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Council Appoints Kristine Kaufman-Marut to Fill Council Vacancy; Ordinance Clarifies Overtime Repair Costs are Owners' Responsibility

by Michael Ticktin

At its February 20 meeting, the Council voted to appoint Kristine Kaufman-Marut to fill the vacancy created by the resignation, effective February 1, of Councilman Bob Atwood. Since Mr. Atwood had been elected as a Democrat, it was the responsibility of the local Democratic committee, consisting of Mayor Peggy Malkin and Council President Michael Hamilton, to propose three candidates who were registered Democrats from whom the Council could choose. The three nominees were Ms. Kaufman-Marut, Katerina Paleckova and former Councilman Ralph Warnick. The Council selected Ms. Kaufman-Marut, who was present at the meeting and was promptly sworn in.

Also at the February 20 meeting, the Council adopted an ordinance intended to “clarify the property owners are responsible for all costs of repair and maintenance of service appliances.” The intention, as explained by Municipal Attorney Greg Cannon, was to address situations that had arisen when the utility operators had to come to Roosevelt, during other than normal working hours, in response to property owner requests for water to be shut off or turned on, and the Borough had been charged for the overtime costs incurred. In any such case in the future, the Borough will be able to pass such charges on to the property owner. There would be no charge to property owners for changes to water service that could be made during normal business hours. .

House Concert Draws Capacity Crowd

By Mona Guest

More than 60 Roosevelt residents were treated to a lively house concert on February 18 featuring—and at the Pine Street home of—the Saks Family Band. The group is led by parents Leah and Gabe Saks and includes three of their children, Adina, 17, on guitar, Hillel, 16, on keyboards, and Meital, 9, on Melodica. All family members sing, as well as play. (Avi, age 1, was also audibly present, though in an uncredited role.) The enthusiastic audience overflowed the living room and filled the dining area where more chairs were quickly added. The event raised funds for the Roosevelt Arts Project, which included the concert as part of its annual arts programming.

Gabe’s skillful and expressive piano playing anchored many of the performances throughout the evening, although the pianistic high point was arguably Hillel’s

spirited solo performance of Debussy’s *Première Arabesque*. The band was augmented by Brooklyn-based percussionist David Berger, with Roosevelt resident Rick Pressler joining in on electric bass. Their two sets included mostly upbeat tunes by James Taylor, Bob Marley, and Bill Withers, along with several originals.

The concert was opened by Pressler on guitar performing two original jazz-oriented works.

He was followed by the Knockabouts, a duo comprised



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 47th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. Issues run from September through July. We will not publish in January and August.

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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.
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- 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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Howard Kaufman

by Larisa Bondy

When I first started to try to think about how to talk about Howie, I thought, “teacher.” Over 50 years of teaching between New York and Roosevelt, how can “teacher” not be the thing that comes to mind. Howie taught me so much in the 15 years we worked together, and just watching him teach was amazing. Whenever I picked up my students from Gym, from Health, they always “had the best time.” Gym was always their favorite part of the day. Howie was strict, he ran a tight ship, but he was still fun. He taught all three of my sons — that’s how I know he was strict but athletically creative. He was a creative storyteller as well, his stories about a character named Peter entertained children for years.

But then when I think more about Howie I thought, “proud.” Howie still talked about how he convinced his wife, Donna, to go out with him. He was the “bad” boy she had no interest in, but he got her on that motorcycle. He was so proud of that.

And then, he was so proud of his children. He always talked to me about Tina being such a wonderful teacher. He loved seeing her teach and talking to her about teaching. And he couldn’t say enough about Craig’s talents in landscape design, he would tell me all about Craig’s projects and creativity.

And then his grandchildren, was he ever proud! I was lucky enough to have all four of them in Kindergarten. He would talk about Jemma and how she already read so incredibly at five years old. Deanna’s artistic skills were a source of pride. And Colliar, even at five, was making comic strips (which I understand he still does) with drawings and concepts. He loved to talk about August playing soccer. He was so proud of his family, and his students, and his life. As well he should be.

