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FDR Memorial Amphitheater Restoration Approved

by Rick Pressler

In the election of November 4, Roosevelt voters overwhelmingly approved a public question cementing Borough support for the restoration of the FDR Memorial Amphitheater, located adjacent to Roosevelt Public School. Over 75% of more than 400 voters cast ballots in favor of the measure. The Borough Council subsequently authorized putting the project out for bid at its December 16 meeting; the bid specifications to solicit competitive proposals for the work should be available before the end of January.

Although the voters approved a bond referendum to fund the project, half of the actual construction cost will be reimbursed to the Borough by a grant received from the Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant Program for up to \$330,000. In addition, the Borough's match will be greatly reduced by a fundraising campaign initiated by The Fund for Roosevelt, which to date has raised over \$233,000, representing all or most of the Borough's remaining cost. The Fund will hold its annual public meeting at Borough Hall on March 28 at 10:00 am; the meeting will provide a forum to provide updated information about the project.

The idea for the memorial originated with Roosevelt artist Ben Shahn in 1945, but the effort initially stalled for lack of funding before moving forward years later. The featured sculpture, a five-foot tall head of Franklin Delano Roosevelt set upon a marble pedestal, was designed and executed by the artist's son Jonathan Shahn, who oversaw the casting of the bust at a foundry in Italy. Local architect and long-time Roosevelt resident Bert Ellentuck designed the amphitheater, which was dedicated in 1962. Speakers at the dedication included New Jersey Governor

Robert Hughes, United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, actress Anne Bancroft, and former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, who made one of her last public appearances at the event.

Due to the site's historical significance and status, the Borough was required to apply for approval from the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). SHPO provided its approval back on September 10.

The restoration plan, provided by the landscape architectural firm of ETM Associates in Highland Park, NJ, was designed within strict guidelines for maintaining historical authenticity in accordance with the site's historic status. Bert Ellentuck still resides in Roosevelt and has been an active participant in the citizen advisory committee for the project, as has Jonathan Shahn's widow Jeb Shahn. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2026 and should take about six months to complete.



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If you wish to go, you must call the S.C.A.T. bus at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and where you wish to go.

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

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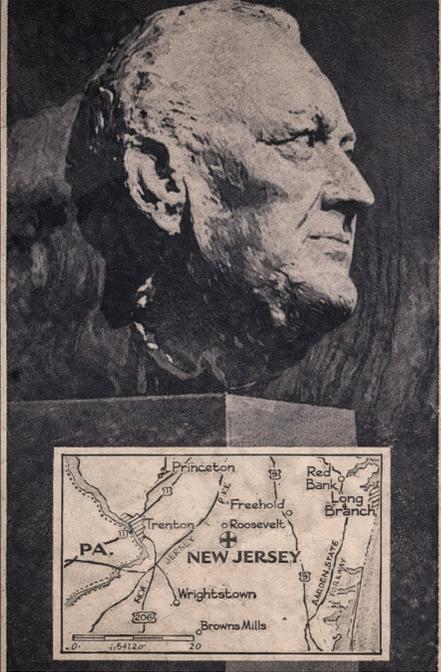
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DAY, MAY 10, 1961.

The New York Times.

ROOSEVELT, N. J., May 9, 1961



This community of 200 families, established twenty-five years ago by the New Deal as a rural utopia for garment workers, will begin this month to construct a memorial amphitheatre to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Ben Shahn, artist and president of the local Roosevelt Memorial Association, believes the amphitheatre and a five-foot-high portrait, statue will be the first municipal monument of its kind to President Roosevelt in this country. It is scheduled for completion this summer, well in advance of the Roosevelt Memorial planned for the bank of the Potomac in Washington.

