonsterile equipment.

Sexual intercourse

Whether hepatitis C can be transmitted through sexual activity is controversial. While there is an association between high-risk sexual activity and hepatitis C, it is not known whether transmission of the disease is due

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All the hill-tops beckon, and beyond the western meadows
 Something calls for ever, calls me ever, low and clear:
 A little tree as young as I, the coming summer shadows,—
 The voice of running waters that I always thirst to hear.

from *Spinning in April* by Josephine Preston Peabody

February

February was much warmer than normal in Roosevelt. The average temperature for the month this year was 7.3 degrees above normal! There was little precipitation, only 1.35 inches. That’s about 1.4 inches below normal. Just two inches of snow fell in February.

Despite unusually warm temperatures in Roosevelt and across the 48 contiguous states in February, globally the month was the coolest February since 2008. Still, the average temperature for February globally was above normal. There has not been a cooler than average February globally since 1985. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, February 2012 was the 324th consecutive month with above 20th century average temperatures for the 48 contiguous states..

Winter 2011-2012

The December through February period was much warmer than normal in Roosevelt. December’s average temperature was 1.1 degree above normal. January was 7 degrees above normal and February was 7.3 degrees above normal. For the entire winter, the average temperature in Roosevelt was 5.1 degrees above normal. Precipitation was below normal by 1.19 inches for the entire winter. December had above normal precipitation. January and February had below normal precipitation. There was only 2 inches of snow for the winter.

April

The Climate Prediction Center of the National Weather Service is expecting a warmer than normal April in our neck of the woods. There are equal chances of above, below or average rainfall. The Old Farmer agrees in part. The *Old Farmers Almanac* forecasts slightly warmer temperatures in April for our area and above average rainfall. LongRangeWeather.com forecasts the April average temperature will be 1 degree below normal and that precipitation in our area to be below average by 10%.

Weather Quotes

“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything” ~William Shakespeare

“In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.” ~Mark Twain

Weather Word

KNUCKLES

Knuckles- Lumpy protrusions on the edges, and sometimes the underside, of a thunderstorm anvil cloud. They usually appear on the upwind side of a back-sheared anvil, and indicate rapid expansion of the anvil due to the presence of a very strong updraft. They are not mammatus clouds. ■

February 2012

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Heat'g Degree Days
1	63.0	43.5	53.3	0.00	11.8
2	50.7	38.8	44.8	0.02	20.3
3	43.5	27.0	35.3	0.00	29.8
4	45.1	26.8	36.0	0.00	29.1
5	41.2	28.9	35.1	0.00	30.0
6	49.5	24.8	37.2	0.00	27.9
7	50.2	29.8	40.0	0.00	25.0
8	42.8	29.8	36.3	0.00	28.7
9	41.2	29.9	35.6	0.10	29.5
10	46.9	27.3	37.1	0.00	27.9
11	39.2	30.9	35.1	0.03	30.0
12	34.5	20.3	27.4	0.18	37.6
13	40.8	26.2	33.5	0.00	31.5
14	49.7	31.2	40.5	0.00	24.6
15	51.1	33.3	42.2	0.02	22.8
16	46.6	29.3	38.0	0.00	27.1
17	51.6	32.0	41.8	0.12	23.2
18	51.1	28.6	39.9	0.02	25.2
19	45.7	28.0	36.9	0.00	28.2
20	47.8	28.9	38.4	0.00	26.7
21	52.2	23.2	37.7	0.00	27.3
22	58.8	32.5	45.7	0.00	19.4
23	61.5	44.6	53.1	0.00	12.0
24	48.9	38.5	43.7	0.32	21.3
25	45.5	37.0	41.3	0.00	23.8
26	43.7	29.7	36.7	0.00	28.3
27	57.4	28.6	43.0	0.00	22.0
28	51.4	34.5	43.0	0.00	22.1
29	45.1	34.2	39.7	0.54	25.4
Totals				1.35	737.6



To the Editor,

In late December of 2011, the Roosevelt Borough Council adopted two very significant changes in the Administrative Code that allow individual council members to initiate and advance policies and projects without committee involvement and for council committees to hold meetings at unscheduled times in private venues. These actions have profound implications for the citizens of Roosevelt by creating inefficiency and preventing the public from fully engaging in the legislative process that directly affects our lives in Roosevelt. The new regulations also place additional and undue burden on any citizen who wants to participate in public policy formation at the committee level. The council's unwillingness to accommodate the public's right to know about and attend committee meetings where their welfare is discussed is disappointing and potentially dangerous for the future of Roosevelt.