I am proud to have known and loved Howie Kaufman. He will be missed, but always remembered.

Remembering Howard Kaufman
by Gus Vuolle

Mr. Kaufman told me the same story about his first impression of me many, many times. He told me how when I was in 2nd grade, and he was in his first year at Roosevelt, the great Miss Gagliardi, the second-grade teacher at the time, came to him during the first week and told him that she had a few boys in her class, who were good readers and LOVED SPORTS. She wanted to know if he had any books about sports he could give us, and he of course gave her all he could find. Whenever he told that story, he had a big smile on his face

and would put his hand on my shoulder at the end of it.

I never told him that I’d heard this story countless times before, and I’m glad I never did. Because every time he would tell it, I would get to see what a great teacher looks like. Someone who takes pride in their students, someone who is excited to help in any way they can and someone who teaches because they are in love with it and they’re in love with sharing with others what they have learned along the way. Teaching like you’re on fire as I like to say. And he was one of the very best examples I could ask for.

There were many times I saw Mr. Kaufman teach like he was on fire.

Whether it was basketball, cup stacking, or as Sam reminded me, that game where students would stand in a circle and he would lay on his back with a long rope and a sock with a ball attached to the end of it and spin it around faster and faster until every student had taken their turn getting dropped to the gym floor. (We’ll definitely be playing that in camp this year)

Whether it was him telling a magical never-ending story, him thinking through every student in the school to make “relatively” fair field day teams, or him raising his voice a bit because we were getting a little crazy during indoor kickball (my absolute favorite game of his).

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Whether it was him cheering us on as we ran “a mile?” around the baseball field, him refereeing the 6th grade vs teachers kickball or volleyball games, or as we climbed the rope with the knots thirty feet in the air, him holding his hands out I guess ready to catch us? if we fell.

He never forgot his city roots and the risks he took, grew from, and thrived with as a kid, and was comfortable giving us the same opportunities to face our fears head on. I’ll always be incredibly thankful for that.

I’ll always be incredibly thankful that I got to know him even better as I got older. He was the type of teacher, that age makes you appreciate more than ever. The tough love he showed when we needed it was something that not everyone can pull off. It takes caring first, caring enough that you’re willing to sacrifice students liking you in every moment, in order to give them what they needed in that moment.

And as I got older, I got to watch the kind of neighbor he was, the kind of father he was, and the kind of amazing grandfather he was, that always reminded me of my own.

We should all be so lucky to have some time in our life with a grandfather like him. The kind who takes pride in your accomplishments, but is also there ready to support you when times are tough. The kind who will always see the best in us. It’s important to never forget what that feels like.

In our last conversation, like many before, he asked about how Colliar and August were doing in camp. We talked about how creative they are, how fast they are, how they are good friends to others, and how proud he was to watch the both of them overcome their obstacles and continue to grow a little at a time into the awesome versions of themselves they are today.

He was and always will be incredibly proud of them.

Then, he was telling me how he was still heading out to that tiny Twin

Rivers gym regularly and how he was still teaching those half his age how to squat properly, and, I’m absolutely sure, out lifting them in the process.

I’ll miss and remember all our chats like those in my parents front yard. I’ll miss and remember him picking up Colliar and August from camp and all the kids he’d had coming by to give him a hug. I’ll miss and remember his hands (weird enough), and his handshake soft but firm. I’ll miss his wave out the car window whenever I saw him quickly around town, and I’ll miss him telling me that story from when I was in 2nd grade.

Thank you Mr. Kaufman, as you have always been and always will be to me, for everything you did for your grandkids, your students, and for me. I’ve learned so much from you, back then all the way to today and I’m a better neighbor, teacher, and person for having you in my life.

..... Oh yeah, also thank you for those few extra end-of-year gym awards, as they made my grandfather very proud and gave me lifetime bragging rights over Jamie, Sam, Ben, and David. Much appreciated.

