



# Bulletin



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## Council Adopts Ordinances for Maintenance of Water Taps and Service Connections and Renewing Lease of FDR Monument and Amphitheater from School; Bamboo Ordinance Postponed

by Michael Ticktin

At its March 9 meeting, the Borough Council proposed, and at its March 23 meeting adopted, an ordinance intended to clarify whether a problem with a sewer or water lateral is the Borough's responsibility or the property owner's responsibility. Following the practice of most municipalities, the Borough will hold the property owner responsible for problems involving a lateral (i.e., the connecting pipe between the water or sewer main and the property), regardless of whether the source of the problem is within the owner's property. This practice is common to most municipalities because laterals exist solely to supply the individual property.

Also at the two March meetings, the Council first proposed and then adopted an ordinance amending the ordinance adopted in 1961 under which the Borough leased for 99 years the acre on which the Franklin D. Roosevelt bust by Jonathan Shahn and the amphitheater in front of it were constructed, at a rental of one dollar per year. Though the lease still has 40 years to run, Borough Historian and Board of Education member Michael Ticktin was concerned that there might not be anyone around 40 years from now who would be aware of the need to renew the lease, so he recommended to both bodies that the lease be amended to renew automatically, unless either party decides not to renew prior to the then-current expiration date. The amendment to the lease, which will take effect if approved by the Board of Education, would have the lease automatically renew at 20 year intervals beginning in 2080.

The 1962 dedication of the bust, believed to be the first statue of FDR anywhere in the country, was a major event

in the history of the Borough, which was then marking its 25th anniversary. The guest of honor was Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, in what turned out to be her last public appearance.

Also at the March 9 meeting, the Council proposed, and passed on first reading, an ordinance to prohibit the future planting of running bamboo and regulate, through five-foot

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### Primary Election Postponed to July 7

Governor Phil Murphy has signed an Executive Order postponing the June 2020 Primary Election to July 7, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The election includes primaries for President, the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and county and municipal elections, as well as county committee elections in Monmouth County.

The statutory Primary Election deadlines that were scheduled to occur after April 11 will be changed and calculated by using the July 7 election date. This does not affect any deadlines that have already passed with the exception of the deadline for change of party affiliation which is moved to May 13. Based on the new Primary Election date of July 7, the voter registration deadline for the election will be June 16, and the deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by mail will be June 30.

For more information, visit the Elections Website at [MonmouthCountyVotes.com](http://MonmouthCountyVotes.com) or call the County Clerk's Elections Division at 732-431-7790.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 43rd edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from September through July. We will not publish in January and August.

### Roosevelt Borough Bulletin Submission Process

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

- Send your submission to the email [rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com](mailto:rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com). For short messages, you can also use the contact form on our web site, which will go to the same address.
- Send your submission as a Microsoft Word attachment or as plain text within the body of your email.
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- Please include images as separate files. If you have multiple files, please put them into a zip file, if possible. Please submit only JPEG images.
- The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication (e.g., January 15 for the February issue). Submissions received after the 15th will normally be printed in the issue following the one currently in production. (So, for example, a submission received on January 16th would be printed in March.)
- 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.

An archive of all past issues of the Bulletin can be found online at [www.mazicmusic.com/rbb.htm](http://www.mazicmusic.com/rbb.htm), courtesy of Mark Zuckerman. Current and recent issues can also be found online at [www.rooseveltboroughbulletin.org](http://www.rooseveltboroughbulletin.org), the official website of the Borough Bulletin. To have the Bulletin sent to you by email, please send your request to [rpessler32@gmail.com](mailto:rpessler32@gmail.com).

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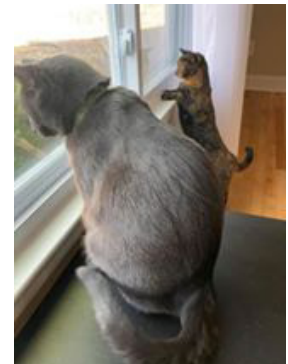
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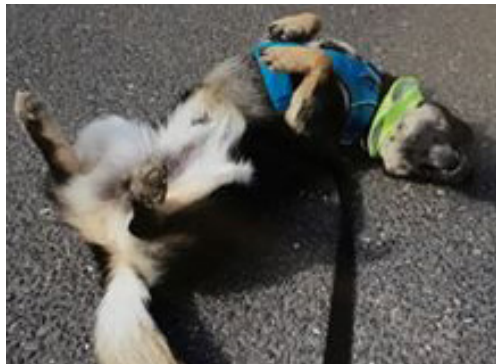
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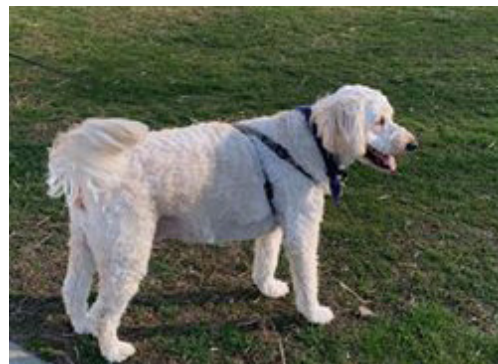
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We will be pleased to continue sending them the *BULLETIN* when we receive their contributions which, of course, can be for the same amount (or more) as in the past.

