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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By SharynWalz

The Passing of Ron Filepp, Election Results, and EMS Controversy

Mayor Ellentuck began by reporting the sudden and tragic death of Ron Filepp, husband of Robin Middleman, and longtime Roosevelt resident. Ron was, by all accounts, a good friend and neighbor, a kind and loving man, and a true naturalist. Ron loved the Roosevelt Woodland Trail, and spent many volunteer hours maintaining the trail on his own, without recognition or fanfare. The Borough is currently working on setting up a fund in order to ensure that the Roosevelt Woodland Trail continues to be maintained in Ron's memory.

Mayor Ellentuck reported that Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health have issued their section of the inspection report from the Department of Health and it states that the firehouse would need a wash station and exhaust systems. The State building inspectors will declare the firehouse an unsafe structure in the very near future.

Local Presidential Election Results:

Office	Candidate	Votes	Winner
President	Hillary Clinton	317	
President	Donald J. Trump	153	X
President	Gary Johnson	13	
President	Jill Stein	12	
President	Roque de La Fuente	1	

Local Borough Council Election Results:

Term	Candidate	Votes	Winner
Full Term	Peggy Malkin	256	X
Full Term	Michael Hamilton	288	X
Full Term	John Impellizzeri	187	
Full Term	Write In	107	
2 Year Unexpired	Michael Ticktin	298	X
2 Year Unexpired	Write In	113	
1 year Unexpired	Joseph Trammell	216	X
1 year Unexpired	Alana T. Porter	202	
1 year Unexpired	Write In	2	

Democrats also won in Roosevelt for Congress and County offices, but, like Clinton, did not win the overall election.

Local results for ballot questions:

Issue	Yes	No	Votes
North Jersey Casinos	95	332 X	427
Dedication of Gas Tax	226 X	198	424
	Option 1: 2 bay	Option 2: 4 bay	
EMS building	168	270 X	338

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 40th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from November through July. We will not publish in January and August.

Roosevelt Borough Bulletin Submission Process

The Bulletin welcomes submissions for news items, information of local interest, letters to the editor, poetry, and visual arts. We ask all contributors to adhere to the following submission guidelines:

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- Please include images as separate files. If you have multiple files, please put them into a zip file, if possible. Please submit only JPEG images.
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- Most submission will also be added to the Bulletin web site. Allow up to one week for submissions to appear online after publication of the print edition.
- Please name your files with your last name, or the name of your organization, and the month.

It's natural that people have second thoughts about what they've written, but we want to discourage multiple submissions of the same thing, whenever possible. When this is necessary, the revised version should be clearly named as a revision.

The Bulletin board members are thrilled to see that people are utilizing the Bulletin as a forum for communicating about our community's most critical issues. And it is impressive that Roosevelt has supported this publication for so many decades by contributing both financially and intellectually. We are committed to providing you with the best publication possible—your support of our submission guidelines will enable our volunteers to most effectively meet that goal.

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

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From the Mayor

By Jeff Ellentuck

The local election is over and it is time for us all to come back to working together to deal with the issues we face as a town.

As a small and special town, Roosevelt has rarely been a direct reflection of the current national culture of divisiveness. That is one of the things that has made it special.

Having been a resident on and off for almost 60 years and having been raised on Roosevelt lore, I cannot deny that, since its' founding, Roosevelt has seen strong and sometimes boisterous disagreements. Whether they are town issues of gray water, feral cats, water tower replacement, utilities issues, yeshiva litigation, or parking regulations, or they are school issues involving budgets, all day kindergarten, or K-6 vs K-8, we have had our share of disputes. However, we have usually been able to remain civil and respectful as friends and neighbors, often during and almost always after our disagreements have run their course.

For whatever reason, the issue of emergency services has created a level of personal and public incivility, animosity, accusation, exaggeration, and vindictiveness previously unseen in my memory. Longtime friendships have dissolved.

As my mother is fond of reminding me, and as I have found to be true time and again, your opponent in today's issue is your ally in the next issue. Every person in this small town is your neighbor. Every person on the Council, Planning Board, School Board, Environmental Commission, First Aid Squad, Fire Department and other Borough boards, commissions, and organizations is a volunteer doing what they believe is best for our small borough.

Obviously, our emergency services volunteers help us at all hours. However, many of us, as town residents, do not realize that some of our volunteers maintain full time jobs elsewhere and that some of our employees work long after office hours. These volunteers and employees often respond to town and residents' needs throughout the weekend and in the middle of the night, whether as a result of leaking pipes, power outages, broken generators, road issues, or lost dogs. It is no surprise that many of us call on our volunteers and employees for assistance at all hours. What is surprising is that, unlike in many other towns, our folks pick up the phone or read the email and respond.

It is time for us all to be steadfast in our belief that our friends and neighbors, whether they be volunteers, employees or other residents of Roosevelt, are honest people in pursuit of what is best for the town unless and until proven otherwise. It is time for all of us to return to respect and civility, both in our meetings and in everyday life. Thank you.

Borough Council Report Continued from Page 1

There were originally two ways in which the Borough could proceed following this vote:

1. The Borough could override the Planning Board, declare the Borough property at 33 North Rochdale a redevelopment zone, and proceed with building a 4 bay EMS building. This path would not be subjected to any challenges by residents.
2. The Borough could authorize building a 4 bay EMS building for a straight bond, which is subject to challenge by petition if residents choose to do so.