“Howard Kaufman Memorial Kickball Game”

RPS Kickball field
Saturday, April 20th, 2-4 p.m.
Rain date, April 27th
All who loved him welcome!
Come to play or watch!

Obituary of Edward A. Murphy

Edward A. Murphy, 85, of Roosevelt, New Jersey, passed away at his home on January 17, 2024.

Edward was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. After graduating high school, he went to school for aircraft mechanics and then began his career as an aircraft and power mechanic, initially working for American

Airlines, then 26 years with Eastern Airlines, and then 15 years with U.S. Airways. He worked at both Newark and Philadelphia airports. Ed retired in 2006. He was also a licensed commercial pilot.

Ed was the union recording secretary of I.A.M. Local #1445 and a founding member of New Jersey Citizen Actions, an organization dedicated to fighting for the rights of New Jersey citizens. He was also chosen as New Jersey’s Man of the Year in the 1980’s for his work.

Ed was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Elsie Murphy of Philadelphia Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Rose D. Murphy; his son, James McKernan and his wife, Karen Simpson; his daughter, Danielle Ceceil Deliso and her husband, Eugene; and his daughter, Kathleen Murphy and her husband, David Geber. He is also survived by three granddaughters, Toni Deliso, and Lily and Rachel Geber.

Remembering John Henry Parrott, III

By Maureen Parrott

John Henry Parrott, III, was a singer/songwriter and musician since 1965. John was born on June 23, 1944, in Sumter, South Carolina and died on August 1, 2023, in Old Bridge, New Jersey at the age of 79. John lived in Roosevelt from 1988-2003, and stayed with me in Roosevelt frequently until his death.

John’s grandparents and parents were from Memphis, Tennessee. Because his father had a career in the Air Force, John lived in several places during his childhood, including Turkey, but he spent most of his childhood in Memphis living with relatives. In June 1961, John graduated from Highland Academy in Tennessee. He attended Memphis State University for a year and then enlisted in the Army in October 1962. John served in Germany from 1962-1965. He spent time

in Europe after he was discharged and moved back to Memphis in 1966, attending Memphis State for another year. In Memphis, John studied blues piano and guitar with local experts and performed at the 1968 and 1969 Memphis Country Blues Festivals. He worked at the VA Hospital in Memphis.

John moved to Hoboken, New Jersey, in 1976. He formed a duo with Peter Stampfel (formerly of the HolyModal Rounders). John, Peter and Warren Gardner won third place in the Old Time Music category of the 1978 Bluegrass and Old Time Music Band Contest at the South Street Seaport in New York, New York. The next year, while I was in my third year of law school and living in Hoboken, I heard John and Peter playing old time music at the 1979 Bluegrass and Old Time Music Band Contest. I thought they were the best of all the bands, but they were not allowed to compete that year because bands had to have at least three people to compete and they were a duo. I met John a few months later when to my surprise he and Peter were playing music at a local tavern in Hoboken. In the years that followed, John performed his own songs at various venues in Hoboken and at Folk City and the Bottom Line in New York.

John and I married in 1986 and moved to Roosevelt in May 1988, about a month before our daughter



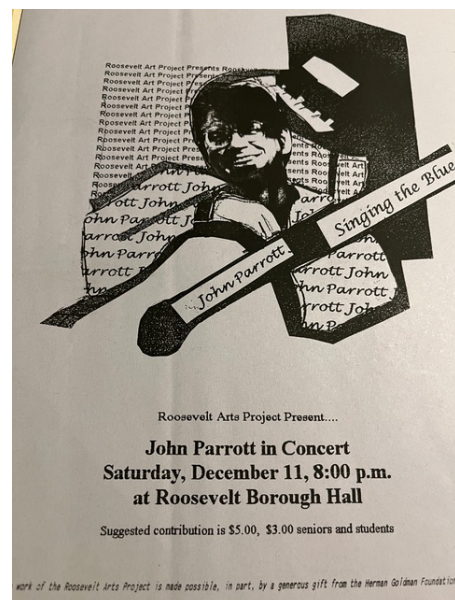
Lily Parrott was born. Although music was his love, John earned a living as a union electrician in Local 164 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He also got his electrical contractor license and did electrical work on many houses in Roosevelt.

