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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Council Reorganizes; Ellentuck and Hermelee Sworn in for New Terms; Kaufman Elected as Council President; Derelict Trailer Removed from Gas Station Property

The Borough Council held its annual reorganization meeting on January 5. Newly-reelected Council members Jeff Ellentuck and Michelle Hermelee were sworn in for full three-year terms. Stu Kaufman was elected as Council President, meaning that he will preside over meetings or otherwise substitute for Mayor Beth Battel in the event of her absence.

There being no change in the membership of the Council, Mayor Battel recommended, and the Council agreed, that existing committee assignments would continue. Committee chairs are as follows: Michelle Hermelee, Administration; Peggy Malkin, Finance; Jeff Ellentuck, Environment, Health and Safety; Tom Curry, Public Works; Stu Kaufman, Utilities; and Michael Ticktin, Code Enforcement and Community Development. Mayor Battel appointed Ken LeCompte to serve as a Class IV (citizen) member of the Planning Board, replacing Isaac Menda, who resigned the position. She also reappointed Alison Petrilla to a four-year term as a Class IV member, reappointed Tax Assessor Donna Taylor as the Class II (public official) member and reappointed Sharon Archer as an

alternate member. Subsequent to the meeting, she appointed Kevin McNally as an alternate member as well. She also reappointed Diane Lowrie and Christina Oatis as regular members, and Danielle van Salisbury as an alternate member, of the Environmental Commission.

The Council appointed Jeff Ellentuck as the Class III (Council) member of the Planning Board and also reappointed Michael Ticktin as the Council representative on the Environmental Commission. Mayor Battel also appointed Mr. Ticktin as Mayor’s alternate on the Planning Board.

Councilman Tom Curry, chairman of the Public Works committee, commended Kelly Tyres for working with the contractor to get the derelict trailer that has been behind the building on the gas station property for many years cut up and removed. The Council was able to use Clean Community funds for this purpose. Mayor Battel commended Ms. Tyres for all of the good work that she does for the Borough as public works employee and as administrative clerk.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 38th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from September 2014 through July, 2015. We will not publish in January and August 2015.

We welcome your emailed submissions for articles, letters, poems, artwork, and other items of interest. Please send your submissions and inquiries to Rick Pressler (rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com). Non-digital submissions will be accommodated to the best of our ability, but we cannot guarantee publication. Inclusion of all items is subject to the availability of space and the editorial judgment of our Editor. Items must be received by the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue.

We will do our best to make the Bulletin both informative and interesting with the help of our devoted writers and production people.

If you want to CONTACT THE BULLETIN, please look at our masthead to the right with our address as shown.



Please report any bear sightings to:
State Bureau of Wildlife Management
Kim Tinnes, Wildlife Control
609-259-7955

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, courtesy of Mark Zuckerman. Current and recent issues can also be found online at www.boroughbulletin.org, the official website of the Borough Bulletin that is maintained by Bulletin Trustee Bob Francis. To have the Bulletin sent to you by email, please go to www.boroughbulletin.org and press the "Push Here to Sign Up for Bulletin" button.

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

In January we had the re-organization meetings for the Borough's governing bodies, and, as always, it made me very grateful for all the individuals in this town who are willing give their time, energy and expertise for the service of our town.

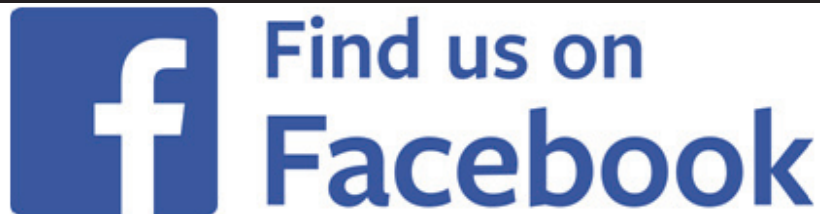
In addition to the Council we have the Planning Board and the Environmental Committee. Then there is the Board of Education, the Bulletin staff, the Fund for Roosevelt, the Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP), and all the people who come out on Trash Pick-up Day to help clear and maintain the walking trails through the woods and help their neighbors during their times of need. But closest to my heart are the Emergency Services: the First Aid Squad and the Fire Department. These citizens not only contribute a great deal of time, they risk their lives and their health to help their neighbors—with their only compensation being our appreciation and gratitude. Furthermore, we have many Borough employees who go well beyond their stated duties for our mutual benefit.

So to all of the great people who have served the Borough so well in the past and are continuing to do so into 2015, I extend a warm and heart-felt THANK YOU!!

To the many whom I may have failed to acknowledge, my apologies and my thanks to you as well.

Happy New Year!

Beth



Keep up to date with the latest happenings, events and announcements. Follow the Borough of Roosevelt on Facebook: www.facebook.com/RooseveltBoro

If you would like your organization's event posted to the Borough's Facebook page, please send event details to aprilsuk@gmail.com

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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.

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ROOSEVELT PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF) is a non-profit education foundation that supports Roosevelt Public School (RPS). We generate funds by holding fundraising events and applying for grants to support the school's needs. Currently, a kiln is being installed at RPS as a result of a Fine Arts Grant that the foundation won.

