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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

### Council Pays Tribute to Krystyna Olejnik

#### Update Provided on the Former Gas Station Property; Grant Application for Sidewalks Approved; Time Limit Established for Public Comments

Opening the Council meeting of April 7, Mayor Beth Battel noted the passing of Municipal Clerk Krystyna Olejnik and paid tribute to her for her many years of devoted service to the Borough. The Council and all present joined in a moment of silence in her memory.

Responding to a request from the Planning Board for information as to the current status of efforts to get the former gas station property rehabilitated and restored to some use, Councilman Jeff Ellentuck, who has been serving as the head of a special committee dealing with the gas station issue, stated that the Borough would not get a final notice of No Further Action from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) until groundwater samplings, which are being taken on a regular basis, show a level of contamination that is within permissible limits. Mayor Battel added that the Borough was told two years ago that it might take as long as ten years for such a level to be reached through natural processes.

In response to a question from Councilman Stu Kaufman, the Council representative on the Planning Board, as to why the lot north of the neighboring house, which was subdivided from the gas station lot several years ago, could not be sold separately for construction of a house while we wait for the DEP approval that would be needed to sell the gas station, Councilman Ellentuck replied that, while

it was possible to do so, it would not be a good idea to do so because that property would most likely be needed for parking by any business that might acquire the gas station property and it would therefore make the most sense to try to sell them together. Councilman Ellentuck also stated that the building on the property could be rehabilitated and did not need to be demolished, and that demolition would only serve to greatly extend the process because DEP would then require additional approvals.

Since the special committee had been appointed under a prior Council and had therefore technically expired, Mayor Battel reappointed Councilman Ellentuck, who is the chairman of the Council's Environment, Health and Safety committee, to once again head the special committee, which will now also include the Mayor herself, Councilwoman Peggy Malkin, Planning Board Chairman Isaac Menda, former Councilman Ralph Warnick, Purchasing Agent Michelle DeFrancis, who has had extensive experience in the sale of surplus municipal property, and former Planning Board Chairman Alan Mallach, who is a nationally-recognized authority on municipal redevelopment.

The Council passed a resolution authorizing the municipal engineer to prepare and submit to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) a grant request, under the Safe Routes to School pro-

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 37th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from October 2013 through September, 2014. We will not publish in January and August 2014.

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

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# From the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

By Elsbeth Battel

It's with great sadness that I recount the loss of our long time Borough Clerk, Krystyna Olejnik. Krystyna served the Borough faithfully for nearly 35 years, having begun in 1985. In addition to being Clerk, she filled the offices of Registrar of Vital Statistics, Purchasing Officer, and others.

Having served for many mayors and councils, she knew more about what had been done, what needed to be done and how things were done than any other individual. She not only knew who everyone was, but she knew their parents, their spouses and their children and their dogs as well. (When I first took my seat in the mayor's chair I would whisper to her in meetings, "Who is the man in the third seat from the left in the back row?" or "Who is the lady front row center?" She always had the answer for me which made calling on people in the public portion so much warmer).

Krys made my time as mayor so agreeable that it is hard to imagine going on without her. I'm sure many people feel the same way when I say I miss her and wish she could have stayed with us.

My heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones.

Beth

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gram, for the construction of sidewalks on North Rochdale Avenue. The Council deferred action on a companion resolution to apply for a DOT grant for the design and construction of a dedicated pedestrian and bike path, the reason being that, when a similar resolution was proposed several years ago, it appeared that there would be a bike path on Rochdale Avenue that would require the widening of the road and the consequent removal of a row of mature trees. Council members indicated that they would support the resolution if further information is provided indicating that this is a substantially different proposal and no removal of trees would be required.

The Council also passed resolutions authorizing bids for an additional wireless communications antenna system on the water tower and a lease for that purpose and also authorizing an agreement with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission for treatment and disposal of sludge from the sewerage treatment plant, at a rate of \$46.00 per 1,000 gallons. The Council also approved the appointment of Deborah L. Thomas as Assistant Administrative Clerk to assist Deputy Clerk, and Acting Clerk Rebecca Ord Barrett as needed. Councilwoman Michelle Hermelee reported

that she had participated in a meeting with Hightstown officials to discuss a possible shared services agreement under which the municipal clerk of Hightstown would also serve in Roosevelt until such time as Deputy Clerk Barrett is ready to be appointed as clerk.

The Council also approved a resolution limiting the time that any one person can speak during the public portion to five minutes at a time. Bob Clark, one of the three members of the public present at the meeting, questioned the necessity for such a resolution, since he was not aware of any problem of members of the public speaking for extended periods of time. Councilman Ellentuck responded by saying that it would be desirable to have such a rule in case any such problem arises in the future in order to ensure that meetings can finish at a reasonable hour, and that other public bodies, such as the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, have such a rule. Councilman Tom Curry expressed doubt that any limitation would be strictly enforced. The Council adopted the resolution by a vote of three to two, with Council members Ellentuck, Curry and Hermelee in favor and Council members Kaufman and Ticktin opposed.