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.

PLEASE SEND IN A CONTRIBUTION TODAY. ***WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.***

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buffer zones along property lines and other measures to prevent underground spread, stands of bamboo already existing within the Borough. The issue had been brought to the Council's attention by the Environmental Commission, and it is one that several other municipalities in New Jersey have had to deal with by ordinance, since running bamboo can easily spread and get out of control and encroach on adjoining properties. The Council did not take any further action on this ordinance at the March 23 meeting in order to allow more opportunity for public comment.

Because of the corona virus situation, the March 23 meeting was conducted with Mayor Malkin, the municipal clerk and attorney and one Council member present, and the rest of the Council participating by speaker phone. The Borough Hall was open for the meeting, though no members of the public were present.

## WHEN THE FORSYTHIA BLOOMS

My father once told me the time  
to put down grass seed  
is when the forsythia blooms.  
I noticed those scraggly yellow buds  
on the roadside the other day,  
the same week that my backyard  
cherry tree began sprouting  
soft sprays of pink.

And so it is time to tend  
to the winter-trodden earth  
of my garden, to kneel in  
the damp soil to till it by hand,  
prune out old growth and stones  
that surfaced in cold upheavals,  
and smooth the ground  
in preparation for spring.

But I am still heaving  
rocks myself and carrying  
the cold weight of winter  
that has held on tight and  
long, as I gasp for air  
and kick toward the surface  
where yellow and pink flowers  
have begun to blossom.

Ann Wallace



## Revamped Bulletin Board Graces Borough

The bulletin board at the post office received a "make-over." Roosevelt resident Luke Dermody and his dad volunteered their time to make the badly needed improvements. Thank you!



## The Roosevelt Arts Project Season Cancelled

Owing to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and in the interest of the health and well-being of our fans and subscribers, the remaining events of the RAP season have been cancelled. They include:

- One-Act Plays
- Roosevelt Poets
- Roosevelt String Band Concert
- Mind and Body: Art and Science

We expect to be back in September as usual to announce the schedule for another wonderful season of high quality events in the arts. In the meantime, be careful, stay well!

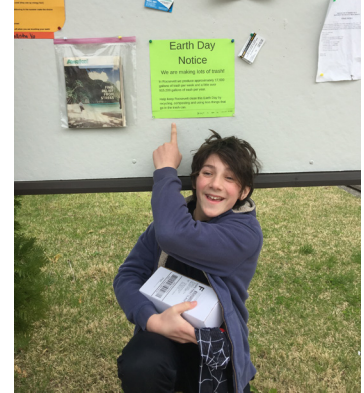
Sincerely,  
David Herrstrom,  
President, Roosevelt Arts Project  
<http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org>

## **Earth Day Notice**

### **We are making lots of trash!**

In Roosevelt we produce approximately 17,600 gallons of trash per week and a little over 915,200 gallons of trash per year.

Help keep Roosevelt clean this Earth Day by recycling, composting and using less things that go in the trash can.



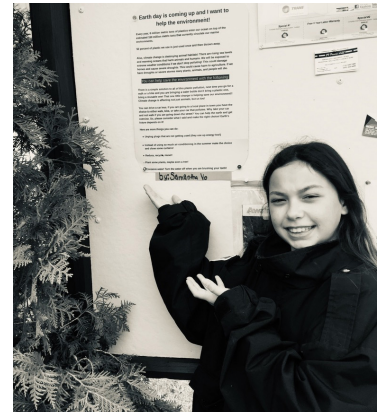
Zachary Pressler

## **Earth day is coming up and I want to help the environment!**

Every year, 8 million metric tons of plastics enter our ocean on top of the estimated 150 million metric tons that currently circulate our marine environments.