We provide resources for the students' educational programs, for existing and new programs, and for materials the school needs. State and federal funding have been cut back. Our funding goes beyond what taxes pay into the school budget.

Our web site is www.rpsef.org. The site lists upcoming events we are sponsoring, as shown on our homepage above. You can make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation and also contact us about volunteer opportunities on our website.

We are just beginning to post entries on the Wishlist page for items that teachers have requested to enhance the activities in their classrooms. The item, grade, and teacher will be listed, and you can select something to purchase or make a contribution towards what you feel is especially useful or important.

Thank you.

Recycling Center Opened Additional Days

The Recycling Center located at the Department of Public Works, 899 Perrineville Road, Millstone, is now opened additional days during the week and will continue to be opened on the weekends.

Tuesday/Wednesday/
Thursday: 11a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Closed on Christmas Day
and New Year's Day

Items that are accepted at the Recycling Center are: newspapers, magazines, cardboard boxes (MUST be flattened) and electronics (TVs, computers, monitors, keyboards).

Recycling Collection Dates through August, 2015

February	11, 25
March	11, 25
April	8, 22
May	6, 20
June	3, 17
July	1, 15, 29
August	12, 26

Happy Valentine's Day from the Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation.

Please, consider making a donation to the RPS Education Foundation in honor of your Valentine. You will bring smiles to the faces of many children.

You can donate online. Visit the rpsef.org website. You can also mail a donation to the Foundation at P.O. Box 22, Roosevelt, NJ 08555.

If you make a donation of at least \$20 by Thursday, February 12th, we will deliver a chocolate lollipop to a Valentine living in Roosevelt.

When you donate online, please enter your Valentine's name and address in the space labeled "Add Special Instructions for RPSEF."

Thank you.



Recycling Update

The Environmental Commission thought that the start of the new year would be a good time to send a reminder to residents about recycling. A flyer listing items that are Mandated Recyclables is inserted with this Borough Bulletin. These items should never be put in regular trash since Monmouth County has designated that they should only appear in the recycled waste stream.

Recycling has become easier in recent years since we now have “single stream” recycling and do not have to sort newspaper, bottles, etc. Your recyclables should be put into a bucket or garbage can, and the can(s) should be placed at least 3 feet away from the green garbage can used for regular household trash so that the automated garbage truck does not knock over the recycling containers.

We have also gotten the following information from the Monmouth County Recycling Coordinator:

- **Do not put milk and juice cartons out for recycling. Any materials that have multiple layers can not be recycled.**
- **Recycled items should be placed loose in garbage pails and not put in plastic bags. The plastic bags cause problems with the mechanical equipment that is used at the recycling plant.**

If you encounter any problems with recycling pick up, you may call: Kelly Tyers at the Borough Hall 609 448-0539 x4, or Central Jersey Waste & Recycling, Judy Mavhuc at 609 771-8005.

Electronics can be recycled at the Millstone Township Public Works

Garage Recycling Center, 899 Perrineville Road, on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. See the flyer inserted in this Bulletin for examples of items that are accepted.

Large household waste can be taken to Monmouth County Reclamation Center at 6000 Asbury Ave. Tinton Falls, NJ 07724. Call for details and to make an appointment, 732 683-8686. Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste is located at 3211 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724. Call for details 732 683-8686 (Press #1 and follow prompts).

We appreciate all that you do for the environment by recycling as much as possible so that materials can find new uses and not enter landfills.

Roosevelt Environmental Commission

Roosevelt Resident, Dr. Mark Zuckerman, to be Scholar-in-Residence at Sharim v'Sharot

Sharim v'Sharot and its Musical Director, Dr. Elayne Robinson Grossman, present the 8th Annual Mercer County Jewish Choral Festival to be held on Sunday, February 22, 2015, at 2:30 pm, at Adath Israel Congregation, 1958 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey. “A Tapestry of Time – A Symphony of Sound,” will feature over 100 singers from six synagogues and community choruses sharing a wide range of Jewish sound spanning many ages and countries.

Sharim v'Sharot is honored to have as this year's Scholar-in-Residence, Roosevelt composer, Dr. Mark Zuckerman, who will discuss his

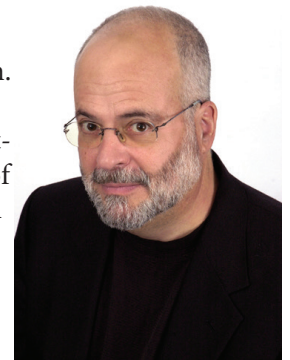
involvement with Yiddish choral arrangements and the challenges he has experienced when communicating, through music, facets of Jewish spirit, culture and experience. All of the singers will sing his arrangement of Mikhl Gelbart's composition “Ikh Bin A Kleyner Dreydl,” (“I Am A Little Dreydl”) and Itsik Manger and S. Beresovsky's “Dolye Mayne, Dolye” at the end of the concert. Dr. Zuckerman, whose arrangements have been performed on four continents, has been called the foremost choral arranger of Yiddish song alive today. A composer for vocalists, chamber groups and orchestras, he earned his Ph.D. in composition from Princeton University, where he served on the music faculty and taught courses ranging from jazz to computer music.