John was featured in a one-man blues show for the Roosevelt Arts Project, and he was a member of the Roosevelt String Band for a few years. In summers, he often played his original songs with friends at the amphitheater and in our backyard on Tamara Drive.

John formed a duo with Lily while she was in high school, with Lily singing John's original music and John playing guitar, harmonica and piano. In 2005, John and Lily recorded an album entitled "Lady of the Reach," featuring mostly John's original songs. John and Lily performed for the Princeton Arts Council and other venues. In 2011, with his close friends Barbara Beeman and Bill Bannon, John produced, mastered, and performed on an album entitled "Plenty of Time," which featured three of his original songs, including the title song.

John wrote over 215 songs of various genres, including blues, old time, folk, country, and jazz. Some of my favorites are "Smiley and Lily," which tells the story of his maternal grandparents in Shelby County, Tennessee, and "Hard Times and Icebound Streets," about poverty. He wrote ballads, love songs, humorous songs, sad songs, jazz songs, blues songs, songs that told stories, and pensive songs. His humorous songs included "I Can Tell You Were a Hippie," "Garbage Man," written close in time to the 1968 sanitation worker strike in Memphis, and "I Pawned the Family Bible for a Drink." John was a superb blues pianist and guitarist, and played electric guitar, mandolin, harmonica, banjo, and bass guitar.

John was an avid reader, reading a book a day for all the years I knew



him. He read all the literature classics, as well as non-fiction books, and loved science fiction. One of his favorite books was "The History of the Peloponnesian War," by Thucydides. Amazingly, John remembered almost everything he read and could beat anyone at games like Trivial Pursuit. John was also a naturally talented artist. He seemed to know something about almost everything, and if he didn't know how to do something, he learned. For example, John installed windows and a sliding glass door on our house, he repaired the furnace, and he built garage doors out of cedar planks because I wanted swinging garage doors. He was a great raconteur, and he spoke Spanish and German.

John was sensitive, outgoing, thoughtful, creative, extremely intelligent, and always willing to help people. He was a good and decent man, maintaining friendships from the 1960's. John was sentimental and saved every letter and postcard he received since 1966, as well as the posters for the Memphis Country Blues Festivals and his Woodstock Festival tickets and program. John was devoted to our daughter, Lily, and was a loving and loyal husband. He was 6'4", was an exciting and charismatic performer, had a big heart, and has been described as being "larger than life."

Mile-a-Minute Vine

This month's article highlights an invasive species that we need to look out for, the Mile-a-minute vine.

The Mile-a-minute vine, *Persicaria perfoliata* (aka *Polygonum perfoliatum*) is an invasive annual vine with triangular leaves, barbed stems, and blueberries. Its native range runs from eastern Russia to India, Asia, Japan and Philippines. In 2016, it was added to the EU list of Invasive Alien Species of Union concern. The branching vines may grow to 15 feet



<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/persicaria-perfoliata/>

in a single season. The dense foliage shades out the plants below and may kill them. The vines bloom in July and August, and the round, iridescent, pale blue fruit ripen in August and October. Frost kills the vines. Birds distribute the seeds and they can remain viable in the ground for seven years. Seeds are also reported to be distributed by water runoff. It prefers moist soil and sunlight and it is not particular about the type of soil or its pH. It is commonly found in clearings in woodlands, forest edges and roadsides. Mile-a-minute vines can be found from Virginia to New York to Ohio and Oregon.

Control of this pest is challenging. Pulling out the plants before they fruit can eliminate small infestations. Gloves should be used to avoid the barbs. However, there is hope for minimizing the impact of this invasive. After extensive trials, in the early 2000's the host-specific Asiatic

weevil, *Rhinoncomimus latipes*, was introduced into New Jersey and other states. The weevils eat the leaves and the larvae bore into the stems. Even if the plants are not killed, seed production is significantly reduced. Be on the lookout for this invasive. I have seen it in the area.