50 percent of plastic we use is just used once and then thrown away.

Also, climate change is destroying animal habitats! There are rising sea levels and warming oceans that harm animals and humans. We will be exposed to extreme weather conditions if we don't stop polluting! This could damage homes and cause severe droughts. This could cause harm to agriculture. If we have droughts or severe storms many plants, animals, and people will die.



Sam Vo

### **You can help save the environment with the following:**

There is a simple solution to all of this plastic pollution, next time you go for a walk or a hike and you are bringing a water bottle don't bring a plastic one, bring a reusable one! That one little change is helping save our environment!! Climate change is affecting not just animals, but us too!

You can drive a car less. If you are going to a local place in town you have the choice to either walk, bike, or take your car that pollutes. Why take your car and not walk if you are going down the street? You can help the earth and get exercise. So, please consider what I said and make the right choice! Earth's future depends on it!

### **Here are more things you can do:**

- Unplug plugs that are not getting used (they use up energy too!)
- Instead of using so much air conditioning in the summer make the choice and close some curtains!
- Reduce, recycle, reuse!!
- Plant some plants, maybe even a tree!
- Conserve water! Turn the water off when you are brushing your teeth!

## Snowballs in June

Continuing our series of articles highlighting the native species that we need to encourage, this month we spotlight the Buttonbush.

The Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) is a deciduous native bush/small tree that can be found in Roosevelt. Sometimes called button-willow or honey-bells, it grows throughout the eastern half of the US. It is usually found in wetlands in sun or part-shade. It will also do well in upland situations as long as they are moist. If you are thinking of planting a rain garden, this is the plant for you. The plant gets its name from the flowers that form a dense one-

inch spherical cluster. The long-lasting, unusual blossoms are white or pale-pink. These fragrant flowers are a favorite of bees, humming-birds, and butterflies starting in June. The seed heads that follow provide food for birds. If you collect seeds in November and plant them, they will germinate in about 2 weeks. No special treatment is required.

The plant can grow up to 20 feet tall, but if it gets out of hand, you can cut it back and it will re-sprout from the base. There are also varieties specifically selected for their more restrained habit. The leaves are toxic to livestock, but not toxic enough to prevent deer from browsing on them. Its deer resistance is rated as high.

Some of the commercially available varieties are:

Sputnik grows 8 to 10 feet high with a rounded habit. Its glossy green leaves turn yellow in the fall.



Buttonbush flower heads opened and unopened

Sugar Shack™ grows only 3 to 4 feet high with reddish tipped foliage. It has reddish fruit.

Keystone is a vigorous selection from the USDA.

Fiber Optics grows about 5 feet high and bears 1½ inch wide flower heads.

Be on the lookout for Buttonbush on the Roosevelt's Ron Filepp Woodland Trail between Rochdale and Tamara.

References:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cephalanthus\\_occidentalis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cephalanthus_occidentalis)

[https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=ceoc2](https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ceoc2)



Buttonbush seed head

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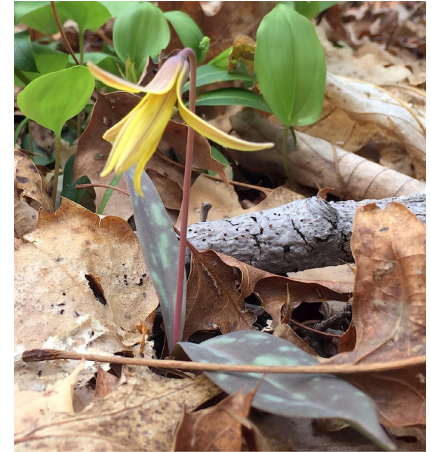
## Dogtooth Violets

Continuing our series of articles highlighting the native species that we need to encourage, this month we spotlight the yellow dogtooth violet, aka yellow adder's tongue or yellow trout lily (*Erythronium americanum*).

Dogtooth violets are small lilies, native to eastern North America. Single nodding yellow flowers on approximately 5-inch stems appear in mid-April in Roosevelt. The plant is happy in moist semi-shade and humus rich soil, but it will also do well in our sandy soil. Its mottled

leaves resemble the mottled skin of trout, hence the name. Since the leaves die off during the summer, summer shade is not a problem, but good light in the spring is needed for a good bloom. Young and crowded plants may only grow a single leaf and no flowers. Too little light has the same effect. The plants grow from tiny bulbs that grow surprisingly deep in the ground. The tooth-like shape of the white underground bulb resembles a dog's tooth, hence the plant's other name. These plants are stoloniferous rooting from creeping stems, forming colonies. Years ago there was a large patch covering about 100 square feet on a back road north of route 33. Sad to say, I have not seen it recently. It was quite impressive in bloom.