For more than 18 years, committee meetings were required by law to be held on regularly scheduled days and times. These requirements in the Administrative Code provided for transparency throughout the process of governance, especially as it pertained to policies and ordinances that are discussed in committee and later submitted for public comment and formal adoption or rejection by the council. However, the policy changes enacted by the council in 2011 suggest that the council wishes to restrict the transparency that has been mandated by law. Now, Committee meetings are, for all intents and purposes, closed to the public. These policy changes are not only ethically tenuous, but represent an affront to our democratic process and the fully-participatory ethos of Roosevelt governance

which so many of us claim to embrace as reasons to live here. Simply put, placing barriers to public involvement in public policy creates an aura of secrecy and breeds distrust in our local governmental affairs. The recent changes to our Administrative Code not only threaten transparency, but also create the perception that policies are developed with the least amount of public input as possible.

What may be most important to note is that the recent changes to the Administrative Code place an unreasonable burden on the public whom the council represents. Individual citizens who want to attend a committee meeting must now try to learn when, and at whose house, a particular committee is meeting will occur. The public must contact individual council members to determine who is responsible for particular issues. The change which allows any council member to hold a committee meeting in any way they deem appropriate has created a system in which only the best informed and most resourceful members of the public may be privy to the inner workings of their legislative body.

The labile actions by council members under this system are best exemplified by the major policy change proposed by the "Utilities" committee in August of 2011. At that time, an ordinance was introduced at a public council meeting that would have required homeowners who are not connected to the municipal utilities, for the first time, to begin paying for the municipal loans used to rebuild the municipal water and sewer utility. However, there was no history of any discussion or development at the committee level and no record of any committee meetings held where this ordinance was discussed and formed. The public, and many council members, were completely unaware of this ordinance until it was introduced at first reading. When the affected homeowners learned that an ordinance requiring that they pay for something they do not use had been introduced, their reaction was swift and strong, and many came to attend the meeting to protest this ordinance.

However, the council meeting where this ordinance was to be passed was suddenly cancelled due to a "lack of quorum". Essentially, the council avoided further public input on this misguided public policy formed without proper committee input or public participation.

Now, some might try to defend this closed process by stating that it worked since the ordinance was presented to the public and the council complied with the public's wishes by dropping the issue. On the contrary, there was no real public discussion on the ordinance as the public meeting was cancelled and there was no subsequent discussion as the ordinance was dropped. Ultimately, it is not even a question of whether or not the process worked as there was no process, just an attempt to put an ordinance into law with little or no public input, which was in fact precisely why it failed. In addition, recent changes that allow individual council members to advance projects with no committee involvement erode any efficiency in already bureaucratic system. There are plenty of examples of how this system results in duplicate, parallel, or even contradictory efforts by council members who are volunteering their time. Such issues would not exist if each committee worked within their purview, as a group, using a transparent and public venue.

When critics of the new changes voiced their sentiments, some council members insisted that the work of the committees is simply too varied and unpredictable to maintain a regular meeting schedule. However, a schedule of regular committee meetings that met in borough hall was maintained for several years without any problems, real or imagined. Moreover, to assert that "operational" activities by the committees cannot be attended by the public, such as discussing sewer pipe replacements or visiting the water treatment plant, obfuscates the issue as these activities are entirely separate from the "policy" discussions which occur in committees and have a personal or financial impact on the public. There

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RESCUE SQUAD (CONT'D.)

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to drug use that has not been admitted to or sex as a risk factor. The majority of evidence supports there being no risk for monogamous heterosexual couples. Sexual practices that involve higher levels of trauma to the anogenital mucosa, such as anal penetrative sex, or that occur when there is a concurrent sexually transmitted infection, including HIV or genital ulceration, do present a risk. The United States government only recommends condom use to prevent hepatitis C transmission in those with multiple partners.

Body piercings

Tattooing is associated with two to threefold increased risk of hepatitis C. This can be due to either improperly sterilized equipment or contamination of the dyes being used. Tattoos or piercings performed either before the mid-1980s, “underground,” or nonprofessionally are of particular concern, since sterile techniques in such settings may be lacking. The risk also appears to be greater for larger tattoos. It is estimated that nearly half of prison

inmates share unsterilized tattooing equipment. It is rare for tattoos in a licensed facility to be directly associated with HCV infection.

Prevention


As of 2011, no vaccine protects against contracting hepatitis C. However, a number are under development and some have shown encouraging results. A combination of harm reduction strategies, such as the provision of new needles and treatment of substance use, decrease the risk of hepatitis C in intravenous drug users by about 75%. The screening of blood donors is important at a national level, as is adhering to universal precautions within healthcare facilities. In countries where there is an insufficient supply of sterile syringes, medications should be given orally rather than via injection.

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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 still houses in town that do not have numbers, or have numbers that are too small or otherwise cannot be seen from the road, especially at night.

Remember if you need help please “Dial 911”.