Mayor Ellentuck stated that it would be up to the Council to determine the next steps. Councilman Ticktin suggested that the Borough should proceed with Option #2, as it provides an opportunity for residents to express their opposition if they choose to do so. Councilwoman Lipoti clarified the timeline of Option #2: the second reading of the resolution would occur in 2 weeks, and then go to bid, at which point residents would have 20 days to challenge the resolution, which

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Dear Editor,

All is not well in River City and it is easy to understand why. Yes, there are pithy letters about unity and public support for our borough. Yes, there are speeches about civility and community and public service. Yes, there are pleas for unity as we work to support volunteers who improve public safety. Yet, when it comes to governance, we continue to see arrogance above understanding and clouds instead of transparency. Ultimately, it is up to our borough leadership to address these issues, but unfortunately they have a track record that speaks to the opposite.

The past two years or so have been riddled with innuendo and allegations and sometimes absolute nonsense when it comes to the issue of whether or not to build a new EMS building. My position on this is well known as I oppose financing any aspect of this building, but this is not based on any personal issue with the volunteers or the structure itself. In fact, I was the chair of the public safety committee and understand very well the structural and physical challenges of both the garage and the ambulance bays. Yet, as I stated over 18 months ago to members of the department and squad, community, and council, the building should only be proposed after a true needs assessment of our EMS needs is complete, not simply an assessment of the existing building.

The fundamental problem with how this whole situation has unfolded is that the Council embarked on a plan, but without a real plan. Specifically, in past and current ventures involving significant capital expenditures, the Council very deliberately devised a plan to determine how best to proceed for the most fiscally responsible means to maintain borough infrastructure. Yet, this rationale has been absent and consistently dismissed or ignored when it came to the EMS

building. Most important, there are at least two examples where outside expertise was consulted prior to any attempt to advance a plan, but not when it came to the EMS building.

In the case of the water tower, the very engineer who is now being touted as “expert and unbiased” was almost dismissed by the Council when she recommended replacing the water tower with a newer and larger tower. She was publically criticized as being biased and promoting an agenda that would have threatened our case against the yeshiva. Thus, an outside firm was brought in at a cost of \$15-20,000 to “assess” the tower and provide a recommendation.

Most recently the public learned that a specialist engineering firm was contracted, without consent of the Borough Council as is required, for \$130,000 to “assess” the state of our water/sewer system so that the Council can best develop a proactive plan for the next five years. It was reported that up to half of this fee may be reimbursed by the state, but no specific amount was quoted or even suggested by the state. Thus, the citizens may end up footing the bill for this assessment.

However, when it came to the EMS building, the Council objected to the idea of hiring an outside expert to “assess” the EMS needs of the Borough. Oddly, they cited the cost of the expert as too expensive, even though estimates were no greater than what they spent in the past. Yes, they did spend money on firms with whom they consulted, but these firms were hired to determine what kind of building could be built. These firms were not hired to determine our EMS need that would stipulate if a new building were required and, if so, what type of building would be most appropriate.

Council members can defend their actions and cite expenditures related to the cost of the 2015 referendum, architecture firms, and engineers that they claim were a result of the referendum outcome. However, they have to admit that if they had not passed the bond in the summer of 2015 and received outside expert needs assessments, the referendum would have been avoided. So, it's easy to blame expenditures on the voters of the referendum, but in truth, it was the Borough's responsibility to proceed in a more prudent fashion, especially in light of the fact that there was a high probability of having the bond challenged.

What has unfortunately evolved is a case where a volunteer group lobbied for a new structure, but without proper needs assessment, creating a perception that the Borough was spending money where it may not need to. Had the Council followed the acceptable and prudent strategy of asking an outside expert to determine the “big picture”, instead of relying on internal guidance and then attempting to substantiate it with questions to professionals employed by the Borough, the outcome would have been more thorough and transparent and free of any perception of favoritism or haste.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hoffman

Dear Editor,

What we witnessed at the November 14 meeting of the Roosevelt Borough Council was by far one of the most uncivil and disrespectful displays of democracy in a town known for its strength of community. While the Mayor gave a semi-impassioned speech calling for unity and civility in the Borough and at Council meetings, less than one hour later our Council

and Mayor were disregarding his call and exhibiting a disgusting level of uncivility and disrespect to the public and Council.

It is one thing to have contentious Council meetings in which the members challenge each other to explain or refute matters before them. However, it is wholly unacceptable to have the public attack and deride our volunteer Council members and violate not only Robert's Rules, but basic decency and civility. It is even more disturbing to witness a mayor who has consistently instructed the public to address him only and not ask specific questions to Council members, sit back as the public repeatedly berate a lone dissenting Council member. Moreover, these attacks persisted on a matter that was essentially closed by the affirmative vote by the Council. The Mayor and Council were so supportive of this attack that they even allowed a citizen to attempt to silence the Council member's rebuttal to his attack.

What really pushed this event to the extreme was the complete silence of the Council, essentially support for and complicity in the public and Mayor's uncivil behavior. Lest we forget, the uncivil and unprofessional behavior on the part of the Mayor and Council comes less than six months after this very Council introduced an ordinance outlining behavior and actions by the Borough that are considered harassment.