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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

**Realtime Comes to RPS**

Roosevelt Public School (RPS) has acquired a computerized student information system called Realtime. Realtime is a web-based, secure software system developed by a New Jersey company currently used by approximately 20% of New Jersey school districts.

The software interfaces with all of the NJ Department of Education data, decreasing the amount of time office staff will need to input student data to complete NJDOE reports. Being a web-based system makes Realtime helpful so that in the event of emergencies, administrators and teachers will be able to access student information from anywhere. Realtime will also allow the school to make emergency notifications.

Initial trainings sessions prepared office staff and administration to input student information, emergency information, and schedules. Teachers were then trained to set up grade books, take attendance, and write and share lesson plans. Teaching staff is getting familiar with the system during the remainder of the current school year.

Beginning in the next school year (2014-2015), the use of the Realtime will continue to expand with report cards production. In addition, RPS will begin to roll out access to a parent portal. The parent portal will allow parents to change their contact information, see attendance, assignments, and grades.

**2014-2015 School Registration**

It's time to register for pre-K and Kindergarten for 2014-2015 (even if you are a current pre-K student). RPS pre-K hours are Monday through Friday 08:20 to 12:30 (no lunch). Aftercare will be provided at an additional cost if there is interest. Kindergarten is full day.

**Board of Education Membership Petitions**

The Roosevelt Public School Board of Education is always looking for new members. State law requires that all school-board nominating petitions for the November election be delivered to the appropriate county clerk by 4 p.m. on July 28, 2014 (even if the clerk's operating hours extend past that time). The actual start of your service, if elected, would be January 2015. Find out more information at <http://www.njsba.org/about/candidacy/nominating-petitions/njsba-november-important-dates.pdf> or contact RPS BOE at [rpsboe@gmail.com](mailto:rpsboe@gmail.com).

**FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC**



The Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company has been busy making plans for our Fourth of July Picnic. This year we have plans to extend the parade to include the eastern half of town and include a larger portion of Rochdale Avenue. In an effort to increase participation and make the parade more exciting for our residents, we will be inviting additional fire companies and first aid squads to participate. If you are member of an organization or an owner of a classic car and would like to be part of the parade this year, please reach out to us at [info@rooseveltfire.org](mailto:info@rooseveltfire.org). We would love to have you!

We are also going to add some activities to the picnic this year. For the adults, the Fire Company will be running a Corn Hole Tournament, and for the kids we will be running some picnic games, including a three-legged race, balloon toss, and a game of Cheeto Head. We invite all ages to participate, and we will be giving away prizes for the winning teams of each age group. We will also continue to offer the Bounce House, Fire Hose Sprinkler, and Fire Hose Knock-Down as they were a big success last year. A full listing and schedule of events will be published in the June issue of the Borough Bulletin and we will be posting updates, including the line-up of prizes for all of our games on our Facebook page over the next two months.

**REMINDER FOR RECYCLING:**



Always leave at least 3 feet between your garbage can and recyclable container(s). The arm that lifts the garbage can needs enough room to operate so it can avoid knocking over other containers.





## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

### School Year 2014-2015

Roosevelt Public School's preschool program runs 5 days a week from 8:20 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and follows the school district calendar.

Registration for preschool 2014-2015 will take place in the main office of the school the week of **March 31, 2014** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration materials and a health form will be provided at the time of registration.

Students who turn three on or before October 1, 2014, or are four years of age, are eligible for entrance into preschool in September 2014.

Preschool fees are as follows:

- \* Roosevelt residents - \$3,250/year or \$325/month
- \* Out of district students - \$4,000/year or \$400/month

**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 2014. This information will be provided when you register your child.

An informal orientation for parents and students will take place in May. Further information about the orientation will be sent out in April to the students who register.

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

Happy Spring Everyone!

As I write this, our students and staff are away enjoying a much deserved Spring Break. Not only was this a late break, calendar wise, but the winter weather and unanticipated closings led us all to be a bit weary; we chose to extend the school year until June 20 for students and June 23 for staff. In spite of it all, our staff and students continued to be engaged in teaching and learning and kept their smiles all the way through.

May will be my sixth month at RPS and I continue to be impressed by what I see in the classrooms and by the high level of parental and community involvement. Last week's Carnival was an example of the community coming together, yet again, to create wonderful opportunities for our children; it was exciting to see the older students who clearly would not miss the event!



Photo Credit - Gabrielle Balon

One of the curricular events that I planned to write about, did not go as smoothly as I would have hoped and I hope that the community can help with its resolution. You will see in the accompanying photos that our Kindergarten and Second Grade students were given a real treat in that Mr. and Mrs. Stanley came to demonstrate how to tap a tree for maple syrup. Our teachers, Ms. Bondy and Ms. Shaw, planned a lesson together,

Mrs. Stanley prepared an interesting handout for the students and Mr. Stanley showed students the tools and procedure for gathering the sap. The plan was to check the bucket the next day to see what had accumulated.

Unfortunately, vandals removed the bucket and the sap was dumped out overnight. Our students and adults – including me- anxiously looked to see the sap the next morning and were disappointed to learn what had happened.

