



# Bulletin



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## Council Reorganizes; Mayor Addresses the State of the Borough; Re-elected Council Members Sworn In; Woodland Trail to be Improved

by Michael Ticktin

The reorganization meeting of the Roosevelt Borough Council was held virtually on January 4. The public may attend the virtual meetings of the Council and other municipal bodies through the links on the Borough’s webpage at [www.rooseveltnj.us](http://www.rooseveltnj.us).

Re-elected Council members Lou Esakoff and Joe Trammell were sworn in. By general agreement, all Council members retained their current committee chair assignments: Administration-- Lou Esakoff; Public Works-- Steve Macher; Finance-- Mike Hamilton; Utilities-- Joe Trammell; Environment, Health and Safety-- Chad Vroman; and Community Development and Code Enforcement-- Luke Dermody.

Mayor Peggy Malkin delivered her annual message on the State of the Borough. She spoke of the difficulty that we have all experienced due to the coronavirus pandemic. As of January 4, there were 28 confirmed cases in Roosevelt, or just over 3% of the population. She noted that almost everyone has been complying with standards of mask wearing and social distancing, and that we are fortunate to live in a place with so much access to open space and fresh air. She expressed disappointment that so many public events, such as the 4th of July picnic, the school graduation and many RAP events had to be cancelled and expressed hope that we will soon be able to resume having them. She expressed appreciation to both Borough employees and Council members for the invaluable work they do to keep the community going, which she characterized as a large collaborative effort.. She further noted that the Borough is continuing its ongoing program of improving

and upgrading our infrastructure. Cedar Court and the eastern part of Homestead Lane have been repaved, and contracts have been awarded for similar work on Nurko Road And Elm Court, with Farm Lane, School Lane and parts of Pine Drive next in line.

Mayor Malkin noted that the municipal utilities are running safely, in compliance with applicable requirements and at lower cost due to recently implemented efficiencies, and that the water is never brown anymore and “tastes perfect.” She pledged to work with the Board of Education to secure funding that will allow the school to stay open, in spite of cuts in state funding. She mourned the many people whom the community has lost in the past year, including Helen Barth, Jonny Shahn, Ginny Edwards, Lenny Sacharoff, Shan Ellentuck, Tessie List, Allen Newrath, Bob Petrilla, Linda Grayson, Robin Gould, Cynthia Imbrie, and Donna Muzer. In closing, she said how lucky she feels to be living in a town that truly cares about its residents.

Mayor Malkin appointed Councilman Hamilton as Mayor’s alternate on the Planning Board, appointed Fred Septak as a Class IV (citizen) member, and appointed David Teich and Esther Psarakis as alternate members of the Planning Board; she reappointed Sam Ashburner as a regular member and Ellen Silverman as an alternate member of the Environmental Commission. These appointments do not require Council approval.

At the January 25 meeting, the Council approved a request from the Environmental Commission for funding for new puncheons on the Ron Filepp Woodland Trail to make wet areas more readily passable. The Environmental

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 44th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. Issues run from September through July. We will not publish in January and August.

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- Please include images as separate files.
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- Most submissions 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 at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and where you wish to go.

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# From the Mayor

by Peggy Malkin

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING 1/4/2021

Hello neighbors.

We have just ended what was, most likely, one of the most difficult years in all of our lifetimes. I think we are all relieved to see 2020 finally end.

Obviously, the overriding issue of the past year was the Corona Virus. It changed our lives overnight. We are very lucky in Roosevelt. First of all, our numbers for the virus are quite low. As of today, there are 24 confirmed cases. We have close to 900 residents, so that works out to be approximately 2.6%. Almost everyone was quite compliant with mask wearing and socially distancing. If we had to adhere to a lockdown, we couldn't have been in a better place. There's lots of open space and fresh air to take walks and still be able to interact with neighbors. I saw many people out walking every day- on our streets and on our trails.

It was disappointing not to be able to hold our annual Roosevelt Public School graduation ceremony, and our time-honored 4th of July picnic, and many RAP events. Hopefully, they will resume by next spring or summer.

Probably, the next issue of concern to everyone, was the election. It's no secret that the vast majority of voters in Roosevelt are Democrats, but there are Republican and Independents as well. In our town, we don't let that hinder our friendships, people peacefully agree to disagree. On a local level I want to extend my congratulations to Councilman Lou Esakoff and Councilman Joe Trammell on their re-election. I also want to formally welcome our new councilman, Steve Macher.

Government has changed dramatically in the last ten years, and Roosevelt is no longer able to operate as the quirky, independent, free-spirited town that it is. We are mandated by County, State, and the Federal government to comply with every law, ordinance and regulation, just as the much larger towns and cities must. To that end, I want

to commend our council members. Though it may not be obvious to the public, they are working very hard behind the scenes. As I've said before, Roosevelt runs on volunteerism, and we are so fortunate to have these dedicated, involved people, willing to give up their time to contribute to town.

Once again, I want to express my appreciation to our exemplary administrative staff. They are simply the best. Included in this appreciation is also our professional staff, such as our engineer, financial professionals, our attorney, and last but not least, our Public Works Department. It takes a lot of people to make this little town run.

Segueing from running the town, I'd like to address the two weather related events which occurred in the past few months. Hurricane Isaias was an unexpected and extremely strong storm the first week of August. We had so many downed trees, it was very upsetting. I must say though, 24 hours later, on that Wednesday, our trash was picked up. There wasn't a single street that was missed. Kudos to our PW Dept. and some council people for getting right out and clearing as much as possible, until a professional tree service company could come. None were able to come immediately because, as a small town, we aren't a priority for them, as the larger towns are. As you are aware, we had no power for about five days. When that occurs, we open the Borough Hall as a shelter and command center. Unfortunately, the Borough Hall generator died. It was old, and we had been repairing it for the last few years, but this time, it was kaput. This meant that no one could even work in BH- everyone worked from home.

Soon after, Council voted to purchase a new one. It's a very long process, and though we approved the purchase and funding, we still do not have the new generator. At this

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We will be pleased to continue sending them the *BULLETIN* when we receive their contributions which, of course, can be for the same amount (or more) as in the past.

In order to save on postage, we would encourage non-residents who have computers to subscribe to the *Bulletin* online at [www.boroughbulletin.org](http://www.boroughbulletin.org) in lieu of receiving a paper copy.

Donations from readers, wherever they may be, and regardless of the medium in which they read the *Bulletin*, are still very much welcome, since we could not publish without your support.

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point in the process, we are waiting for PSE&G to complete their part. As I said, everyone worked diligently, through the storm and its after effects. We obtained a temporary portable generator for Solar Village, knowing there are certain needs for their residents, that must be met. A resident knocked on Councilman Mike Hamilton's door at 12:30 am to inform him that the generator had shut off. Being a known night person, he called me, and I along with a friend, went over and determined that it had run out of gas. We then made a WaWa trip, bought gas, and got it running. We then babysat it outside until morning, to make ensure it didn't run out again. That's how things work in Roosevelt, everything is a collaborative effort.

