

# Bulletin

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

by Michael Ticktin

### Council Protests Proposed Loss of \$40,000 in State Funding; Funds Appropriated to Correct Brown Water Problem on Maple Court

At its March 10 meeting, the Borough Council adopted, with modification, a resolution circulating among municipalities to protest reductions in municipal aid in Governor Jon Corzine’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2009. In an effort to spur small municipalities into consolidating or otherwise sharing services, the Governor has proposed eliminating certain categories of aid altogether to municipalities with under 5,000 population, and cutting them by 50% for municipalities with a population of more than 5,000 but less than 10,000. Roosevelt, which had a population in 2000 of 933, would lose about \$40,000 in aid under this plan. While the draft resolution, which originated with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, protested all of the proposed cuts in aid to municipalities, the Council limited its protest to those cuts that would specifically target small municipalities.

Councilman Dan Hoffman, chairman of the Public Works committee, asked the Council to approve the use of \$23,000 that had already been appropriated for utilities work to resolve a longstanding problem of excessive brown water on Maple Court. For many years, Nona Sherak has been bringing this problem to the attention of the Council. The proposed

solution will involve looping the water main around, so that it does not dead-end at Ms. Sherak’s house. In commenting on this recommendation, Nancy Warnick recalled that there used to be a hydrant at the corner of Maple Court and Pine Drive, but that it was relocated many years ago and suggested that this relocation may have given rise to the problem. The Council approved the use of the appropriated funds for this purpose.

Councilman Bob Silverstein, chairman of the Utilities committee, reported that the back-up generators at the water and sewage treatment plants performed properly during the power outage of March 8 and 9 and that phosphorus levels in the effluent from the sewage treatment plant are on target for meeting DEP standards. If the Borough can meet the DEP phosphorus standards without installing new equipment, it can save over \$300,000. Mr. Silverstein also called for the checking of all telephone poles in the Borough and reporting to the responsible utilities any that are leaning or otherwise questionable. He stated that, during the storm that caused the power outage, a pole fell on a car and injured a Roosevelt resident.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

PLEASE HELP US! We need you!

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Thoughtful neighbors pick up after their dogs. Are you a thoughtful neighbor?

Remember to vote in the Board of Education Election on April 15, from 2:00 to 9 p.m., at the Borough Hall.

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# From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

My apologies for missing last month's column; I was on vacation in Kenya on a photo safari.

It was an amazing change from urban New Jersey to the wilderness of the Masai Mara. There were animals and endless vistas free of man made structures- no roads, towers, vehicles, planes in the sky, or buildings, except for the occasional Masai village. The villages consisted of a *boma*, a fence like perimeter made of thorn branches, and houses which were very similar to the original Roosevelt houses; small, square, and flat roofed, but lacking windows. (When it rains and their roofs leak, the women run out and patch the holes with cow dung).

The Masai have a patriarchal society and wealth is based on the number of cattle a man owns. A rich man may have several wives, each of whom would have her own house where she would raise her children. Sheep and goats are also raised and are the primary food source, besides cow's milk. Animals are sold for maize, sugar, tobacco, fabric or sandals ( which were made from old tire treads). It is the job of the children to mind the herds and bring them safely back to the

*boma* at night. Clothing consisted of yards of fabric wrapped around the body and often enclosing an infant on the woman's back. Every man and boy carried a stick or spear.

Semi-nomadic, the Masai follow available grazing, which puts the cattle in competition with the wildlife for grass and water. As there are no physical boundaries surrounding the areas preserved for wildlife, and as most of the wildlife migrates, the inevitable conflict is balancing the needs of a growing population of humans and cattle with the preservation of land for wildlife.

Water is another pressing concern (sound familiar?). The women often have to walk miles to carry water home from the nearest stream. On the other hand, it is free.

After visiting the villagers I came away with the thought that although their lives are very different from ours, they probably have very much the same concerns as we do: providing for their families, hoping for good health, and being able to continue to live their lifestyle as they have in the past.

Beth Battel ■

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The Council also authorized the appointment of Thomas Cunniff, Esq. to provide legal services in the litigation involving the Borough and Congregation Yeshivas Me'on Hatorah. The Council has agreed to provide legal counsel for the two Council members, Jeff Ellentuck and Peggy Malkin, who are being sued individually. Because their interests might not be identical with those of the Borough, they are required

to have separate counsel. Also approved were resolutions providing for emergency temporary appropriations pending adoption of the annual budget and appointing Councilman Kirk Rothfuss as alternate representative to the Community Development Block Grant program and a motion to allow the Roosevelt Arts Project to use the municipal building on April 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for a meeting. ■

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## Message from the Council President

By Peggy Malkin

Hello, Everyone,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for re-electing me, and now this year I am honored to serve you as your Council president.

I strongly encourage everyone to attend Council meetings. We welcome your suggestions, concerns, and questions. We are interested in input from each of you. Council discusses

many matters, from large cumbersome ones to smaller more trivial issues. Remember, we are here to serve and represent you. Please feel free to call if you can't make the meetings. We will update you and answer your questions as best as possible.

It is all of us together who make Roosevelt the unique and wonderful town that it is.

Peggy Malkin ■

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## From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of spring. I am eagerly awaiting the warm weather and all the wonderful events and activities to come. Looking ahead, please save the dates and join the teachers, staff and I for Art Night on May 13th, our Spring Concert on May 22nd and of course graduation on June 14th.

March was jam packed with a variety of special events. Through your generous contributions, RPS's student council raised over \$700 for "Pennies for Patients," which is an organization that helps children with leukemia. Mrs. Gazzani's first grade class was awarded an ice cream party for collecting the most "pennies"; over \$140. We also had a very successful clothing drive and collected enough clothing to fill the entire milk room and part of the lobby. Thank you Ms. Bondy for coordinating these events. I am truly touched at the generosity of the school community.

Additionally, over \$700 was raised from the Fitness-A-Thon, and the money will be utilized to help defray the cost of Field Day. Mr. Kaufman created a variety of fun-filled athletic events geared for all students. Thank you Mr. Kaufman and all the families that volunteered their time. The PTA's Winter Carnival also took place in March and was a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many community members working together to help make this event so successful. A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Hickey for coordinating the Silent Auction and Ms. Bondy and Ms. Mixon for coordinating the games and activities portion of the event. Additional thank you's are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Curry, Mr. Vuolle, and Ms Pizzarelli. Thank you. What a great day!

I am proud to announce that Sage Duchai, a 6th grade student at RPS,

was chosen by teachers and administrators to receive the Dr. Norman J. Field Student Recognition Award for her academic achievement, citizenship and leadership ability. She will be honored at an awards ceremony in April.