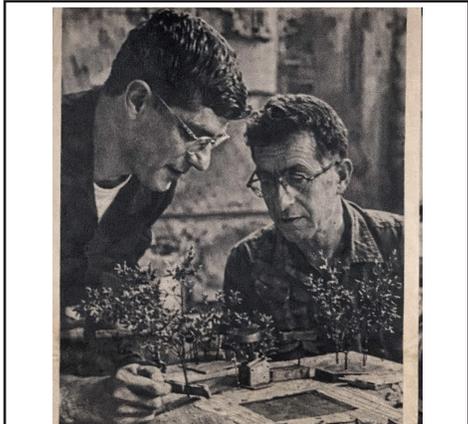
Mr. Shahn, a husky, white-haired artist, was in shirt sleeves and an apron bright with motley paint and ink stains as he talked in his studio here about the memorial. He drew the sketches in 1946 and raised \$2,000 from his neighbors. He returned the money when prospects dimmed for raising the full \$20,000 needed. The project was revived last fall, when civic leaders decided something should be done for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the

town. The memorial association has already obtained pledges totaling \$5,000, including \$1,000. voted by the Town Council.

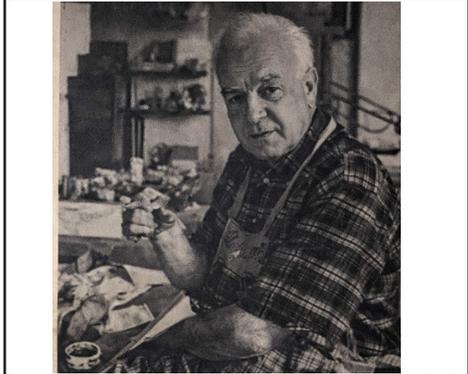
“We have more talent around here than we had in 1946,” Mr. Shahn said. Bertram Ellentuck, an architect who moved here four years ago, has drawn blueprints for the amphitheatre and a reflecting pool. Jonathan Shahn, the artist’s son and a student at the Boston Museum School, did the portrait, which will be cast in bronze. Marvin Feld, who grew up here, is working on the landscape architecture. Irving Plungian, a contractor, will do the construction at cost. The school board has donated the land.

While Mr. Shahn talked, Dore Schary, the playwright and movie producer, who has volunteered to raise money outside the community, telephoned to say he had just received a \$250 donation. Originally named Jersey Homesteads, this town, about a dozen miles southeast of Princeton, was renamed Roosevelt shortly after the President’s death in 1945. Its 200 modest, flat-roofed cement houses, each on a half acre, were leased by the Federal Government to the garment workers.

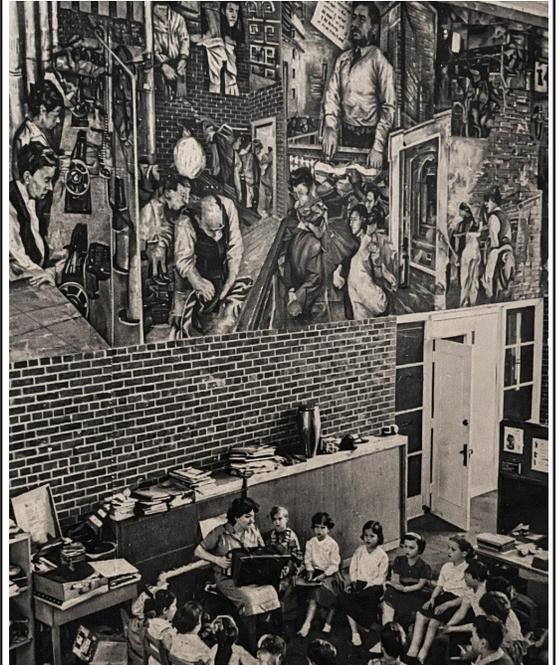
A garment factory and public utilities were part of the project, which was conceived as an antidepression measure. The theory was that the workers would be able to subsist during the garment trade’s slack periods on truck gardens and 600 acres of farmland held in common by the residents. The community had divested itself of its cooperative production enterprises by the time the Federal Government sold out to the residents in 1946. The New York Times by Carl T. Gossett Jr.



Bertram Ellentuck, memorial’s architect, discusses model with Irving Plungian, Mayor of the community, who has agreed to do construction work at cost.



Ben Shahn, father of the sculptor, originally conceived the idea of the memorial. He drew sketches in 1946 but abandoned project when funds proved scarce.



Mrs. Ilse Riesenfeld conducts second-grade class at Roosevelt School. On wall is mural painted by the elder Mr. Shahn. It depicts the garment industry in the 1930’s. Town of 200 families was established by New Deal 25 years ago as haven for garment workers.

RECIPES

Easy Chocolate Balls that Kids Can Help Make

By the Saks Family

These no-bake chocolate balls are a huge hit with kids and adults alike.

