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Proposal to Contract with the Millstone Fire District for Basic Life Support Ambulance Services Adopted by Council.

Borough Expects to Receive \$82,000 in Aid Under Federal American Rescue Plan Act

by Michael Ticktin

The main item of business at the Council meetings of both February 8 and 22 was a proposal to amend the shared services agreement with the Millstone Fire District (MFD) to include basic life support ambulance services, as well as fire protection and suppression services. Due to the lengthy public discussion during the three-and-a-half-hour meeting on February 8, the Council adjourned without voting on the proposal. They resumed the discussion, and ultimately voted to approve the proposal, at the next meeting on February 22.

The issue arose because the MFD recently advised the Borough that it had expanded its facilities, equipment, personnel and capabilities to provide basic life support ambulance services, and that it would do so at no additional cost to the Borough for the duration of the existing fire services contract, which expires on May 21, 2022.

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad (RFAS), a nonprofit organization independent of the Borough, currently uses the Borough Hall to garage its equipment and has served for many years as the primary ambulance service to the Borough. RFAS has historically received financial support from the Borough; however, the Borough has more recently withheld support over a dispute about access to records. MFD and other nearby ambulance services have a long standing mutual aid agreement that provides service in the event that the RFAS fails to answer a call. RFAS has done likewise for neighboring services.

Though the decision to have the MFD serve as the first ambulance service provider dispatched to any emergencies in Roosevelt would not force the RFAS to dissolve itself

or to lose its equipment (or the right to keep it garaged at the Borough Hall), it would have the effect of rendering it redundant, since it would no longer receive first aid calls, thus calling into question its reason for existing.

Members and supporters of the RFAS expressed vehement opposition to the change at both meetings. A major subject of dispute was the percentage of calls to which the RFAS responded. Mayor Malkin cited numerous complaints that the Council had received of instances of failure to respond, expressing concern that the Borough cannot be in a position where people may die because an ambulance does not come quickly. In response, RFAS president Neil Marko said that the information she cited was not correct and that RFAS did, in fact, have a higher response rate than Mayor Malkin had stated, and that Monmouth County records supported his position.

RFAS representatives also told the Council that they were in the process of recruiting volunteers. The Mayor and members of the Council responded that the proposed change was only for a bit more than a year, and the Council would reexamine any options, and any change in circumstances, when a decision would have to be made next year about renewing the agreement. The Mayor also noted that, as is the case with fire services, anyone wishing to serve both Millstone and Roosevelt as a volunteer has the option of joining the MFD.

At the March 15 meeting, the Council introduced on first reading an ordinance incorporating stricter storm-water management requirements required to comply with

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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.

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.
- Send your submission as a Microsoft Word attachment or as plain text with in the body of your email. Please do not send PDFs.
- Please include images as separate files.
- 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.
- 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

SENIOR CITIZENS: There is a S.C.A.T. bus provided by Monmouth County Division of Transportation that comes to Roosevelt and will take you shopping to ShopRite in East Windsor. There is no charge to you for this service.

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, courtesy of Mark Zuckerman. Current and recent issues can also be found online at 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.

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rules of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Second reading and a public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held at the April 19 Council meeting. (Note: The proposed ordinance was passed on second reading at the April 19 meeting and is now in effect.)

Also at the March 15 meeting, Mayor Malkin announced that she had received notice that the Borough would receive \$82,000 as its share of the funds allocated to New Jersey

municipalities under the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act recently approved by the Congress and signed into law by President Biden. Councilman Mike Hamilton reported that he had participated in a webinar regarding this municipal aid and it was his understanding that funds could be used to pay for municipal utility repairs that would otherwise necessitate rate increases. Councilman Hamilton also indicated that he would investigate the possibility that the Borough might obtain additional funding for necessary work on the utility systems..

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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 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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Ben Shahn, the Rockefellers and a Town Called Roosevelt, New Jersey

By Rabbi Michael M. Cohen from the Jerusalem Post, March 4, 2021

Rockefeller Center is a series of buildings situated over 22 acres in mid-Manhattan. Its centerpiece, rising 850 feet into the New York skyline, is 30 Rockefeller Center, also known as 30 Rock. Constructed in the early 1930s, it is an Art Deco showcase both within and without. Outside, an Art Deco bronze statue of Atlas holds up the heavens while a large golden statue of Prometheus overlooks its world-famous ice-skating rink. However, its most famous artwork can no longer be seen, having been destroyed. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. wanted to create a city within a city: a “mecca for lovers of art.” To that end, he commissioned scores of sculptors, painters and textile workers. He believed in the idea of human progress, which he supported through his philanthropy and how he saw the symbolic value of Rockefeller Center. At the time it stood taller than most of the New York City skyline; nothing stood between it and the Empire State Building, built around the same time.