School board elections are fast approaching. Three board seats are open this year. Incumbents Ms. Assenka Oksiloff and Mr. Allen Newrath are running for another term (thank you), and newcomer Mr. Seth Ditchik is running for the remaining seat. Please show your support and vote on April 15th.

Mr. Ditchik has lived in Roosevelt for 2 1/2 years moving here from Lowell, Massachusetts. He and his wife have two young children who will be entering the Roosevelt Public School soon. Mr. Ditchik holds a bachelor's degree in comparative literature from UMass-Amherst, and is a senior book editor at Princeton University Press, specializing in economics and finance books. He enjoys reading and listening to music. You can meet all the board members at the next Board of Education meeting, which will take place on April 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Vicki Carduner will not be returning for a second term. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Ms. Carduner for her participation on the board and for sharing her financial knowledge with us. In her short time on the board, she helped to create the 2008-09 Budget Summary, played a vital part in the teacher negotiations process and provided keen insight on a variety of board issues. Ms. Carduner will be missed, but I know she will remain active in the school. Please join me in wishing Ms. Carduner the best of luck in the future.

I shared in last month's Bulletin that Ms. Ilene our 4th grade teacher, received a grant to create a butterfly

garden in the front of the school. Below is the press release which includes further details about the garden and the grant she received.

### PRESS RELEASE

#### Many Contribute to Support Youth Gardening at Roosevelt Public School

by Ilene Levine

"If you plant a garden, they will come."

To Roosevelt Public School's third and fourth graders, this saying has personal meaning. For many autumns, the students at the school have raised Monarch butterflies from eggs that were received from butterfly farms in New Jersey and Florida. The children hope that next fall, they will collect tiny Monarch eggs and caterpillars that they find on milkweed grown in their own garden. That is because this spring, they will be creating a butterfly garden on the school's grounds.

Roosevelt Public School was selected from more than 700 kids' gardening programs nationwide to receive a 2008 Youth Garden Grant from the National Gardening Association (NGA), based in South Burlington, Vermont. Roosevelt Public School's gardening program, led by the fourth grade teacher, has received from the National Gardening Association a \$500 gift card from The Home Depot.

"National Gardening Association is proud to support this terrific kids' garden," says Michael Metallo, President. "This program was selected because of a demonstrated commitment to actively and creatively engaging youth in the gardening process. We were

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## What Can RAP Do For You?

by Scott Carpenter

It was after creating his famous mural that Ben Shahn found himself compelled to stay on here, this agro-industrial cooperative experiment writ as a town, then called Jersey Homesteads. His decision to put roots down and subsequently persuade friends to come and do the same snowballed as his friends told more friends. This was the birth of Roosevelt's arts.

Over seventy years later Roosevelt continues to boast of an arts community that is striking in both its size relative to the town as a whole as well as the diversity of media the artists practice. It seems everyone in town is either an artist or the neighbor of one and we count painters, sculptors, musicians, poets, photographers and actors among us. This creative and cultural vibrancy is unprecedented in a town so small and something that should make Rooseveltians proud.

The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) was founded in 1986 to foster collaboration among this impressive array of artists and provide a place to stage their works. Every year since, RAP stages a season of events that continues to draw on this cooperative spirit; a singer turns a neighbor's words into song, a concert is held in a dear friend's studio, and the sounds of a Roosevelt field at night are stretched and embellished using only a laptop.

Collaboration also applies to production. Each individual event is curated by a RAP member who shepherds it from concept to curtain call, enlisting the help of the other RAP members along the way. Flyers are distributed, refreshments gathered for intermission, chairs are put away afterwards; volunteers coordinate other volunteers so that we can bring to you some wonderful events. Our audiences have participated in a full Mexican Day of the Dead celebration, have been the first to hear a staged reading of a new

libretto based on the story of David, and have witnessed the visual and musical recreation of the town's infancy of the 1930s.

Many of you will remember our 20th anniversary celebration last May, a weekend lollapalooza showcasing Roosevelt artists - from the many powerful and beautiful images exhibited at the Eleanor Gallery, to the digital sonic walk through the woods, culminating with the unveiling of the tile mosaic, a gift from RAP to the town that graces our Borough Hall. Truly a community event, there were countless volunteers, RAP members, school children, and many neighbors who devoted time to breathe life into this unique symbol of the town, its architecture, and the plants and animals found here.

As equally impressive as these wonderful events, is RAP's commitment to being a self-sufficient organization. The modest proceeds RAP collects from a particular event helps pay for the next event on the schedule. Each season's brochure, the organization's insurance, as well as special projects, such as the 20th anniversary event, that have an expanded scope - these expenses are paid for through the admissions fees collected at each event. Previously, RAP has purchased the piano, more chairs and lighting equipment for the Borough Hall for anyone to use when in the building.

On April 13th at 10:30 a.m., RAP will hold its annual open meeting where everyone is invited to come and share their likes/dislikes of current events, ideas for future events or to become a RAP volunteer. Anyone who wishes to contribute but cannot attend the meeting is welcome to call Robin Gould at (609) 443-4616 or e-mail Tristen Herrstrom at [therrstrom@patmedia.net](mailto:therrstrom@patmedia.net). ■

## REVIEW:

### Alan Mallach at the Piano

by Gladys Nadler

Alan Mallach played "French Romantic Piano Music" to a full house at the Borough Hall on Saturday night, March 15 in a concert sponsored by the Roosevelt Arts Project.

The Romantic Period in music occurred during the late nineteenth century and lingered into the early twentieth. The program included works by Camille Saint-Saëns, Claude Debussy, Gabriel Fauré, and César Franck. As Mr. Mallach explained, Saint-Saëns and Franck actually began their lives not in France but in French-speaking Belgium. As always, the pianist interspersed the music with informative comments about the composers and their work.

The program opened with three pieces by Saint-Saëns: Valse Mignonne, op. 140; Valse Langoureuse, op. 120; and Allegro Appassionato, op. 70. Debussy was represented by La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin, La serenade interrompue, Feuilles mortes, and La puerto del vino.

After the intermission, Mr. Mallach played Three Nocturnes by Faure, and Prelude, Chorale and Fugue by Franck. As an encore, the soloist offered Bagatelle by Saint-Saëns.

Lovely music, well performed. ■

### Roosevelt CSA still has openings for 2008

by Carol Watchler

Spring is in the air and seeds are going in the ground. Roosevelt Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is accepting payments for shares for the 2008 season. Contact Bobbi Teich, 609-448-5036, for details and send checks to her at P.O. Box 246, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. ■

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## YOUTH GARDENING (CONT'D.)