Yet, these unfortunate behaviors did not end with the public, they were perpetuated by the Mayor who essentially called into question the behavior of a citizen with a public comment. The Mayor accused this citizen, in public, of unsafe behavior and cited unsubstantiated complaints about her. Was this the time or place for such comments or was it simply an attempt to discredit a private citizen speaking at a public meeting?

We call on the Council to pass a resolution that censures the Mayor for his failure to conduct public meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order and his abuse of power by making public accusations against a private citizen. It is time for the Mayor and Council to accept and understand that they are the leaders of our community and, as leaders, it is incumbent upon them to model the behavior for which they expect the public to follow. More important, if the Mayor and Council truly wish to bring this community back together, they need to do as much as possible to promote civility, both at Council meetings and in their dealings with the public.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hoffman

Joe Trammell

Jeff Klein

Robert Clark

I attended the Nov. 14th meeting of the Borough Council. There were quite a few people there and the discussion of the EMS building and the bond was on the agenda to vote on.

Councilwoman Malkin voted no on this issue and was once again the lone dissenting vote on the Council. During the public portion of the evening Councilwoman Malkin began to come under attack and was asked to explain herself and her vote by members of the public, including the members of the Emergency Services departments. She was asked why she was voting no when the town had voted in favor of a four-bay garage to be built and to keep a Roosevelt Fire Department. Councilwoman Malkin answered the question with eloquence, composure and honesty and without any personal attack on anybody. I am a friend of Councilwoman Malkin, but I can

assure you we do not agree on many things she says and does on the Council, but I will always listen to her and express my opinion, as I do with anybody.

I am paraphrasing, but she basically responded to the question of why she voted no because she did not feel all options had been fairly considered, the numbers presented were erroneous and she did not feel they should be used as the end numbers of dealing with the Millstone Fire Department, experts who were brought in to discuss the issue and present their opinions were disregarded, and that Mayor Ellentuck's committee that looked into the issue was heavily biased toward building a new building and so was not fully open to alternative ideas and that those on the committee had already made up their minds on the issue. She was asked, and she expressed her answer and opinion in response, as she has every right to do.

Following this, the meeting went downhill pretty quickly. It was like a chapter out of Lord of the Flies. The public, including members of the Fire Department and First Aid Squad, began to attack her position, one after another. They accused her of having a personal vendetta, of being vindictive and on and on. It was one of the most disgraceful displays of a mob I have seen in many years. Each time Councilwoman Malkin was confronted, which was many, she conducted herself with dignity and was the pillar of respect toward those she answered. The odd thing was that the vote had already been taken and there was nothing more to do. These attacks were based on nothing more than her dissenting vote, which made no difference to any approvals and came out of, what I can only figure, to be pure anger at any disagreement to the position.

If anyone would listen to the tapes, they would see that all she ever did

was answer the accusations cordially and quietly. People were yelling at her and pointing at her and directing all the venom of the building or no building at her. It was disgraceful and disgusting the way people conducted themselves. It appeared that all involved believed it was a free for all and she became their target. She never wavered or raised her voice to anybody. She continued on with her opinion of what she believed to be right for the town. Even though the building was approved with 266 votes over 66 votes, she felt it was not fair. She felt it was her duty as a councilwoman representing the town to also represent those people who either voted against the four-bay building, or did not vote at all, due to taking a stand of no vote either way, which i believe could have been about 100 people. She did not feel things were presented fairly and objectively by the Mayor and she said her reasons why she felt this way. She did a tremendous job of fulfilling her obligation as a representative of the town, to speak what she believed. She is also newly re-elected, along with others who had voiced their opposition to the choices on the ballot for the new building before the election. She felt she had a duty once again to speak for the people who had recently voted for her and her obvious opposition to the new OEMS building.

It was an embarrassment to watch. Not one member of the Council came to her defense. The Mayor said nothing, and in my opinion helped to encourage the behavior of the crowd. He allowed members of the public to attack Councilwoman Malkin and others in the public who were opposed, over and over again, and never asked the public to refrain from personal attacks or to show respect for someone in public service. The attorney likewise, allowed it to continue, never mentioning Roberts Rules of Order or the need for civil

discourse. Members of the Council allowed it to continue. Most of the Emergency Services members also said nothing. Dan Archer did make a very nice statement and did agree with some points Councilwoman Malkin made, in a very well spoken statement. It was dignified and clear and his points came across well and with heart. It was the only glimmer of light of decency that I saw and a very American thing to do, and I just want to thank him for his words and demeanor during this ugliness.

This country was based on dissent. That even a lone voice should be heard and listened to with respect and dignity. That public officials and those serving in positions of trust in a community must allow the people they serve to speak and say what they will. To be able to rise above the fray and answer each and every time with respect and dignity to all. It is their duty, not only as leaders within the community, but also as human beings. If one does not agree with and is sick of hearing the lone voice, than they must swallow their own pride and rise above their own selves to show those they represent or serve the way they believe things should be. To answer questions with respect and to take into consideration ideas presented in a thoughtful and dignified way. If this is not possible, then they should resign and leave office. Not stay and demand they be followed.

None of this was done on Monday night Nov. 14th in Roosevelt. These people should be ashamed of themselves for their behavior, but they won't be.