Adath Israel Congregation is at 1958 Lawrenceville Road (Rt. 206). Doors open to the public at 2:15 p.m. Dr.

Zuckerman's lecture begins at 2:30 p.m. The concert will follow at 3 p.m. Admission is free; a suggested donation of \$10 to Sharim v'Sharot is requested.

For further information, call 609-222-CHOIR or visit www.sharimvsharot.com

The Sharim v'Sharot Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to performing and educating the public about Jewish music. Its choir has performed Jewish music in a variety of styles and languages throughout central New Jersey, the Delaware Valley, and New York State under the direction of Dr. Grossman since 2000. Visit us on the web at www.sharimvsharot.com



Gifted and Talented Programs at RPS

By Cornelia Spoor

The Roosevelt Public School Gifted and Talented Program features a Newspaper Club for grades 4, 5, and 6. The Newspaper Club meets five times per year and is under the direction of veteran teacher Larisa Bondy. The 11 students in the club chose the name “The Dragon News” for this year’s edition.

This club’s kick-off meeting included a visit from Nina Rizzo, a reporter most recently at the Asbury Park Press. Ms. Rizzo spoke to club members about her experiences as a reporter. The club also discussed how articles must be *news* and who, what, where, when, and how questions. According to Ms. Bondy, “The third meeting is a press conference with [Superintendent/Principal] Mrs. Cohen, where she answers questions on topics the students have decided to cover. In addition, students conduct surveys and interviews where needed for the content of their articles. The last two sessions are spent writing.”

Topics for this year’s paper include the funding for school repairs, a review of the winter concert, the continued controversy of whether 3rd graders should play the back line in dodge-ball, and why 7th and 8th graders no longer attend RPS. Ms. Bondy expects about ten articles plus a student-created crossword puzzle in this year’s issue.

The Knitting Club, led by Susan Goldfond and Ronnie Levine, meets for five weeks in January and February, and is open to all students in grades 2 and 3.

As the leaders explain, “Knitting, crocheting, needlework are not just crafts from the past. They remain popular today and are present here in RPS!” Mrs. Goldfond is an avid knitter. In school we have seen many of her projects from sweaters to scarves to hats, and even pocketbooks. Mrs.

Levine, though much less experienced, decided that helping students learn a new and useful craft might teach her a few things. In this way the Knitting Club was born.

The club currently has 12 students enrolled: three boys and nine girls. The hope is that students will learn the basic knitting stitch and become comfortable with manipulating the needles and yarn. Ms. Goldfond adds that they will definitely consider repeating the club in the future.

Ms. Levine and Ms. Goldfond hope Roosevelt residents will enjoy seeing some beautiful hand-made scarves this winter running around Roosevelt. Be sure to congratulate these knitters on a job well done!”

Coming soon to RPS: The Book Club, for grades 4 and 5, directed by Larisa Bondy. The club will start with *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman.

The story is about 12-year-old CeeCee who lives in Ohio and has trouble with her eccentric mother who she has taken care of for years. When tragedy strikes, CeeCee is uprooted to Savannah, Georgia, where she finds there are different kinds of maternal love. The Book Club will read and discuss the book together and enjoy some of the Georgian cuisine discussed in the book.

Board of Education Meeting Schedule

- January 29, 2015
 - February 26, 2015
 - March 12, 2015 – Budget Adoption
 - March 26, 2015
 - April 30, 2015
 - May 28, 2015
 - June 25, 2015
- All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at RPS - please join us!

Let's get cooking

Do you have a recipe people always ask you for?
Do you have a dish that you always bring to a pot luck?
Can you share it with us?

My name is Chloe, and I am a 6th grader at Roosevelt Pubic School. I love school, and I cannot imagine being told that I am not allowed to go to school. Unfortunately, many girls around the world have been denied the opportunity of a good education just because of gender. My love for learning inspired me to do my Service Learning Project this year in conjunction with the #BRINGBACKOURGIRLS campaign.

I also love to cook, and when I grow up, I want to be a chef. To that end, I will be creating recipe books highlighting the favorite recipes of the RPS / Roosevelt community. Please either email me a recipe(s) at rooseveltrecipes@gmail.com or send a paper copy to school. Be sure to put your name on it so we know where to give credit for the delicious dishes!

These cookbooks will be available for purchase soon. Proceeds will go to the www.malala.org organization. Thank you for sharing your favorite recipes for my project, and hopefully, no girls anywhere in world will be denied an education.



Sincerely,
Chloe
Chloe

The Roosevelt Arts Project

The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) is a collaborative venture of friends and neighbors in and around Roosevelt, New Jersey. Bringing together artists in a variety of media, our mission is to foster collaboration and present work to the public.

Founded in 1986 by the nationally known artists, Bernarda Bryson Shahn and Jacob Landau, and others including writers and musicians, RAP presents a series of annual programs. This varied series premieres new works by Roosevelt playwrights, painters and potters, folk singers, poets, and composers, as well as experimental collaborations.