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A monarch butterfly that the fourth graders had raised, tagged, and released last fall is sipping nectar from a flowering plant close to the school.



Fourth grade student Roman Hillis observed his newly released monarch butterfly.

able to see from their application that the garden program will be sustained for years to come.”

(For more information about the National Gardening Association or the Youth Garden Grants Program, access [www.kidsgardening.org](http://www.kidsgardening.org).)

In addition to the NGA grant, the children are the lucky recipients of a generous donation from an anonymous donor. This donor will increase the funds raised for the garden project to date by 1/3, in addition to the purchase and planting of three butterfly-attracting trees. The donor is also offering a matching grant towards any other future contributions to the butterfly garden.

The Roosevelt School Board, administration, teachers, parents, community members, and the Roosevelt Environmental Commission have been instrumental in bringing this project to fruition. Because of their dedication and expertise, the children will have the opportunity to learn about gardening and the natural world, as well as their own supportive community.

The garden will include plants that attract caterpillars (host plants) and butterflies (nectar plants). The students have already started the seeds

in the classroom. They have planted annual marigolds, zinnias, Mexican sunflowers, cosmos, parsley, dill, and tropical milkweed seeds. After the last frost, they will transplant the seedlings into the outdoor garden. They will also plant other small perennials, such as swamp and common milkweed, butterfly weed, Joe-pye weed, purple coneflower, aster, and phlox, all New Jersey native plants.

An additional project will be incorporated into the garden, and that is NASA's "Seeds in Space" program. Last summer, Space Shuttle Endeavor carried an educational payload on mission STS-118: 10 million Cinnamon Basil seeds. Once back on Earth, the space-exposed seeds were distributed to schools around the nation. Roosevelt Public School is participating in this experiment, in which the space-exposed seeds (the experimental group) will be compared to Earth-based seeds (control group). The students will conduct an experiment in which both sets of seeds will be grown first in the classroom and then in the garden. They will note differences and similarities in the growth and development of the basil plants.

Alongside the basil plants in the garden, they will grow tomatoes. Perhaps, during the summer, the children will enjoy some delicious Heirloom Tomato Basil Mozzarella Salad while the butterflies enjoy their nectar! ■

### APRIL EVENTS

- 1 & 3 Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 4 Pizza Day
- 9 PTA Meeting 7:30 pm
- 15 Early Dismissal – Teacher Inservice
- 18 Pizza Day Report Cards
- 24 BOE Meeting 7:30 pm

### MAY EVENTS

- 2 Fabulous Friday Pizza Day

One segment of my families' history begins late in the 1800s. My paternal grandparents, Angelo and Maria Loiacono had just moved from Sicily Italy, to a small bucolic town in central Florida, around Tampa, an area in which their cousins had taken up residence, years before. They lived there for about eighteen years, and in 1911 my dad John was born there, preceded by his two older brothers Frank and Sam. My dad fondly recalled splashing around the local swimming holes. He and his brothers would tie an old rope to the branch of a tree and swing high into the air before they fell into the cool water. I can imagine they spent many hot afternoons having fun in this way. He spoke of



Maria and her Dad in front of Butcher Shop



Maria and her Grandfather

walking through orange groves on his way to school, which he swore was in a one room school house, picking ( "Or was it stealing?", I'd ask) oranges along the way to snack on. Oh, he also said he and his brothers walked the distance barefoot! His memories painted vivid pictures in my imagination.

When he was around eleven his family moved up north, to Jersey City, NJ. It wasn't long before my Grandfather opened a Butcher Shop on Brunswick Street, which was a busy hub in the downtown district. This block was lined with other family owned and operated businesses. Some that I can remember were the Chicken market, at Halloween fresh eggs were given as the trick or treat, the Florist, the Funeral Parlor, the Salumeria and two Saloons. At this point in my dad's life he was an apprentice butcher in the shop. This meant making deliveries and running errands around town. He told me sto-

ries of how gangs would gather on the street corners and block the passage of youngsters, such as himself. So he says he became adept at protecting himself, at an early age.

During the upcoming years his family grew to include four more siblings, his brothers Lou and Anthony (Tony, of course), and sisters Josephine (we lovingly called her Jay) and Rose (who was always Rosie to us). As the family

grew so too did the family's business.

Somewhere in the late 20s, before the Great Depression, my dad tired of being a butcher (his nickname, to anyone who knew him well, was Johnny Butch, till the day he died) and decided he wanted to see the country, especially the area where he was born, so he decided to go on "The Road". He was not yet twenty years old, and quite strong from his working in the shop and having learned how to fight so well, he took to boxing. He told me stories how he'd be locked in a barn with his opponent and they'd fight bare fisted till only one of them walked out. Once, after a boxing bout, he came upon a pumpkin patch and being very hungry he picked one, here I know he stole, but he had no idea you even had to cook a pumpkin, so needless to say he remained hungry that night. In the morning he approached the farmer

who gave him a job as a farm hand. That night he sat down to supper at the farmer's table. It was his first meal that included properly cooked pumpkin. He then told me of his brief work in a coal mine. He recalled being so cold and sore, after only two days' work, that he quit that job. He said he couldn't open his hands after handling the coal- pick all day and that mining was, by far, the hardest physical work he'd ever

done. Then the depression hit and he returned home to resume work in the Butcher Shop. Having spent enough time on "The Road", he happily settled down, back in New Jersey.

The Butcher Shop survived during the lean times of the Great Depression. I don't know how, but my dad said that in spite of the hard-

ships of the era, his family, thanks to the shop, always had some meat to eat.

My mom's family moved from Bari, Italy sometime in the beginning of the 20th century and lived on Fourth Street in Jersey City, NJ (about six blocks away from where the Butcher Shop was located). My mom, Albina, Alba for short, was born in Jersey City, in 1931 and was the youngest, in her family. She lived in the back house, which was accessed thru an alley-way, with her parents Frank and Angelina and her two brothers Tony and Cosmos (known in the neighborhood as Mime) and two sisters Mary and Lina. Unfortunately at the early age of six my grandmother died, leaving the responsibility of raising the family to my grandfather and the older children. My mom was a feisty youngster by the

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stories she tells. One involves heckling the owner of the neighborhood laundry, as well as standing up to teachers and the rest of her family. Her father died when she was only sixteen and after that she went to live on her own. She rented living space in a rooming house on Wayne Street, which was two blocks away from the Butcher Shop and that's how she met my dad.

They were married on April 10th, 1955 after a brief engagement and honeymooned in Virginia. Soon after, I was born.