This letter is only meant for those who allowed these attacks to go on. It is not for the members of the public who presented their opinions with courtesy to the Council without getting personal. This is the foundation of the country and the discourse is what keeps it going. Without it, all is lost. It does not begin with a large

explosion at the top of power, but begins at the lower levels, in towns and counties where small things, such as persecuting a dissenting voice, becomes something much much more.

Thank you.

Jeff Klein

Hello Neighbors,

On behalf of my running mates, Mike Hamilton, Joe Trammell, and myself, I'd like to warmly thank you for voting for us in the recent election.

It was really something to see my name on the same ballot as Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump! What a historic election.

I've been on the Council for many years, and to be honest, it used to be easier. As I've said before, Roosevelt is faced with many important issues. People are quite divided over some of these issues.

We have the ongoing problems of our Emergency Services.

There continues to be extravagant spending in the areas of water/sewer engineering, legal fees, and administrative costs.

There is also much concern over the condoning of a lack of respect and civility at public meetings.

Hopefully, in the coming months, we will be able to come together to make reasonable, fair, and satisfying decisions for all the residents of the town.

I feel like a broken record, I've said this so many times—I love Roosevelt, and feel we are all so lucky to live in this unique, lovely town. I will do everything I can to maintain it's wonderful qualities, while keeping watch over our pocketbooks.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you so much,

Peggy Malkin

LETTERS

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Unfortunately, the time has come for me to come out of the woodwork and voice my thoughts and MY opinions. Our family moved here almost 40 years ago and we have seen many controversial issues come about. Some that sadly pitted neighbors against neighbors and friends against friends and almost always started by just a handful of people. There have been times when mayors and Council members bickered constantly, but mostly the governing bodies have worked together civilly.

Last night I attended a meeting because I felt the need to see and hear the goings on for myself. And I must say it was quite a show. It's very sad, that the Mayor and Council introduced and passed upon the first reading a bond ordinance knowing for a fact that after the second reading a petition will be filed and we will once again be asked to vote on this proposal; thanks to just a small number of individuals who truly believe they have been wronged and that we will all suffer in the long run.

Listening to the public portion of the meeting was very enlightening and maddening. To suggest the ballot questions were not presented properly is unreasonable and self-serving. To now suggest we contact County and State agencies since we may at some time in the future be part of a County merger is absurd. Neither the County nor the State has any idea what will be five years from now. And if it does come down to mergers, you can be assured it will come with a price tag. Can we afford to pay for our first responders? Volunteers are welcome, but paid EMTs and Firefighters are set in place first with OUR facilities and equipment. We will still be required to replace hoses and other equipment to meet their needs.

Sadly, Councilwoman Malkin feels she is solely being attacked for her

actions. Ms. Malkin, you are the only Council member to vote NO, of course you would be questioned on your actions and most of us are aware you are not alone. An attempt to justify your actions by reminding us you were once again voted in should be looked at very closely. Look at the total number of voters that turned out for this election and the total votes you received (not even half), that should make you take notice. With no other choice, they preferred not to vote.

Interestingly, in the November issue of the Borough Bulletin, there is a letter signed by both Michael Hamilton and Peggy Malkin. The very last sentence reads "Unlike the current Mayor and Council, Peggy and I trust your judgement." Well Michael and Peggy, the voters have spoken. They voted to go forward with a bond to finance a four-bay facility. Why are you not trusting our judgement? Was it because it did not go your way? Shouldn't you be relying on the integrity and ability of the voters to make informed decisions? Intelligent decisions were made by voters by gathering and interpreting the information presented to them and they should be respected for it. Do you trust their judgement?

While Ms. Malkin attempts, and fails miserably, to appear very professional, the constant sneering when a member of the voting public is speaking is unacceptable. But I will agree with one thing she had to say. Name calling and personal attacks

are inappropriate and unreasonable and should never be allowed. It takes a great amount of time, effort and knowledge to be a member of a governing body. I have great respect for anyone that volunteers their time. It is not an easy job. But as a voter I also demand respect from those that are placed in these positions to represent me and my best interests.

Respectfully,

Donna Suk

To my fellow citizens of Roosevelt,

Please accept my sincere thanks for the support and confidence that you have shown in giving me the honor of being the top vote-getter in this year's local election. I promise to do my best to continue to deserve your support and to always be open to any suggestions that anyone would like to offer to make Roosevelt a better place for all of us.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Ticktin



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*to achieve or exceed N.J. CCCS at all grade levels

RPS Strategic Planning Effort Moves Forward

The second RPS strategic planning meeting was held on November 14 and drew parents, teachers, board members, and community members. The meeting was facilitated by New Jersey School Boards Association facilitators Kathy Winecoff and Mary Ann Friedman, who helped attendees to form two committees—one to develop a “State of the School Report” and one to develop a “State of the Community Report.” Donna Gazzani is Chair of the School Report Committee and Carrie LeCompte is Chair of the Community Report Committee.

Committee members viewed sample reports from four different districts from around the state, although it is likely that RPS reports will differ significantly because of the school’s small size. Community traditions and history will also add to the uniqueness of the work.

The next whole group meetings are scheduled for Saturday, February 11, from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm and Sunday, February 12, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm; committees will be meeting prior to those dates to gather data and to formalize their reports.

All are welcome to attend any and all meetings; however, children cannot be accommodated during these meetings.