That brings me to our recent snowstorm. This was another surprise. About 3" was forecast for our area, but we ended up with 6-8" in some areas of town. I understand that the streets were not plowed to the satisfaction of some residents. But this was a freaky storm. It snowed, then rained, then sleeted, then snowed again. It was difficult for the plow to have a significant impact on the streets. We did call the County to come and salt, when the ice-packed snow was resistant to plowing. We have already met to discuss how to better plow at the next storm.

On a more positive note, you may have noticed that two streets in town were repaved--Cedar Court, and the

second half of Homestead Lane. We have received grants for Nurko Road and Elm Court, both of which should be paved in the spring since the contract was recently awarded. Farm Lane, School Lane, and part of Pine Drive will be done next. This is part of our larger plan to incrementally improve and upgrade the infrastructure in town.

We are very proud that our Water and Sewer Plants are running safely, efficiently, legally, and at a reduced cost than in previous years. It's never brown, and tastes perfect!

Concerning the gas station, I am looking into many possibilities. Our surrounding areas are currently undergoing many changes, which leaves open an array of choices for that property. The station sat empty for over 30 years, and was an eyesore, we don't want to repeat the same scenario with an empty lot.

I think everyone is aware that Roosevelt Public School has lost major state funds, and is under threat of closing. This mayor and council have been, and will continue to, fight that with every resource available to us.

I can't sum up this past year without mentioning the devastating number of people who have died in 2020- most of them very long-time residents.

Helen Barth, Jonny Shahn, Ginny Edwards, Lenny Sacharoff, Shan Ellentuck, Tessie List, Allen Newrath, Bob Petrilla, Linda Grayson, Robin Gould, Cynthia Imbrue, and Donna Muzer. These are people I knew for a very long time, and who were cherished by their fami-

lies and neighbors.

Ironically, no one died from Covid. And so now, we have many new families moving to town. In keeping with Roosevelt tradition, I have no doubt that eventually they'll become cherished members of our community.

On a personal note, I want to say that I have lived here for 46 years. I have known so many people in that time, and have seen so many changes. I even remember when Roosevelt had its own trash truck and did our own collection- twice a week! It was handled by a man named Simon, a beloved member of our town. Throughout these changes and evolutions, though, I still love it here. The core of Roosevelt, its beliefs, its eccentricities, and most of all, its heart, have remained constant. I think there is nowhere better to live.

I walked my dog very late on Saturday night. After all these years, I still marveled at how beautiful it looked on that icy night with the full moon shining through the tree branches. It was so still--there was no wind, and not a sound. It was simply silence and beauty, nature at its best. And under the trees were the houses dotted all around, filled with people who were mostly sleeping, but at peace at least knowing that they live in a town that truly cares about its residents. I felt incredibly lucky to be living here.

Let's do all we can in 2021 to maintain our little gem.

Peggy

## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

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Commission has received offers of volunteer labor for this work, so only the materials have to be purchased. Councilman Michael Hamilton recommended that funds be taken from the existing Environmental Commission appropriation of \$2,000, from the Ron Filepp trail maintenance fund and from public works appropriations.

The Council agreed that this would be done..

Note: Reports for the October and November Borough Council meetings are available online at <http://www.rooseveltboroughbulletin.org/council-reports.html>.

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Board of Health 24/7 at  
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## Memoir of Theatre in Roosevelt Part 3: 1973-1974

by Frances G. Duckett

*Dedicated to David Gillis*

1973 brought a grant-funded summer arts program to Roosevelt. Administered by Ann Rector and based at RPS, it included art, ceramics, but perhaps most importantly, a roving filmmaker, David Gillis, who provided several super-eight cameras, one or two with sound, for children to borrow and use to make their own films. Some families, like my own, already had movie cameras, and making a movie became very fashionable.

I heard that Ethan Rips' SF piece had some pretty wonderful special effects a la 2001.

My son Jonathan, 8, shared our camera with Scott and Kevin Terry, who produced a silent piece involving a climb up the water tower, and simulated falls from the railing that encircled it, after which the characters rose as zombies! Needless to say, the boys made this without our knowledge, and as it was, I nearly had a cardiac arrest in retrospect.

My daughter Kirsten, 10, invited Bridget Bradley and a classmate, Patricia, who had a wonderfully high-pitched scream, to our house, and, using the same silent camera, filmed the attack of a monster in our living room. The monster, which Kirsten had constructed of painted cloth on a wire hanger base, descended on an invisible wire. It appeared larger on film but was somehow adorable. Dialogue and (of course) the scream were synchronized using reel- to reel audiotape.

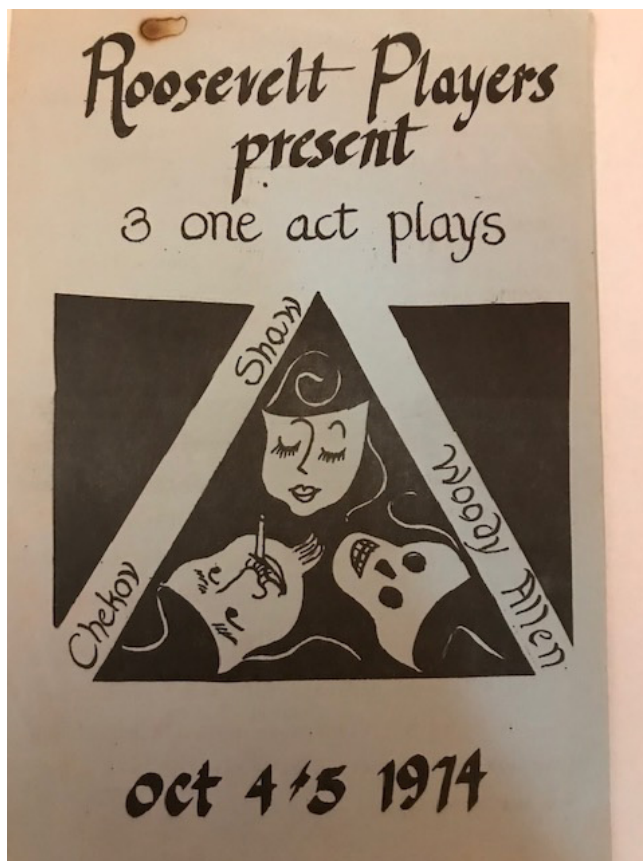
Unfortunately, none of these amusing little enterprises, made entirely without adult input, were ever shown to the public.

At the end of that summer, a group from out of town staged a production of Ingmar Bergman's "The Seventh Seal" at the Memorial.

This was the same script as the film, which I believe first screened in Swedish in 1958. It concerns a knight, returning home from war in a plague year, and his encounter with Death. This company recruited a local girl, Yvonne Tweddle, 15, to play an accused witch, carried on a huge cross by a small mob of medieval Swedes. It was staged at dusk, and the open-air setting worked marvelously.

Children's Theatre Workshop put on its first scripted production at about this time. It was not a musical, and required longer speeches. Many Moons was based on the children's book by James Thurber, in which a king (Cantey Turner) has a sick daughter, Princess Lenore (Kristen Turner), who believes she can only be cured if she can have the moon. Desperate, the king turns to his magician (David Steinberg) for help. The script was subtle and sweet. The cast was smaller but more practiced. Many Moons was directed by Margaret Schlinski, the former Margaret List. My role was to help Peter Vince paint the set--a castle composed of grey stones--tedious but worth it.