The yellow dogtooth violet has about 20 relatives in North America. In addition to yellow, there are also purple, pink, red and white flowered species. Some of these are commercially available. The Pagoda dogtooth violet (*Erythronium pagoda*), a hybrid of two west coast species is frequently available and a bit more robust than our local native. It also has yellow flowers, but the leaves are a uniform pale green and



*Erythronium americanum* Photo: S Taylor

it does not spread. Rutgers lists *Erythronium* as "seldom severely damaged" by deer. Give these cheery little spring bloomers a try.

### References:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erythronium\\_americanum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erythronium_americanum)

[https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=ERAM5](https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ERAM5)

<https://njaes.rutgers.edu/deer-resistant-plants/>



*Erythronium pagoda*

Photo: S Taylor

## Recycling Reminder

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

Only glass used for packaging beverages and food can be recycled. Drinking glasses, window glass, mirrors, Pyrex cookware, ceramics, etc. are not suitable for recycling.

Our recycling service only handles two types of plastic. Items marked with a 1 (such as soda or water bottles) or 2 are eligible (detergent bottles with the caps removed).

These kinds of plastic materials cannot be recycled by our service: margarine tubs, diaper wipe containers, yogurt cups, clear salad containers, dried fruit and nut containers, food storage containers, plastic jars (peanut butter etc.). These items should be put in the trash or reused for storage.

# Birds Abroad

by Sam Ashburner

December 10th 2019

Recently my wife, brother and I took a trip to London and were lucky enough to spend a few hours in St. James Park near Buckingham Palace. While we sipped coffee and walked around the lake we observed a number of birds that were both familiar and quite unfamiliar to us.

St. James Park is the oldest of the eight Royal Parks. The area was once just a swampy meadow before King Henry VIII (1491-1547) purchased the land for deer hunting. King James I (1566-1625) improved the area by controlling the drainage and water flow into the park and introducing a number of exotic animals. Camels, crocodiles, elephants and aviaries full of exotic birds all called this area home. The park was opened to the public during this time as well.

Charles II (1630-1685) improved the park further by adding avenues of trees, lawns and establishing a permanent canal. It was at this time that the pelicans were first introduced to St. James Park (continue reading for more information). The modernization of the park began in the 1820s when George IV (1762-1830) hired the British architect John Nash (1752 - 1835), the designer of Buckingham Palace, to renovate the area. The canal was redesigned to look more like a natural lake



Sam and Nicole Ashburner at St. James Park

and winding pathways were added. In 1837, a cottage was built for a bird keeper and the Ornithological Society of London introduced additional waterfowl into the park.



**Egyptian Goose** – This brown and grey goose has unique dark brown eye patches and white patches on its wings. Adults are slightly smaller than the Canada geese we see in New Jersey. The Egyptian Goose was originally brought to the UK in the 17th century as an ornamental waterfowl but many escaped and they began to breed in the wild. Egyptian geese will nest earlier than native geese and ducks because they are not fully accustomed to chilly winters in the UK. They prefer large holes in trees or empty burrows underground to raise their chicks.



**Eurasian Magpie** – A loud, flashy bird that appears to be just black and white until you get closer. Up close, the black feathers are really a dark blue and green color that flashes in the sunlight (similar to a Grackle). In adults, over 50% of their body length is made up of their tail which bounces up and down as they prod the grass for insects. Their belly and scapulars (shoulder feathers) are bright white. Like Blue Jays, the magpie is loud

and bossy. They chat with each other both in flight and while stationary. The magpie is part of the corvid family which includes ravens and crows. They are known to be very intelligent, not just among birds but all animals. They have demonstrated mirror self-recognition, elaborate social rituals, the use of tools and episodic memory. There are some great videos on YouTube where you can observe the intelligence of corvids.



**Common Moorhen** – A medium sized bird (picture a small duck) that loves fresh water and brackish marshes and can be seen wading through them eating aquatic vegetation, snails and small insects. Overall, the Moorhen is black or charcoal grey with a few white feathers on the wings and tail. Its distinctive feature is a red bill and forehead that really catch the eye. Its yellow legs and toes also stand out. The Moorhen's large toes allow it to walk on soft mud and floating vegetation in search of food. Despite not having webbed toes, the Moorhen is an excellent swimmer.