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Roosevelt Trees: Study Reports and Roosevelt Tree video

By Lucretia McGuff-Silverman

A recently completed project to study the trees of Roosevelt and create an associated video was funded by a Stewardship Grant from the New Jersey Urban & Community Forestry Program (NJUCF). The grant was developed by Lucretia McGuff-Silverman.

The reports of the street tree inventory and forest study have been turned in and will be available on the Environmental Commission's page on the Borough's website <https://rooseveltnj.us>. The inventory process and interviews of the foresters and town residents are now part of a video. This video was shown at the Environmental Commission meeting in January and is now available to view at <https://youtu.be/ZBWx5ZQtu7A>.

The forest inventory assessment report was done by Gracie and Harri-gan Consulting Foresters, Inc. A point sample technique was used instead of the counting of each individual tree. This report is a planning tool to maintain our forested area.

Kevin Scibilia was responsible for the street tree inventory, in which all the trees were counted and their health assessed. The report not only counted the trees that were there but pinpointed where new trees could be planted. This is an important tool for maintenance as well as planning for the future.

The video not only highlights the process of these inventories, but through interviews with residents the importance of trees to the people of Roosevelt.

Tree Removal Permits

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



Photo by Zach Pressler

Environmental Commission and Green Team News

By Lucretia McGuff-Silverman

All are welcome at the Environmental Commission meeting at 7:00pm at Borough Hall on the third Wednesday of the month. Please come with your environmental questions and concerns.

At the January meeting there was a viewing of Roosevelt's tree video. You can view it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBWx5ZQtu7A>. It is now part of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission You Tube Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/@rooseveltborogreenteam>. This is the place to come to if you need to know about composting, building a rain barrel, spotted lantern fly traps, and more. The site is growing. If there is something you would like to know more about, let us know at rooseveltborogreenteam@gmail.com

The Roosevelt Seed Library has already had two events this year, a seed swap that took place online and the February First Friday event was a winter sowing workshop. The library also partnered with the Watershed Institute in the fall in a seed collection workshop at the Institute's grounds, and in January this year with a native plant winter sowing workshop. Winter sowing workshops were also held with the Master Gardeners of Ocean County and a public workshop.

You may have been wondering what a seed library is. It is a collection of seeds that has been gathered by community members and offered for free to the community. We have a wonderful collection of native plants collected from in and around Roosevelt. We also have vegetable seeds that

are primarily from seed companies. These packets have been donated by gardeners that have small home gardens and cannot use all of the seeds. These seeds are available to all residents. The seed Library will be at the Environmental Commission events including the monthly meetings.

Dessert and Discussion will be back again this year. It is currently in the


planning stage. Stay tuned for new workshops, informative environmental topics, and of course over the top desserts.

First Friday events are also in the planning stage, each month needs a host. If you are interested in hosting one, please contact environmental@rooseveltnj.us.

Roosevelt Arts Project

FACETS OF BACH

A piano recital with commentary by Alan Mallach



Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Roosevelt Borough Hall,
Route 571, Roosevelt, NJ \$10 donation suggested

RPS News

By Gina Morrone

I hope this newsletter finds you easing back into your routine and enjoying a new year filled with balance, productivity and joy.

During the past month, our RPS Family celebrated 100 Days of School and two spirit weeks. We kicked off Random Acts of Kindness Week by sending lollipop grams with kind messages to friends while helping raise funds for field day shirts. Our Kindergarten and grades 1-3 students experienced a field trip to a show at the State Theatre of NJ. Additionally, grades

K-5 enjoyed a special day with visiting artist Marissa Petrillo, who taught us about Window Dressing and How to Set A Scene. Both events were funded by RPS Education Foundation grants. All grades also enjoyed visiting artist David Brahinsky who spun tales and stories also an RPS Education Foundation sponsored event.