DATE	VENUE	EVENT
Saturday, February 21 8:00 PM	Assifa Space	Roosevelt Poets Join the Roosevelt poets during the shortest month of the year as they explore the shortest poetic forms from haiku to ghazal to microgram. Find out what the Universe has been hiding all this time!
Saturday, March 14 8:00 PM	Boro Hall	Music from friends & neighbors Come join us for a variety of musical sounds, from folk to jazz to blues & more. Performances by some familiar faces as well as some new friends & neighbors.
Saturday, April 25 2:00 - 5:00 PM	Roosevelt Public School	"Festival Latino" Join us for a fiesta of Latino music and dance. The group Herencias is back after their success in last year's Roosevelt Arts Project
Fri, May 8 and Sat, May 9 8PM	Boro Hall	"The Roosevelt String Band in Concert" David, Paul, Ed, Sam, Kai, Joe and Howie will present an evening of folk music guaranteed to stimulate great thoughts, mighty feelings, sweet sensations and a whole lot of fun
Thursday June 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM	Roosevelt Public School	Bringing a Mural to Life Culminating a year-long collaboration between the school and the community, the Roosevelt Public School will present a theatrical piece bringing the Ben Shahn mural to life.

Voluntary Contribution: For most events \$5 per adult, for the String Band \$10 per adult, \$5 for seniors and children. Visit RAP's webpage at <http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org> Be sure to join our mailing list at <http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org> so that you get the brochure sent to you via email each season and timely reminders of each upcoming event. For further information call Robin Gould at (609) 448-4616.

Dear Residents of Roosevelt:

Our names are Anna and Michelle, and we attend 6th grade at Roosevelt Public School. We recently held a pair of fundraisers to benefit breast cancer research to which many of you, the residents of Roosevelt, generously contributed both time and money. Thank you so much for participating in Anna's Walk/Run and Michelle's Penny War. We really appreciate your generosity! We raised over \$1000 for breast cancer research. Anna will be donating her proceeds to the Breast Cancer Resource Center of Princeton, and Michelle will be donating to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of New York. Again, thank you so much for participating in our activities. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Anna & Michelle

Stonybrook Millstone Watershed

By Ashlynn Yang

On September 11, 2014, my class went to the Stonybrook-Millstone Watershed. When my class went we learned how to use compasses and maps. My class is very small so only three parents went with us. The trip was for orienteering; it was extremely hard! We had gotten split up in two groups. In the first group, there was Delaney, Jimmy, Jazz, and Amanda. Then, in my group there was Kelby, Liam, and myself. The people who worked there were Vicki, Allison, and Chris. There was an expert in each group, Vicki and Allison were in my group, while Chris was in the other group.

As everyone got into the cars, we set off. Kelby and I played a game of life! When the car was near the destination, our chaperon, Mr. Warner, drove into a farm instead of the actual place. When we got there, the workers gave us a warm greeting. At first everyone shared their names and their favorite outdoor activities. Then we each got a compass and a map of England.

Then we went to picnic tables and practiced using compasses, we made a lot of shapes by using the compasses. Then each group split up and started our advanced scavenger hunt. Our group had to start later, because the other group would have been in our way! So a minute later we set off. It was kind of hard in the beginning, but we got the hang of it. Later on we found the first marker, I almost got pricked with a thorn! My group used the compass more than the map, because we thought that it would be too easy using the map!

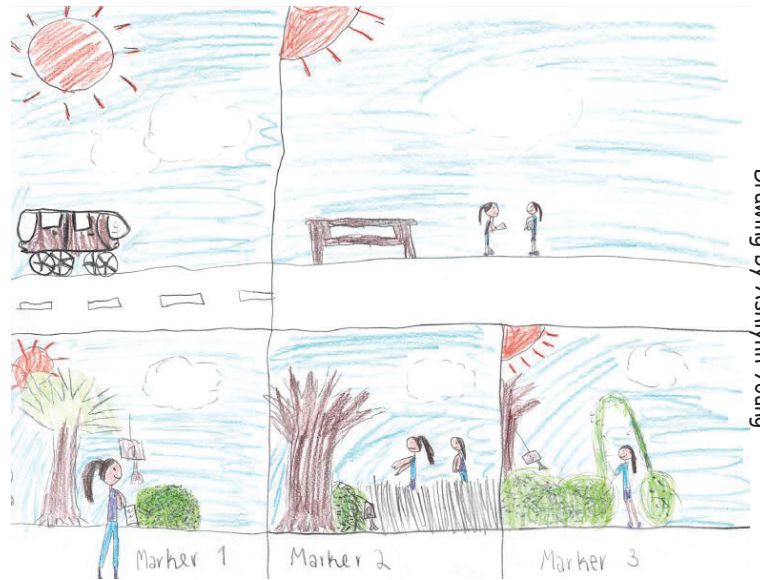
At the third marker we had used

our common sense and went straight through the wood, it was then extremely easy finding the next markers. Then the rest of the markers were right in front of us, so we finished faster. Then, I realized it wouldn't be the end of the world if we lost, so all we did was take our time!