“New Frontiers” was the theme of the Center’s artwork. Rockefeller’s wife, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, a co-founder of the Museum of Modern Art, a patron of the Mexican artist Diego Rivera, suggested that Rivera be approached to do a mural for the lobby. He was asked to produce “Man at the Crossroads Looking with Hope and High Vision to the Choosing of a New and Better Future.” For the work, Rivera put together a six-person team that included the Social Realist painter Ben Shahn, who had impressed Rivera because of his paintings of Sacco and Vanzetti, two Italian immigrants who were executed on trumped-up charges due to ethnic and political bigotry. Rivera was hired with the knowledge of his leftist political views. After they fled Stalin, Trotsky and his wife Natalia would stay in Mexico City with Rivera and his wife, the artist Frida Kahlo.

Rivera’s original sketch placed a soldier, a worker and a peasant clasping

hands at the center, representing unity within the human spirit facing an unknown but hopeful future. What he ended up painting evolved far beyond the original sketch, to become a highly complex mural with social, scientific, ethical, economic and political images, including those representing communism. The latter became too much for the Rockefellers after Rivera added Lenin, and they asked him to remove Lenin. In a letter written by Shahn, Rivera responded: “Rather than mutilate the conception [of the mural], I shall prefer the physical destruction of the conception in its entirety, but preserving, at least, its integrity.”

The drama carried on for months, including public demonstrations, but months later the mural was destroyed.

A FEW years later, Shahn received a commission to create a mural for the community center of Jersey Homesteads, New Jersey. Later renamed Roosevelt, Jersey Homesteads lies just east of Trenton and was established by the Resettlement Administration (RA) as part of Roosevelt’s New Deal (Executive Order 7027). The charge of the RA was to resettle “destitute or low-income families from rural and urban areas” to new communities established on cooperative and collective models.

Jersey Homesteads was conceived as an industrial and agricultural cooperative for unemployed Jewish garment workers from crowded conditions in Manhattan’s Lower East Side. Notes from its early town meetings were written in Yiddish! Houses were built in the simple Bauhaus style on half-acre plots of land surrounded by shared open space. Conservative voices did not approve of the socialist leanings of the RA projects, with one newspaper headline reading “First Communist Town in America Nears Completion.”

Such a nonconformist approach fit very well with Shahn’s attitude toward art. In a lecture at Harvard, he explained “a want of satisfaction with

things as they are” propelled artists to “become critics of society, and... partisans in its burning causes,” as witnessed by the “passionate testament of their sympathies as it is written across the canvases and walls of the world.”

Shahn’s mural in Jersey Homesteads measures 45 feet (13.7 meters) in length and 12 feet (3.7 meters) in height. It is a fresco, a technique he learned from Rivera, that tells the Jewish immigrant story to the United States. Like Rivera’s mural in Rockefeller Center, it is divided into sections, in this case three sections.

The left panel includes Sacco and Vanzetti lying in their open coffins with a Nazi soldier standing behind the coffins holding a sign (in German): “Germans! Defend Yourself! Don’t shop from Jews!” Below we find Shahn’s mother, Gittel, and Albert Einstein arriving at Ellis Island.

The middle panel focuses on the issue of worker’s rights. There we see workers in various sweatshops, as well as a union leader painted in the likeness of John Lewis, president of the CIO; and a picket sign with a quote of Lewis visible: “One of the great principles for which labor and America must stand in the future is the right of every man and woman to have a job, to earn their living if they are willing to work.” David Dubinsky, the head of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union is also portrayed.

The far-right panel focuses on a number of individuals important to the New Deal and the Labor movement, surrounding a blueprint of the municipality.

Shahn moved to Jersey Homesteads in 1939 with his second wife, photojournalist Bernarda Bryson, whom he met when she came to New York City to do a piece on Rivera’s mural. For decades, Shahn used his artistic skills as social commentary. In that light, his work can be seen like that of the

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prophets of the Bible whose primary task was to hold a mirror up to society, as a tool to motivate all of us to repair and improve our world.

Shahn's mural is located in the Roosevelt Public School. Once travel returns to normal post-COVID, prospective visitors can call the school at 609-448-2798 to arrange an appointment to see the mural.

The writer is rabbi emeritus of the Israel Congregation, Manchester Center, Vermont, and a faculty member of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies and Bennington College.

