



# Bulletin



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## No Decision on Emergency Services Contract, Voters Reject Bond for Water/Sewer Studies

By Sharyn Walz

At a special Council meeting held on April 20, fire service contracts with Millstone, Monroe, and Hightstown were discussed, but no final determination was made as councilmembers needed more time to study the offers. Additional emergency Council meetings will be held on May 8, 17, and 22, as needed, to resolve this issue.

At the Borough Council meeting on April 24, minutes from the February 27 meeting were approved unanimously. The consent agenda was also approved, after removing Ordinance 17-59, which was to authorize temporary emergency appropriations. Councilmember Hamilton was absent.

There was a discussion regarding Ordinance 17-59. Mayor Ellentuck expressed concern that the amount of temporary emergency appropriations are substantial, \$378,800 total in 2017 so far. Surrounding towns have approved their budgets already. Councilmember Lipoti also inquired as to when the water/sewer budget would be ready, as the CFO usually consults with the utilities to discuss necessary repairs that are needed. Councilmember Malkin reported that the budget committee met with CFO last week, and she will introduce the budget at the May 8th Council Meeting. The temporary emergency appropriations will carry the Borough until the next budget passes. Ordinance 17-59 was approved unanimously by all present Council members.

The mowing contract for the Borough was awarded to low bidder Solaris Landscaping Services in East Windsor. They will be responsible for maintaining specified Borough property as outlined in the contract.

Ordinance 2017-002 was introduced to address the badly leaking roof at Borough Hall. The Borough will work with

the same company that did the roof on the water plant. The repair work will include the gutters, but it is not clear if the new roof includes the part of the building that houses the First Aid Squad.

Councilmember Malkin inquired if the funds being requested include new air conditioning units, as there is funding available for them. Mayor Ellentuck indicated that the funds will address the roof and gutters only, and that the heating/air conditioning units for the Borough Hall would be considered separately at a later date. They are a little more

### Referendum Results

The outcome of the vote for the water/sewer studies on April 25, 2017 was 147 Yes, 149 No. The majority of voters have rejected allowing the Borough to apply for a bond to cover the cost of a water/sewer utility study. There were 296 votes cast out of 646 registered voters in Roosevelt.

expensive than a centralized HVAC system, but they are more energy efficient and can be turned off/on in individual rooms as needed. Councilmember Trammell stated that consideration should be given to the possibility of addressing the First Aid Squad roof, installing a truss system and widening the bay doors, however, Mayor Ellentuck stressed the urgency of repairing the Borough Hall roof quickly as it is leaking badly and will be an issue with regards to mold and PEOSHA as well. There will be a second reading of the ordinance on May 8, which will give some time to clarify whether the roofing bid includes the section of the roof that

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 40th 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:

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- Send your submission as a Microsoft Word attachment or as plain text within the body of your email.
- Please limit your letters to 500 words (about one page in MS Word). We will edit letters for length when necessary. Longer letters may be published in full on the Bulletin web site.
- 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

**SENIOR CITIZENS:** There is a S.C.A.T. bus provided by Monmouth County Division of Transportation that comes to Roosevelt on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and will take you shopping to ShopRite in East Windsor. The bus will pick you up at your home, you spend 1 ½ hours shopping, and the bus will take you home and leave your groceries at your door. There is no charge to you for this service.

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

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.roosevelt.boroughbulletin.org.](http://www.roosevelt.boroughbulletin.org.), the official website of the Borough Bulletin. To have the Bulletin sent to you by email, please send your request to [rpressler32@gmail.com](mailto:rpressler32@gmail.com).

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covers the First Aid Squad. All present Council members voted yes.

Councilmember Ticktin, on behalf of the Committee for Community Development and Code Enforcement, reported that there was a problem on Farm Lane that involved a resident who cut down several trees on borough property as well as one tree on his neighbor's property, as there is some confusion as to the location of the property boundaries. Code Enforcement has investigated, but it will be up to the residents to obtain their own survey to clarify property lines.

Councilmember Bonna, as the Environmental Representative, reported that the new puncheons installed last year along the Roosevelt Woodland Trail have weathered over time and are no longer slippery when wet. The Environmental Commission is no longer considering treating them in order to provide additional traction.

Kelly Tyers, representing Public Works, reported that the Shade Tree Commission will take care of two trees in danger of falling in the road.