As a kid I remember roaming around the freezer box in the Butcher Shop, I'd walk around the hanging sides of beef and look whole pigs in the eye. I remember helping to make sausages on the special machine. Keeping the skins moist and turning the crank consistently (otherwise air pockets would form in the links) were two keys to a successful sausage. My job was to twist the sausage around and around to form the individual links. When I was hungry and in need of a snack, I'd go behind the counter and help myself to a hot dog, eating it cold, right out of the display case. There was always a layer of sawdust on the floor, behind the counter. The old was swept up each and every night and replaced with a fresh coat in the morning. The butchers block was sway-backed by the constant cleaning done with a long bristled steel brush and there was a band saw which was so loud, to me, that I'd have to run out when it was in use. There were big glass windows that the sun streamed in thru as did many of the neighbors who were our customers. The sights, sounds and smells of the Butcher Shop will always remain clear in my memory.

My Grandparents lived up-stairs above the store front, in a four room apartment. The kitchen had a large,

deep sink, and an enormous wood fired black cast iron stove that was their only source of heat. I remember sitting down to Sunday dinners with my family. My Grandfather would eat out of a platter, instead of a plate. The meal always included meat from the shop along with macaroni (we never called it pasta) and vegetables. I still don't know how so many of us fit around the little kitchen table so comfortably. In the living room was an oversized rocking chair (at least it seemed that way to my five-year-old eyes) that my Grandmother sat in to say the rosary and meditate on the little altar she set up on the bureau, across from the chair. Her altar contained votive candles and statues of some of her favorite saints, The Blessed Virgin, St. Anthony and the Infant of Prague. The Infant's statue had different vestments that she would change depending on the church holiday. I'd sit on her lap repeating the prayers she spoke and when I got tired of being pious, I'd sit and look out the window down to the busy street below.

When I was four we lived a few blocks away from my Grandparents home and shop, as did all my other aunts and uncles, we were a tight knit family and the Butcher Shop was a natural gathering place for my family to meet every day.

The view from that fourth floor apartment, was unforgettable. I could see the Statue of Liberty from the living room window. Every night, I'd go to the window and say good night to the Lady in the Harbor. I was five when we moved to a different apartment right around the corner from the Butcher Shop on Wayne Street. Our block shared space with the Dixon Crucible Factory and the old Municipal horse stables, so there weren't many houses. There was a big group of kids of different ages, whom I grew up with. My social life was very active and diversified. We all played together under the watchful eyes of our moms, who sat

together on their lawn chairs, outside on the sidewalk.

I stayed in Jersey City, married and gave birth to my two children, Steffan and O'Livia, there in the late 70s to early 80s. It was in the mid 80s that we moved to South River, a small town in central New Jersey, to raise our family. We lived on a lovely tree lined dead end street. My kids have memories of playing outside with their neighbors, which was very similar to what I experienced.

They grew and went off to college, I divorced my spouse and decided to move from that big house, but wasn't sure where to go. It was thru a stroke of providence that I found my way to Roosevelt and the house I now feel so at home in. This past October marked my tenth year here in town and all I can say is that the shine hasn't worn off yet. Having lived in a city for most of my life, on a block that would be considered an industrial setting during my childhood, I can only ask you to imagine the joy I experience when I'm in town. Here I'm surrounded by mature trees, unique architecture, green belts and trails. All of which add to the ambience of this unique community that I now call home. ■

### About Two Square Miles Of Stories

Everyone in our two-square mile town has old family photographs and memories of the people in them. These pictures and your memories are narratives waiting to enrich us all. So, join us in a Roosevelt Show and Tell project—find an old picture or two and tell us a story in a few paragraphs.

For information telephone:

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# Greenbelt Gossip

By Manuela & Mark McCusker

We've never had them as neighbors before, but like it or not, they're here now, almost certainly to stay, and we'd better learn to live with them...eastern coyotes. Unlike other animals that are now in the process of repopulating areas of New Jersey in which they were once endemic (e.g., beavers and eagles), the coyote's pre-Columbian range was limited to the western states and provinces of the U.S. and Canada. It is believed that two factors were responsible for the coyote's colonization of the eastern states: the development of very favorable habitat, providing plentiful prey opportunities, and a total absence of predation and competition from mountain lions and especially gray wolves, which usually kill coyotes when given the opportunity (-by the late 1800s, those two predators had been virtually hunted, trapped and poisoned to extinction throughout the East). Through gradual range expansion, coyotes are thought to have reached New England from the West through Canada by about the 1930s and 1940s. Since then, they have expanded steadily southward, now occupying virtually all suitable habitat in the Atlantic states. Eastern coyotes are now thriving in every county in New Jersey.

How to say "coyote"? There are two accepted pronunciations in the U.S., the one chosen usually depending upon the speaker's proximity to Mexico. The name "coyote" is derived from the Aztec (Nahuatl) word *coyotl*. In our area, almost everyone uses the "ki-YOH-tee" (three syllable) pronunciation. In the West, Southwest, and South, one will usually hear "KI-yoat" (two syllables).

The eastern coyote, *Canis latrans* ("barking dog"), weighing 30–40 pounds at maturity, with a total body

length ranging from 48 to 60 inches, is on average considerably bigger than its western cousin. It is the second-largest predator in our state, the black bear being first. But... are these relatively recent arrivals really coyotes? Our variety of coyote is likely a hybrid between the western coyote and the red/eastern Canadian timber wolf, *Canis*



*lycaon* (also known as the Algonquin wolf). This interbreeding was, perhaps, Nature's way of filling the predator vacuum created by our extermination of the region's wolf and mountain lion populations. Studies have indicated that eastern coyotes will readily prey upon whitetail deer fawns whenever opportunity permits, and upon adult deer in many instances. This "new" animal may hopefully help with the much needed thinning of the overlarge and environment-destroying New Jersey whitetail deer herd.

An eastern coyote's coat may range in coloration anywhere from "blonde" to mostly black, though most commonly the fur is brownish-gray, often with black highlights, dense, long and coarse. The snout is pointed, and the ears are pointed and held erect. A



coyote's tail is bushy (a "bottle-brush" tail) and straight, with a black tip. The tail is held in a horizontal or slightly downward-pointing position. The coyote's bushy tail and the way he carries it allow for positive species identification from a considerable distance. Eye-color is typically yellow.

These animals are opportunistic predators, scavengers, and are omnivorous. On the menu are rabbits, rodents, carrion (road-kill, what's left on the ground when hunters field-dress their kills), deer, birds, insects, fruits, berries, vegetables, corn, turtles, frogs, snakes, domestic cats, small dogs and garbage—and that's nothing like a complete list.