In October of 1974 Roosevelt Players staged its first production: 3 One-Act Plays, directed by Margaret Schlinski. Shown at RPS on two consecutive nights, it also included the Roosevelt Community Band. The first play, "Overruled" by George Bernard Shaw, starred Judith Goetzman, Peter Vince, Mary Jane Lindner and William Braden



as two couples at a seaside hotel. The second piece was a monologue by Anton Checkov titled "On the Harmfulness of Tobacco," performed by Lyle Lindner. Lastly, "Death Knocks" by Woody Allen provided the icing on the cake. Irving Rose played the bumbling Nat Ackerman and a rotund David Steinberg provided superb comic timing as Death. That play was really funny! In all these shows sets were minimal. Jane Schwinger contributed some paintings. All I had to do was design the program. Two holdovers from CTW, John Millar and Peri Prestopino, worked backstage. Staffing was all volunteer. The gate went to production expenses. Roosevelt Players went on to do many more shows in later years.



## Eastern Redbud

Continuing our series of articles highlighting the native species that we should encourage, this month we spotlight the Eastern Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*.

As we start the winter season, we can look forward to April and the showy, rosy pink flowers of the Eastern Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*. The flowers really stand out, since like forsythia, redbuds bloom before the leaves appear. The nectar and pollen will be welcome treat for the bees and butterflies in the early spring. Redbuds belong to the pea family. A close look at the flowers will reveal the family resemblance, but unlike many members of the pea family, they do not have root

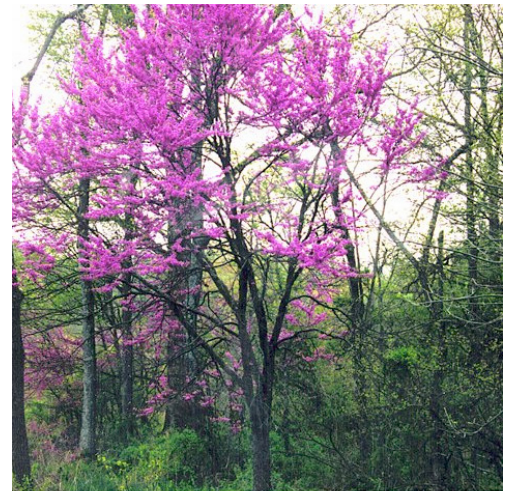


Eastern Redbud flower cluster

nodules, and they do not fix nitrogen. Although there are a couple of other species of North American redbuds, the Eastern Redbud has by far the broadest distribution, ranging from Canada to the Gulf. It is a small tree, growing from 20' to 30' with a comparable spread. Perfect for a small yard. Not too fussy about soil, it will grow in full sun or light shade. In the autumn, the heart-shaped leaves turn yellow.

Redbuds are commercially available at local nurseries and online. Look for *Cercis canadensis*, since Oriental and European species are also sold. In addition to the wild type, there are several cultivars of the Eastern Redbud; some with white flowers, others with purplish flowers and some with different young leaf colors.

The Eastern Redbud is listed as an endangered species in New Jersey. The Environmental Commission has planted a few along the Ron Filepp



Eastern Redbud tree in bloom

Roosevelt Woodland Trail, along Rochdale and in the North Valley triangle. They should start blooming in a few years. In the spring, you'll also see some impressive specimens on a few front lawns. Be on the lookout.

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[https://plants.usda.gov/factsheet/pdf/fs\\_ceca4.pdf](https://plants.usda.gov/factsheet/pdf/fs_ceca4.pdf)

## Recycling Guide

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission would like to remind our fellow citizens of a few recycling tips. All of the following information (and more) can be found in the "Recycling 101" article written by Steve Taylor in the March 2019 Bulletin.

**Please remember:** Do not put items inside of plastic bags in the recycling container; keep them loose. Plastic bags can be recycled at local grocery stores.

**Please remember:** Most clean paper can be put out for recycling

**Please remember:** Cardboard should be flattened. Packaging tape and staples need to be removed.

**Please remember:** Mixed paper must be recycled. This includes chipboard (cereal boxes), white/colored paper, junk mail, plastic window envelopes, magazines, softcover books, wrapping paper (non-metallic) and newspapers (including inserts).



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**Song Sparrow**

Song Sparrows are medium sized and fairly bulky for sparrows. Their bill is short, stout and they have a rounded head. Their streaky brown and white color pattern provides them with great camouflage. As they pick through low vegetation, you can often spot the leaves moving before your eye identifies this little bird.

Song Sparrows can be found in nearly any open habitat, including marsh edges, overgrown fields, backyards and forest edges, which makes Roosevelt an ideal area for them. They commonly visit bird feeders and build nests in residential areas so keep your eyes open.

Scientists recognize 24 subspecies of Song Sparrows and have described some 52 forms They

are one of the most regionally variable birds in North America. In general, coastal and northern birds are darker and streakier, with southern and desert birds wearing paler plumages.



**Tufted Titmouse**

A little gray bird with an echoing voice and sweet haircut. They are common in Eastern deciduous forests and a frequent visitor to our feeders, especially in winter. The large black eyes, small bill, and bushy crest give these birds a cute, sporty demeanor. They forage by hopping among branches and twigs, often hanging upside down.

In addition to feeding in trees and at bird feeders, they can be found moving through the low vegetation. When a titmouse finds a large seed, you'll see it carry the

prize to a perch and crack it open with its stout bill. They build their nests in cavities, so putting up nest boxes is a good way to attract breeding titmice to your yard. Make sure you put it up well before the warmer months which are their breeding season.



**European (Common) Starling**

- All the European Starlings in North America descended from 100 birds set loose in New York's Central Park in the early 1890s. The birds were intentionally released by a group who wanted America to have all the birds that Shakespeare ever mentioned. Today, more than 200 million European Starlings range from Alaska to Mexico. They have had a negative impact on some native hole-nesting birds, such as bluebirds and Red-headed Woodpeckers, competing with them for nesting sites. They are stocky black birds with short tails and pointy wings. At a distance, starlings look plain black. In summer they are purplish-green iridescent with bright yellow beaks. In the winter they appear more brown and dull but are covered in brilliant white spots.

Starlings are rowdy, loud, and they often travel in large groups (with blackbirds and grackles). You have probably noticed these large groups moving through Roosevelt over the last few weeks.

Questions? [BoroughBirds@gmail.com](mailto:BoroughBirds@gmail.com)

To learn more about birds in our area, I suggest visiting [allabout-birds.com](http://allabout-birds.com) and downloading the Merlin app (both from The Cornell Lab). To learn even more about birds in our area, I suggest attending Roosevelt Environmental Commission meetings every third Wednesday of the month.