Mayor Ellentuck reminded Council members that financial disclosure forms for all Council members are due.

Councilmember Malkin, on behalf of the Finance/Planning Board/ Recreation Committee, reported that the Planning Board hasn't recently met. With regards to recreation, she is aware that some parents were dissatisfied with the camp arrangements not meeting their needs for childcare. Councilmember Malkin clarified that Roosevelt has never provided full-time camp except for last summer, and that the programs here were never meant to replace childcare, but only meant to supplement and provide socialization. In addition, some residents felt it was too expensive at \$45-95 per week. This is a reduced rate as Roosevelt funds some of that, so it actually costs more. The recreational director, Eric, has always advised parents if they need full-time care, they should look to other towns. Mayor Ellentuck asked if a resolution was going to be introduced to Borough Council so that the rates could be approved. Councilmember

Malkin will discuss rates with the recreational director and bring them to the next Council meeting on May 8th for approval.

Councilmember Malkin also reported that there will be a Fourth of July picnic this year, and that the Recreation Committee is actively seeking volunteers.

Councilmember Lipoti, on behalf of the Utilities Committee, presented a slide show that showed a badly leaking tank at the sewer treatment plant. She explained that in water plant, chlorine is added to water that comes from wells, not to kill germs (no germs in well water) but chlorine takes out the iron. As the water goes through the aerator, 60% of the iron is removed with chlorine through settling, and the other 40% of the iron is removed via filtration.

Chlorine levels are monitored and adjusted every day. Levels can vary within 24 hours between readings. To provide more comprehensive mon-

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

In order to save on postage, we would encourage non-residents who have computers to subscribe to the *Bulletin* online at [www.boroughbulletin.org](http://www.boroughbulletin.org) in lieu of receiving a paper copy. Donations from readers, wherever they may be, and regardless of the medium in which they read the *Bulletin*, are still very much welcome, since we could not publish without your support.

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To educate and inspire all students to excel academically\*, to become independent and creative thinkers, skillful communicators and lifelong learners. Roosevelt Public School nurtures and challenges the unique potential of each student so that our children will develop individual, social and civic responsibility as well as respect for themselves, each other, and the environment.

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

**10 Year Milestone**

Assenka Oksiloff has served for 10 continuous years as a Board member. She was recognized at the April 6 Monmouth County School Boards Association Spring Meeting.

The full BOE was also recognized with a plaque for Recertification – completing 10 additional professional development hours. The original Certification required 18 professional development hours. Thanks to all the current and former BOE members for their dedication in additional training.

**Invitation to 80th RPS Graduation Ceremony**

The 80th RPS Graduation will be held on Saturday June 10th at 4 pm. Please join us. A special descendant of FDR will be in attendance. If you are an RPS graduate please email us your RPS favorite memory and photos to: RPSBOE@gmail.com or drop them at RPS. (Special note

– pending changes per snow days  
 – the last day of school is currently set for June 19th)

**National School Board Association (NSBA) Campaign “Stand Up 4 Public Schools”**

The new NSBA President, Kevin Ciak, is the former NJSBA President. Part of NSBA outreach is publicizing the website <https://www.standup4publicschools.org> which provides a video overview of public education.

From the website: “There is no ordinary day in our public schools. Great things are happening but often go unnoticed. Extraordinary teaching and learning and acts of heroism taking place during every hour, every day, every year.”

The Stand Up campaign provides the public with a more accurate and thorough perspective of public education by capturing the ordinary, yet extraordinary activities and the dauntless and bold actions of educators – teachers, administrators, superintendents, and school board members – that help prepare students for the future. The campaign highlights the creativity that is prevalent in our public schools, which produces unique and amaz-

ing activities and outcomes every day. It reveals the true teaching and learning in public schools and it provides a means for people to demonstrate support for their schools.”