We ended up getting every one of our guesses right! I think that the hardest marker was the last one. I thought that because it was stuck in a rose bush. In the end we headed back, to the picnic tables, I was sad that we didn't win, but in the end the field trip was very fun! I hope that my class can come back next year.

After my class got our lunches we all sat together and ate our delicious foods. Then we got into our cars and drove back to the school.

When we got there, Mr. Gershman asked us "Does anyone know why we went on the trip?" A lot of my class raised our hands, he picked someone, "We went on the trip



because we were working on destinations and reading maps, so you decided it would be cool to go on this trip." One of my favorite things on the trip was the excitement I got every time our group found a different marker, those moments I will treasure forever. Then at the end of the day we all walked out with the spectacular memories we just made. We may not have won, but it was extremely fun!



Important Notice to All Monmouth County Taxpayers Concerning their 2015 Property Assessment

In 2013 the Assessment Demonstration Program, (P.L. 2013, c. 15) was signed into law. Monmouth County was one of the first counties to accept the challenges of this new cost saving program. The Assessors of Monmouth County's 53 municipalities, working in conjunction with the Monmouth County Board of Taxation, will implement the 2nd year of the program for the Tax Year 2015. While there are several components of the Assessment Demonstration Program, the overarching goal is to annually provide more accurate assessments at a reduced cost to the taxpayer. Three changes to be aware of:

CHANGE IN VALUATION CYCLE

Within the old model of "performing revaluations every 10 years", property valuation occurred roughly every 10 years. Within the Assessment Demonstration Program property valuation occurs every year. As opposed to being performed by an outside entity, the valuation component of the annual reassessment will be conducted by the local Assessor. Within the old model, over time the difference between the static assessment and the current market value can be significant. In this case when the revaluation is implemented there are significant changes to the assessment. In the new model, the assessments are revised annually so that the changes are expected to be very small.

CHANGE IN INSPECTION CYCLE

Within the old model of "performing revaluations every 10 years", property inspection occurred roughly every 10 years. Within the Assessment Demonstration Program property inspection occurs every 5 years. The Assessors mass-appraisal modeling, which employs advanced appraisal techniques and technology, relies heavily upon the accuracy of the details of the individual properties. The internal inspection process will be performed by an outside vendor. The intention is to verify the condition and details of each property. To make the program more cost effective, inspections of 1/5 (20%) of the town will be done annually so that 100% of properties are inspected every 5 years.

CHANGE IN APPEAL CALENDAR

Within the old model of "performing revaluations every 10 years", assessment appeals to the County Tax Board had to be filed by April 1st or May 1st in the year of a district wide revaluation. Within the Assessment Demonstration Program assessment appeals to the County Tax Board have to be filed on or before January 15th.

Taxpayers can expect to receive their "2015 Notification of Assessment Postcards" sometime between November 15th and December 1st. Within the Demonstration Program taxpayers should expect that in most cases the new total assessment will be different than the previous-years assessment. How much of a change is dependant on the individual property and the town's status within the implementation process. Once we get to the Tax Year 2018, the Assessors of all 53 towns will be performing annual reassessments which require the Assessor to annually review 100% of the properties and revise the assessments, up and down as appropriate, so that the assessments are equal to the current market value.

Within the old model of "performing revaluations every 10 years", the equalization of the aggregate static assessments was the only method available to address annual market changes and provide for the equitable distribution of shared tax levies. Within the old model, barring alterations to the property or successful assessment appeal, individual assessments generally remained unchanged until the next revaluation. Within the Assessment Demonstration Program assessments are reviewed annually thereby eliminating a protracted period whereby taxpayers over-pay or under-pay their fair share of the current tax burden.

No new taxes are being collected in this program; to the contrary, the total systemic cost of the property tax function will be decreased. The programs intent is the delivery of more defensible and transparent individual assessments for the benefit of the general taxpayer.

Please visit <http://oprs.co.monmouth.nj.us/Oprs/External.aspx?id=12> to review your property record card and property assessment information. 2015 data will be available on or about November 1st 2014. If you have any further questions regarding the implementation of the Assessment Demonstration Program, please contact your local Assessor or the Monmouth County Board of Taxation.

ASSESSMENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM CALENDAR

ASSESSMENT FUNCTION	OLD DATES	NEW DATES
Assessing Date	October 1 PTY	October 1 PTY
Revaluation Completion	November 1 PTY	1 week prior to November 1st
Preliminary Assessments Certified to County Board (All towns) Post all PRC and MODIV to County Website		Nov 1 PTY
Revaluation Assessment Notice Mailed (Reval Towns Only)	Not prior to November 10 PTY	Nov 1 PTY
Postcards Mailed (All non-reval towns)	On or before February 1	Nov 15 PTY
Taxpayer Review Hearings completed (Reval Towns Only)	Not later than December 10	Not later than November 30
Postcards Mailed (Reval Towns Only, includes all hearing revisions)	On or before February 1	On or before December 1
Tax Appeals Filed	1-Apr	15-Jan
Appeal Judgments Mailed	30-Jun	30-Apr
Tax List Filed by Assessor	10-Jan	5-May
Town Adopts Budget	31-Mar	15-May
Tax List Finalized By Tax Board (Equalization)	10-Mar	25-May

The Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company held its annual election on December 11th, 2014, and is proud to announce our officers and new members for 2015.