Be sure to note the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences on your calendar! Stay tuned as I continue to



share the unique learning experiences we enjoy at RPS!!!
Go Dragons!
Mrs. Morrone



Upcoming School Events & Reminders

*PreK and Kindergarten Registration is currently taking place

- 3/19 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)
- 3/21 - Early Dismissal (conferences afternoon & evening)
- 3/22 - Early Dismissal
- 3/25 - Spring Photos
- 3/28 - Early Dismissal
- 3/29 - 4/5 Schools Closed - Spring Break

Recycling 101: 2024 Update

by Micheal Merritt and Hillary Wilder

Did you know that you can now recycle any container marked #1 PET (or PETE), #2 HDPE, and #5 PP? According to Dan Specht, our Municipal Recycling Coordinator, any rigid #1, #2, and #5 plastic, regardless of shape or color, can now be put into your recycle bin, along with glass bottles and jars, cereal and snack boxes, cardboard, office paper, newspaper, magazines, tin, aluminum, and steel cans. This is made possible by the state-of-the-art facility operated by Mazza

Recycling, which Monmouth County, including Roosevelt Borough, has contracted for processing our co-mingled (single-stream) recyclables.

So, before you toss those black plastic take-out bowls or clear plastic clamshell food boxes into the garbage, check the little numbered triangle on the bottom – you might be able to put them into your recycle bin instead (after rinsing out, of course). Yes, it may take a little extra work to make out whether it's a 1, 2, or 5 (especially for

those of us with older eyes), but it will be worth it to keep all that extra plastic out of our landfills and instead use it to make new products.

A link to a Quick Reference Guide for Recycling and other recycling resources can be found at [/rooseveltnj.us/other-government/trash-recycling](https://rooseveltnj.us/other-government/trash-recycling).

And remember: NEVER bag up your recyclables – the plastic bags will just jam up the processing machines and cause the entire load to be unrecyclable.



PRESCHOOL and KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION
Roosevelt Public School
School Year 2024-2025

Registration for pre-school and kindergarten is currently taking place at Roosevelt Public School. Any resident who wishes to enroll in the program should contact us prior to March 31st. The registration forms along with the health form can be emailed to your home.

Pre-school students must be 3 years old and toilet trained to start in September 2024; otherwise they can register/start when they turn 3 years old throughout the school year.

Preschool fees are as follows:

Roosevelt residents - \$3,250/year or \$325/month

Out of district students - \$4,500/year or \$450/month

Students who turn five on or before October 1, 2024 are eligible for entrance into kindergarten in September 2024.

An official birth certificate with the raised seal is required for registration. A photocopy of the birth certificate will be made when you register your child.

Proof of Residency is also required. This can be a copy of a tax bill, bank statement, driver's license, or utility bill **with address.**

All students must have the appropriate immunizations to begin school in September 2024. This information will be provided when you register your child.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 609-448-2798.

Senior Group Returns

By Adrienne Cheshier

The Roosevelt Senior Group is back and is happening on the first Tuesday of the month. The Borough Hall is where we meet and the time is 11:30 am.

This is my first year of joining the senior group even though I am eighty years old and have been a resident here for a long time. I am glad I finally gave into the whole idea of me actually being a senior!

It has been really good to be part of this group and as we've been able to partake in the monthly events we have learned some of the history of sourdough bread, as well as get to sample some. We have watched and participated in a tai-chi demonstration, listened to beautiful piano music being played, and we always follow this with a lunch. The lunch is a good time to share talk and just enjoy each others' company.

Some day trips will happen soon as the weather gets a little milder.

Come and join us if you are about fifty-five or older, and please don't wait till you are eighty like I did. If you know someone in this age group and they live in Roosevelt, be sure to let them know about our Senior Group.

For more information email rooseveltseniorgroup@gmail.com or speak to our vice president Ellen Silverman.

Hope to see you!

Los Sonidos de la Tormenta

Estoy enamorado de los sonidos de la tormenta,
como cae la lluvia tan suave que podrías escuchar
una madre leyendo cuentos para dormir a su hijo,
o cuando estalla la guerra,
nubes disparando balas
de cristal al suelo.