<https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/ben-shahn-the-rockefellers-and-a-town-called-roosevelt-new-jersey-660419>

Paper Shredding Event in Millstone

April 25, 2021,
9:00am - 1:00 pm

By Ellen Silverman

Dispose of confidential documents and old files. Remove large binder clips, staples and paper clips can remain. This a free service for Monmouth County residents, no business allowed. Limited to 100 pounds, the equivalent of 4 office paper boxes or 4 large trash bags.

April 25, 2021, 4 Red Valley Road, Millstone Park, Millstone Twp. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event will end early if the truck is filled.

Check out my website www.mcguffsilverman.com for more information about my paintings.

American Life in Poetry: Column 825
BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

Here, poet Yusef Komunyakaa, who teaches at New York University, shows us a fine portrait of the hard life of a worker—in this case, a horse—and, through metaphor, the terrible, clumsy beauty of his final moments.

Yellowjackets

When the plowblade struck

An old stump hiding under

The soil like a beggar's

Rotten tooth, they swarmed up

& Mister Jackson left the plow

Wedged like a whaler's harpoon.

The horse was midnight

Against dusk, tethered to somebody's

Pocketwatch. He shivered, but not

The way women shook their heads

Before mirrors at the five

& dime—a deeper connection

To the low field's evening star.

He stood there, in tracechains,

Lathered in froth, just

Stopped by a great, goofy

Calmness. He whinnied

Once, & then the whole

Beautiful, blue-black sky

Fell on his back.

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Not Raspberries

This month's article highlights an invasive species that we need to discourage, the Wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*).

The wineberry was brought to the US from Japan and China in ~1890 as an ornamental and for use in breeding new bramble varieties with native berries. It escaped. You can find it growing around town. It is easily recognized by its abundant bristly hairy red thorns along the reddish stems.



Wineberry bush (*Rubus phoenicolasius*)

photo S Taylor

It spreads out from the mother plant with arching canes that take root where their tips touch the ground. The stems resemble those of the purple-flowered raspberry (*Rubus odoratus*), native to North Jersey, which has hairy red stems without thorns and flowers with large purple petals. The wineberry's flowers are unimpressive. Its leaves are whitish underneath and the fruit looks like a typical raspberry, only orange with a hint of red. Unlike its raspberry cousins, the wineberry fruit grows within a prickly calyx, which opens to reveal the fruit when they begin to ripen. Like red and black raspberries; when you pick the berries, the core (aka, receptacle) remains on the plant.

As with most invasive species, the key to control is to catch it early, before the plant becomes well established. Short of chemical treatments, wineberries can be controlled by frequent cutting to the ground. Eventually, they die off.

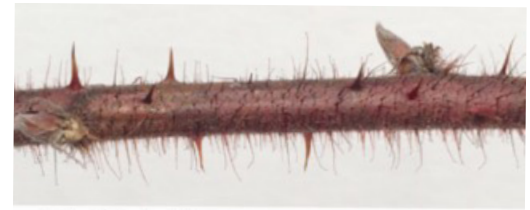


Wineberry - Immature Fruit

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Wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*) stem

photo - S Taylor

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).

Sermons from the Woods

Continuing our series of articles highlighting the native species that we should encourage, this month we spotlight Jack-in-the-Pulpit.

In the damp woods, the Rev Jack ministers to the woodland from his shady pulpit. Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*) gets its name



Jack-in-the-Pulpit flower

from the shape of its flower that looks like a little fellow in a pulpit with a canopy. Actually, what looks like the flower is really not the flower. It is called a spathe. The true flowers are very small and surround the lower portion of the spadix (the little fellow standing in the pulpit). The plants grow about 12 to 20 inches tall from a corm. This cousin of the skunk cabbage blooms in April or May. The 'flowers' are pale green, and on some plants they have brownish purple vertical stripes. I have seen plants of both types growing next to one another. The plants have one and two leaves made up of three leaflets. It is sometimes confused with poison ivy. At this time of year, the plants are just emerging from the leaf litter.

Please don't dig plants from the woods. There are online sources for the seeds and corms.



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Calling all Roosevelt Citizen Scientists

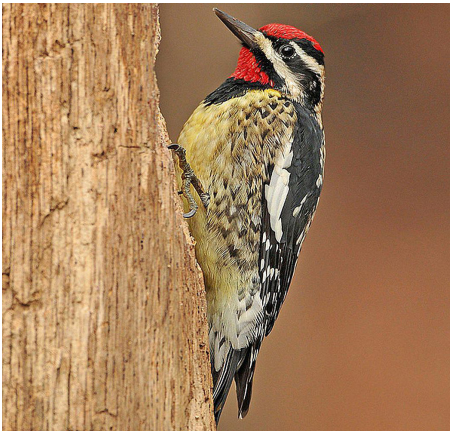
Water is our most precious natural resource—without it, all life would perish. Water is also incredibly fragile and vulnerable to many threats, from various sources of pollution to climate change. In the coming year we hope to continue monitoring the health of our streams, but we will use a new process which involves collecting water samples and using chemical analysis to measure such things as temperature, nitrates, phosphates, pH, etc.