If you feel compelled to “stand up” for RPS – please consider calling the Acting Commissioner of Education, Kimberly Harrington at 609-292-4450. Under discussion in NJ is an alternative to school funding of a flat \$6000 per student. This would drastically reduce our Interdistrict Choice state funding. Please ask her to 1) fund the number of Choice Students we are allowed per our application amount of 42 students (currently funded for 30 students); and 2) do not decrease our Choice per-student funding.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING CALENDAR**

March – May 5, 2017	ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS Plan development
May 9, 2017 7:00 p.m.	PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING Action Plans (Drafts) Cost Benefit Analysis
May 12, 2017	ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS Action Plans Finalized
May 25, 2017	STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTED TO BOARD



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**Spring has come to RPS!**

Students and staff celebrated Earth Day on Thursday, April 20, by attending an opening assembly about

birds of prey and then spending the day learning about our trails in Roosevelt, wildlife and plastics, art, and the environment and gardening - in our own school garden!

Mr. Santanello, Mrs. Gazzani and resident Diane Lowrie were the planners of our day and worked in partnership with the Roosevelt Environmental Commission, the PTA, the NJ State Park Service and AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassadors. We were happy to have Mary Tulloss and Steve Taylor join us in our garden and in helping our students plant trees. At the end of the day, each student went home with a sapling and a hand painted penguin rock and lots of information on how to take care of our environment.

**Graduation is fast approaching. Please put June 10 on your cal-**

**endars - for graduation and the 80th Anniversary Celebration of RPS. We are honored to have a member of the Roosevelt Family join us for the festivities; so please help us spread the word to alumni and current and past residents of Roosevelt!**

Mary Robinson Cohen, M.A., J.D.  
Superintendent and Principal  
Roosevelt Public School  
mcohen@rps1.org



**Free Health Services Available from the Monmouth County Health Department; State-funded Lead Safe Home Remediation Grants also Available**

by Michael Ticktin

The Borough of Roosevelt is one of the 26 municipalities in which health services are provided by the Monmouth County Health Department. Free or low-cost services provided by the Health Department to residents of the 26 municipalities include the following:

- \* free eye screenings and testing for body-mass index, diabetes, cholesterol and bone density
- \* healthy travel vaccinations
- \* hypertension screening
- \* child immunizations
- \* adult immunizations
- \* well child physicals
- \* STDI clinics
- \* tuberculosis program
- \* women's health, including mammography and pap testing
- \* health education

For more information or to make an appointment, call the Health Department at (732) 431-7456.

Any owner of a house built before 1978 who is concerned about the possible presence of lead paint, and whose household income does not exceed 80% of the median for Monmouth County, adjusted for household size, can apply for assistance under the Department of Community Affairs Lead-Safe Home Remediation Pilot Grant Program by contacting the Community Affairs and Resource Center at (732) 774-3282. 80% of median household income for Monmouth County ranges from \$46,300 for a single- person household to \$87,300 for an eight-person household.

## LETTERS

Dear Mayor and Borough Council,

We want to thank-you and our neighbors, for all the good food you provided for us on March 28, 2017, when we worked the polls for the special election in Roosevelt.

We greatly appreciated all the delicious pastries, cookies, donuts, brownies and cake that helped us for all those L-O-N-G hours we were there (5:15 am - 8:30 pm) and of course the coffee! The salad, large dish and sandwiches and drinks were really needed and were eaten all day - for lunch, mid - day and again for dinner. People came by throughout the day and evening and brought sweets for us and we were so grateful they did.

We know we can speak for the other two board workers, Ann K. and Cindy (not from Roosevelt, but a Master board worker), who stayed with us from morning till night.

Thank you for caring and remembering us as we work for the elections in Roosevelt.

It was a true example of Love Your Neighbor As Yourself.

Your neighbors,

Adrienne and Larry Cheshier

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Dear Neighbors,

Maureen Parrott, who is running for Borough Council in the Democratic primary, is a very sharp retired lawyer with a big heart and a nobility of spirit. This sets her apart from many other lawyers.

Maureen is a life-long Democrat and supporter of progressive causes. Most recently, Maureen has been active in putting the issues of the "faulty fire house bond" and the "faulty sewer study bond" on the ballot, for the voters of Roosevelt.

Maureen's family supports her wish to become active in politics. Her daughter Lily offers active encouragement

of her political activities. Maureen takes good care of two elderly dogs, a cat and a parrot. Maureen can always be seen walking her dogs in all weather. Maureen is approachable, and many townspeople stop her and talk to her about town issues as she is walking her dogs. While Maureen holds her opinions strongly, she respects the opinions of others and listens well. You can bring your issues to Maureen and she will hear you and represent you.