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Trees down	911 /State Police 609-584-5000
Health Emergency	911
Comcast outage	1-800-COMCAST
FloS outage	(800) 837-4966
Wildlife Issues	877-927-6337

## \*HEPNERAllergy!

By Al Hepner

The sink is clean, waiting for someone to use it. Its contours tell you that whatever else happens, any liquefied item finding its way near those soft ceramic curves will automatically roll down, or bubble down, or tumble down, and collect itself into a liquid jet down the sink's exit. How comforting to have a set job. Take whatever gets careened onto its surfaces, and its circumventing shape, and its predetermined contours inexorably send everything down the drain.

Except if you brush your teeth, and some of them are not yours. They've been borrowed until you don't need them anymore, but they need to be cleaned anyway. So, you prepare this fashionable lavatory sink to do its expected duty. Take all permeable materials and allow them to cascade around its contours, jostle with all its permutations: one bubble attacking others; bristling jets of toothpaste turning the cavalcading water into a dangerous avalanche. As the faucet unperturbed by its own water emissions, contributes more bouncing bubbles and ricocheting jets of its own, as though no one were there. The borrowed teeth prance around in the cup that's allegedly going to keep them clean for the night. The owner, moi, wonders how all that's happening devolved all by itself. Who, one wonders, allowed these inanimate objects to have concluded these molecules could do whatever suited them? How is it that they're suddenly in charge of gravity, arbitrarily golfing around the sink, blowing up to any size they choose, colliding with jets, and resisting my attempt to use water and toothpaste as has been meant for generations. If nothing else, what's happened to gravity?

The fracas by these interminable misbehaving free running waterfalls frightened me. Global warming in California, inundations in the Midwest, and man-made weaponry used at

will around the world is scary enough, but revenge in one's sink is entirely too much. I used both wide open hands to tamp down this natural affront. As I kept the water from bubbling over beyond the sink, I forced myself to decide that this was not a dream; I hadn't gotten to bed yet. As the toothpaste's soapy water refused to calm down, I started reprimanding it. Get down, stop this, go down the drain, I said. The otherwise cool ceramic surfaces of the sink suddenly turned greenish blue as this marmalade started to follow Newton's law. I was sure he was about to turn over in his grave.

What had we come to, I frantically asked myself? How was it possible that water was no longer descending? Other than I periodically enjoy squirting water on my face, I would have fainted if it had attacked me as it appeared it would. I shut the water off. And then I couldn't stop laughing. Fortunately, the hallway to my bedroom is a narrow one. I could hold myself up while laughing hysterically. Nature's revenge had come to fruition: gravity was now pliable. It could be what it wanted to be when it wanted to be it. Inanimateness was ready to be itself.

How could one share such utter chaos? How could I explain to my children what was happening to my otherwise fantastic rational self? The Pandemic that had become a MANdemic, whose outcome human behavior guided, was now manifesting itself in a sink in Roosevelt, New Jersey. This illusion whose force created such hysteria that the walk back to the bedroom was like a bowling ball bouncing from side to side was merely a diffusion. Laughter would slowly help blend sleep in, until the Presidential Debate.

\*HEPNERAllergy-A Rob Atwood attribution. I didn't know what to call this parabola. By coincidence, and unrelated, Rob said I should call my column HEPNERAllergy.

## PET WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATERS

What can you do to help protect our waters

Pick up after your pets. Properly dispose of pet waste into the trash. Animal waste contains coliform bacteria, which is harmful to our health.

Carry a newspaper or plastic bag to pick up the waste while walking your pet

When treating your pet and yard for fleas or ticks, check with your veterinarian for safe substitutes. Never dispose of flea dip liquid on the ground or in the storm drain. It should be disposed of as a household hazardous waste.

Visit [www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rnp/hhwcp](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rnp/hhwcp) for list of county household hazardous waste disposal centers.

Do not feed wildlife such as geese, pigeons, ducks and deer.

Feeding results in more pollution from their waste.

For more information please contact the following:

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[www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org)



## Roosevelt Public School Students Need Your Help!

As you may know, the state has made drastic cuts to the RPS budget, and class trips, after-school clubs and assemblies cannot be funded under the school budget. We do not want our students to miss out on these important experiences, as the Board of Education and school administration are working on a path forward.

The non-profit Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation, RPSEF, has funded approximately \$12,000 in grants during the past school year before COVID-19 halted in-person school. We provided field trips to a farm, an aquarium, a theater, and Morven Museum for the entire student body. We also funded after school clubs such as a garden club, a cooking club and a video club. During school three music assemblies were also made possible because of RPSEF donations.

We could not have provided these opportunities without your generous support. Some of the most important things in life are learned outside the traditional classroom. We do not want our children to miss out on the experiences of museums, music, science and nature. We look forward to assisting our teachers in navigating through these difficult times and also to providing programs like these when our students are able to gather together in-person.

Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to RPSEF. We have a generous donor who will match up to \$3,000 of donations we receive.

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### Great job, Roosevelt!

By Sharyn Walz

The morning of Sunday, November 1st, 2020, was dedicated to a town-wide litter pick-up event, sponsored by Monmouth County Clean Communities, and organized by our very own Diane Hewlett. Despite the threat of rain, 38 residents turned out to pick up litter from our beautiful roadsides and green spaces. This is an important task that must be completed regularly as there are many that pass through and have little regard for the 1.96 square miles that we call home. Now, after a typical Clean Communities event, there is usually a celebratory brunch, but these being anything but typical times, we were unable to gather. It's awesome that we had such a fine turnout regardless. This shows that many of us find this work to be its own reward, and that we are invested in preserving the beauty of our beloved borough. All in all, we picked up 200 pounds of trash and

80 pounds of recyclable material!

Clean Communities is funded by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The program offers grants to non-profit organizations whose members participate in litter pick-up events. This year, the Roosevelt Arts Project, the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin, the Roosevelt Environmental Commission, and the Roosevelt Education Foundation will each receive a \$500 grant for their participation. These grants allow the non-profits to continue to provide enrichment opportunities right back to the Roosevelt community they proudly serve. So, the next time you see a notice asking for Clean Community participation, feel free to respond to our coordinator, Diane Hewlett, to volunteer two hours of your time. Everything you need will be provided, and most volunteers were able to select their own route. We hope to see you in the spring!

### Save our Sewers – Don't Flush Wipes

- Please do not flush wipes or paper towels down your toilet. Even the wipes that are labeled “flushable” are not treatable in our sewage treatment plant. They clog up the equipment and the repairs are costly.
- Please do not pour household grease down your drain. This clogs the sewer lines and the repairs are costly.
- Your water/sewer bill reflects the added maintenance costs caused by these wipes and household grease.
- Please put your wipes, paper towels and household grease in the trash.

Thank you.

**Allen Henry Newrath**  
1937-2020

By Frances G. Duckett

Allen was born in Washington, D.C., in 1937. He attended Parsons School of Design in New York City and, during his junior year, studied art in Paris. After graduating from Parsons he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree from NYU School of Education.

Allen specialized in interior decoration. His extensive career in New York included new and remodeled facilities, corporate headquarters, executive offices, banks, hotels, restaurants and health care facilities. His work also included administration coordination, construction, supervision, budgets, and negotiations.