For additional information, please contact the RPS office.



STRATEGIC PLANNING CALENDAR

September 1, 2016	ORIENTATION WORKSHOP for STAFF Explanation of process and calendar Committee Structure
October 6, 2016	ORIENTATION WORKSHOP for the COMMUNITY Explanation of process and calendar Committee Structure
November 14, 2016	INFORMATION COMMITTEES Training of committee chairs State of the School Report / State of the Community Report
February 11, 2017 6:00pm – 9:30pm February 12, 2017 8:30am – 3:00pm	PLANNING COUNCIL CONFERENCE Report of the State of School/Community Committees Development of Vision, Beliefs, Mission, Goal Areas, Objectives
February 24 & 25, 2017	INCLEMENT WEATHER DATES PLANNING COUNCIL CONFERENCE
March 07, 2017	ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE Training of Action Team Leaders
March – May 5, 2017	ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS Plan development <i>Note: Committees will meet <u>independently</u> of each other</i>
May 09, 2017 7:00 p.m.	PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING Action Plans (Drafts) Cost Benefit Analysis
May 12, 2017	ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS Action Plans Finalized
May 25, 2017	STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTED TO BOARD



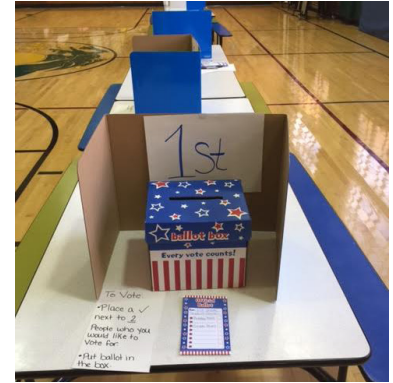
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Students at RPS Exercise their Right to Vote

Student Council Advisors Ms. Wolf and Ms. Lawson used Election Day as an opportunity to teach students about the voting process. Students in all grades 1 through 6 campaigned to become Student Council representatives and on November 8th, the student body cast their votes for their class representatives.



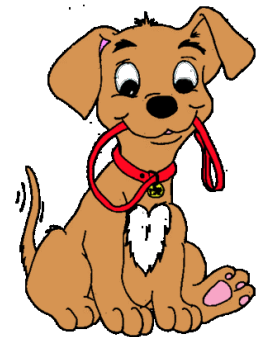
Dog License Period January 2017

Hi! This is **“Rover”**, Roosevelt’s official pooch, with a reminder that the 2017 licensing period for dogs will begin on January 2, 2017. In NJ all dogs over the age of 7 mos. are required to be licensed on a yearly basis. Dogs licensed from Jan. 2 thru Jan. 31 will not incur a late fee. Thereafter, a late fee of \$1.00 per dog for each outstanding month will be charged.

In order to license your dog for 2017, you will need to present a rabies certificate that **will not** expire before **Oct 31, 2017**; as an example, if the rabies certificate expires on Oct. 30, 2017, you will still need a new certificate in order to license your dog. The only exception to this NJ state requirement is for those dogs who have a verified medical condition and/or reaction to the rabies vaccines; in this case, the owner must present a signed, current statement (2017) from the treating veterinarian indicating that the dog cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. If you want to get a free rabies shot for your pooch, the borough is having a free clinic on Sat. Nov 5th 2016 from 11 am to 12 noon at the Borough Hall. Dr. Petranto, of Plumstead Animal Hospital, will again perform the vet services.

The fees for the initial licensing period (Jan 2 - Jan 31, 2017) are as follows:

	Neutered/Spayed Dogs	Non-Neutered Dogs
License fee:	\$7.00	\$7.00
NJ Registration fee:	1.00	1.00
Clinic fee	.20	.20
NJ Pet Population Control	--	3.00
Late fee	-----	-----
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This is Rover signing out and saying thanks for your help, understanding, cooperation and dog biscuits.

could lead to another referendum. If no challenge occurs, the process of building could begin. If the Council decides on Option #1, the Borough will need to send the resolution to the state, which has up to 30 days to review. A plan would be developed and sent to the Planning Board for approval (45 days) and it would be approximately January by the time the ordinance was drafted. Ultimately, the Council, with the sole exception of Councilwoman Malkin, chose Option #2. Councilwoman Malkin expressed dissatisfaction with the language of the resolution and voted no to Option #2. The Council then approved Bond Ordinance 2016-020, which appropriated the necessary funding for the four bay EMS building. Councilwoman Malkin was the sole dissenter. If the construction of the EMS building runs over budget, the bond would have to be amended for additional funding.

Councilman Impellizzeri, on behalf of Public Works, reported that there have been complaints regarding traffic speeding on School Lane. The portable digital speed sign and some cones have been placed to help remind drivers to slow down. In addition, the school sent letters home to the parents requesting their cooperation with maintaining a safe speed when entering School Lane. The radar-based speed signs placed either end of Rochdale Ave. appear to be working, as traffic has slowed considerably. A permanent sign will be installed near the old gas station. A motion was made by Councilman Impellizzeri and approved by Council for the purchase of an additional portable speed sign (\$2,895). Councilman Impellizzeri noted that he had been in touch with Monmouth County regarding the lanes being painted on the newly paved Rochdale Ave. The painted lanes have been narrowed from 12' to 11' in an attempt to calm traffic. According to the County Project Manager, 11' was the narrowest lanes allowable by County regulations. There are currently two trees in town that are presenting a danger, one on the trail

behind Farm Lane and one near the water tower. Quotes will be sought for reconciling the situation.