Ingredients

8.5 oz. tea biscuits (2 sleeves + a few biscuits)

2 oz. melted butter

1 cup white sugar

1 cup cocoa

1 cup milk

1 tsp. vanilla

To coat: ground coconut / colored sprinkles

To Make

1. Crush cookies in a large Ziploc bag using a rolling pin. You don't want it to be too fine. A few large pieces are ok.
2. Pour Crumbs into a large bowl and add milk, sugar, cocoa and butter. Mix well.
3. Shape into balls (whatever size you'd like!) and roll into coconut.
4. Place into a pan or container. Refrigerate for a few hours until firm and enjoy!

The Piano

for my father

When he was old,

And knew he was dying,

He put everything in order,

Time stopped.

And he opened up for once
and told me,

“I have few regrets, though
I do wish I had learned to
Play the piano.”

— Ron Kostar, 11/25

Dog License Information

License Fees:

Spayed/Neutered: \$12.00

Non-Spayed, Non-Neutered: \$15.00

\$1.00 late fee for every month after January

All dogs must be licensed every year.

This license expires January 31 of next year.

Scan the QR code or go to

https://www.rooseveltnj.us/_Content/pdf/forms/dog-license-app.pdf
for a copy of the license form.

Please fill out and mail (or place in dropbox on side of building) the form with your check or money order, made payable to *Borough of Roosevelt*, plus required documentation.



Scan for a copy of the dog license form.

Tree Removal Permits

Roosevelt Residents: tree removal requires a permit per Borough Ordinance 20-08. You can find the permit on the Borough website under the FORMS tab (<https://www.rooseveltnj.us/forms-home-page>). When you click on the link for the permit a copy of the ordinance is also attached.

EARS!

A What's doing with you?

B Oh, just sitting here, thinking.

A About what – may I ask?

B Last night I watched a broadcast of the Vienna Symphony. The most extraordinary conductor – he made love to every note, brought out the very best in the orchestra, and even led the entire audience in an elegant “clap-along.”

A Classical music – not my bag.

B At one point, he even had the musicians – all instrumentalists – singing! So refreshing! Not like the concerts I was taken to as a child.

A Jazz is so wonderfully surprising. Unlike the written, hour after hour.

B Well, to each their own.

A I thought you liked jazz?

B I do. In seventh grade, I was taken to a concert hosted by Billy Taylor.

A Jazz pianist!

B With a round robin of twelve of the finest jazz pianists then alive. Thelonious Monk. Willie “the Lion” Smith. Around and around, taking turns on two pianos. Never forgot it!

A And you still like the Vienna Symphony? You never got tired of it?

B I'm all the more appreciative. Each player afresh with a new interpretation. Just as surprising – as you put it – as an improvisation.

A My ears don't hear it that way.

B A less privileged background, maybe?

A My grandfather played trumpet in Cab Calloway's band, for twenty years. I still have his records – that's what I grew up listening to.

B Privilege, of a different sort...

A You got it now. And you heard it here! ##

--Judith McNally



Hello from the Foundation! 🍎

As the vibrant colors of autumn sweep across Roosevelt, bringing with them a sense of cozy reflection and renewed energy, RPSEF is thrilled to share the exciting ways our community's generosity is harvesting right here in our schools! Just as the leaves turn brilliant shades, your support helps transform educational opportunities for our staff and students this fall. We are so proud to announce the recent cycle of grant awards that are bringing innovative ideas and educational resources into our classrooms and school environment. Your contributions are planting seeds for growth that will last far beyond this season!



Students experience learning in nature and enjoy apple picking and meeting animals (Terhune Orchards-Left) and hayrides and pumpkin picking (West Haven Farms-right). Far right- Visiting Artist, Ron Kostar introduces students to breathing for singing!

Expanding Horizons and Creative Expression 🍎

🍁 **Field Trips:** Students are moving beyond the classroom walls! Grants funded fun and educational trips to Terhune Orchards for seasonal learning, and West Haven Farm for environmental science. Upcoming trips include students traveling to the Historic Village of Allaire for a glimpse into the past, and to Jenkinson's Aquarium to explore marine life.