**Eurasian Coot** – Kind of similar to the Common Moorhen but the Eurasian Coot has a white, red eyes and is a bit smaller. The Coot also has a black or charcoal grey body, long toes and is found in similar environments. Like the Moorhen, the bill and forehead

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really stand out except the Coot has a white bill and forehead.



**Grey Heron** – The Grey Heron is very similar to the Blue Heron we have here in New Jersey. Tall, with long legs, a long beak and grey, black and white feathers, the grey heron is easy to spot. Like herons here at home, the grey heron is often found alone at the water’s edge waiting for fish. In flight, its long legs dangle below and its wings flap slowly. In addition to eating fish, herons will also eat small birds

such as ducklings and Coots. Herons is often found in wetland habitats where fish are plentiful. When they breed, herons gather in a colony and build their nests in trees.



**Great White Pelican** – The first great white pelican was introduced to St. James Park in 1664 as a gift from the Russian Ambassador. Since then, over 40 pelicans have called the park their home. The pelicans are so revered that they each receive a name. Currently, St. James Park has six pelicans (Isla, Tiffany, Gargi, Sun Moon and Star). They congregate mostly on one side of the pond where large

rocks have been added as a basking area for the pelicans as well as other birds. They are fed fresh fish every day by park employees. The great white pelican is a large white bird with a yellow-orange throat pouch, pink bare skin near the eyes, and pink legs. In flight, darker feathers can be seen under the wings. These pelicans do not stray far from St. James Park but have been known to fly to London Zoo to steal fish. They are friendly but have been known to eat a pigeon or two (once on live TV). The pelicans of St. James Park were a major surprise to us; I suggest searching online for more information about this historical scoop of pelicans.

To learn more about birds in our area (and abroad), I suggest visiting [allaboutbirds.com](http://allaboutbirds.com) and downloading the Merlin app (both from The Cornell Lab). Additional sources used for this article: The Guardian newspaper, [BeautyofBirds.com](http://BeautyofBirds.com), [royalparks.org](http://royalparks.org), [Londonist.com](http://Londonist.com) & [LondonBirders.com](http://LondonBirders.com)

That in this plague year  
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has given us forsythia  
flinging  
in dervish dance its long-limbed  
yellow  
brilliance into my exiled-in-shelter heart, gives a lie to  
uncertainty.

- David Sten Herrstrom



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You can now view and pay your property taxes and utilities bill on-line. Just go to our website at [www.rooseveltnj.us](http://www.rooseveltnj.us)

**Borough Mailing Instructions**

When mailing anything to Roosevelt Borough, please use P.O. Box 128. This includes property tax payments and water/sewer payments.

**You can pay your Water/Sewer Bill and Taxes on-line**  
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**ROOSEVELT RESIDENTS**

Effective immediately, you can no longer use clear plastic bags for your recycling. The contractor will not pick up. Please use a clear open-top receptacle.

**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.



**RECYCLING DATES**  
April 1, 15, 29  
May 13, 27

## REFLECTIONS

By Al Hepner

### I know my address!

For many years, I've received gifts of address labels from advertising charities. Since I had a rubber stamp with my name and address on it, I didn't feel I needed to use the sticky labels. But more to the point, since I didn't intend to send a donation to many of those who requested a donation, I knew I'd feel guilty using their gift if I wasn't going to send them something in return. So, I threw the labels away.

About a year ago, the gifts proliferated so, I began to feel uncomfortable throwing them out and often wondered how many I was really getting. So, I started to save the sticky address labels whether I intended to send a donation or not. Many of the donation seekers are alleged conservationists: that is, don't cut-trees- down-groups, and save-some-wild-animal or other groups. Organizations I'd send a donation to once a year and eventually wrote to them not to send me any more Albert Hepner sticky labels but once a year. Some ignored my request to conserve while they asked me five times a year to continue to conserve by sending me tons of labels (these are not just paper labels; they're also stuck

on a sheet of paper). I think you get the drift. I stopped making donations to those that specifically are saving the earth.

The collection of labels I've saved will give me the opportunity not to use my old rubber stamp for 19.52 years. I also will not be able to move for nearly 20 years, nor will I be able to marry and change my name to my new beloved one. This is all assuming these proliferators haven't used up all the material used to make the labels. It used to be trees that help the oxygenation of the earth. As of now, I have 2,375 labels and I can't even share them with you. You're very likely wondering why I'm complaining when the world is out there making sure I live another 19 years of so and making sure you all know where I live. I suppose I'm compounding my lack of gratefulness by e-mailing this complaint and not using my sticky labels.