Allen moved to Roosevelt in 1972. By this time, he had started his own firm, Newrath Associates, which dealt in art and antiques. Allen was of great use to Roosevelt residents as the go-to guy for problems such as: getting an antique rocker resealed, having the hinge on a stained glass box replaced, selling estate silver without getting cheated. Allen knew the providers and shared his knowledge with great generosity.

Allen never married and had no children, but he loved the children of Roosevelt, serving on the RPS School board for twenty-five years. I first met him in 1993 when I was serving as the School Board Reporter for the Bulletin.

What I remember most about Allen is his kindness. When Virginia Vuolle had Alzheimer's, Allen took her faithfully to breakfast at the deli every day. When I became dangerously overweight, he became my Weight Watcher's buddy and squired me to meetings in Hightstown and Freehold. When Allen, an enthusiastic opera fan, got tickets for the Metropolitan Opera, he invited a music lover to share the experience. Allen was a patron of the arts, and collected work by local

artists. He was sociable and friendly. During his last years, he was active in the Senior Citizens of Roosevelt, Meals on Wheels, and Senior Citizens Housing Corp., where he was on the board. For his health, he became a vegan and took up Tai Chi.

Allen died in October 2020 after a brief illness. He will be missed by his many friends. He is survived by sisters Claire Aukenthaler and Lee Wolf, a nephew, three nieces, plus great nieces and nephews. His remains will eventually be interred in the Roosevelt Cemetery.



**Albert R. Pressler**  
1930-2021

Albert Raymond Pressler died on January 6, 2021, at home with his family on Farm Lane in Roosevelt. He was 90 years old.

Al was born in Newark, NJ, in 1930, and lived his early years primarily in Essex County with a short, but memorable, residency in Dunmore, PA. He was a 1947 graduate of Bloomfield High School, where he made lifelong friends, but also experienced painful anti-Semitism from teachers and administrators. His stated intent at the time was to be an engineer, and he was accepted into the prestigious Cooper Union School of Engineering in New York. At the same time, Al was required to work full time to support his family and, much to his disappointment, was unable to sustain the demanding work at Cooper Union beyond his first year. He later completed his B.S. degree at Rutgers University, becoming the first person in his family to earn a college degree.

Al served as an Airman Second

Class (Corporal) in the U.S. Air Force overseas during the Korean War, assigned to the 12th Air Force Erding Air Depot in Erding, Germany. There he worked as a direct aide to (then) Captain Lucius Theus, the unit's executive officer. Al was very proud of his work with the brilliant Captain Theus, who went on to become only the third Black general in the U.S. Air Force. Sent home from the service early because of his father's ill health, Al went on to marry the love of his life, Phyllis (nee Klapholz) in 1953. After being told by doctors they would never be able to have children, Phyllis and Al went on to have five: Patrice, Rick, Scott, Gail, and Joyce, all of whom survive him. Ever a determined and dedicated worker, Al studied nights to earn his Professional Engineers License in 1978, proudly achieving his professional life goal.

As a mechanical engineer for over four decades, Al specialized in designing HVAC and plumbing systems for schools and other public buildings. He was the lead designer on the first New Jersey high school (in Roxbury) to feature both a sprinkler system and air conditioning throughout. He was often called on to correct and improve inadequate building systems, and he became an expert troubleshooter and a creative problem solver, developing a loyal following among his clients in institutions as diverse as Princeton University, Bristol Myers Squibb, and the New Jersey Department of Corrections.

Al was an eloquent storyteller, a resourceful and frugal child of the Depression, and single-minded in his dedication to providing for his family. From a teenage job as a theater usher he developed an enthusiasm and encyclopedic knowledge of 1940s cinema, and he spent many enjoyable hours in his retirement watching old movies and expounding on the actors and the film's historic context. When his beloved Phyllis died in 2008 he

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BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

Here's a lovely poem about snow falling on San Antonio by Mo H. Saidi, an obstetrician and writer who, in addition to his medical training, has a Master's degree in English and Literature from Harvard.

## The Night of the Snowfall

Snow falls gently in the Hill Country  
covering the meadows and the valleys.  
The sluggish streaks of smoke climb quietly  
from the roofs but fail to reach the lazy clouds.

On Alamo Plaza in the heart of the night  
and under the flood of lights, the flakes float  
like frozen moths and glow like fireflies.  
They drop on the blades of dormant grass.

They alight on the cobblestones and live awhile  
in silence, they dissolve before dawn.  
The wet limestone walls of the mission  
glow proudly after the night of snowfall.

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embraced his life as a widower, forging new friendships and continuing in his role as grandfather to a growing contingent of grandchildren. He came to live in Roosevelt in 2019, joining his son and daughter-in-law and their four children. He was often to be seen strolling down to Solar Village and up to the Roosevelt PO.

Al will be remembered for his steadfastness and loyalty to family, his exemplary work ethic, his impeccable honesty, and his quiet determination in the face of adversity. He is survived by his five children and their spouses, his eight grandchildren, his sisters-in-law, his beloved nieces and nephews and their families, and lifelong friends from his childhood. A full memorial service will be announced for the spring, as circumstances permit.

This is dedicated to the  
Youghieny River in  
Western Pennsylvania.

## CREED

I believe in the power,  
the beauty,  
and the grace of rivers.

--Rainy Hartley

## REMINDER FOR RECYCLING:



Always leave at least 3 feet between your garbage can and recyclable container(s). The arm that lifts the garbage can needs enough room to operate so it can avoid knocking over other containers.

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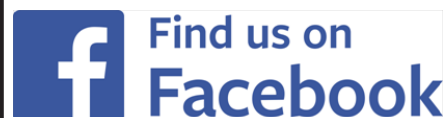
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Register for e-news on the home page and get email communications from the borough. You can view and pay your property taxes and water/sewer bill on-line.

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# Adventure in the Time of the Plague

By Ron Kostar

I like to live like I'm traveling, which means I like to do things like walk around towns and less frequently cities with no particular purpose or place to go, watch and bump into people and have fortuitous encounters. I remember a book about Cuba in which the author said "I am here to ask questions" or something to that effect. Sometimes I feel as if I was put on Earth to walk around and ask questions.

But the Virus has made this difficult to do. It's compressed my life (and I'm sure I'm not the only one). The drawbridge has been raised, and it's difficult to get to the other side.

One day in May, though, my car needed servicing so I drove into town.

After I dropped my car off at my mechanic's I walked over to the town diner – the only one remaining – and had breakfast at a table in the parking lot. An elderly couple were eating at another table and a regular adjusted his mask before he went inside. Four taxis drove by while I was eating and across the street mailmen wearing powder-blue shorts packed and prepared their trucks for their routes. Cars sped by. The town – my town – was breathing: I could hear its heart pumping and feel its body heat rising!

After I paid my bill I considered walking the three or four miles through partly overtaken farm country to my house but then a taxi rode up and the driver got out and went inside the diner and came out swinging a plastic bag. I asked him if he would take me to Roosevelt.

"Roo-se-velt," he said. "Yes," I said. "Si. How much?" I asked. "Sixteen dollars," he said. He was stocky and his face was earthy, I was guessing he was from Ecuador. "That's too much," I said. "It's far!" he said, waving his hand. "It's four miles," I said. "I'll give you half that." He started for

the car but when he reached the door he turned around. "OK," he said. "Get in."