🍁 **Coming Soon: Young Audiences:** The Little Circus Assembly Program- this fun, engaging performance will introduce students to the arts, movement, and the joy of live theater.

🍁 **Ongoing: Visiting Artists Program:** Bringing local professional artists into the school continues to provide unique workshops and inspiration across various disciplines, enriching our arts curriculum.

Students love the experiences and it is another example of our unique community! We financed a Dragon H.E.A.R.T. core value literacy and SEL flexible seating space for students to be used for SEL and continued exploration of the school's values. The space was thoughtfully designed for meaningful monthly activities.

Building Community and Skills 🍎

🍁 **RPS Club Expansion Project:** RPS is significantly boosting their extracurricular offerings! Foundation funds have helped expand vital clubs like the Gardening Club and the "Splash of Color" grant which encourages horticultural skills in students through the study of new flowers and plants outside the school building. We awarded grants for the creation of new clubs at RPS! The sports club, for grades 1-3 allows students to enhance physical and social skills, in addition to encouraging positive habits like discipline, teamwork, and resilience. New to RPS are the Theater, and Student Council clubs which ensure students have an opportunity to find their passion, build leadership skills, and connect with their peers outside of regular class time.



🍁 Why your support matters!

These grants are the direct result of the commitment of families, alumni, and community members like you! Your support funds one-of-a-kind creative, hands-on experiences that make an education truly exceptional. Every donation ensures our dedicated staff can implement their best ideas and that every student has access to a richer, more diverse, and engaging school experience.

As we look toward the winter months, we invite you to continue to partner with us. Your support fuels the grants that will be awarded in our next cycle. We will soon begin our **End of Year Appeal** and look forward to your continued support! Together, we can keep the spirit of community, creativity, innovation and enrichment thriving at Roosevelt Public School!



RPS so far this year....

Mrs. Faunce's Pre-K Class

Pre-K had a wonderful time visiting West Haven Farm. Pumpkin picking, the hayride and maze all added to enhancing our knowledge and appreciation of Autumn.

Ms. Bondy's Kindergarten Class

Kindergarten has been busy learning letters and words and all kinds of ways to decompose numbers. We have completed our first unit in Science on Trees and Weather and taken four field trips and one nature walk so far. We are excited now to be in our Life Science unit and meeting cool creatures. We are enjoying being buddies with the 4th graders; they are awesome role models.

Mrs. Fusella's 1st Grade Class

First grade has been working on various projects with their fifth grade buddies. We've made gratitude feathers and displayed them on a large turkey. We just made a snowman project that corresponded with the book "Snowmen at Night."

Miss Bellino's 2nd Grade Class

Second grade studied different U.S. landmarks and created a museum outside of our classroom for them. They have been working hard in math as they begin their journey of adding two-digit numbers with a variety of tools.

Ms. McCalin's 3rd grade:

The first 60 days of third grade have been filled with excitement and discovery! Students started the year by learning how to write using descriptive language, and wrote personal narratives about their summer adventures. In math, we jumped into

multiplication, building strategies, confidence, and fluency as we learn new facts. In science, we are animal experts. We have been studying hissters to learn about animal characteristics, adaptations, behaviors, and their environments.

Mr. Santanello's 4th Grade Class

The 4th grade has enjoyed the 'Buddy' trips with our Kindergarten friends. We went to Allaire State Park and West Haven Farm together, and had a great time walking the Roosevelt Nature Trail with them!"

Mr. Gershman's 5th Grade Class

The 5th Grade has been busy the first 60 days of school! In addition to working hard in class, the students have organized and run a few fundraisers. They did an amazing job at the "Spooky Walk" fundraiser for Halloween. They helped run the Pie Sale for Thanksgiving as well. In addition, the class has been working hard at their Safety Patrol posts to help the school run more smoothly each and every day.

Mrs. Gazzani's STEM Classes

Over the past 60 days, our upper elementary STEM students have been engaged with hands-on learning and real-world investigation! Students successfully raised several species of butterflies, observing each stage of the life cycle up close and recording changes as young scientists. They also tended to our fall garden, learning how seasonal shifts affect plant growth and practicing cold stratification techniques to prepare native seeds for spring planting.

Using the Engineering Design Process, students constructed their

own model spider webs, testing and revising their designs in the same manner as real engineers. They explored fascinating fall phenomena—such as leaf color change and temperature patterns—through experiments and outdoor observations.