Estoy enamorado de su tristeza,
cada gota de lluvia, una lágrima, y el cielo
como las manchas oscuras en tus ojos.

Estoy enamorada de la sorpresa —
el tronar de un disparo, chispazo de luz —
cómo cuando estamos asustados, nos detenemos,
reflexionamos, nos sentamos juntos.

Y como empieza, de repente,
como un argumento de borrachos,
hasta que no quede nada seco,
y después se termina

y una mariposa bate sus alas
como si todo eso fuera por ella
para reclamar el cielo.

-Nathaniel Kostar

House Concert

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of local singer/songwriters Cherie Waxman Chelst and George Marinich. Their finely crafted, often humorous, songs touched on relationships—of the stubbornly platonic variety as well as the more happily requited sort, gleeful justice for a jilted-lover-turned-rockstar (*Betty's on Fire*), as well as an upbeat take on global warming. In addition to Marinich's fine guitar work and Chelst's solid bass playing, the two harmonized expertly,



both showcasing distinctive vocal styles. Chelst lit up the room with an all-too-rare kazoo solo.

On a cold February night, the Saks Family Band and their fellow performers warmed their audience with superb musical performances and neighborly hospitality. In the best house concert tradition, the event was both a musical and social success—and captured the essence of the Roosevelt community experience.



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RPSEF NEWSLETTER

FROM THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation wishes to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible generosity of our amazing community members during our End-Of-Year Fundraiser. Thanks to your unwavering support, we have received donations totaling \$6,100! Your kindness and dedication to our cause means the World to us. With your donations, we will continue our mission of supporting RPS teachers and providing exciting learning opportunities for our RPS students. Your contribution will have a lasting impact on the lives of RPS students, inspiring them to reach for the stars, and to achieve their dreams. We invite you to stay connected with us on social media and our website, and to keep an eye out for our newsletters, which follow the wonderful journey that your generous donations have set in motion. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of RPS students.

-RPSEF Trustees



*Left: Creating window displays with VAP, Marissa Petrillo.
Right: Storytelling and music with VAP, David Brahinsky.*

GRANT UPDATES

Through generous donations, the following grants were approved between 10/10/23-2/13/24

- **Visiting Artist Program (VAP):** Grades PreK through 5th
November: Ellen Silverman, Artist (2nd session)
January: Marissa Petrillo, Window Decorator
February: David Brahinsky, Musician, Singer, Storyteller
- **Jenkinson's Aquarium,** Point Pleasant: K & 1st
- **"The Boy Who Cried Wolf"** play at State Theater
New Jersey, New Brunswick: K, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd



*Left: Fish Tank at Jenkinson's Aquarium, Point Pleasant.
Right: "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" at State Theater NJ,
New Brunswick.*

IN SCHOOL GRANTS IN ACTION

How lucky are the RPS Dragons to have received grants for both the Little Free Library and The RPS Dragon Pals writing program?! Our LFL is located in the lobby of our school, and provides students of all grades the opportunity to peruse and choose various book titles. The motto is "Take a book. Share a book." Students can visit the LFL during indoor recess, with their class, or when they have the opportunity to during the day. There are a variety of titles to choose from. LFL encourages and instills a joy for reading at an early age that will continue as the students get older.

RPS Dragon Pals letter writing program is available for students grades PreK-5th, and it includes staff as well. This program assists in teaching students the importance of writing a letter and addressing an envelope. Students practice these skills by writing friendly letters to other students or teachers in the school. It helps students gain confidence and motivates them to pick up a pencil and write. This program has been met with such enthusiasm! Students become excited when it is time to write a letter.

Both programs are different ways in which we promote engagement and growth in the student. They also cultivate a sense of community and camaraderie amongst the students that will hopefully carry into the future. We appreciate the Foundation for their hard work and for facilitating these initiatives.