"I got in. "Gracias."

On the ride home he detoured slightly to drop off his package. "It's for my wife," he said, "I mean my ex-wife."

"Your English is bien, or bueno," I said, "or buena. It's good."

When we pulled into a parking lot, a lively woman in her 30s or early 40s bounded out the backdoor of a small stucco-sided warehouse, and my driver got out and handed her the package. They spoke briefly and then I watched her as she bounded back up the steps.

My driver was back in the car now and I was curious "Your ex-wife is an attractive woman," I said. "And I don't mean to ... you know .. pry into ... your private life ... but ..." I stammered in my own language.

But restraint and reticence have no time or place on a ten-minute taxi ride, especially during the Time of the Plague, and he wanted to talk, too. After all, he and I we all have been living in the same Cage, inside the same Bubble.

"Oh, but she talks and talks and talks," he said, nodding and then moving his right hand to mimic a snapping gator or a chatterbox. "Talks and talks and talks and talks," he said. "And she argues all the time. If I say white, she says black. If I say up, she says down! If I say hot, she says cold," he said, laughing but not really laughing. "I much rather live alone."

"But on that other thing yes, you are right," he said a few minutes later as we drove by the lake. "Ecuador. I have been leeving here 23 years. We have three kids together. All are teenagers now."

"That warehouse where she works," he said, laughing a little embarrassingly I thought. "It porno site.

She works there."

"She's a adult movie star?" I asked, not completely surprised.

"No, no!" he said, now really laughing. "She works in the warehouse where they store and from send out videos and sex toys. She not porn star," he said, laughing for real.

On the short drive home through the fields and woods I tried, not very successfully, to cobble together my few Spanish words into short coherent sentences while he told me how expensive it is to own and operate a taxi. He said that the virus in Ecuador is "very bad, in some towns bodies are piled in the streets." I'd heard the stories. I've taught several people from Ecuador and I tried to get him to talk about the many lakes there but, unlike many Ecuadorians I've met, he wasn't a fisherman.

"I go back every two years," he said. "The last time I went back last year my ex-wife went with me. No problem," he said.

I liked my driver and his ex-wife.

As we pulled into my driveway in the woods, I slipped a ten dollar bill underneath the makeshift plastic barrier that was installed to keep my germs from his, and vice-versa.

"Thank and goodbye," he said.

"Adios," I said.

"Adios, amigo," he said, this time laughing from the heart.

## Parking Reminder

Please park your vehicles in the right direction only. Parking on the wrong side of the street or in the wrong direction makes your vehicle difficult for oncoming traffic to see, especially in foggy or dark conditions. Vehicles parked on the wrong side of the street are subject to towing.

## **The Bulletin Returns—Let's Keep it Going!**

### **We Need Your Words, Time, and Money**

By Rick Pressler, Managing Editor

After a three-month hiatus, the *Bulletin* is back in print. A lot has happened in that time—in our borough and in our country—and while there is no shortage of media outlets available to our well connected residents, we feel that the *Bulletin* deserves some small place in your media consumption...so we return. For me, the *Bulletin* continues to hold untapped potential. I see evidence of that in the remarkable articles provided by our neighbors, their individualistic perspectives on the pandemic, their personal remembrances of community life, their poetry, and their descriptions of the world around us--natural, technological, and social.

We are fortunate to have a collection of dedicated writers— Sam Ashburner, Frances Duckett, Al Hepner, Ron Kostar, Steve Taylor, Michael Ticktin (our Editor), Mary Tulloss, Sharyn Walz, and many others. And then there are the poets—David Herrstrom, Judith McNally, Wes Czyzewski, silent lotus, and the whole contingent of Roosevelt Poets who brighten our pages all year long, and then burst into super nova status every June in the Poetry Issue.

But we are a thin organization—Hope and I love to edit and lay out each issue, but over the past year, my father's declining health left us with little energy and mental capacity to complete this work. A more robust *Bulletin* volunteer corps would enable us to weather the ups and downs in our individual lives, and publish with the quality and consistency our readers and writers deserve.

So here's the pitch:

- We need your words! Please continue to send your letters, articles, poems, and artwork to rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com. We favor items of local interest, but just about everything gets published (including student work).
- We need your time! Can you volunteer to edit the calendar? Help us distribute our print copies? Are you interested in becoming the next Managing Editor? With just a few more hands (and eyes and brains) we can improve and expand what we do. Please call me at 201.785.4490 if you'd like to pitch in.
- We need your money! Even a small donation goes a long way when everyone is volunteering their time. It costs us a few thousand dollars a year to print and mail our issues and maintain the web site. A convenient donation insert is provided in this issue, but you can always send a check to Roosevelt Borough Bulletin, P.O. Box 221, Roosevelt, NJ 08555.

Please join us in this labor of community love. Thank you for your support!

## **Biden Carries Roosevelt by a 2 to 1 margin; All Council and School Board Incumbents Re-elected**

by Michael Ticktin

In the presidential election, Democrat Joe Biden defeated Republican incumbent Donald Trump in Roosevelt by a vote of 365 (67%) to 170 (31%), with ten votes being cast for other candidates. Also, Senator Cory Booker defeated Republican challenger Rik Mehta in Roosevelt by a vote of 368 to 158, as well as winning statewide. Though Democrat Stephanie Schmid defeated Congressman Chris Smith in Roosevelt by a vote of 330 to 169, Congressman Smith won enough

votes in the rest of the Congressional District to win re-election

Roosevelt voters approved all three public questions that were on the ballot, as did a majority of voters statewide. The votes locally were 429 to 107 on legalization of recreational marijuana, 400 to 123 on extending the property tax exemption for disabled veterans to veterans who did not serve during wartime, and 328 to 188 on extension of the deadline for legislative reapportionment because of the delay in issuance of census data

by the United States Department of Commerce due to the pandemic.

Councilmen Joe Trammell and Lou Esakoff, both running unopposed for full three-year terms, were re-elected, as were Board of Education members John Ord, Ken LeCompte and Naylor Larane to three-year terms, and David Schembry and Michael Ticktin to unexpired one-year terms. Of the Board of Education candidates, only Mr. Ord was on the ballot, the others were all elected by write-in votes.

## Historical Notes: The Second Inaugural Address of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, January 20, 1937

*The first settlers of this community, then called Jersey Homesteads, a part of Millstone Township, moved into their newly-built homes in July, 1936. On May 29, 1937, the Borough of Jersey Homesteads was created by act of the New Jersey Legislature. Between those two dates, on January 20, 1937, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt delivered his Second Inaugural Address, in which he presented the vision for the country that he was seeking to implement through the New Deal. The speech, which makes clear the thinking that made this community possible, is here reprinted in its entirety, in the hope that it will continue to inform and inspire the community and the country.*

--Michael Ticktin.