Currently, students are diving into the cause-and-effect relationships between humans and natural disasters, investigating how communities are impacted, and exploring possible solutions that can help keep people safe. It has been an exciting, inquiry-filled season of STEM learning!

Senora Battista's Spanish Classes

In Spanish we learned more about the Mexican holiday El Día de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead). We looked at all of the cultural aspects of the holiday- the beliefs, the foods, the dress and other customs. 3rd graders learned what goes on an *ofrenda*, then designed their own!

Mr. Faunce's PE Classes

These first 60 days in PE have been full of activity—students started with our soccer unit, then moved into badminton, and wrapped it all together with team-building games that strengthened sportsmanship and collaboration.



Elizabeth & John

By Albert Hepner

(Continued from the November issue.)

Elizabeth and John arrived in the United States with a three-year-old daughter he elected to love but not adopt. He'd stayed with his needy mother while Elizabeth remained in the London apartment that would be comfortable enough for two but not three. Fortunately, her inheritance was sufficient so that she could return to school to major in a useful profession. The liberal arts degree she earned from the elitist university helped her understand and appreciate everything she read, but it wasn't until she graduated as a sociologist that she felt she could join the professional establishment to contribute to people's welfare—an interest that set her apart from the rest of the Royal Family.

John often helped her with chores in preparation of the impending birth of Phoebe. He ran errands, helped clean her apartment when she suggested getting a chambermaid to do it, and, later on, babysat Phoebe. Elizabeth's zeal and charm landed her a job as soon as she'd graduated, three months after she'd given birth. None of this was sufficient to keep them in England. It wasn't until years later, after they split up, that he realized he'd been a bloody butler for her during their stay together in England.

Class had always been an irritating issue to John. There wasn't any place that he could be without being constantly aware of feeling beneath the live fray of life. He felt subservient to everyone riding the Underground, and likewise whether on Piccadilly Circus or walking the streets of East London. Although he'd learned to keep his fingernails clean, it was only in one pub or another with workers on the dole, or with dirty fingernails, that class didn't tear him down.

Elizabeth whose love and attitude

he cherished, nevertheless made him feel inferior. In spite of his queries, she'd never told him of her background, but he suspected she'd never shaken a hand with dirty fingernails.

Fortunately, they didn't depend on John for resources either social or financial. Elizabeth had made some acquaintances among Americans in Great Britain while attending school, and once in the States her degree landed her a job with an American friend's help. At first Elizabeth, John, and Phoebe stayed with their American hosts in Croton-on-Hudson, an upstate New York Community with pockets of progressive people, which suited John, until they were able to afford to rent a house of their own.

Phoebe, as children often do, attuned to the American lifestyle immediately but made sure she retained her British accent, which had always been welcomed by Americans of all walks of life. Her lean thin appearance fit the young British girl stereotype.

Elizabeth's aristocratic bearing added to her natural charm. As a social worker her clients were certain she was more knowledgeable because of her accent; it added a certain panache to whatever she said.

The women were happy with their states of affair: Phoebe had many friends despite her obvious desire to be seen as more than the rest of the local gentry. Elizabeth thrived as director of a small agency in Briarcliff Manor. It seemed to work well. The denouement from the British Palace to the Croton-on-Hudson address and degree gave her the latitude to be a commoner without really having left what many others would think of as an elite place.

John, however, didn't fare as well. Somehow, his background didn't let him escape the feelings of inferiority that his parents had determined were the only prospects for people of their class. His only saving grace was that while he managed to get jobs painting

the walls of working-class people's houses, he indulged the very anger that lay in his heart and stomach by painting abstractions and portraits. The portraits, to his inner delight, reflected both his anger at society's injustices and the faces of famous legislators both at home and now in the U.S. The hate in his heart for those who had oppressed people, was represented in the faces that depicted all the wrinkles of life: oppression. He might have felt that he hadn't gone beyond what his father had had to do his whole life, but at least he was able to express his disdain through his art. The faces told the world what the house painter was doing but it didn't know it.