Line Officers

Chief – Dan Archer

Captain – Chris Suk

Executive Officers

President - Chris Suk

Vice President – John Lenart

Secretary – Shannon Archer

Treasurer – April Suk

Also voted in at our December 11th meeting were our new members Grayson Asprocolas, Mike Blash, Stuart Faunce, and Peter Van Salisbury. At our January 15th meeting, we also voted in James Asprocolas. These new recruits bring the department up to 19 members. We are extremely proud to have been able to triple the size of the department in the last two years.

We would also like to congratulate our latest two graduates from the Monmouth County Fire Academy, Timothy Curry and Sam Lopez. After six months of intense training, they graduated with their Firefighter 1 Certificate on January 22 bringing our department up to 10 trained interior firefighters. With this many trained responders, and four more members entering the academy in February, we continue to strive to respond to 100%

of our calls. The more members we have, the higher the chance of volunteers being available to respond to emergencies during the day.

On that subject, the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company had 37 calls in 2014, an increase from the 17 calls we had in 2013. We hope that this increase is in part due to people's willingness to call 911 when there is a perceived emergency.

You should never be afraid or embarrassed to call 911. Several times throughout the last year, members have received personal phone calls about smoke conditions, wires down, trees down, etc. We want to encourage you to call 911 and not a member or neighbor. If that wire in the road happens to be electrified, it is a danger to yourself, your neighbors, and anyone who happens to be travelling down the road. By calling a member directly or calling a neighbor rather than 911 you are increasing the amount of time it takes to respond to that emergency. Calling 911 sends a signal to the pagers of the almost 30 emergency services volunteers, so those that are closest to the emergency can respond immediately. Adding another person into that loop lengthens the amount of time that dangerous situation continues, and increases the chances of someone getting hurt.

Neither the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company nor the First Aid Squad charge in any way for our services, if you feel there is a dangerous situation do not hesitate, please call 911.

If there are no members available to respond, the 911 dispatcher will call out another fire department to respond, this is what we refer to as Mutual Aid.

Mutual Aid is how volunteer fire companies

and first aid squads ensure that their towns are always covered in case of an emergency. Mutual Aid not only benefits the town receiving the aid, but it is also a benefit to all of the towns responding. Federal Grants are based on the number of calls that a fire department responds to; by providing mutual aid to neighboring towns, departments are able to increase their call numbers, increasing our chances of securing grants that are desperately needed to update our equipment. Mutual Aid also increases the experience and knowledge of our firefighters, strengthening our fire department and better preparing us to respond to emergencies within the Borough. Roosevelt has not had a structure fire since 2008, and while we would like to keep it that way, we also want to be trained and prepared to respond should one happen again in the future. An active department is a successful department, so aside from grants and experience, assisting neighboring towns strengthens our relationships with those towns, increases retention of our current members and helps increase recruitment as well. We want to provide the best in protection possible to the Borough of Roosevelt, and Mutual Aid is just one avenue we are pursuing to achieve that goal.

Our 45-year-old truck, while still a fully functioning fire engine, has a tendency to fail occasionally due to its age. While we have been asked to provide Mutual Aid, and we are excited to do so for the reasons mentioned, we hesitate to accept due to our current equipment.

There is good news on the horizon though; Morganville Independent Fire Company has agreed to donate a Mini-Pumper to our department, which will replace the Brush Truck we lost during Hurricane Sandy. The new mini-pumper is due to arrive in February or March of this year. In addition, we have been hard at work



By Ron Filepp

November 2014



fire house, mainly by building us a new one, we are well on our way to becoming the respectable and fully functioning Fire Department that this town deserves.

The success that we've achieved over the last two years would not have been possible without the continued support of our friends and neighbors. Thank you.

trying to raise the \$30,000 needed to purchase the 1993 Fire Engine from Wall Township. We are still \$12,000 short of our goal and are working on some additional fundraising and two grants in hopes of getting us to our goal.

In addition to the Mini-Pumper and the 1993 Wall Fire Engine, Tinton Falls Fire Department recently approached us as they were looking to donate their 1991 Fire Engine to a department in need. Chief Archer, Captain Suk and Firefighter Erxleben met with the officers of Tinton Falls in early January, and we are happy to report that this engine will also become part of the new improved Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company fleet.

These three pieces of equipment will allow us to better serve the Borough of Roosevelt both by updating our current equipment, making us better equipped to handle emergencies at home, and by having a second available engine to respond to calls outside of town. Having a second engine will allow us to be more diversified, as we plan to outfit it for rescue operations. Also, should one of the engines have an issue or need to go in for maintenance, we will still be able to protect the town with a backup engine. Finally it will serve us by carrying the remainder of our equipment and personnel so we can have everything and everyone we need at every incident.

With the Mayor and Council working on ways to improve our current

As always, we are always looking for new members, either to become members, firefighters, or even to help at fundraisers and other events. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities in the Fire Service, please reach out to Chief Archer at chiefarcher@rooseveltfire.org.