Councilwoman Bonna, on behalf of the Administration and Environmental Committees, reported that she received a letter from Anna Murray, which thanked several residents for another successful Fun Run. Chris Suk of the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company was there with John Vo of the First Aid Squad making sure everyone was safe. April Fierro Suk, Lori Ann, Natalie Warner, Diane Hewlett, and Barbara A Rambo were bakers extraordinaire for the concession stand. Kelly Tyers coordinated things for the Borough of Roosevelt. Inez Crismali led the Girls on the Run of New Jersey East Team from Peddie to help with our water stop and cheering. In three years, this little run has raised more than \$1,500 for the Breast Cancer Resource Center!

The rabies clinic went well, and approximately 25 animals received their rabies vaccination as required by law. The Environmental Commission has now entered into a contract with Farr Forestry Service in order to create a Community Forest Management Plan for Roosevelt. A small team, made up of a cross-section of residents with a variety of scientific backgrounds and general interests in forestry, will provide input as well. The Invasive Species Committee has been busy removing invasive species from the Roosevelt Woodland Trail, and have planted over 50 redbud trees along the trail. In addition, redbud trees were also planted in the Butterfly Park (Spruce Lane and 571). The Environmental Commission is currently researching options to apply a coating to the new platforms along the trail to make them less slippery.

Councilwoman Malkin, on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported that there is currently a bill for \$55,000 that the Borough cannot pay at this time. The bill is part of the \$130,000 utility study being done by the engineering firm hired by the Borough, in order to find out where the influx of water is coming from. Currently, the sewer

treatment plant receives a lot of rainwater in addition to the town's sewage, and treating the influx of rainwater is both costly and unnecessary. Councilwoman Malkin stated that the proper procedures for approval of the funding was not followed. Councilwoman Lipoti agreed, but stated that the study is being done at the Council's request and it was important to begin the study during our recent drought period. In addition, the funding will be submitted to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund for potential reimbursement.

Councilwoman Lipoti reported that she is meeting with a representative from the USDA to discuss possible grants that may be available to help Roosevelt repair its aging utilities. It was noted that any contractors doing work on behalf of the sewer utility need to notify residents in advance and ensure that they leave the premises in neat condition after their work is done. In addition, the Borough will be looking for a new contractor responsible for maintaining the generator at the sewer treatment plan to help ensure that utilities will be fully operational in the event of an emergency.

Joe McGrath, Zoning Officer, continues to work on encouraging resident compliance with ordinances, as well as working with the Planning Board to adjust language in ordinances as the needs of the town evolve. Several properties previously listed as abandoned have now been processed through Sheriff's sales and will be available to new residents in the near future.

Public Comment Summary:

*The townspeople have voted and clearly want the 4 bay option for an EMS building.

Councilwoman Malkin's response: The landslide in votes happened because many people refused to vote since they didn't have the opportunity to vote for neither the 2 or 4 bay. Other options, such as rehabilitating the present building, may be available. The professionals who advised the town were not impartial. At this time, we do not have viable First Aid and Fire Departments. Within

5-6 years, it is likely that Monmouth County will regionalize services and Roosevelt will have built an EMS building that will not be used.

*What is happening with the gas meter replacements?

Mayor Ellentuck's response: In some cases, the gas pipes are being relined, and in others, the meters are being replaced altogether. Residents concerned about their gas meter should contact PSE&G.

*Roosevelt has no shortage of volunteers for EMS services. Ten volunteers who left are prepared to return to serve Roosevelt once the working conditions are safe. Roosevelt has been able to increase the number of volunteers even as volunteer numbers have been dropping in surrounding towns. Roosevelt has been "the talk of the County" due to its ability to recruit and retain volunteers.

*Roosevelt experiences ups and downs just like every other town. Our Fire Department has made tremendous strides building up their membership over recent years. Millstone FD has had to resort to a partial-paid department because they lacked the volunteer base to handle calls after 6PM.

*When do the PEOSH fines start? How much will they cost?

Mayor Ellentuck's response: The Borough has been able to avoid fines by clearing bays and making the immediate changes as required by PEOSH. There will be no fines once the building is officially condemned, and this is imminent

*Several residents offered encouragement to the Council to continue with the plan to build a four bay EMS building, as the residents voted, without any opportunity for residents to further challenge the decision. They expressed wanting to move forward and put this contentious issue behind us.

*Encouragement was offered to the Council to develop a 5-year plan to determine where/what the volunteer system will look like in the future. Many municipalities are following the trend to move toward a paid EMS service base. Volunteerism is dying.

*Personal testimony that Millstone EMS will not always respond, and the

wait for an ambulance can be 45 minutes, even with the assistance of a NJ State Trooper.

*Question for Councilwoman Malkin on what she would consider unbiased evidence?

Councilwoman Malkin's response: The Committee that was formed contained five members who were in favor of building a new EMS building and only one member who was opposed. We would need an unbiased Committee. In addition, the professionals used were handpicked by the Borough and the one Ph.D. -level expert who disagreed with the majority of Committee members was discredited and dismissed. The minority report issued by the Committee was not presented to the Planning Board, and there are available options that have not yet been explored.