So, all three in their own way, found the U.S. a place where they could express themselves. Elizabeth had befriended others even when John couldn't warm up to them because of his own disillusionment with what he thought would be a truly classless society; in spite of his intended rejection of class, he turned out to be a middle class want-to-be, doing everything to reach it including putting down those that weren't quite there. His constant dissatisfaction prompted Elizabeth to suggest he find a way to get away from painting rooms in old houses and go back to school to learn a different occupation. To his own bewilderment, he'd always been good in math and logic, so they concluded that the new field of computer programming might be both intellectually stimulating and less inclined to feed John's feeling of being a butler's butler.

John's nights at school studying computer programming were productive but placed a strange strain on his relationship with Elizabeth. Her new profession increased her awareness of the plight of women throughout the world but particularly in Westchester where many of her clients' woes, no matter how they manifested, seemed

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to stem from the same stigma suffered by butler's butlers: disrespect by men at all levels. A women's movement emerged, and feminism, the theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes, increased her interest in organizing activities on behalf of women's rights.

The weaknesses that existed in their relationship was exacerbated by John's facile ridicule of women's frailties at the hand of men. While he sharpened his computer programming skills, she organized a NOW women's group in the erudite town in which they lived, where even the progressive women had succumbed to men's expectations of women's inferiority. The infectious disease that had brought society to its modus vivendi crept into their lives. They'd return from their respective evenings out, he from classes overwhelmingly attended by men because ostensibly women could not retain enough information to sustain a string of information long enough to create a program that would allow the average person to carry on a written conversation; she from a NOW meeting she led to convince women that they could do anything that needn't have been compared to what men did or approved. The clash that was about to break up their marriage was built into the fabric of their heritage: she would never have become the Queen, and he would never really be anything other than a butler's butler's son. No matter how much she loved that he'd helped her out of the institutionalized life she dreaded, he still manifested the British man's aura of male superiority. To John, her sudden interest in freeing women from history's manacles, took away from the more important passion to break down the class system that, no matter how much it was denied, still existed in the U.S., even if not as pronounced as in Great Britain.

To be continued. Look for Part III in the next issue...

Press my lids together

"You have ten more minutes to play"

"Oh Ma" pleading.

"It's getting dark... time to come in."

Bouncing...bouncing and pavement smacking.

"Time's up, come in!"

"Ahh...just one more minute, please!"

I don't want to stop playing.

Not then.

Not now.

Then, it was the youth of a bouncing ball,
chalk marks on the street demarking our jumps for hopscotch;
the thrill of hiding and seeking, especially at dusk.

Now, I won't press my lids together,
lest the day slip away with the years and decades of a lifetime.

Let me play!

Holding on, pocketing those daylight moments;
resisting the moon and its shadows,
dilly-dallying the night.

Mama,

I want to play,

to write to paint to dance,
to finish the collage, to teach that course;
finally catching the agent's eye,
the bingo of those illusive abs.

Nah, don't want to close these eyes;
to stop playing summer night forever.

--Robert Axel 12-11-2025

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT ROOSEVELT?

Have something that is special to you? Maybe the reason you moved here or stayed? Perhaps something you discovered recently or something you know has always been here. If you have a “favorite” from living here, please submit it to Rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com

Roosevelt is the most welcoming town on earth! You can never feel alone when you're in Roosevelt.
— Rhiannon Al-Saadi

I love watching students I had in Kindergarten grow into tweens, teens and adults. It's wonderful to bear witness to this over and over again close up!
— Larisa Bondy

I love the trails, and that the community works together to maintain them! So many gorgeous views.
— Cecelia Ticktin

I love that there are lots of squirrels to bark at!
— Scout Pressler

Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees can be dropped off at the entrance of the sewer plant located at the end of pine drive - on right hand side until January 31, 2026.



Turtle on the Roosevelt Woodland Trail

HOLIDAY HOPES

- A Ho Ho Ho!
- B Hi Santa!
- A And what would you like for Christmas this year?
- B Oh, you know – Peace on Earth & Goodwill to All.
- A I'll do my best.
- B Thanks, Santa.
- A There's just one thing.
- B Oh?
- A This year I want you to dance for me.
- B How?
- A On mistletoes!