For more information, you can follow our activities on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Rooseveltfire or visit our website at www.rooseveltfire.org.



January Goes to the Dogs

All dogs are required to be licensed during the month of January. If you have not yet obtained a license for your dog, please contact the Borough Hall at (609) 448-0539

Day	High	Low	Avg Precip	Cool'g/Heat'g Degree	
					Days
1	52.0	41.2	46.6	0.53	18.4
2	48.0	40.1	44.1	0.00	21.0
3	57.6	33.6	45.6	0.00	19.4
4	65.7	44.8	55.3	0.00	9.8
5	65.7	50.2	58.0	0.00	7.1
6	55.4	47.5	51.5	0.48	13.6
7	54.1	37.2	45.7	0.02	19.4
8	50.4	30.7	40.6	0.00	24.5
9	55.8	34.8	45.3	0.00	19.7
10	62.1	31.0	46.6	0.00	18.5
11	67.6	36.9	52.3	0.00	12.8
12	66.7	43.3	55.0	0.00	10.0
13	46.7	32.6	39.7	0.06	25.4
14	43.0	28.8	35.9	0.01	29.1
15	43.0	26.4	34.7	0.00	30.3
16	42.0	25.5	33.8	0.04	31.3
17	50.8	36.8	43.8	1.16	21.2
18	47.3	24.6	36.0	0.00	29.1
19	32.5	19.9	26.2	0.00	38.8
20	47.1	26.6	36.9	0.00	28.2
21	37.8	23.4	30.6	0.00	34.4
22	43.5	20.3	31.9	0.00	33.1
23	55.4	20.3	37.9	0.00	27.2
24	70.3	47.3	58.8	0.48	6.2
25	64.6	43.2	53.9	0.00	11.1
26	47.3	34.0	40.7	1.00	24.4
27	40.3	29.3	34.8	0.05	30.2
28	38.3	23.5	30.9	0.00	34.1
29	36.7	20.5	28.6	0.00	36.4
30	55.8	36.0	45.9	0.00	19.1
Totals				3.83	683.1

The First Aid Squad has responded to 208 emergency calls from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014. For the month of December the Squad responded to 9 calls.

In December the Squad responded in Roosevelt to 2 falls and 1 fire stand-by.

Mutual aid to Millstone Twp.: 1 trauma and 4 crises.

Mutual aid into Upper Freehold Twp.: 1 respiratory emergency.

For January, the Squad did its annual CPR/AED training. Members of the Roosevelt Fire Company and Public Works attended. All received CPR/AED cards for the Professional Rescuer.

Emergency Responses for 2014

Roosevelt 85

Abdominal Pain - 1	Motor Vehicle Accidents - 2
Allergic Reaction - 3	Over Dose - 1
Cardiacs - 3	Pediatric Head Trauma - 1
Choking - 1	Pediatric Emergency - 1
Crisis - 8	Respiratory Emergencies - 7
Emergency Transports - 6	Stroke - 1
Evacuations - 4	Syncopal - 1
Falls - 17	Town Stand-bys - 3
Fire Stand-bys - 22	Unconscious - 1
Medical Alarms - 2	

Millstone 106

Allergic Reaction - 2	Falls - 7
Alter Mental Status - 3	Fire Stand-bys - 4
Ankle Injuries - 3	Head Injuries - 4
Back Injuries - 2	Hip Injury - 1
Bleeding - 2	Medical Alarms - 2
Broken Arm - 1	Motor Vehicle Accidents - 11
Cardiac Distress - 5	Over Dose - 1
Crisis - 11	Respiratory Emergencies - 8
Diabetic Emergency - 3	Seizures - 2
Dog Bite - 1	Shoulder Injury - 1
Emergency Transports - 25	Trauma - 1
Unconscious - 6	

East Windsor Twp. 3

Emergency Transport - 1

Fall - 1

Motor Vehicle Accident - 1

Upper Freehold 7

Cardiacs - 2

Crisis - 2

Motor Vehicle Accidents - 2

Respiratory - 1

Freehold Twp. 4

Drill - 2

Fall - 1

Syncopal - 1

Plumbstead Twp. 1

Fire Stand-By - 1

Manalapan Twp. 1

Cardiac - 1

Hightstown 1

Motor Vehicle Accident - 1

As the Squad sent out our donation letters we included "My Personal Medication Record" form. Please complete the form with your current medication and place it on your refrigerator. This would be a great help to the Squad members if we had to come to your home in an emergency. If you misplace the form, or need additional copies, contact any Squad member.

We would like to thank all the residents of Roosevelt for their generous donations to the Squad. Without your support we could not operate. Thank You!!!