Members of the Stream Monitoring Team will take a one-day training class at the Watershed Institute in Pennington. Once trained, we will go out one day per month year round to collect and analyze water samples. The process will take about an hour once we are proficient. We will monitor the Rocky Brook and Empty Box Brook. A one year commitment is required. We especially encourage middle school, high school and college students to join us.

We are not sure when training and sampling will begin because of COVID-19 concerns.

If you are interested in participating, please send an email to marytulloss@comcast.net.

Borough Birds 7

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**

Yellow-bellied sapsuckers are mostly black and white with intricately patterned faces. Both sexes have bright red foreheads and males also have red throats. They are fairly small (Robin sized) woodpeckers with short, straight bills. A sapsucker's method of feeding is really interesting. They will drill shallow holes in trees to access sugary sap and small insects. I was unaware of this behavior until a good friend, Steve Taylor, sent me a picture of some tree damage he observed on

his property. In addition to their unique method of feeding, their drumming is different from most other woodpeckers. They drum at a slower, more random pace.

Kind of like someone tapping a pen when bored. Sapsuckers will seek out trees with good resonance for their calls and territorial messages. They also



take advantage of human encroachment and use metal such as street signs for their messages. Keep your ears open in the coming weeks as sapsuckers will be more active as we enter spring.

**Red-tailed Hawk**

The most common and widespread hawk in North America loves Roosevelt as much as we do. I have encountered a few along the Woodland Trail in the summer months and, more recently, I observed one stalking prey in my own backyard. I saw a flash of movement in some low tree branches and grabbed my binoculars. When I found the cause I realized it was a Red-tailed Hawk enjoying a meal (probably a squirrel or mouse) on a branch. After finishing the meal, it hung around in the sunshine before swooping low and grabbing another bunch of leaf litter with its talons. No meal was found so the hawk moved deeper into the woods. As previously men-

tioned, this is the most common large hawk in North America. They are commonly seen perching on telephone poles near roads and soaring over empty fields. Their incredible vision makes spotting any type of movement simple. Looking for their rusty red tail is the easiest method of identification as their other markings are widely varied. Large females can even be mistaken for eagles at a distance. Did you know that the bald eagle call we usually hear on TV and in movies is actually the call of the red-tailed hawk? Red-tailed hawks have a strong, intense screech compared to the shrill whine of a bald eagle. The NPR article "Bald Eagle: A Mighty Symbol, With A Not-So-Mighty Voice" looks more closely at this comical substitution and I highly recommend listening/reading it.

**Snow Goose**

A few weeks ago I was taking a drive through Cream Ridge and spotted a field that was totally and completely covered in noisy, white birds. After a bit of research I learned that I had found a large flock of snow geese. These birds are common

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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.

Checks may be sent to: RPSEF, P.O. Box 22, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. You may also donate via credit card or PayPal on our website, rpsef.org. Please let us know if your company provides matching contributions.

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ROOSEVELT RESIDENTS WITH A MONITORED MEDICAL ALARM OR MONITORED FIRE ALARM SYSTEM:

Any Roosevelt resident or business who has either a monitored medical alarm or monitored fire alarm system should ensure that the alarm company has the contact number for the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Communication Division, (732) 577-8700. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Communication Division provides the 9-1-1 service for Roosevelt Borough and is the responsible agency for dispatching the Millstone Township Fire Department and the Millstone Township Fire Department EMS Division. Any resident or business owner that may have questions is encouraged to contact the Millstone Township Fire Department at (609) 259-2560. The firehouse is staffed 24/7, call at your convenience.



PRESCHOOL and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
Roosevelt Public School
School Year 2021-2022

Registration for pre-school and kindergarten is currently taking place at Roosevelt Public School. 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 2021; 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 - \$4,000/year or \$400/month

Students who turn five on or before October 1, 2021 are eligible for entrance into kindergarten in September 2021.

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 2021. This information will be provided when you register your child.

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

**Roosevelt Public School is accepting
Choice students for 2021-22**

**Roosevelt Public school is currently looking
for Substitute Teachers.**

Please call the school @ 609-448-2798 for information.