*Support for Councilwoman Malkin and agreement that the Committee was biased. Request for information regarding the engineering study of the water and sewer utilities to be posted online.

Councilwoman Lipoti's response: All available information on the study will be posted.

*Request to invite Monmouth County representatives to a future public meeting to discuss traffic calming measures.

Mayor Ellentuck's response: Will invite and consider the best format.

*It was noted that the minority report ended with a comment that the members of the Committee dealt with each other openly and respectfully. Also noted that Councilwoman Malkin declined to participate in any of the many meetings held.

*We should remember that we need our Firefighters not just for fighting fires, but also other emergencies, such as when the roads were impassable following Hurricane Sandy. Volunteers should be thanked and cherished.

*Even with engineers and architects, it is difficult to accurately predict costs of building an EMS building until the process is underway.

*Two volunteer fire fighters, one with over 4500 hours of volunteer service, spoke passionately about how much they love helping people, whether it's saving lives, doing fire prevention activities at the school, or putting on the Fourth of July event. Our volunteers make our town special.

*Regarding First Aid Services, Roosevelt has answered 250 calls so far this year, 70-80% of them have been for Millstone as they have not been answering their calls and Roosevelt responds as part of the Mutual Aid Agreement.

*How much has been spent on this issue since the referendum?

Mayor Ellentuck's response: Approximately \$170,000, and the Council has already been informed that there is a group of residents who are planning to challenge the Bond Ordinance again. If there is a challenge, another special election/referendum will cost approximately \$20,000.

*Having our own EMS personnel in Roosevelt provides an additional incentive for people to move to town.

Following the public portion of the meeting, Councilwoman Malkin had the following comments:

The Council has adopted Robert's Rules of Order, which states that no personal attacks are allowed. Robert's Rules of Order was not followed tonight. Councilwoman Malkin stated that she chose not to attend the Committee meetings because she felt they were stacked. She reminded attendees that she initially requested to be part of the Mayor's Committee, but was denied by Mayor Ellentuck. She believes the Borough would be better off contracting EMS services with Millstone, due to our lack of volunteers, and our lack of ability to keep up to date with new mandates and regulations that require expensive upkeep to equipment and gear. Councilwoman Malkin noted that she has always been very clear in her position on the EMS issue, and she is clearly not alone in her line of thinking since over 200 people re-elected her to her Council seat. Councilwoman Malkin has been on the Roosevelt Borough Council longer than any other member.

Forest Management Planning To Begin

Last year the Environmental Commission completed an updated Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI) of Roosevelt. Among the key findings was this:

The forest is changing. The density and frequency of invasive plant species is rising. Trees that have been brought down by strong winds or winter storms have created a high pulse of woody debris. This provides habitat and other wildlife benefits, but a forest management plan that includes a consideration of fire hazards is needed.

There are multiple reasons why forest management is important to Roosevelt:

- The threat of wildfire is increasing due to the growing accumulation of fuel in the forest.
- A healthy forest protects our drinking water. It captures rainfall, provides natural filtration, and stores greater volume in the ground to replenish our supplies of clean drinking water.
- A healthy forest reduces damage from storm water. It absorbs runoff to

prevent soil erosion, stream siltation, habitat degradation, and property damage.

- A healthy forest sustains the beauty of Roosevelt. Our woodland greenways are an essential part of the landscape and life of our community. We have a responsibility to preserve them.

Responding to this need, the Environmental Commission secured a grant and has hired Farr Forestry Services to develop a Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP) for Roosevelt. The primary focus of the CFMP will be our forested greenways; however, the plan will also address individual hazard trees (those on municipal property at risk of causing personal injury or property damage).

While our professional forester will provide technical expertise, a cross-section of Roosevelt citizens will also participate in the planning to reflect community priorities and interests. This group includes residents who feel strongly about the use and preservation of our municipal

woodlands; Fire Company personnel to comment on wildfire hazard mitigation; and volunteers with enough science background to understand and consider the ecological implications of any actions proposed by the plan. These advisors will help develop five-year goals for management of our forest, then review and comment on the plan as it is drafted by the forester. We hope to have the plan ready by sometime in the spring, at which time it will be presented at a public meeting. Following adoption by the Environmental Commission and Borough Council, the CFMP will be submitted to the State of New Jersey Forest Service for approval. Once the plan is approved by the State, Roosevelt will become eligible for grants to fund implementation.

Anyone interested in learning more and becoming involved in this, or any other Environmental Commission activity, is welcome to attend a meeting (every third Wednesday of the month) or contact Eitan Grunwald, EC Chair, at 609-426-4636 or environmental@rooseveltnj.org.

Learn to Love Your Leaves!

Adapted by Sharyn Walz from the National Wildlife Federation <http://blog.nwf.org/2014/11/what-to-do-with-fallen-leaves>.

You shouldn't feel obligated to rake up every last leaf in your yard this fall. Leave leaves on the ground — they have a lot of benefit to wildlife and your garden. Below are some tips on how to minimize the time you spend raking and maximize the benefit to wildlife and the greater environment that fallen leaves offer.

- Just let leaves stay where they fall. Many wildlife species live in or rely on the leaf layer to find food and other habitat, including salamanders, chipmunks, box turtles, toads, shrews, earthworms, and many insects species.