Her status as an everyday walker has led her to sponsor several safer streets initiatives in the Borough. She asked Monmouth County to paint narrower side lines on Rte. 571 in an effort to slow down the through traffic and create safer streets.

As a retired lawyer with 20 years of experience drafting opinions for judges of the US District Court, Maureen brings to the table a very astute legal mind in the service of the good. Maureen has the capacity to easily research applicable case law and write substantive legal opinions in support of the interests of the majority of the good people of Roosevelt. She is unafraid in the face of legal intimidation and can cut through to the heart of the matter when confronted with legal obfuscation and misdirection. Maureen is a lawyer with heart.

If she is elected to the Borough Council, she will control reckless spending and give a voice to the interests of women, the poor and the elderly. If Maureen is elected to the Roosevelt Borough Council, she will tirelessly represent and defend the good people of Roosevelt. Please give her your vote. We, the good people of Roosevelt, need Maureen Parrott, along with Peggy Malkin, Mike Hamilton, and Joe Trammell, as our Democratic voices on the Council.

Robert Kragen -  
33 year resident of Roosevelt  
US Dept. of State - retired

Dear Neighbors,

In the past year I have received some correspondence from residents. These letters have expressed concerns, worries, and questions about our town, and how it is operating.

I welcome the opportunity to address these issues. However, they have been unsigned.

Without knowing who sent them, I can't engage in a conversation with the person.

Please don't ever be nervous about talking with me. You have my word that I will keep our conversation confidential.

Thank You.

Peggy Malkin

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

My name is Maureen Parrott. On June 6, 2017, Joe Trammell and I will be running with the Monmouth County Democrats in the Democratic primary for two seats on the Roosevelt Borough Council. I want to tell you a little bit about myself and why I am running.

I have lived on Tamara Drive for the past 29 years. I became interested in Roosevelt because I knew that many artists, as well as two well-respected urban planners, lived here, and I loved the physical beauty and historic significance of the town. I still love the people and the beauty of our small borough.

I retired in October 2016 after 20 years of public service at the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey where I worked on cases in which immigrants challenged their immigration detention, prisoners challenged their convictions and sentences, and detained persons challenged the conditions of their confinement, such as prolonged solitary confinement and lack of

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adequate medical care. Before working for the court, I represented low income persons in civil cases at legal services; I helped tenants whose landlords were trying to evict them and mothers who sought to keep the custody of their children. I also served as an assistant city attorney in the cities of Hoboken and Jersey City during pro-tenant administrations.

As a retiree, I now have the time for volunteer service. I recently volunteered several times with other lawyers at Newark International Airport to assist immigrants during Trump's Muslim bans, and I would love to work with Roosevelt residents on improving our local government.

I want to be on the council because I care about the future of Roosevelt, I want to make our government open and inclusive, and I hope to be able to continue to afford living here.

Having grown up in a working class family, I am careful about my spending and highly sensitive to the financial constraints faced by many residents. I am passionate about social and economic

justice; I am conscientious and thorough; I believe in the rule of law; and I have a lifelong love of animals. If elected, I will devote my skills to representing you on the issues you think are important and I will work to make Roosevelt even better than it is now. I would be delighted to speak with you and to discuss your priorities for and concerns about Roosevelt.

Sincerely,

Maureen Parrott



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As co-chairs of the Democratic Party in Roosevelt, Peggy Malkin and Mike Hamilton are pleased to support Joe Trammell and Maureen Parrott for the two 3-year Council terms in the Democratic Primary on June 6. Joe and Maureen have been endorsed by the Monmouth County Democrats and will be running under the Democratic column.

Joe Trammell was elected in November to serve the last year of an unexpired term on the Council. Joe chaired the Environmental Health and Public Safety Committee and met with fire officials from surrounding communities to learn more about our duties, responsibilities and liabilities in regard to providing fire suppression services for Roosevelt citizens, and explored shared services possibilities with neighboring towns. Joe has proven to be a well-respected member of the Planning Board and Environmental Commission.

During the often-heated debate about how to provide emergency services for our community, Joe exhibited a great deal of respect for all of our volunteers and our citizens regardless of their viewpoints. Our experience on public bodies is that there are some people who seem to fill a seat, while others pull the load. Joe is the later; he is a hard worker and a kind man.