Recycling 101

By Steve Taylor

Roosevelt has recycle pickup every other Wednesday. Recycling is mandatory by our Borough ordinances, as well as Monmouth County regulations. Many types of items are required to be recycled, but this article will be limited to alternate Wednesday curbside pickup items, and not other mandated items like used motor oil, computers, batteries, etc. There are basically four types of items: Paper, glass, plastic and metal. All items must be free of grease, oil, food and pet waste. We have a commingled system, so everything can go into one container. Do not put items in plastic bags in the recycling container; keep them loose.

Paper:

Most clean paper can be put out for recycling:

Cardboard (waffle section between paper layers) should be flattened. Packaging tape and staples must be removed. Mixed Paper including: chipboard (cereal boxes), white/color paper, junk mail, plastic window envelopes, magazines, softcover books, wrapping paper/non-metallic, and newspapers including inserts must be recycled.

Loose papers may be put in paper envelopes. Remember, if you can't tear an envelope, it is probably made of plastic. Do not put out more than an 18" high stack of cardboard at once. Do not tie up cardboard, magazines or newspapers up in bundles; leave them loose.

Do not put out for recycling paper that is contaminated with food, oil (pizza boxes), pet waste, or paper used for household projects (containing paint, oil, cleaners etc.).

Certain paper products must NOT be recycled: waxed cardboard (milk cartons, frozen food boxes, any containers that held liquids), food wrappers, paper plates and cups, napkins, tissues, paper towels and items from food/hygiene use. Composite padded

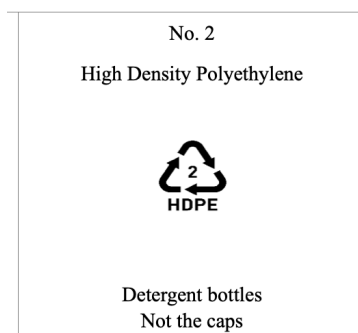
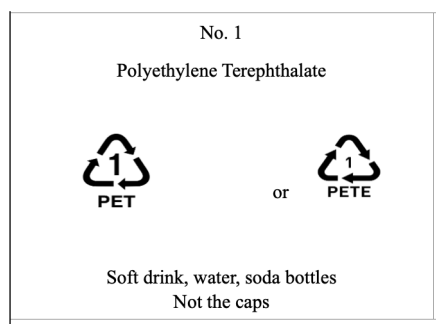
envelopes (part paper/part plastic) should be placed in the trash. Do Not put Shredded paper in recycle. The small paper pieces cause havoc in the sorting machine's rollers and belts.

Glass:

Only glass used for packaging beverages and food can be recycled, because these are all made from the same type of glass. Drinking glasses, window glass, Pyrex® cookware, ceramics, etc. are made from other types of glass that are not suitable for recycling. Lids and caps should be trashed.

Plastic:

There are many types of plastic. Our recycling service only handles the two types of plastic that must be recycled:



Regardless of type of plastic, all the following containers should NOT be put in recycle: margarine tubs, diaper wipes containers, yogurt cups (frequently #5, PP), clear salad containers, clear dried fruit and nut containers (even if they are labeled #1 PET/PETE), food storage containers, plastic packaging from non-food items (e.g., toys, tools, etc.). Plastic jars (peanut butter, jelly, etc.) should be put in the trash regardless of material code.

Please remember that recycling is not the only way to reduce your environmental impact. Many containers can be upcycled or reused. Yogurt containers can be used to store leftovers. Plastic tubs can be used as seed starting pots. You get the idea. Plastic bags should also go into the trash, unless they are from a grocery store, in which case they can be placed in the plastic bag recycle container at most grocery stores.

Metal:

Of all the metal trash that we may generate around the home, only Aluminum cans, Tin cans and Bi-metal cans (tin cans with aluminum lids) may be sent for recycling. They should be rinsed free of food. It is not necessary to remove labels. Cans can be flattened. Aerosol cans that are fully depressurized cans, meaning when the nozzle is held down and "NO" product or propellant escapes, can be placed in the recycling container. Aluminum foil, trays, roasting pans, cookware and scrap metal must NOT be placed out for recycling. Finally, Please do not "wishcycle". Wishcycling is the practice of tossing questionable items in the recycling bin, hoping they can somehow be recycled. This only serves to contaminate the recycling stream and results in potentially recyclable material being trashed. Wishing won't make it so!

References:

Recycling Guide

For those who want all the details about local recycling, see Recycling-Guide.pdf (rooseveltnj.us) (<https://rooseveltnj.us/images/public-works/Recycling-Guide.pdf>)

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Recycling Reminder

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, and which is reprinted, in part, in this issue of the Bulletin.