- Many butterfly and moth species overwinter as pupae in leaf litter. Butterfly and moth caterpillars are a critically important food source for birds in the spring when they are feeding their babies.

- If you take your leaves into the woods for disposal, be sure to scatter them around. An overabundance of leaves in a big pile can present ecological challenges, as they could smother native plants and change the delicate balance of nutrients in the soil as they decay.

- Use leaves as a natural mulch to cover unwanted invasive species, such as patches of stilt grass. Pile the leaves in a thick layer to block sunlight from the invasive species and help control its overgrowth.

- If you just want a tidy look in your yard, you can rake leaves off the lawn but still use them as mulch in your planting beds. Leaf litter will provide essential nutrients to the soil as it breaks down naturally.

- Run or ride over your lawn with a mulching mower. Let the mulched leaves remain on your lawn as natural (and free!) fertilizer.

- If you must rake up your leaves, don't throw them in the trash. Compost them so they can be turned into compost that you and other members of your community can use in the spring.

- Use your leaves to make a beautiful handmade gift: <http://www.diy-crafts.com/3666/homemade/15-fabulous-fall-leaf-crafts-kids>

First Aid Squad Headed to New Response Record

As of November 15th the Roosevelt First Aid Squad responded to approximately 250 calls. We are on our way to beat all call records going back to 2012!

The squad responded to various Nature of Illness calls, from Cardiac to Motor Vehicle accidents to the most popular person has fallen down and cannot get up.

Interestingly the bulk of the calls were what we in the industry called Mutual Aid to our neighbor Millstone Township and they really appreciate our assistance.

Also, we recently took possession of a used ambulance from the Shrewsbury First Aid squad to replace our aging ambulance with some financial assistance from the Borough of Roosevelt. To save money, we did not paint the ambulance the historical lime green color. I am sure people will just be happy to see an ambulance that shows up when they called 911.

The squad also recently received new radios for our ambulances and hand

radios courtesy of the Monmouth County Sheriff office. These radios work on new technologies and should improve reception when communicating with dispatch.

The squad needs more volunteers. All we ask is one night a week. Of course we are thrilled if you can do more. For one night a week to the squad, you get your EMT education paid for and learn a lifesaving skills so you can be that hero at Shop Rite when one of those seniors falls down in the cheese section. Also, you can take college credit for free (with some conditions).

Cardiac Emergencies

Your heart is an amazing organ.

Imagine and compare this to your car or an appliance: it pumps 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year, from birth to death.

However, your heart is a very sensitive organ. It requires a constant supply of oxygen rich blood and if that is interrupted, you will have a heart attack. A heart attack is when one of the arteries supplying blood to the heart is obstructed, maybe due to atherosclerosis, or cholesterol build up.

The heart answers to that by sending a pain signal to the brain and we get chest pain. Also, besides chest pain, you will get sweaty, clammy and the feeling of doom “Oh my God, I am going to die.”

It is important that counter measures are taken right away, within the first five minutes of symptoms onset whether it's CPR or AED (shock). What can you do when you have these symptoms or see someone displaying this symptoms? It is important to get help right away! Call 911, have the person stay calm and relaxed. If the person has a history of heart disease, chances are they are prescribed Nitro; follow the directions on the bottle and when the EMTs arrive, describe concisely what happened and let them do their job. With early interventions, including CPR, drugs, and on time transport, a person suffering a heart attack can make a complete recovery.

By John Vo, Captain
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- Avoid leaf blowers. They are loud and create noise pollution and rely on fossil fuels which pollute our air and contribute to global climate change. Use a rake instead. You'll be able to hear the chirping of birds and other natural sounds while you're working, plus you'll get some good exercise! Remember, the less time you have to spend doing the back-breaking work of raking up your leaves, the more time you have to enjoy the gorgeous fall weather outside and the wildlife visiting your garden!



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Losing Something

Of all the things you can look at in a Wa Wa I'm looking at a young man who's covering his ears while standing in the line leading to the cash register. I sidle up alongside him and kind of nudge him and ask him why. "Why are you covering your ears, man?" "What?" "I said, why are you covering your ears?" Discretely the guy nods towards the window.

Out in the parking lot, his ears now free of hands, the guy tells me how he often hears songs when he's driving. I ask him if he means on the radio. "No," he says, "I hear my own songs, in my head." He goes on

and tells me he was singing a song that reminded him of the Caribbean Island of St Thomas when he was driving here this morning; it was a new song he made up as he drove, but as soon as he walked into Wa Wa he lost it under an assault of electronic noise.

"But you had your ears covered," I said. He shrugged. "Not in time, I didn't cover them in time." I laughed. "It's not funny," he said. "I lost it, and now it's gone. And it was good song." His face tightened. "A really good song. It was St Thomas." Now I was listening. "And it was

mine. I should have known better. I've lost songs in there before. I've lost a lot of good songs in Wa Wa!"

"I'm sorry," I said, not knowing what else to say. He shrugged again as he moved from me towards his car.

"But that's it. No more!" he shouted back at me. "The next time I come here I'm going to cover my ears as soon as I get out of my car. I'm tired of this. I love their hoagies, but I'm tried of losing my songs in Wa Wa!"

Ron Kostar

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