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should be no doubt that council members are quite able to distinguish between these different forms of “meetings” and any failure to appreciate the public’s need to be informed on one kind of meeting versus the other is completely disingenuous. In fact, even the NJ state legislature is working to make all operations of government bodies throughout the state more transparent as they revise the “Sunshine Law” to require that subcommittees of public bodies publish an agenda and minutes of meetings.

In conclusion, the recent changes to the law which allow closed governmental committee meetings to be held in private

homes increases the risk of abuse of power as the inner workings of the council are now removed further from the public than ever before. Perhaps more important is the fact that the revised Administrative Code greatly increases the potential that a small group of council members, now or in the future, could quietly initiate and swiftly pass legislation without the voting public’s knowledge. Given that the ability of the public to become aware of such actions is more limited now than ever, the council should void the changes that were approved in December of 2011. The small size of our community and the informal nature of our legislative body do not excuse any of us from maintaining a code that

safeguards and encourages public participation in government. To do so is not a threat or affront to the honesty or integrity of the council as a whole or individually. However, limiting public participation in the democratic process creates a perception of deceit and begins to chip away at the cornerstone of our democratic community. Simply put, the recent changes to the Administrative Code are antithetical to the fully participatory democratic ethos upon which Roosevelt was founded.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hoffman
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The String Band (as it is known in Roosevelt) returns for its annual concert featuring mostly contemporary singer/songwriter hits, traditional folk, blues and bluegrass. Band members include David Brahinsky on vocals and guitar, Paul Prestopino on a variety of string instruments (and at least one vocal), Ed Cedar on bass and guitar, Sam Cedar on vocals and Joe Pepitone and Sarah Houtz (Kai Altair) promise to show up as well. This year's program promises to feature (as usual!) songs with deep metaphysical insights, social and political commentary, gut wrenching humor and plain fun.

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Mushroom & Black-eyed Pea Ragout

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4 garlic cloves
2 ½ c. vegetable broth or water
1 T. tomato paste
½ c. red wine
2 cans black-eyed peas
1 bunch hearty greens (mustard greens are my favorite)
Salt and pepper
Splash Tabasco

Polenta

3 ½ c. vegetable broth or water
1 c. course corn meal
1 t. butter
¼ t. cayenne pepper
4 oz. parmesan cheese

Soup: Saute mushrooms in olive oil for 5 min. In large pot, add broth, tomato paste, wine, salt & pepper, & Tabasco. Bring to boil; reduce heat. Simmer 20 minutes. Lastly stir in beans and green. Let cook until greens are cooked.

Polenta: Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine dash salt, water and cornmeal. Mixture will separate and corn meal will sink to bottom. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and stir. Bake 10 more minutes. Then stir in butter salt & pepper and parmesan cheese.

Scoop polenta into bowl and pour the soup on top.



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5 Thurs.	TBA Book Swap, PTA, Stacy O'Donnell, President, 423-8105
6 - 13	School Closed, Spring Break
9 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
11 Wed.	RECYCLE 
15 Sun.	10 a.m.-noon Spring Litter Pick-Up; Refreshments provided by the PTA .
17 Tues.	7:00 p.m. PTA Business Mtg, Stacy O'Donnell, President 423-8105 8:00 p.m. First Aid Squad, Business meeting, Jeff Klein, President, 448-0509
18 Wed.	7:30 p.m. Environmental Comm. Mtg., Boro Hall Stu Kaufman, Chair. 448-4921
21 Sat.	6:30 p.m. Movie Night. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. Movie Time 8:00 p.m. RAP, An Evening with Ron Orlando, Boro Hall (see p. 13 for details)
22 Sun.	10:00 a.m. First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
23 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
24 Tues.	RPS Snakes and Scales and Turtle Tales; PTA In-School Assembly with Live Alligator and Python
25 Wed.	RECYCLE 
26 Thurs.	7:30 p.m. RPS Board of Education, RPS Library, Natalie Warner, President, 448-2913

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1 Tues.	12:30 p.m. Blood pressure check, Borough Hall 1:00 p.m. Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall Pat Moser, President, 448-4865 7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair. 448-3713
4 Fri.	RPS PIZZA DAY
4-5 Fri., Sat.	8:00 p.m. Roosevelt Arts Project, The Roosevelt String Band, Boro Hall (see p. 13 for details)
5 Sat.	Plant Sale, PTA, Stacy O'Donnell, President. 609-423-8105
6 Sun.	10:00 a.m. First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
May 7 - 11	RPS Teacher Appreciation Week
8 Tues.	Last day to register to vote for June 5 primary; contact BoroHall, 448-0539 or Ann Baker, 448-5215
9 Wed.	RECYCLE 
12 Sat.	PTA Mothers Day Plant and Bake Sale at the Post Office, pre-orders due 5/4
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