- Please remember: Only aluminum cans and tin cans (tin cans with aluminum lids) can be recycled (after rinsing)
- Please remember: Aluminum foil, trays, roasting pans, cookware and scrap metal cannot be recycled.
- Please remember: Do not “wishcycle”. This is the practice of tossing questionable items in the recycling bin, hoping they can be recycled.
- Please remember: Please leave at least 3 feet between your garbage can and recycling container(s).



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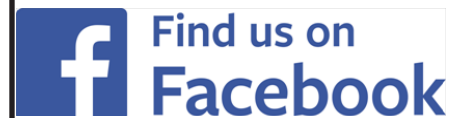
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Roosevelt 1981: Our First House

By Anne Hayden
Atlanta, Georgia

My late husband and I both grew up in Missouri and moved to New York City in 1970 to begin careers with Metropolitan Life. After ten years living in Manhattan and Brooklyn, we were ready to move to New Jersey and buy a house. Because we had visited with a work friend who lived in Freehold Township, we decided to move to the area (we were in our early 30s and that was the extent of our research!). We did, at least, rent an apartment in the American Way complex to provide us with some experience in the area. Since prices were reasonable and the Assunpink Wildlife Preserve would provide a nearby place for our dogs to romp, in 1981 we made an offer on the house at 26 Tamara Drive (shown on the tax rolls as 34 Tamara Drive – I never understood why the street address was different), convinced the owners to finance the mortgage (since 30-year bank rates were over 18%), moved in and immediately began home improvements.

Our first initiatives were no problem – interior painting, removing paneling, putting down new press and stick linoleum flooring in the kitchen. After that, the “Roosevelt factor” began to register as we realized the challenges of doing anything in a house with concrete block walls and a concrete slab ceiling! Although my husband had helped his father build a house, nothing really prepared us for the need for new drill-bits, screw anchors, and the use of wiremold within the house and conduit outside to add outlets and lights.



We did draw the DIY line at any large scale changes, and hired an electrician to upgrade the electric panel, a company to install central air-conditioning and another to reroof the house. In 1982, we decided to have the room we used as a master bedroom (adjacent to the living room on the far left facing the house from the street) renovated and we hired a young general contractor who was just starting out – Art Stinson – to do the work. He did a great job and we actually hired him again in 1988 to refinish the floors, paint and do some other work in the home we purchased in Edison, NJ. I am very happy to see that he is still a Roosevelt Bulletin advertiser!

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Roosevelt living provided many benefits – the back of our lot was lined with huge lilac bushes which were magnificent in bloom. And our neighbor's Concord grape vines ran through the lilacs so we undertook (once!) the making of grape jelly and mint jelly from the rampant stand along the back of our house. We also planted a garden and enjoyed beans, broccoli, strawberries, corn (shucked on the way to water boiling on the stove) and cantaloupe (30 melons which achieved ripeness on the same day).

Other fond Roosevelt memories include the wonderful 4th of July Parade (we served as interested spectators along with our dogs), putting paneling we had ripped off a bedroom's wall out on “big trash” day (the day when the big trash moves from one house to another) and then going out to ask the person who was trash-picking

what in the world she would use it for (to put between her horse stalls), the Roosevelt Arts and Crafts show (where I found my first and favorite pottery sheep) and the great pizza and other food from Rossi's (in those pre-cellphone days we would stop at the rest area near Exit 10 on the Turnpike and call to place our order on the way home from New York).

It was always amazing to see the military airplanes go over with their bomb bay doors open at times and to frequently see deer in the post office parking lot and on Tamara Drive in the evenings. I liked the Bauhaus-inspired architecture of Roosevelt and walking or driving around town to see the variety of houses and the additions people had made was entertaining. I do find the apparent trend to make the original Louis Kahn architecture look like run-of-the-mill suburbia distressing.

Of course, there are less fond memories as well. Since we both worked in Manhattan, our daily routine included getting up at 4:30 or 5 am (we watched the Princess Diana wedding live and then went to work). We drove in most days and that was a never-ending adventure (seeing other commuters practicing the flute, applying make-up or reading the newspaper while driving, and an overturned cattle truck on the turnpike with NJ State Troopers in roundup mode using their cars to form a corral).

During our years in Roosevelt, gypsy moths were at their worst and fighting them became a mission to retain some leaves on our trees. And while the deer were nice to see, the little boy across the street Continued on Page 15



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contracted Lyme disease. We were also on high alert during deer hunting season as our Golden Retriever could resemble a deer to the eager novice hunter.