Joe was the owner of a company that provided audio & visual services to the film industry where he was involved in the making of many films and TV series over the years. Joe moved to Roosevelt when he needed a home for his disabled brother. Sadly, his brother died shortly before Joe moved in. But, by that time Joe had fallen in love with Roosevelt and knew it was the town for him. Joe put his talents as an AV man to good use since moving here, recording the Roosevelt String Band and other RAP events. He has served

the town well as a Councilman over the last year and he will continue to work well as your representative on the Council.

We have also had the pleasure of working closely with Maureen Parrott on a citizen's committee over the last 2-years. Maureen is a very principled person and passionately believes in the rule of law because it has a purpose, to protect and serve the public good. Maureen believes in openness and transparency and having a full public process.

In addition, Maureen is astute, frugal, and thorough with regard to municipal bills and budgets. She's offered advice on how to manage professional contracts more efficiently to save us money. She will undoubtedly honor her fiduciary duty to manage your tax dollars effectively. As a retired attorney, her legal research is impeccable and has been helpful as we explored issues regarding our town.

Joe and Maureen believe in a government in which the power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly. They've supported providing our taxpayers with the opportunity to vote on how their money is spent, including "check and balance" referendums to allow public input on significant expenditures of tax dollars. They believe that any referendums should take place during the general election (as provided by law)

when there is no cost to taxpayers. They believe in outreach and asking our citizens for their opinions on matters that are important to them before decisions are made.

We wholeheartedly support Joe and Maureen in the June 6 primary.

Sincerely,

Peggy Malkin

Michael Hamilton

Democratic Committee Co-Chairs

By Maria Del Piano

**Spring Activities of the Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation**

Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF) has had a busy spring, hosting numerous fundraisers and funding various Roosevelt Public School projects.

Our “Dinner with your Teacher” event was attended by over 65 RPS teachers, students and their family members. It was a lively event where RPS faculty, students and their families were able to spend additional quality time having dinner together.

With our help, the RPS garden expanded this growing season. Third grade teacher Donna Gazzani and RPS students have installed a raised bed which will be a “pizza garden.” Eggplant, tomatoes, onions and basil will be planted there. This activity is very rewarding and combines STEM activities with a delicious end result.

By the time you read this, we will already have hosted our second “Under the Mural Series” event. Delta Noir was gracious enough to



offer their talent to perform this past Earth Day, April 22. Music is the universal language. It has the capacity to break boundaries and forge new acquaintances. RPSEF provided refreshments, sold wine by the glass and held a silent auction to raise funds for future RPS projects that go above what could be provided in the school budget.

RPSEF’s fourth Rockville Gym rock climbing event will be held Friday evening between 6 to 8pm on May 19. Details will be sent home in the students’ backpacks. For those adventurous types interested in joining us, it is an all-ages event. The gym provides all the necessary equipment and a safe environment. It’s good exercise and a great way to stare down your fear of heights.

Our spring 6-week Pilates session, held at the school on Thursday evenings, is at its midpoint. Roosevelt’s Stacey Bonna generously donates her time and expertise to RPSEF. From the smiles on their faces, it’s obvious the students benefit from her instruction. This coming fall Stacey will set aside Tuesday evenings to again provide a Pilates program to accommodate some of her past students’ schedules.



RPSEF has purchased a “Little Free Library” for RPS. It will soon be a permanent feature in the front lobby of the school. Students and community members will be able to expand their reading materials with this “take a book, leave a book” library.

If you have any skills or interests that you can share with your neighbors, please contact us at 609 301-0437 or send an email to [foundation@rpsef.org](mailto:foundation@rpsef.org). We’d appreciate hearing from you. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit, and our proceeds go to fund projects that enrich our students’ education.



**Parking Reminder**

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



## RIP Bulletin?

By Kevin McNally

Treasurer

The edition of the Bulletin that you are reading may be the last.

First of all, thank you to those readers who responded to our fundraising appeal in the last issue with your generous contributions. However, we received only enough funds to cover the cost of one more issue – this one.

The Bulletin has managed to continue publication in recent years primarily due to large contributions from a small number of Roosevelt residents. But, as long-time residents pass away or move out of town, the number of people contributing to the Bulletin, and particularly large donations, has been steadily declining. In order to be a viable publication, we need contributions, even very small ones, from all of our readers. If everyone reading this gave as little as \$10/year to support the Bulletin, we'd have enough to continue publishing.