Coyotes are monogamous, maintaining pair-bonds for several years. An eastern coyote family group (the

"pack" is not a typical grouping here in the East) is comprised of the male-female pair, their pups through their first year and often one or two non-breeding

yearlings from the previous year's litter. The primary pair mate in late winter. This is also when coyotes are most likely to be heard (as well as in the fall, when group territories are being established). Coyotes produce three basic sounds: barks, howls and yips. The coyote was known to the western Native Americans as the "song dog". Pups are born 60–63 days later in a ground den, often in a large tree's root system, under a fallen tree or in an enlarged woodchuck or fox den. Litter sizes vary from 2–10, with 5–6 being average. The pups are born blind, weighing between 8 and 10 ounces. The pups' eyes open

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at about 14 days. The mother nurses the pups for about the first two weeks after which they are fed regurgitated food by the adults. The young are eating solid food at around three weeks and are weaned at about seven weeks of age. The young begin to emerge from the den after about three weeks. After weaning, the den is abandoned and the pups are taught to hunt by the adults. Pups reach adult weight at about nine months. The family stays together until the fall, when almost all of the young will be driven off by the parents. These dispersing yearlings are now known as “transients”, solitary animals setting out to seek their own territories and mates. Coyote family groups are territorial and will defend their territory against other coyotes and other canids, such as dogs. They delineate territorial boundaries with markers consisting of scat and scent post stations. The home range, much larger than the family group’s territory, is the area used by the group on a regular basis. It may vary in size from 5 to 25 square miles.

For most of the year, the coyotes around us will be crepuscular and nocturnal (—most active during morning and early evening twilight and throughout the night). There are, however, two periods of the year when eastern coyotes will most likely be observed to be up and about during daylight hours: April through June when hungry young pups always need to be fed, requiring parents to hunt around the clock, and again in September and October when the parents are teaching the adolescent pups to hunt. It is at these times that coyotes will be most aggressive

about food sources, and, consequently it is then that their human neighbors should exercise the most care. Dogs may be more likely to be attacked at these times, not only as prey items but also because they are viewed by the territorial pair as canid competitors.

New Jersey’s eastern coyotes are protected and managed as a natural resource, and are classified as both a “game” and a “fur-bearing” animal by the NJDEP’s Division of Fish and Wildlife. They are currently hunted and trapped seasonally per the established state regulations. However, controlling the coyote population may prove to be one of the more daunting tasks confronting wildlife man-

agers, along with controlling the suburban deer herd (unless the one problem solves the other!). Larger litters are automatically produced when the local coyote population becomes low. It is this tendency that will make it very difficult to significantly reduce coyote numbers. Scientists have found that it would require removing nearly 70 percent of the population every year to achieve a sustained population reduction. Additionally, any removal of coyotes from a given area only results in “transient” coyotes moving in almost immediately to fill the vacancy.

Unless habituated by deliberate or inadvertent feeding, eastern coyotes

will normally eschew human contact. Since they are hunted and trapped in the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area, this should provide at least some negative reinforcement. In most of the East, attacks on small pets occur frequently enough to be expected unless due caution is observed. Domestic cats seem to quickly become a preferred food source if they’re available. Never leave small pets outdoors and unattended, especially at twilight and after dark. Fencing should never be considered to be an insurmountable deterrent. Coyotes can “jump” fences of up to 8 feet in height (accomplished by a combination of leaping and climbing), but prefer to squeeze through or dig under them, all of which they seem to do very well. The NJDEP writes, “If coyotes are present, make sure they know they’re not welcome. Make loud noises,

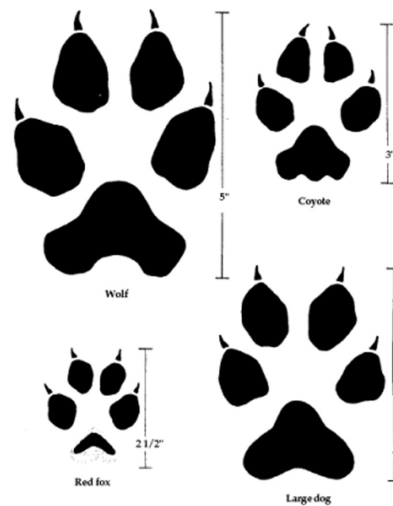
blast a canned air siren, throw rocks, or spray them with a garden hose. **If you observe coyotes that show no apparent fear of humans or if a coyote attacks a person, immediately contact the state police and the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 908-735-8793; outside of normal business hours call the DEP Hotline at 877-WARN-DEP.**”

“Coyote—wanderer, glutton, lecher, thief, cheat, outlaw, clown, pragmatist, survivor, still plays an important pragmatic and ceremonial role in the lives of Native American people. I like him because he never gives up, is always willing to say “yes” to anything, and never takes himself too seriously.”  
—David W. Fanning

—Comments and/or future topic requests?

—write the McCuskers at PO Box 131 or 3artists@comcast.net

Pictures: *Eastern Coyote, Running Coyote, Footprints* ■



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—DAVID W. FANNING

## WOOD DEBRIS PICK-UP SCHEDULED

This is a popular service provided by the Borough. The need to dispose of fallen woody branches should be greater this year especially after some of the wind storms we've had lately. Let's just go over some of the rules to follow to take advantage of this event.

Once again we have hired Allen's Tree Service to provide a curbside chipping service throughout the town. Branches, woody brush and small trees less than 6 inches in diameter are to be put in neat piles near the street curbs so Allen's equipment can pull up close with the chipping machine. Do not put out lumber or wood larger than 6 inches in diameter. Do not tie up the bundles or brush. Pick-up and chipping will begin on Monday April 14th. It may take several days to do the town depending on the amount of woods debris put out and/or the weather. Thanks for your cooperation and call my number for any questions.

## ARBOR DAY, WEB PAGES AND WOOD FROGS

Arbor Day is officially celebrated on the last Friday of April (this year April 25th) in New Jersey. We hope to have some activity planned with the school either Thursday the 24th or Friday the 25th. Just watch the bulletin board or teacher info sent home with students for Arbor Day news once we get a plan coordinated with Roosevelt Public School.

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission Web site is active and being visited. See for yourself at [rec-green.ning.com](http://rec-green.ning.com) and participate. It's a great way to find people interested in nature and our environment. Also groups can form to find companions to explore the Roosevelt Woodland Trails. What a concept: enjoying nature, getting exercise and making friends!