Albert Hepner, P.O. Box 655,  
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

P.S. Narcissists need not suggest I wallpaper a room and have a ball there.

### 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.

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By Mary Tulloss

## RPS Students Hit the Road to Morven!

On January 14th two school buses pulled up in front of Roosevelt Public School and Kindergarten through fifth grade students got aboard for a trip to the Morven Museum in Princeton to see the exhibit “Dreaming of Utopia: Roosevelt, New Jersey”. The exhibit includes more than 100 paintings, sculpture and other objects which have never been exhibited together. The students saw some things that they recognized as being on loan from their school including the aluminum doors that were originally the front doors of the school. Many other items were new to them including a recreation of a Roosevelt house party from the 1960’s, made by resident Ani Rosskam when she was a teenager. The students also learned about the history of Morven beginning with Richard Stockton, a signer of the



Declaration of Independence. This trip was funded by the RPS Education Foundation and the RPS PTA.

Thanks to the generosity of Roosevelt community members, friends outside of Roosevelt, parents of current and former students and alumni, the RPS Education Foundation has been able to fund the following programs and clubs this school year:

- trip to a farm to learn about apple, pumpkin and potato picking, important New Jersey crops
- trip to an aquarium with emphasis on the penguin exhibit
- - trip to a play to see “Rosie Revere, Engineer” to learn about jobs involving science and technology
- after school Garden Club and Cooking Club, important life skills are learned
- after school Video Club, learning about an important medium of expression
- Two performances by Young Audiences, “Bach to Rock” and “Jazz for Kids”

Considering the very significant budget cuts by the state, none of these programs could have been



funded under the current school budget. We are extremely grateful for your donations to the Education Foundation so that we can provide a stimulating environment outside of the traditional classroom for our students.



Young Audiences – “Bach to Rock”



### STAY CONNECTED!

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## Roosevelt Public School Awarded Sustainability Grant



Roosevelt, NJ – Sustainable Jersey for Schools and the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) announced that Roosevelt Elementary School has been awarded a Sustainable Jersey for Schools capacity-building grant.

The \$2,000 grant is intended to assist the school green team as they lead and coordinate sustainability activities.

This project will support the school’s ongoing efforts to instill in our students a life-long love of gardening, and a respect for nature and the environment.

With this contribution NJEA has provided \$1.25 million to support a sustainable future for children across the state through the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. “It is our responsibility to care for our planet, protecting it, making sure that the ways in which we interact with it are sustainable,” said NJEA Vice President Sean M. Spiller. “As educators, we bear a heavier mantle of responsibility because not only do we need to care for our own footprint but educate our students and communities to do the same -- to become engaged citizens, global leaders in saving and protecting our planet. NJEA is honored to continue our work with Sustainable Jersey as we direct resources into our schools that will support these innovative programs.” In addition to grant funding, NJEA supports Sustainable Jersey for Schools as a program underwriter.

“These grants encourage our schools and districts to foster innovative sustainability initiatives that make their schools better stewards in their communities,” said Sustainable Jersey Executive Director Randall Solomon. “Sustainable Jersey for Schools grants catalyze school-centered sustainability programs and support the creative superintendents, principals, teachers, students and parents who are leading them.” Proposals were judged by an independent Blue-Ribbon Selection Committee. The Sustainable Jersey for Schools grants are intended to help school districts and schools make progress toward a sustainable future in general, and specifically toward Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification.

### **About Roosevelt Public School:**

Situated in the heart of the historic New Deal town of Roosevelt in western Monmouth County, Roosevelt Public School is a Pre-K-5 district currently serving 80 students. Our small class sizes enable us to nurture and challenge the unique potential of every child as life-long learners and leaders.

### **About Sustainable Jersey for Schools:**

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a certification program for public schools in New Jersey. It was launched by Sustainable Jersey, an organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support and reward municipalities and schools as they pursue sustainability programs. To date, 346 school districts and 905 schools are participating in the program. Sustainable Jersey for Schools has awarded over \$2 million in grants to schools and school districts. To learn more, visit [www.SustainableJerseySchools.com](http://www.SustainableJerseySchools.com).

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- 10 Sun. Mother's Day

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- 13 Weds. Recycling Pickup 

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- 20 Weds. 7:00 pm Environmental Commission, conducted by video conference. See agenda for details: <https://www.rooseveltnj.us/ec-agendas-minutes>


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