The recent controversies in town have demonstrated more than ever the value of a community newsletter in keeping our citizens informed about the issues in the community and providing a form for expression of opinions about those issues and advocacy for and against proposed actions. In that light, it is disappointing to note that only a few of the individuals who have used the Bulletin as a forum for expressing their views on the recent issues have contributed anything to assuring that this forum continues to be there for them and their fellow citizens.

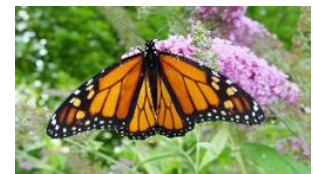
The Bulletin is produced entirely by volunteers. None of us receive any financial compensation for our work. In fact, some of us cover the overhead costs of the publication out of our own pockets. Your contributions go entirely to the cost of printing and distributing the newsletter.

Will this be the last Bulletin? That's entirely up to you, our readers.

**Who likes to plant flowers?**

**Who likes to help butterflies and other pollinators?**

**Who likes to volunteer in their community?**



The Invasive Species Committee is looking for a few people to help plant the butterfly garden. Last year, we pulled out invasive species from this area and created mulched flowerbeds. Now it's time to plant milkweed and other native plants to bring the butterflies to our borough. We have the plants; we just need the people. Many hands make light work!

When: Saturday, June 3, 10 AM-11 AM

Where: 571 and Spruce Lane

Bring: shovel, hand trowel, gloves

RSVP: rooseveltinvasive@outlook.com or Sharyn 609-448-1693

**FOR SAFETY'S SAKE -  
Please Don't Redirect the Trail**

Last summer the Environmental Commission restored the Roosevelt Woodland Trail between Tamara Drive and Rochdale Avenue. Part of the rehabilitation work was to reroute the trailhead at Rochdale, because it led directly to a busy road without sidewalks. A new path was opened to create a safer route, especially for children, connecting to a sidewalk and leading to a crosswalk.

Unfortunately, someone has been destroying the work that was done to obscure the old path, even going so far as to remove signs pointing in the safe direction, and creating obstacles to divert walkers from the new path.

Whoever is doing this, please stop. Let nature reclaim the unsafe section, so that children will follow the new safer route, and not be misdirected. Thank you.

P.S. If anyone has information about this activity, please contact the Borough Office.



**Roosevelt Woodland Trail  
Azalea Deer Exclosure**

Our February article on native azaleas showed a picture of a Pinxter Azalea (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*) plant along the Roosevelt Woodland Trail between Rochdale and Valley. Around that plant are 40+ small azalea sprouts, stunted by browsing deer. The Invasive Species Committee proposed the construction of an exclosure (an area protected against browsing animals) to allow these sprouts to grow.



In February, the Roosevelt Environmental Commission and the Borough Council approved the exclosure and the use of funds remaining from a Sustainable Jersey grant. On March 25, the committee (Kim Felong, Sharyn Walz, Bob Clark, Nick Murray, and Steve Taylor) constructed a 25' x 25' exclosure. We tried to make it unobtrusive. You may have a hard time finding it in the photo. It will remain in place until the small plants grow higher than the typical deer browse line. The exclosure will then be moved to surround other plants in need of protection.

**Senior Group Meetings**

The Senior Citizen Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Borough Hall.

At 1:30 pm we frequently have guests who speak about a variety of topics, generally applicable to everyone. Finances, health, and safety in the home are a few examples. Notices will be on the bulletin board at the P.O. All residents are welcome to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