Yeah! The wood frogs were heard on Thursday, March 13, 2008 down near the end of Pine Drive by the water treatment plant. The population sounded good but less than I've heard in the past but at least they

are still in town. The same day I visited two similar areas where Spring Peepers were calling in Assunpink and I heard no Wood Frogs.

Curious? Sound like a possible science project?

## OUR NEXT MEETING

If anyone has a newsworthy nature note of interest or comment of environmental concern, please give me a call at 609-443-6204 or drop a note to PO Box 203. Please watch for future pleas for help from the Roosevelt Environmental Commission for future projects and activities.

Thank you for reading this column.

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on April 19, 2008. I plan to bring my frog and toad recordings so we can all hear what a wood frog and others sound like—AGAIN!. Everyone is welcome to attend. ■

## SOLAR VILLAGE NOTICE

The nonprofit Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corp. (sometimes called the "Solar Village") will hold its annual meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at the Roosevelt Municipal Building. We urge Roosevelt residents to become Corporation members and to help us elect a Board of Trustees. For more details, call Bob Clark (443-5883), Pat Moser (448-4865) or Bill Counterman (448-3182).

—Bob Clark

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are really having a money problem.  
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## TOWN TOPICS (CONT'D.)

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Roosevelt First Aid Squad  
33 North Rochdale Avenue  
P.O. Box 274  
Roosevelt, New Jersey 08555  
Est. 1948

24 March 2008

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad would like to thank all the Borough residents for their great support of the past years. As some of you know, about two years ago the Squad was able to acquire a second ambulance from the Monmouth/Ocean Hospital Corp. (MONOC) as a donation. By having two ambulances in town, the Squad was able to send one out for service and still have one in town to respond to medical emergencies. Last year, on a few occasions, both ambulances were used for car accidents in town. The MONOC ambulance did have 250,000 miles on it, so we started to look at replacing that one. Well, we did it! On Friday March 14, 2008, the Squad came into possession of a pre-owned 1997 Ford E-450 Type III Box style ambulance. This ambulance will better fit our needs, as well as the Borough's. This new ambulance is lime green and will be placed into service as soon as the radio is installed. Purchasing this ambulance could not have happened without the help of all of you. Thank you from all the members of the Squad.

The Squad is always looking for ways to improve our service to the community. We have applied for Federal Grants, but it may take up to a year to see if we will receive one. If we are lucky enough, that grant money will go to replace the other ambulance we have, which is a 1987 Ford E-350 Type III Box style.

The Squad has so far this year, responded to sixteen calls in town. The types of calls have included medical emergencies, cardiovascular emergencies, mutual aid calls, and fire stand-bys. We can always use more members. The training is tough and we will pay for it. If anyone is interested, please contact a Squad member or stop in during our training meetings for an application. By receiving your Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification you can help your community and have a good chance in getting started in a career as an EMT.

Check your house numbers to make sure that they are large enough so Emergency Services can see it from the roadway. Remember if you need help just Dial 911.

Jack Rindt, President  
Roosevelt First Aid Squad



To the Editor,

As illustrated by his March 2008 reply to my last letter about the Yeshiva controversy, Bert Ellentuck continues to raise straw-man arguments so he can “win” by refuting them. For example, when I wrote that local ordinances must give way to contradictory statutes and constitutions, he wrote that I was “not correct that Federal law automatically trumps local ordinances,” that, “ordinances stand unless and until a court of law decides otherwise.” Wow, I sure wish I had learned that in law school! But wait, if Mr. Ellentuck is correct, maybe that is why the Yeshiva brought the Borough to court with constitutional and statutory claims.

Mr. Ellentuck tells us the “good news” that the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act “has been challenged in the courts by a number of other communities—successfully!” Since courts have upheld the constitutionality of RLUIPA, I think he means that RLUIPA has been interpreted by an occasional court to let certain towns off the hook after applying RLUIPA to the particular circumstances in their cases. However, the facts in Roosevelt weigh heavily against the Borough. I do not want to see us wind up like Mamaroneck, NY (paying \$4,750,000 to an Orthodox Jewish yeshiva) or like Hollywood, FL (paying \$2,000,000 to an Orthodox synagogue and having to send its officials to special classes on religious land use laws).

Mr. Ellentuck refers to a July 10, 2006 letter faxed to the Borough’s attorney by the Yeshiva’s attorney. The letter contended that a “carefully crafted rezoning of the [Synagogue] property could provide the Yeshiva with the opportunity to develop the modest facility it seeks while at the

same time affording surrounding neighbors with reasonable protections from undesired intrusions upon their residential uses.” The letter continued: “The alternative to such a comprehensive approach is an ongoing process of hearings before local boards followed by legal actions instituted in State or Federal courts if the Yeshiva should be denied on the local level. In many such cases, the Federal government may be expected to intervene on the side of the institution. Such legal proceedings inevitably prove to be expensive in the municipality, both with respect to the legal fees incurred in defending the actions as well as the awards often made by the courts to the aggrieved institution for damages and litigation fees and costs. At the end of the process, if the institution has been forced to go to court and succeeds, the municipality will not only have incurred substantial financial costs, but it will have lost the opportunity to have meaningful input into the final configuration of the religious institution’s project.”

Any governing body interested in government transparency and compliance with the letter and spirit of the state Open Public Records Act would have made that letter public immediately. The Council had kept it secret from the public for about a month and a half when I read from it at a Council meeting in late August and gave copies to reporters. Ever since representatives of the Yeshiva met with Mayor Battel, the Borough Engineer and me (as the then-Borough Administrator) in early 2006 to discuss whether a dormitory could be located somewhere other than the Synagogue lots, it was clear that the Yeshiva wanted to achieve an amicable compromise.

I did not “introduce” the letter. I got it because I asked for it, and the Yeshiva had no interest in keeping

secret its willingness to compromise or, alternatively, to assert its rights in court. No potential terms of a settlement that either Yeshiva or Borough officials had in mind were contained in the letter, and so could not be exposed by revealing the letter. Of course, we all now know that the Council had no intention of entering into any good faith negotiations with the Yeshiva. It just suckered the Yeshiva into providing a plan to start negotiations and then permitted an altered version of that proposal to be distributed around town as part of an anti-Yeshiva propaganda piece — transparency by ambush.

If the Council really were interested in everybody knowing important things, it would provide the community with regular updated totals of the legal fees associated with administrative and court proceedings involving the Yeshiva. And yes, Mr. Ellentuck, they can redact the details that would give any hints of the Borough’s litigation strategy. The Council also might let us poor taxpayers know whether our insurers have been asked, and have committed, to pick up any past or future costs. We might enjoy hoping that our tax bills would not be so high in the near future and that the insurers would condition picking up some, or all, of the tab on their attorneys being able to settle the case and end our discord and their expense.