By late 1987, the commute had worn us down and we started looking for a new home somewhere on the North-east Corridor line, ending up moving in mid-1988 to Edison. During the sale process, the one problem we could not have imagined arose: termites! Having fought the concrete wars for 6 years, we were stunned. It turned out that the wooden forms encased in the slab for ductwork when the house was originally built had become infested.

It has been 40 years since we moved to Roosevelt and it will always hold a spot in my heart. I can see from "touring" town on Google Maps Street View that many things have changed. But I can tell from reading the Bulletin that the important things are still the same.

from LIGHT YEAR

393.

I step out into
a cold night under clear sky
and full moon, its light
as through an agate slice, now
I am infinite stillness.

409.

Whitebody of light. Present white presence. It claims each tree limb.

White force erasing earth itself. Snowbody whole.

White subdues each reach of each bush. Bows down cedars of green.

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Let us listen to the whispering presence. So we can know its meaning.

--David Sten Herrstrom



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Shopping Spree

By Al Hepner

Since Covid started, I've pretty much obeyed all the instructions: I cover my face, not because I think I'm ugly, but because it's polite. Uncovered faces are unfriendly faces. People can be sure you don't care about them if they can see your whole face. When you cover your face, you're telling the population at large that you care about them and that you don't want to infect them if you happen to have caught Covid. I wash my face often, which I didn't do so much before.

I also don't visit anyone, except my significant other. We've come to an agreement. She no longer sniffs around to see if I've got any coughs, sniffles, or blood shot eyes. She has ordered a thing that looks like a revolver to check my temperature. So, now when I approach her, she pulls out her six-shooter and aims it straight at my forehead. The first few times, I thought she'd had enough of me and wanted to end it all as soon as possible. I recoiled so much that I nearly broke my neck. She asked me, "What's the matter with you?" I told her that next time she wanted to end it with me, she should find a gentler way of saying it. Now, instead of pulling her weapon first, she says "Okay?" Then she checks my temperature and pretends not to sniff while breathing in louder than usual. We hug and kiss after that, and everything is cool then.

Before Covid, I'd visit friends who weren't doing well. I'd usually go in announced and start kibbitzing them. I'd think of the silliest things and challenge them that way. I'd really be trying to find out what would make them laugh despite their tender situation that kept them in some chair or from going out. I knew I was welcome when they didn't invite me to come back. The present perfect "nice to have seen you" was a certain invitation to come back. Had it been unpleasant, they'd have said, "come again sometimes." That's entirely too common- place po-

lite to be meaningful. Now, going in to visit someone is a definitive way of saying "I don't care about you," mask or no mask. So, I no longer visit anyone.

I listen carefully to the storekeepers that tell us to go shopping early if we're over 65. I'm so much over 65 that they'd welcome me at 4 am, but I go at 6. I always wear my mask when I have to ask for the manager of the store to bawl him/her out for being so agist. They invite us, old folks, before the crowds to ostensibly save our lives, but they don't start replenishing the shelves till 8. Starving older people is crueler than letting them shop when there are people around.

I don't go any place where many people congregate, and my children have to call me for our address they haven't been home in so long. Hence, we haven't given each other Covid, and I'm certainly safer this way, if sad and lonely. But today, I decided I'd go for a shopping spree, that meant to visit two stores, instead of just one, which is all I usually do nowadays.

Thursday, my significant other suggested we make life easier; she'd pick up dinner from a local take-out place. She offered to pay, but I outbid her and told her I'd call it in and pay. I called the order in and told him I'd pay for the order. The clerk took down all my card information. Just a few minutes later, I received an email from Visa that some purchases had been made with my credit card number, somewhere in Long Island. This had to be the result of my call for the food order.

One of the stores I intended to visit, was the take-out place to tell the owner he had someone on his staff that was abusing his privilege. The other was a CVS store to get some eye pills, one of many pills I now need to take. I so rarely go shopping anymore, that going to two places felt strangely effusive. I looked for the coupons I had stored someplace, and I found my shopping list I'd saved for when I'd go to a drug store. I rarely take the store coupons I've saved at home for my next shopping trip. I usually leave the store cou-

pons and shopping lists home. Then, when I get back home from shopping, I have to throw them out when I get back from shopping without half the stuff I needed. I was so determined not to forget anything that I stuffed all those coupons and an old echinacea bottle in one pocket. The bottle was to make sure I wouldn't forget to get echinacea and knew I wouldn't remember how to spell echinacea.

I didn't quite understand why I felt like a kid on his way to a candy store with a whole bunch of change. I walked into the restaurant and demanded to speak to the owner as if he'd made the fraudulent purchases. Fortunately, he wasn't there.