— Judith McNally



RECYCLING DATES

January 14 & 28

February 11 & 25

Issue/ Problem	Call
Power outage	JCP&L - 1-888-544-4877
Telephone outage	Your telephone provider (phone # is on your bill)
Loose or lost dog	Animal Ctrl: 609-234-4862 or State Police 609-584-5000
Road obstruction	911 / State Police 609-584-5000
Trees down	911 / State Police 609-584-5000
Health Emergency	911
Comcast outage	1-800-COMCAST
FToS outage	(800) 837-4966
Wildlife Issues	877-927-6337



The Roosevelt Arts Project

The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) is a collaborative venture of friends and neighbors in and around Roosevelt, New Jersey. Bringing together artists in a variety of media, our mission is to foster collaboration and present their work to the public. Founded in 1986 by the nationally known artists, Bernarda Bryson Shahn and Jacob Landau, and others including writers and musicians, the Roosevelt Arts Project presents a series of annual programs. This varied series premieres new works by Roosevelt playwrights, painters and potters, folk singers, poets, and composers, as well as experimental collaborations.

DATE/TIME	VENUE	EVENT
Saturday, February 21, 7:30 PM	Borough Hall 33 North Rochdale Ave. Roosevelt, NJ	Brahms and Friends From his early friendship with Robert and Clara Schumann throughout his life, Johannes Brahms collected admirers and friends, many of whom were distinguished composers in their own right. Pianist Alan Mallach will play music by Brahms and both Schumann's, along with music by less well-known composers, interspersed with his insightful and enjoyable commentary.
Saturday, March 7 11 AM to 4 PM and Sunday, March 8 11 AM to 3 PM	Borough Hall 33 North Rochdale Ave. Roosevelt, NJ	Collage! Join us in the Borough Hall for a two-day celebration of collage featuring works by Roosevelt artists and other talented local makers. In an era of material abundance, rapid change, and limited attention spans, collage has emerged as an art form uniquely suited to our times. The flexible definition of collage, the wide range of available materials, and the impulse to cut, paste, and reassemble life's fragments into new forms, has produced a variety of voices and approaches to collage-making.
Saturday, April 11, 3:00 PM	Borough Hall	Tuning the Alphabet Poems by Roosevelt poets.
Saturday, April 25, 7:30 PM	Borough Hall 33 North Rochdale Ave. Roosevelt, NJ	"Cracking the Code: The Fascinating World of Chickens" A multi-media presentation exploring the biology, behavior and significance of chickens, from their evolutionary history and domestication to their role in agriculture and sustainability today. Come and be prepared to learn surprising facts about these intelligent birds and their impact on our world.
Sunday, May 3, 3:00 PM	Borough Hall 33 North Rochdale Ave. Roosevelt, NJ	The Roosevelt String Band This year's Roosevelt String Band show will feature songs to lift and strengthen our spirits during these troublesome times. The band will include Ed Cedar on guitar, mandolin and fiddle, Joe Pepitone on bass, Nancy Wilson on vocals, Guy DeRosa on harmonicas, Noemi Bolton on guitar, banjo-uke and vocals and David Brahinsky on guitar and vocals.
Sunday, June 7, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Communitywide	Garden & Art Tour The urge to create, with brush, chisel, or trowel, generating beauty, raising food crops, and creating spaces for quiet reflection thrives in Roosevelt. Visit the gardens of some of Roosevelt's most passionate gardeners and artists and see their creativity in its natural habitat. A map of participating gardens will be available on the RAP website closer to the event.
Sunday, June 28th at 6 pm	Borough Hall 33 North Rochdale Ave. Roosevelt, NJ	"Common Ground" Musical Celebration All are invited to join us in celebrating the beauty of Summer and the community we share. With familiar sing-alongs, and fresh original songs both heartfelt and playful, featuring Gabe and the Saks Family Band, The Knockabouts - George and Cherie, and more.

Visit our website: www.rooseveltartsproject

Suggested donation of \$10 for all events (unless indicated) to support RAP, the Roosevelt Arts Program

A Gesture

For Lou Esakoff

I hover at the front door,
lift the shade,
 scanning through the partially obstructed view
 of parked cars
 and weeds, peeking through the cracked black asphalt,
 dead in this winter grief.

I am impelled to burst out, seize it there at your driveway's edge,
 along its side, or haphazardly landed on a patch of snow or grassy mud.
 Seasons depending.

It is not there.
It won't be there.
No delivery today – or ever.