Raising another straw man, Mr. Ellentuck denies that he opposed the variance that permitted a nursery school at the Synagogue “because of parking or any other issues.” Actually, I wrote, “Mr. Ellentuck opposed off-street parking when the Zoning Board of Adjustment approved a secular nursery school at the Synagogue.” I did not write that he opposed a variance. As indicated in my September 1987 Borough *Bulletin* article —

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containing, as expected, more details than the meeting minutes — the late Howard Chasan wanted off-street parking as a condition of the variance approval. Mr. Ellentuck said that the school was a good use if properly conditioned. He added that requiring an off-street parking lot would violate the residential character of the neighborhood. No doubt Mr. Ellentuck hoped to continue to enjoy next to his house the tax-free, half-acre, park-like setting, which the Synagogue has provided for more than 40 years now.

I still have not heard that the attorney for the Roosevelt Preservation Association has retracted his December 12, 2005 letter to the Planning Board listing Council members Peggy Malkin and Jeff Ellentuck, Bert's son, as Association members. In any event, the conflicts which should have kept them from discussions and decisions pertaining to Yeshiva issues arise equally well from Jeff's status as Bert's son and the fact that Ms. Malkin's house is just across the street from where many of the Yeshiva students live. The public cannot depend on them to render judgments independent of their personal interests.

Mr. Ellentuck admonishes me to "[g]et it through [my] head" that the controversy "is a zoning issue," that he is not "trying to keep people from practicing their religion" but "to stop...a commercial enterprise...." I agree it is a zoning issue—exclusionary zoning, that is. I wish Mr. Ellentuck would get it through his head that local zoning ordinances must not unduly interfere with religious freedom, which is protected by constitutions, statutes and case law (and, yes, I do realize that courts must do some interpreting). That is why the NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education has conducted a seminar

on "Religion and Land Use." By the way, the Yeshiva will not be held to be "commercial" as though it were a 7-Eleven.

The Yeshiva has taken the position in court that the Planning Board's decision that a religious school should not be allowed to operate in the Synagogue without a variance is unconstitutional and against statutes. By the way, there is no "threat" from a viable claim pursued in court. The more viable it is, the easier it is to settle quickly. If it has no validity, the defense against it will be victorious and relatively swift. It has taken the Borough about \$200,000 to get to the point where a lower court will either agree with the Yeshiva or say, as the Borough would like, that the matter is not "ripe" for decision by a court and needs to return to the Planning Board for more expensive proceedings that undoubtedly will lead back to the trial court, and then to appellate courts. Meanwhile, the Civil Rights Division of the federal Department of Justice has announced that it will conduct a preliminary investigation of the situation in Roosevelt, as it has in 154 cases involving RLUIPA since 2001. According to its Web site, it has opened 36 full investigations nationwide, including "investigations of unequal treatment of houses of worship and religious schools." The site notes that most of those cases "have been resolved amicably through voluntary modification of potentially discriminatory zoning regulations." We can only hope that somehow we all would get our heads around a compromise in our case.

Bob Clark ■

To the Editor,

Re: Moser letter in *Bulletin*  
of March 2008

Mr. Moser suggests that "Negotiations" with public bodies should be carried out in private. Mr. Moser, who is a member of a public body, should acquaint himself with the NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT—NJSA 10:4-6 to 10:4-2 commonly known as the SUNSHINE LAW. This law prohibits private meetings except for specifically defined purposes. Requests for re-zoning, which is the issue at hand, is not one of the defined purposes or, to put it more bluntly, Mr. Moser is suggesting that the Borough engage in an illegal practice which could lead to further lawsuits.

Bert Ellentuck  
P.O. Box 55  
Roosevelt, NJ ■

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By Ron Filepp

The fresh, bright bloom  
of the daffodils  
Makes gold in the garden bed,  
Gold that is like the sunbeams  
Loitering overhead  
Bloom, bloom  
In the sun and the wind,—  
April hath a fickle mind.



—ELLEN MACKAY HUTCHINSON CORTISSOZ, *April Fantasie*

**A Look Back At Winter**

Winter 2007/2008, (December through February) was colder than any winter since 2001 both globally and in the 48 contiguous United States according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The combined global land and ocean surface temperature made for the 16th warmest winter on record. Nationally, from the West Coast through the center of the country to the Mississippi River winter temperatures were either cooler than normal or near normal. Despite the colder than normal temperatures in the west, the winter was still warmer than average nationally by 0.2 degrees Fahrenheit. In New Jersey and the entire east coast except for Maine and the states along coast of the Gulf of Mexico, the winter was warmer than normal.

Here in Roosevelt, the average temperature for December was 1.5 degrees above normal. January's temperature was 5.3 degrees above average and February was 4.6 degrees warmer. Overall, winter 2007/2008 in Roosevelt was 3.8 degrees warmer than average. The total number of heating degree days last winter was 2613. The average normal amount is 2930. By this

measure, the winter of 2007/2008 was a little over 10% warmer than the normal average.

It was also a wetter than normal winter in Roosevelt. Only January had below normal precipitation. December brought six inches of precipitation, January 3.27 and February 4.98 for a total of 14.25 inches of precipitation. That's over four inches above normal for the season. Little of that precipitation was snow and most of the snow we had was melted by rain that fell in the same storm systems. The greatest snowfall occurred on February 23 when 3.5 inches was measured.

**Weather Word**

The equilibrium which exists on the average between the radiation received by the earth and atmosphere from the sun and that emitted by the earth and atmosphere is the *Heat Balance*: the balance between heat loss (long wave radiation from the earth back into the atmosphere) and heat gain (incoming solar radiation). ■