Relieved, I went to the second store. I remembered the aisle where the eye medicine bottles were usually stocked. When I got there, I realized that despite the advertisement and special sales slip I had showing me the name and picture of the box I needed to buy, I couldn't pick out the product. I had taken everything I had put in my pocket out but couldn't read anything nor unfold any papers because I was holding too many things so couldn't sort out which paper was which. All the papers were so crumbled that they could be read. My first thought was, 'what's wrong with these people.' They have a whole aisle with eye medicine bottles stocked side by side. Each shelf contains seemingly thousands of different pill boxes for people who can't see. They are tightly stacked next to each other to make sure they can put up as many brands as possible. Despite the packaging industry spending millions of dollars to have identifiable boxes, they all look the same to us without a seeing-eye-dog.

With my hands full of discount tapes, special offers for blind people, and that darn echinacea bottle, I frantically went to look for a store clerk. Since these drug stores have elected to carry every conceivable brand of every product made, they probably were forced to hire fewer people.

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Fortunately for me, a cashier tore herself away from the counter and gracefully helped me find the medicine that was staring me in the face. To my shame, the shelf it was on was at eye level for me, but my helper had to look up to find it. She'd seen my shopping list in my hand and took the liberty to help me look for what I didn't need to see since I couldn't spell it. She pulled two bottles off the shelf; I yelled "only one for I only take echinacea when I sniffle." She yelled back, "It's buy one, get one free today."

I threw everything I was still holding on the counter and begged her to use any coupons that I'd put on the counter. She patiently took care of all my needs. She sorted the coupons that weren't needed from those that were; she pulled my other (good) credit card out of my wallet, and she knew enough to put everything, the eye medicine, the echinacea, the tape of new special offers, and my wallet into a bag. I felt so grateful and so inept that I couldn't stop laughing. It's clear that shopping should be fun. But I vowed I wouldn't plan on visiting two stores in one outing again. I was so giddy to have escaped some calamity that I nearly got a speeding ticket getting away from my shopping spree of two items.

And this paragraph is funny and has some great information but it's really busy, so I just tweaked and cut it a little:

I walked into the restaurant and demanded to speak to the owner as if he'd made the fraudulent purchases. Fortunately, he wasn't there. Relieved, I went to the second store. I remembered the aisle where the eye medicine bottles were usually stocked. When I got there, I realized that despite the advertisement and special sales slip showing me the name and picture of the box, I couldn't pick out the product (Why?) At this point, my ebullience was working against me. I had taken everything out of my pocket but couldn't read

anything nor unfold any papers because I was holding too many things. I thought, "What's wrong with these people?" They have a whole aisle with eye medicine bottles stocked side-by-side and each shelf contains seemingly thousands of different pill boxes for people who can't see! To make sure that they can carry all the brands, all the brands are tightly stacked next to each other, and yet despite the packaging industry spending millions of dollars to have identifiable boxes, they all begin to look the same to us without a seeing-eye-dog.

My hands full of discount tapes, special offers for blind people, and that darn echinacea bottle, I frantically went to look for a store clerk. But since they've elected to carry every conceivable brand of every product made, they probably were forced to hire fewer people.

Al, your enthusiasm shouldn't be curbed because it crackles in your writing – and that's a great thing – But for me when it gets in the way of clarity I'd make some cuts – usually small – that may make your meaning more clear.

Another way to help do this is to invest in a little \$35 digital recorder and read your stuff out loud to yourself. When something/a sentence isn't quite right, you can usually tell when you HEAR it.

As always, these are just my opinions and you can take them with a grain of salt or whatever other spice you have stocked. Thanks for letting me read you pieces – As with your other ones, I enjoyed this one!



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5 Mon. 7:00 Council Meeting,
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Peggy Malkin, Mayor

6 Tues. 7:00 pm Planning Board, meeting
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14 Weds. Recycling Pickup 

19 Mon. 7:00 pm Council Meeting,
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21 Weds.. Environmental Commission,
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22 Thurs. 7:30 pm RPS Board of Education,
Roosevelt Public School
Ken LeCompte, President

24 Sat.. 8:00 pm **The Roosevelt Arts Project
Alphabet Soup: A Poetry Reading
Via Zoom - see announcement on
page 15 in this issue.**

25 Sun. 9:00 am- Paper Shredding Event
1:00 pm 4 Red Valley Road, Millstone Park,
Millstone Twp.

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9 Sun. Mother's Day

12 Weds. Recycling Pickup 

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Roosevelt Public School
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31 Mon. Memorial Day

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**Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement,
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Jeremy Kuipers
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Wed. 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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