Thank you.  
Geraldine Millar  
President, Seniors

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- Stacey Bonna appreciates Lawrence Mendies's help with the mulch needed for their yard. Lawrence's estimate of the amount of mulch needed was spot-on, the delivery was free, and Stacey feels good knowing she is supporting a local business and getting mulch that she can trust to be organic. In addition, getting it delivered in bulk means no plastic bags that end up in the landfill.
  - The "Rocking it in Roosevelt" group appreciates how many people have continued to paint and share their rocks over the winter, especially those who have posted their found treasures on the group's Facebook page.
  - Sam and Erin Schneider appreciate the neighbors who welcomed them to the community. They were given a coffee cake by one neighbor, and another came by with a bag of fresh tomatoes.
  - Sharyn Walz appreciates MaryAnne Cranmer Skiba for giving her a beautiful iced tea pitcher that MaryAnne bought during a recent shopping trip.
  - The Roosevelt Public School PTA appreciates the support of the 20+ families that participated in the Town-Wide Yard Sale fundraiser.
  - The Roosevelt Elementary School appreciates all of the activities that took place for their Earth Day Celebration on April 20. A partnership of staff from the NJ State Park Service and the school, along with a 6th grade student, coordinated a full day of events for the children. The children learned about raptors and their role in the environment during the main presentation. There were also four separate workshops:
    - \*The Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ taught the children about conserving local wildlife.
    - \*The children planted flowers and herbs in the school garden and planted native trees that were donated by the National Wildlife Federation. Community volunteers Steve Taylor and Mary Tulloss assisted the children.
    - \*The children practiced their artistic skills creating Earth Day posters.
    - \*The NJ Watershed Ambassador volunteers and NJ State Park Service staff took the children on the newly opened section of the Woodland Trail to look for signs of wildlife and their habitats.
- Afterwards, each of the children received a hand-painted penguin rock that was inspired by the memory of Emily Rachel Silverstein to promote kindness. The Roosevelt Elementary School PTA and the Roosevelt Environmental Commission sponsored Earth Day at RPS.
- The poll workers appreciate Ana Debevec, Kelly Tyers, Dianna Moore, Debbie Thomas, and Jill Lipoti for generously providing food during the recent referendum.
  - The Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation appreciates all the people who came out to their music fundraiser, which was a performance by jazz quartet Delta Noir.
  - The Roosevelt Elementary School appreciates Perrin Ireland, great-granddaughter of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, for agreeing to attend the school's graduation ceremony this year.
  - The Suk family appreciates Luke Vuolle for providing awesome childcare for Hailey and Connor, especially during the time when April is working out of state.

(If you have a bright spot you'd like to share, please email [sbonfonti@msn.com](mailto:sbonfonti@msn.com))

## **Roosevelt Democratic Party**

### **Endorses Joe Trammell and Maureen Parrott in the June 6 Democratic Primary**

Co-chairs of the Democratic Party in Roosevelt, Peggy Malkin and Mike Hamilton, have endorsed Joe Trammell and Maureen Parrott for the two three-year Council terms in the Democratic Primary on June 6. Joe and Maureen have also been endorsed by the Monmouth County Democrats and will be running under the Democratic Party column.

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itoring of the chlorine levels, a line was added to form a data logger. This data logger will be monitored by a third-party company (HACH), which will provide information on how the chlorine levels fluctuate continuously. One of the problems is that the pipes that bring in the chlorine are clogged with iron. The utility has currently installed a bypass system with tubing, and are working with the engineering firm R3M to construct a more permanent long-term solution.

DEP will be coming out to do another inspection via the Catastrophe Prevention Program.

At the sewage treatment plant, chemicals are added to help solids to settle out, and for disinfecting. The chemical tanks have started to leak at the nozzle joints at the bottom of the tanks. Liquid chlorine is leaking badly out of one of the nozzles, and is leaking inside the bulkhead. Chlorine is corrosive to the frame that holds the tanks, but because the leaking is being captured by the bulkhead, nothing escaping to the environment yet. Toby has now gone out to bid for three new tanks, and Municipal Maintenance came in as the low bidder. One of the tanks was replaced just last year, so the utility will need to buy two tanks and keep the newest tank. The chlorine in the tanks will be used up and delivery of the new tanks will be coordinated to maximize efficiency. The bids received are for an emergency capital improvement, with the lowest quote being \$17,291. Councilmember Malkin inquired if this tank issue is related to the referendum question regarding studying

the utilities. Councilmember Lipoti responded that the utility study is an entirely separate issue.

An application to rent 9 Homestead Lane was addressed. Following a discussion regarding individual rentals vs. boarding homes, all present councilmembers voted to approve the application, with the exception of Councilmember Malkin, who voted no.

The next Environmental Commission meeting was moved to May 24 at 7:00 pm. Bulk pick up is scheduled for May 1 and 2.

#### Public Comment

Mark Connors offered to provide information regarding a state-run program wherein the Borough may qualify to receive a discount for installation of air-conditioning units. He also expressed concerns regarding the high costs of hiring many different companies to do work throughout the Borough, and suggested it may be more efficient to have a part-time salaried person to handle routine maintenance issues that arise.