WHEN four years ago we met to inaugurate a President, the Republic, single-minded in anxiety, stood in spirit here. We dedicated ourselves to the fulfillment of a vision—to speed the time when there would be for all the people that security and peace essential to the pursuit of happiness. We of the Republic pledged ourselves to drive from the temple of our ancient faith those who had profaned it; to end by action, tireless and unafraid, the stagnation and despair of that day. We did those first things first.

Our covenant with ourselves did not stop there. Instinctively we recognized a deeper need—the need to find through government the instrument of our united purpose to solve for the individual the ever-rising problems of a complex civilization. Repeated attempts at their solution without the aid of government had left us baffled and bewildered. For, without that aid, we had been unable to create those moral controls over the services of science which are necessary to make science a useful servant instead of a ruthless master of mankind. To do this

we knew that we must find practical controls over blind economic forces and blindly selfish men.

We of the Republic sensed the truth that democratic government has innate capacity to protect its people against disasters once considered inevitable, to solve problems once considered unsolvable. We would not admit that we could not find a way to master economic epidemics just as, after centuries of fatalistic suffering, we had found a way to master epidemics of disease. We refused to leave the problems of our common welfare to be solved by the winds of chance and the hurricanes of disaster.

In this we Americans were discovering no wholly new truth; we were writing a new chapter in our book of self-government.

This year marks the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Constitutional Convention which made us a nation. At that Convention our forefathers found the way out of the chaos which followed the Revolutionary War; they created a strong government with powers of united action sufficient then and now to solve problems utterly beyond individual or local solution. A century and a half ago they established the Federal Government in order to promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to the American people.

Today we invoke those same powers of government to achieve the same objectives.

Four years of new experience have not belied our historic instinct. They hold out the clear hope that government within communities, government within the separate States, and government of the United States can do the things the times require, without yielding its democracy. Our tasks in the last four years did not force democracy to take a holiday.

Nearly all of us recognize that as intricacies of human relationships increase, so power to govern them also must increase—power to stop evil; power to do good. The essential democracy of our Nation and the safety of our people depend not upon

the absence of power, but upon lodging it with those whom the people can change or continue at stated intervals through an honest and free system of elections. The Constitution of 1787 did not make our democracy impotent.

In fact, in these last four years, we have made the exercise of all power more democratic; for we have begun to bring private autocratic powers into their proper subordination to the public's government. The legend that they were invincible—above and beyond the processes of a democracy—has been shattered. They have been challenged and beaten.

Our progress out of the depression is obvious. But that is not all that you and I mean by the new order of things. Our pledge was not merely to do a patchwork job with secondhand materials. By using the new materials of social justice we have undertaken to erect on the old foundations a more enduring structure for the better use of future generations.

In that purpose we have been helped by achievements of mind and spirit. Old truths have been relearned; untruths have been unlearned. We have always known that heedless self-interest was bad morals; we know now that it is bad economics. Out of the collapse of a prosperity whose builders boasted their practicality has come the conviction that in the long run economic morality pays. We are beginning to wipe out the line that divides the practical from the ideal; and in so doing we are fashioning an instrument of unimagined power for the establishment of a morally better world.

This new understanding undermines the old admiration of worldly success as such. We are beginning to abandon our tolerance of the abuse of power by those who betray for profit the elementary decencies of life.

In this process evil things formerly accepted will not be so easily condoned. Hard-headedness will not so easily excuse hardheartedness. We are moving toward an era of good feeling. But we realize that there can be no era of good feeling save among men of good will.

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For these reasons I am justified in believing that the greatest change we have witnessed has been the change in the moral climate of America.

Among men of good will, science and democracy together offer an ever-richer life and ever-larger satisfaction to the individual. With this change in our moral climate and our rediscovered ability to improve our economic order, we have set our feet upon the road of enduring progress.

Shall we pause now and turn our back upon the road that lies ahead? Shall we call this the promised land? Or, shall we continue on our way? For “each age is a dream that is dying, or one that is coming to birth.”

Many voices are heard as we face a great decision. Comfort says, “Tarry a while.” Opportunism says, “This is a good spot.” Timidity asks, “How difficult is the road ahead?”

True, we have come far from the days of stagnation and despair. Vitality has been preserved. Courage and confidence have been restored. Mental and moral horizons have been extended.

But our present gains were won under the pressure of more than ordinary circumstances. Advance became imperative under the goad of fear and suffering. The times were on the side of progress.

To hold to progress today, however, is more difficult. Dulled conscience, irresponsibility, and ruthless self-interest already reappear. Such symptoms of prosperity may become portents of disaster! Prosperity already tests the persistence of our progressive purpose.

Let us ask again: Have we reached the goal of our vision of that fourth day of March 1933? Have we found our happy valley?

I see a great nation, upon a great continent, blessed with a great wealth of natural resources. Its hundred and thirty million people are at peace among themselves; they are making their country a good neighbor among the nations. I see a United States which can demonstrate that, under democratic methods of government, national

wealth can be translated into a spreading volume of human comforts hitherto unknown, and the lowest standard of living can be raised far above the level of mere subsistence.

But here is the challenge to our democracy: In this nation I see tens of millions of its citizens—a substantial part of its whole population—who at this very moment are denied the greater part of what the very lowest standards of today call the necessities of life.

I see millions of families trying to live on incomes so meager that the pall of family disaster hangs over them day by day.

I see millions whose daily lives in city and on farm continue under conditions labeled indecent by a so-called polite society half a century ago.

I see millions denied education, recreation, and the opportunity to better their lot and the lot of their children.

I see millions lacking the means to buy the products of farm and factory and by their poverty denying work and productiveness to many other millions.

I see one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished.

It is not in despair that I paint you that picture. I paint it for you in hope—because the Nation, seeing and understanding the injustice in it, proposes to paint it out. We are determined to make every American citizen the subject of his country’s interest and concern; and we will never regard any faithful law-abiding group within our borders as superfluous. The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.

If I know aught of the spirit and purpose of our Nation, we will not listen to Comfort, Opportunism, and Timidity. We will carry on.

Overwhelmingly, we of the Republic are men and women of good will; men and women who have more than warm hearts of dedication; men and women who have cool heads and willing hands of practical purpose as well. They will insist that every agency of popular

government use effective instruments to carry out their will.

Government is competent when all who compose it work as trustees for the whole people. It can make constant progress when it keeps abreast of all the facts. It can obtain justified support and legitimate criticism when the people receive true information of all that government does.

If I know aught of the will of our people, they will demand that these conditions of effective government shall be created and maintained. They will demand a nation uncorrupted by cancers of injustice and, therefore, strong among the nations in its example of the will to peace.

Today we reconsecrate our country to long-cherished ideals in a suddenly changed civilization. In every land there are always at work forces that drive men apart and forces that draw men together. In our personal ambitions we are individualists. But in our seeking for economic and political progress as a nation, we all go up, or else we all go down, as one people.

To maintain a democracy of effort requires a vast amount of patience in dealing with differing methods, a vast amount of humility. But out of the confusion of many voices rises an understanding of dominant public need. Then political leadership can voice common ideals, and aid in their realization.

In taking again the oath of office as President of the United States, I assume the solemn obligation of leading the American people forward along the road over which they have chosen to advance.