All those seasons when you aged alongside me, neighbor.
 And your old man – a decade or so ahead of mine –
 in your pride, allowed my small gesture.
 And your, “Thank you for taking up my paper.”

Your orphaned daughters, touching all you saved on shelves and in boxes
 replete with idiosyncrasy – have cleaned out your soon to be resold home.

Dear friend-like-family – your *New York Times* has been deleted from the drop at 32 Farm Lane.

And, I pace from my kitchen to the front door glass reminder, and back into the useless kitchen,
thwarted – my small gesture aborted.

Where does this energy go?

Sense memory impels me towards my morning ritual; black coffee, cup in hand, I descend my
drive towards yours, scan our tree lined country road, sipping the seasons in my zen-ful
moment. And I lift that plastic, blue-wrapped news – your window to the world – that you
devoured alongside your bagel morning.

It is a kindness one does for the old, retrieve their newspapers from the delivery on the road.

Sometimes, I secretly sprayed for weeds peeking through your patio pavers.
 Of course, I dragged your battered, empty recycle pail on Wednesdays
 from the road back to your door – every other week. You allowed for that.

But mostly I received your kind gestures, not so small, over four decades of neighbor.

— Robert Axel 12-30-2025

SENIOR CORNER

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving was a special time ~
Family, friends, good food - maybe some wine ~
We remember & look back over the year ~
Always thanking Him for what we hold so dear~
It jump starts all the season's holidays ~
Oh how I love it all & do dread it too - I dare say ~
On this special day, my husband likes to cook ~
We all know his famous Mac n' Cheese - a recipe that's not in any book ~
I like the corn souffle - oh no am I already too late ~
I better hurry up & get that slice - I can hardly wait ~
Oh no - will I have to wait an entire year ~
Just to have that one slice - I do fear ~
The green beans are always the best ~
My brother-in-law makes them - he's a regular guest ~
Can it really be that this one day is just so right ~
To be surrounded by loved ones - day into night ~
I've always loved the desserts - the pies - extremely tasty ~
If only I could eat them all - such fine pastry ~
The hour is getting late now - & soon I must retire ~
The clean up is not at all anyone's desire ~
I want to wave a magic wand - & make it all stay so nice ~
Oh dear - maybe next year I will even listen to some other's advice ~
"Order in" -they say - or - "go away on a trip" maybe ~
But what fun would that be ~
I would probably do the same again - when its time next year ~
Oh my - oh no - oh yes - oh well - oh bother - oh dear - oh dear !!!

Adrienne Cheshier

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(including Roosevelt Borough)

by Hilary Wilder

You can put all of the following into your recycling bin for curbside pickup every other Wednesday morning:

- Plastic Containers – any shape container with a #1 (PET, PETE), #2 (HDPE), or a #5 (PP) label.
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- Please keep recyclables clean, dry, and rinse out food residue.

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JANUARY

1-2	Thur.-Fri	School Closed - RPS, MHK, HHS
5	Mon. 7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
6	Tues. 6:00 pm	RPS Board of Education Ken LeCompte, President
10	Sat. 11:00 - 12:30 pm	Winter Beach Walk at Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area Manasquan A Monmouth County Park System Naturalist guided walk along the beach Go to www.monmouthcountyparks.com/EventCalendar.aspx for a full list of the Monmouth County park events.
14	Weds.	Recycling Pickup ♻️
16	Fri..	Early Dismissal - Roosevelt Public School
19	Mon.	Martin Luther King Jr. Day School Closed - RPS, MHK, HHS
20	Tues. 7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
21	Weds. 7:00 pm	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall
28	Weds.	Recycling Pickup ♻️

FEBRUARY

2	Mon. 7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
11	Weds.	Recycling Pickup ♻️
12	Thurs.	Parent Teacher Evening Conferences Melvin H Kreps
13	Fri.	Early Dismissal - Roosevelt Public School
16	Mon.	President's Day School Closed - RPS, MHK, HHS
17	Tues. 7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
19	Thurs.	Parent Teacher Evening Conferences Hightstown High School
25	Weds.	Recycling Pickup ♻️
21	Sat. 7:30	Brahms and Friends Borough Hall Pianist Alan Mallach will play a program of music by Brahms, Schumann, and others with commentary.



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