Jeb Shahn had heard that there was a water/sewer study about ten years ago, and questioned the necessity of a new study. Councilmember Lipoti clarified that when R3M commenced the study, they found that the information provided by the previous study is inadequate. For example, there was no camera examination, and while they found that some of the pipes had

been relined, there are plenty of other leaking pipes. Jeb asked if the sewage treatment plant would need to be studied following the proposed pipe study, and Councilmember Lipoti stated that the sewage treatment study work was already done by Manuel Ponte. The next steps will be to look at the options: how much to fix, how much to pump it out to another town, and to determine what other options would be available. Mayor Ellentuck added that the Borough will publish the options by sharing the studies. Councilmember Lipoti stated that these studies will provide us with enough information to make some cost-based decisions in order to get ready for the November ballot. Councilmember Bonna added that she recently attended a League of Municipalities presentation where it was explained that a bond is not necessarily a bad thing, it's just a way to spread out payments over time. It's really the only way for municipalities to function. Councilmember Trammell agreed that the costs will need to be spread out over time. Mayor Ellentuck reminded those present that in 1990, the Borough waited so long that the DEP rescinded their offer of grants, which severely limited the town's options. The necessary sewer plant issues could cost four to five million dollars. Councilmember Lipoti offered that bonds are "shoppable" and the Borough would have the opportunity to choose from lenders that may offer high incentives, such as 50% loan forgiveness, very low percentage rates, etc.



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## WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Sam and Erin Schneider and their rescue dog Dixie moved into the Britton House (30 Homestead Lane) last August. They met while working at a summer camp, and were recently married. Sam grew up in North Jersey, relocated to Plainsboro, and wanted to find a home near his job in Monroe. Erin was born in Philadelphia, but was raised in the South. Neither had heard of Roosevelt prior to looking at the Britton House, but several residents have stopped by to tell them some interesting information about the house: the deck of the Starship Enterprise used to be in the basement, there is video of Albert Einstein leaving the house, and there may be ghost in the attic. They report that Dixie sometimes looks up at the ceiling and barks for no apparent reason!

They are both looking forward to fixing up the home and will be working closely with their families for help. They have already done some work on the bathroom and have installed a new roof. They are planning to stay in Roosevelt for the foreseeable future. Sam's family bought an old home and restored it while he was growing up, so the "fixer-upper" passion is in his blood. Once the structural bones of the house are completed, Erin looks forward to decorating, as she is very crafty.

By Sharyn Walz

The Schneiders have already begun to get involved in our Roosevelt community. They attended the wine and dessert fundraiser in the fall that benefitted the Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation. Since both are teachers, it was a natural fit. Erin teaches kindergarten and Sam teaches music to middle school students. They are eager to attend upcoming town events and have the opportunity to meet more people. Erin also mentioned enjoying the Roosevelt Rocks activity, and they keep one of the special flower rocks by artist Alex Pendjurin on their patio.

Britton House, formerly known as Chamberlin House, received its own designation as a "principal historic structure" as defined in the ordinance providing for the designation and preservation of the Historic District of the Borough of Roosevelt. As reported in a 2014 Bulletin article, Britton House was built around 1830 and played an important role in the early years of the community, serving at various times as an outlet store for the factory and as the first children's nursery. We welcome the Schneider family to Roosevelt and look forward to seeing them around town.

(If you are new to the area and would like to be featured in a similar article, we'd love to hear your story! Email: [sbonfonti@msn.com](mailto:sbonfonti@msn.com))

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The Saturdays do vary, so when I find out which Saturday, I will put a notice on the bulletin board at the Roosevelt Post Office. Call me if you have questions. Geraldine Millar 609.448.0351

### Calling All Democrats

For all Democrats who would like to get involved in a local Democratic Party organization, you are welcome to attend any and all meetings of these local groups:

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- Upper Freehold: [facebook.com/UpperFreeholdDems](https://facebook.com/UpperFreeholdDems)
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- Monmouth County: [monmouthdems.org](http://monmouthdems.org)

For more information, contact David G. Brown, the Chair of the Monmouth County Democratic Club at (732) 739-8888 or [info@monmouthdems.org](mailto:info@monmouthdems.org).

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