While this duty rests upon me I shall do my utmost to speak their purpose and to do their will, seeking Divine guidance to help us each and every one to give light to them that sit in darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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*In addition to being editor of the Bulletin, Michael Ticktin is the Roosevelt Borough Historian and also serves as vice-president of the National New Deal Preservation Association.*

# Planes Over Roosevelt

by Sam Ashburner

When I first moved to Roosevelt, one of the most unique perks (for me) were the low flying military planes conducting training exercises over town. These planes are usually flying at 3,000 to 4,000 feet which makes them very easy to hear, spot, and identify. After realizing these training exercises were common, I set out to identify them as best I could and have kept a running notepad on my phone of what I have seen.

The most common planes heard and seen flying over Roosevelt are the KC-10 Extender, C-17 Globemaster, KC-135 Stratotanker, and the KC-130J. There are a handful of other planes that cruise through town but they are less common. These include the C-32B cargo plane, AH-1 Cobra, CH-46 Sea Knight, CH-46 Sea Stallion, and UH-1Y Venom utility helicopter. In addition to the usual group of planes and helicopters that are stationed at Joint Base MDL (McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst), I have seen others that are probably there for training and special occasions, such as the Power in the Pines air show and the recent salute to front line workers. These special occasion planes are mostly jet fighters such as the F-15 and F-16. In this article, we'll focus on the most common planes and how to identify them.

We'll start with the most common:



KC-10 Extender

the KC-10 Extender flown by the 305th & 514th Air Mobility Wings. The KC-10 is a refueling tanker capable of carrying 356,000 pounds of fuel. It is a converted version of the commercial, three engine DC-10 airliner. Two engines are on the wings and the third is located at the base of

the vertical stabilizer. This third engine is easy to spot and makes the KC-10 very recognizable. The KC-10 has both a centerline refueling boom and a drogue-and-hose system on the starboard side of the rear fuselage. Having both systems allows the crew to refuel a variety of aircraft from all branches of the military. The boom operator is located in the rear of the aircraft with a wide window for monitoring the refueling process and admiring our small town. The refueling boom is normally visible, especially when it is extended. In my experience, the KC-10 is the most common plane over Roosevelt. In 2022, Joint Base MDL will receive 24 of the new KC-46 Pegasus tankers to replace the 32 KC-10s currently in use.

Next up is the C-17 Globemaster



C-17 Globemaster

which is also operated by the 305th & 514th Air Mobility Wings. The C-17 is commonly used for tactical and strategic airlift missions (transporting troops and cargo), medical evacuation, and airdrop duties. Cargo configurations are nearly endless but the most common examples are: 188 passengers, 102 paratroopers plus 8 equipment bundles, 1 M-1 main battle tank, 3 smaller infantry fighting vehicles or 2 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. The C-17 is the largest plane I have seen over town; it has a length of 174 feet and a wingspan of 169 feet. At the tip of each wing, "winglets" are visible. These vertical bends reduce drag and save on fuel consumption. These winglets, the large rear stabilizer, and the overall giant size are the easiest ways to identify the C-17.

The last of the common military planes over Roosevelt is the KC-135 Stratotanker which is flown by the



KC-135 Stratotanker

New Jersey National Guard's 108th Wing. It is another aerial refueling aircraft and was the first jet powered tanker used by the U.S. Military. Since making its debut in 1957 it has become one of six military aircraft with over 50 years of continuous service. The KC-135 has four engines mounted on its wings, making it different in appearance to the KC-10. The main method of refueling is the tail mounted boom which the operator must use while laying prone. There is also a shuttlecock-shaped drogue, attached to and trailing behind the flying boom. A cargo deck above the refueling system can hold a mixed load of passengers and cargo. To keep the KC-135 as modern and adaptable as possible, the plane has received numerous upgrades. These include better engines, more advanced avionics (compass, radar and GPS), better fuel management systems, and many other improvements to keep the KC-135 relevant. The KC-135 was replaced in active service duty by the KC-10 in the 1980s.

The C-32B is a cargo plane operated by the New Jersey National Guard's 108th Wing. Primary users of this type of plane include the Vice President (Air Force Two), the First Lady, and the Secretary of State. The C-32B has also been associated with the 150th Special Operations Squadron out of Joint Base MDL. This is a highly secretive unit, with little information publicly available about their activities. To keep a low profile, planes in this role often change serial numbers and are painted plane white.

Next up are a group of aircraft operated by the Marine Aircraft Group

(MAG) 49's Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 772. This squadron uses a number of different aircraft but I have only seen a few over town. These include the V-22 Osprey, KC-130J refueling tanker, AH-1 Cobra attack helicopter, CH-46 Sea Knight transport, UH-1Y Venom utility helicopter (a variant of the iconic Huey, think of "Fortunate Son") and the CH-53 Sea Stallion heavy lift helicopter. Out of this group, the KC-130J tanker is the most common over Roosevelt. The KC-130J is a multi-role tanker and transport plane that can refuel a wide variety of aircraft used by the Marine Corps. There are many variants to the KC-130 but I believe the one seen over Roosevelt is the KC-130J tanker. The KC-130J has 4 propeller engines which are the easiest features to identify.



KC-130J

Quick guide to the most common military planes seen over Roosevelt:

- KC-10 Extender: 3 jet engines. 2 on the wings and 1 located on the rear stabilizer.
- C-17 Globemaster: Large wing-span and wide body. Winglets on each wing and a large rear stabilizer.
- KC-135 Stratotanker: 4 jet engines. 2 located on each wing.
- KC-130J: 4 propeller engines.

Sources: My eyeballs, Stripes.com, Sacrogram.org, AF.mil, JBMDL.jb.mil, Currentops.com, Wikipedia and "Aircraft Operations at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst" on YouTube Questions? BoroughBirds@gmail.com



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- 3 Weds. Recycling Pickup 

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- 8 Mon. 7:00 Council Meeting,  
by video conference.  
See online agenda for details:  
<https://www.rooseveltnj.us/government/council-agendas-minutes>  
Peggy Malkin, Mayor

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- 14 Sun. St. Valentine's Day


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- 15 Mon. President's Day

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- 17 Weds.. 7:00 pm Environmental Commission,  
conducted by video conference.  
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- 17 Weds. Recycling Pickup 

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- 22 Mon. 7:00 pm Council Meeting,  
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Peggy Malkin, Mayor

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- 25 Thurs. 7:30 pm RPS Board of Education,  
Roosevelt Public School  
Ken LeCompte, President


**M A R C H**

- 1 Mon. 7:00 pm Council Meeting,  
by video conference.  
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- 2 Tues. 7:00 pm Planning Board, meeting  
conducted by video conference.  
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- 3 Weds. Recycling Pickup 

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- 15 Mon. 7:00 pm Council Meeting,  
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- 17 Weds. Recycling Pickup   
St. Patrick's Day

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- 17 Weds. 7:00 pm Environmental Commission,  
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- 18 Thurs. 7:00 pm RPS Board of Education,  
Roosevelt Public School  
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- 20 Sat. 5:37am Spring Equinox –  
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**RECYCLING DATES**

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