If any one wishes to make a donation, you can send it to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad at P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Remember, all donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for new members. We will pay for the required basic training. If interested, please contact any Squad member or stop in during our training for an application. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT please email roosevelt-

RESCUE SQUAD (CONT'D)

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Health Notes: Altered Level of Consciousness

An altered level of consciousness is any measure of arousal other than normal. Level of consciousness (LOC) is a measurement of a person's arousability and responsiveness to stimuli from the environment. A mildly depressed level of consciousness or alertness may be classed as lethargy; someone in this state can be aroused with little difficulty. People who are obtunded have a more depressed level of consciousness and cannot be fully aroused. Those who are not able to be aroused from a sleep-like state are said to be stuporous. Coma is the inability to make any purposeful response. Scales such as the Glasgow coma scale have been designed to measure the level of consciousness.

An altered level of consciousness can result from a variety of factors, including alterations in the chemical environment of the brain (e.g., exposure to poisons or intoxicants), insufficient oxygen or blood flow in the brain, and excessive pressure within the skull. Prolonged unconsciousness is understood to be a sign of a medical emergency. A deficit in the level of consciousness suggests that both of the cerebral hemispheres or the reticular activating system have been injured. A decreased level of consciousness correlates to increased morbidity

(disability) and mortality (death). Thus, it is a valuable measure of a patient's medical and neurological status. In fact, some sources consider level of consciousness to be one of the vital signs.

People who do not respond quickly with information about their name, location, and the time are considered "obtuse" or "confused." A confused person may be bewildered, disoriented, and have difficulty following instructions. The person may have slow thinking and possible memory time loss. This could be caused by sleep deprivation, malnutrition, allergies, environmental pollution, drugs (prescription and nonprescription), and infection.

There are still many houses in town that do not have house numbers or have numbers that are too difficult to see from the street. Please check the numbers posted on your house to ensure they are large and visible enough for emergency services and State Police to see from the road, especially at night. Remember if you need help please "Dial 911".

Jack Rindt, Captain EMT (I)

Roosevelt First Aid Squad

rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com

Feb. 9.— After an hour's ramble, now retreating, resting, sitting close by the pond, in a warm nook, writing this, shelter'd from the breeze, just before noon. The emotional aspects and influences of Nature! I, too, like the rest, feel these modern tendencies ... to turn everything to pathos, ennui, morbidity Yet how clear it is to me that those are not the born results, influences of Nature at all ... Here, amid this wild, free scene, how healthy, how joyous, how clean and vigorous and sweet!

From "February Days" (1892) by Walt Whitman

WEATHER ALMANAC

By Ron Filepp

December 2014

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5	48.4	33.3	40.9	0.00	24.2	
6	53.2	39.9	46.6	1.00	18.5	
7	46.2	32.0	39.1	0.20	25.9	
8	36.3	25.7	31.0	0.00	34.0	
9	42.4	34.0	38.2	0.85	26.8	
10	41.7	33.6	37.7	0.00	27.4	
11	38.1	32.0	35.1	0.08	30.0	
12	40.3	33.6	37.0	0.00	28.1	
13	43.5	29.3	36.4	0.00	28.6	
14	48.6	34.9	41.8	0.00	23.3	
15	46.0	29.5	37.8	0.00	27.3	
16	52.0	32.5	42.3	0.12	22.8	
17	52.7	39.0	45.9	0.00	19.2	
18	43.7	33.6	38.7	0.00	26.4	
19	41.4	30.7	36.1	0.00	29.0	
20	37.0	28.9	33.0	0.00	32.1	
21	39.4	28.4	33.9	0.00	31.1	
22	42.8	34.7	38.8	0.00	26.3	
23	50.2	41.5	45.9	0.10	19.2	
24	61.5	45.7	53.6	0.80	11.4	
25	62.8	40.6	51.7	0.20	13.3	
26	49.6	32.5	41.1	0.00	24.0	
27	52.7	31.3	42.0	0.00	23.0	
28	57.6	39.4	48.5	0.00	16.5	
29	50.4	30.9	40.7	0.00	24.4	
30	37.0	24.1	30.6	0.00	34.5	
31	33.1	19.2	26.2	0.00	38.9	
Totals				3.78	769.8	

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3 Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
8 Sun.	9:00 am	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training Jack Rindt, Training Officer
9 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
11 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
12 Thurs.	7:00 pm	Fire Company Business Meeting, Borough Hall Chris Suk, President 490-0931
16 Mon.		RPS closed for Presidents' Day
17 Tues.	8:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, Jeff Klein, President
18 Wed.	7:30 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall, Diane Lowery, Chair.
21 Sat.	8:00 pm	Roosevelt Arts Project Roosevelt Poets, Assifa Space,
23 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
25 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
26 Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, Natalie Warner, President, 609-903-1061

An electronic calendar was installed on the Roosevelt Board of Education's website containing information about state testing, upcoming field trips, events and additional pertinent information. Learn more about all of the happenings in our school, visit RPS website: www.rps1.org. Please send notice of your events to Bulletin at P.O. Box 221 or email to RooseveltBulletinSubmissions@gmail.com

RECYCLING DATES

February 11, 12
March 11, 25

ZONING PERMITS

Tuesdays 4 – 6 PM



STATE PERMITS

Wednesdays 1 – 3

BOROUGH HOUSING INSPECTIONS

Tuesdays 5 – 6 PM,
Borough Hall

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1 Sun.	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company Pasta Dinner, Borough Hall
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