-Stacey Fusella, RPS 1st Grade Teacher



Above: Little Free Library Above: RPS Dragon Pals Mail

EVENT RECAP

- **December 2023 End Of Year Appeal Donations:** \$6,100
- **Stefan Martin Fundraiser:** 48/70 prints sold raised \$4,800 thus far! 22 prints are still available for \$100.00 per print. Email rpsefdn@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing a print.

STAY TUNED

- **Thursday, March 21st, 2024 12:00pm - 10:00pm:**
T.G.I.Friday's, 319 Route 130 North, East Windsor
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A flyer will be sent home with students, posted on our website, and posted on our Facebook. Join us on this half day of school for a great cause, our students!
- **Saturday, April 20th, 2024 10:00am - 12:00pm:**
2024 Roosevelt Borough Clean-Communities Clean-Up Meet at Borough Hall and mention RPSEF.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Roosevelt Resident Georgiana Della Katz - American Repertory Ballet's The Nutcracker

By Cheri Rose Katz

In a remarkable accomplishment, Georgiana Della Katz, a first-grade student at RPS, earned a coveted spot as a dancer in the prestigious American Repertory Ballet. As a dedicated member of the pre-professional company Princeton Ballet Children's Workshop, Georgiana successfully navigated three rigorous casting auditions, securing a role in the profes-

sional tour of the American Repertory Ballet's "The Nutcracker."

This acclaimed production graced four venues across New Jersey, including the renowned McCarter Theatre in Princeton, Two River Theater in Red Bank, The Trenton War Memorial, and The State Theatre NJ in New Brunswick. Throughout seventeen shows, from November 24, 2023, to December

17, 2023, Georgiana showcased her talent as an entertainer and passion for dance.

The American Repertory Ballet is New Jersey's premier professional dance company, consistently receiving major grants from esteemed institutions such as the National Endowment for the Arts and

the New Jersey State Council of the Arts. Georgiana's participation in the Princeton Ballet Children's Workshop highlights her dedication. It provides invaluable training and performance experience for aspiring dancers contemplating a dance career who are selected as gifted and talented.

Georgiana, affectionately known as Georgie, also enjoys singing with the Princeton Girls Choir and excels in math and science. This smiling little girl dreams of becoming a doctor when she grows up at St. Jude's. Her mother, International Opera Singer Cheri Rose Katz, is very proud of Georgie's hard work and remarkable achievement at such a young age. The ARB is an incredible dance company for training. They teach talented young dancers worldwide that you can achieve your goals with discipline, focus, and hard work. Georgie loves to dance, has grown so much in a year, and has made beautiful friendships.



Nutcracker - American Repertory Ballet, 2023. McCarter Theatre, Two River Theater, Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, and State Theatre NJ with Orchestra and Choir.



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9 Sat.	7:30 pm	Facets of Bach Borough Hall
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12 Weds.		Recycling Pickup 
18 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
19 Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board Meeting Borough Hall
19 Tues		Roosevelt Public School Parent Teacher Conferences
20 Weds.	7:00 pm	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall
21 Thurs.	6:00 pm	RPS Board of Education Ken LeCompte, President
21 Thurs.		Roosevelt Public School Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences
22 Fri		Roosevelt Public School Earl Dismissal
23 Sat.	1:00 - 5:00	Drawings & Found Objects Borough Hall
This one-day exhibition of found objects, small sculptures, pottery and drawings by local artists will explore the relationship between objects and drawings.		
25 Mon.		Roosevelt Public School Spring Photos
27 Weds.		Recycling Pickup 
28 Thurs.		Roosevelt Public School Early Dismissal
March 29-April 5		Roosevelt Public School Spring Break

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1 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
9 Weds.		Recycling Pickup 
15 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
16 Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board Meeting Borough Hall
17 Weds.	7:00 pm	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall
20 Sat	10:00- 12:00	Roosevelt Borough Clean Communities Clean Up Day Meet at Borough Hall
24 Weds.		Recycling Pickup 
25 Thurs.	6:00 pm	RPS Board of Education Ken LeCompte, President
27 Sat.	7:30 pm	Poevent Borough Hall

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