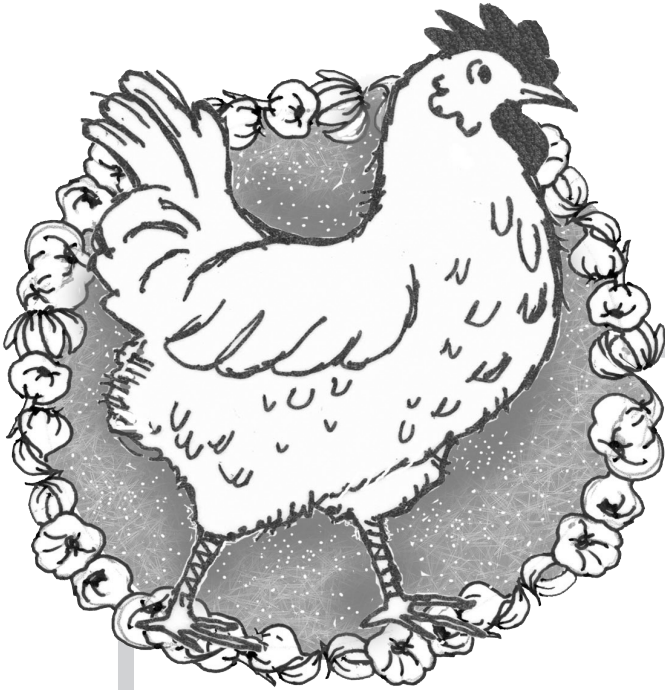
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Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Degree Days
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16	36.3	25.0	30.7	0.00	34.4
17	54.7	25.7	40.2	0.00	24.8
18	67.5	43.7	55.6	0.09	9.4
19	45.1	30.4	37.8	0.02	27.3
20	37.2	22.1	29.7	0.00	35.4
21	33.8	18.5	26.2	0.00	38.9
22	36.5	25.7	31.1	0.35	33.9
23	35.2	32.7	34.0	0.35	31.1
24	38.5	19.6	29.1	0.00	36.0
25	46.8	27.1	37.0	0.00	28.1
26	50.4	32.9	41.7	0.00	23.4
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2	43.7	28.4	36.1	0.00	29.0
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6	53.2	30.2	41.7	0.00	23.3
7	47.3	33.3	40.3	0.00	24.7
8	62.8	44.8	53.8	0.00	11.2
9	42.4	30.4	36.4	0.00	28.6
10	49.3	27.3	38.3	0.00	26.7
11	52.3	35.2	43.8	0.00	21.3
12	50.5	37.4	44.0	0.00	21.1
13	53.2	28.6	40.9	0.00	24.1
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## Roasted Chicken with Whole Garlic

The garlic cloves absorb the flavor of the chicken and spices. After being baked, they pop out of their skins easily. I remove the skin of the chicken before serving and rub the garlic over the chicken. If you eat the skin, rub the garlic on top. Leftover garlic is delicious added to vegetables.

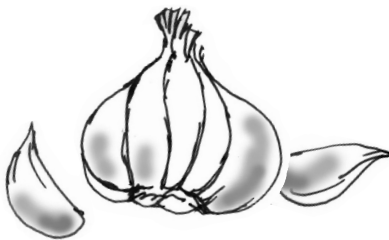


4 whole garlic heads, unpeeled  
 1 Tbs. olive oil, divided  
 1/2 tsp. sugar  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 3 lb. chicken cut into eights  
 1/2 tsp. paprika  
 1/2 Tbs. olive oil  
 2 Tbs. fresh parsley

Preheat oven to 424 degrees. Wash garlic heads well, peeling off only the outside layers. Keep the garlic intact. Slice off the tops and coat with 1/2 Tbs. oil, sugar (this helps caramelize the garlic), salt and pepper.



Mix the rest of the oil, salt and pepper into a paste and rub onto all sides of the chicken.



Put chicken and garlic in Dutch oven or heavy pan and bake covered for about two hours. For a richer color, remove the cover the last 15–20 minutes until golden.

# ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

## 2008 Season

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Saturday, April 12, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

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Friday, April 25, 2008, 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

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

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(609) 448-4616. ■

## **DON'T FORGET!**

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Please note date correction. The open meeting  
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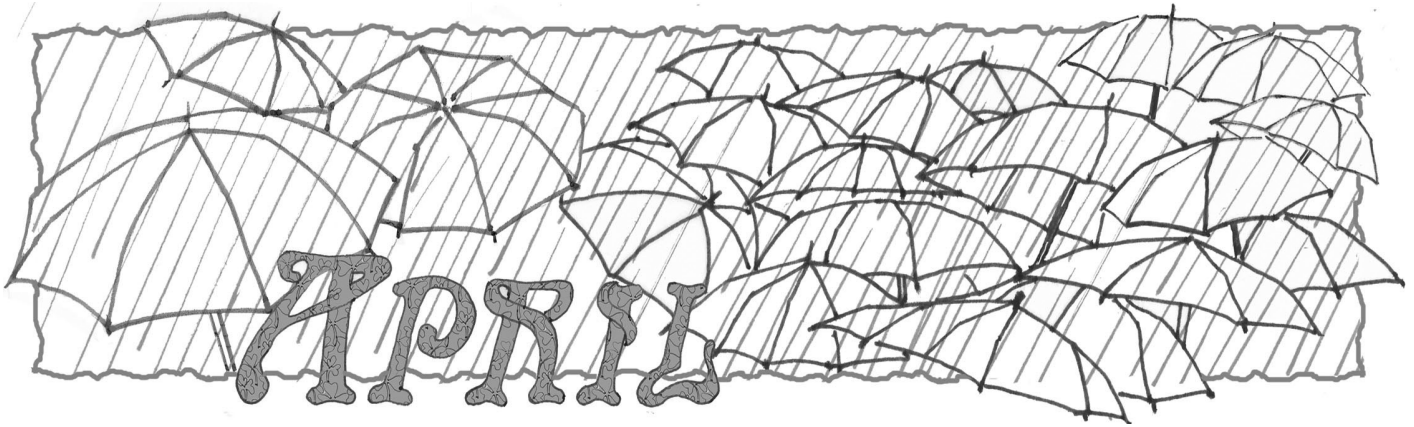
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1 Tues.	12:30 p.m.	Blood pressure check, Borough Hall
	1: 00 p.m.	Seniors' Meeting, Borough Hall, Gerry Millar, President, 448-0351
2 Wed.		RECYCLE 
4 Fri.		RPS Pizza Day
6 Sun.		Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Borough Hall, Jack Rindt, President. 448-9475
8 Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair. 448-3713
9 Wed.	7:00 p.m.	PTA Executive Meeting,
	7:30 p.m.	PTA General Meeting, all invited. Kacie Mixon, President. 443-9325
12 Sat.	8:00 p.m.	RAP, Jersey Homesteads: In the Architectural Vanguard. Robin Gould, 448-4616
14 Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor. 448-7701
15 Tues.	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Education Election, Borough Hall
	8 p.m.	Roosevelt First Aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall, Small Room Jack Rindt, President. 448-9475
16 Wed.		RECYCLE 
	7:30 p.m.	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Dave Schwendeman, Chair. 443-6204
24 Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, Linda Grayson, President 443-6462

25 Fri.		PTA Book Swap, RPS, Kacie Mixon, President. 443-9325
	8:00 p.m.	RAP, Roosevelt String Band, Borough Hall, Robin Gould. 448-4616
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