I hope that community members will use this as an opportunity to promote character education in Roosevelt. This close knit community can let each other know how disappointing this was to the children and will hopefully have a dialogue on how wrong it was for whomever did this to do so.

Additionally this month, I would like to share with the community a creative writing piece by Odessa Ditchik one of our third grade students in Ms. Gazzani's class. I hope that you enjoy it as much as I have.

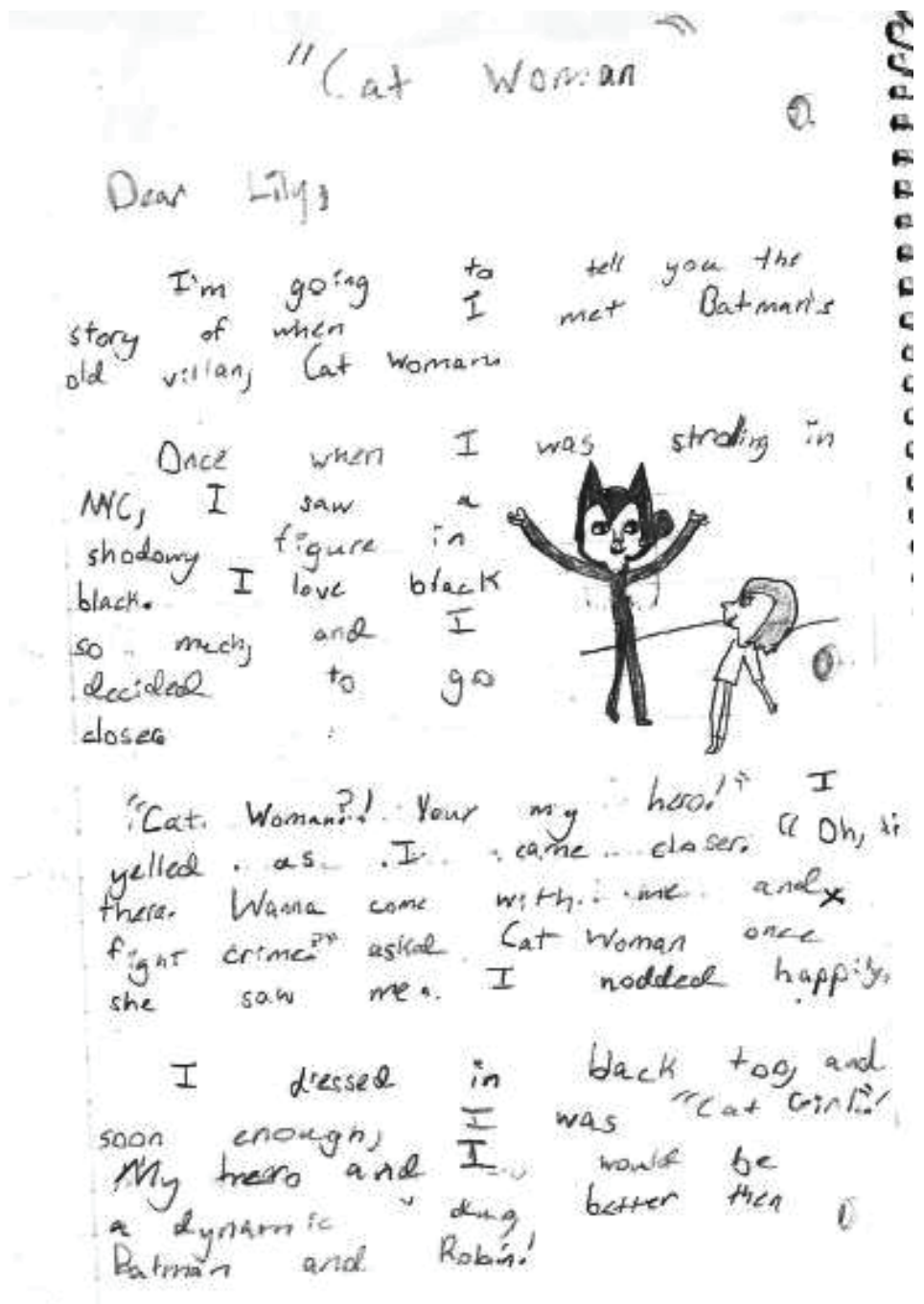




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Suddenly, I peered, and saw and angry cowboy robbing the bank! I signaled Cat Woman to use her tail and lassos I made a lasso out of the tail.



Chingo! Chingo! Those were the sounds of the bags of dough falling. I returned them to the bank, but I had a sick feeling inside. What if this was the only time I was Cat Girl?

I speeded out wailing! I felt pats on my back. A woman told me an important message: "Never be a villain and you will find your hero if you believe." She left off but

I know that I'll see her again.

I hope you liked my tale and I hope you'll find your super hero, too.

Your BFF,  
Odessa Ditchik

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

State law now prohibits disposal of computers and TVs with trash. Free drop-off. Program open to all Monmouth County residents, small businesses, and institutions. Limited to one pick-up truckload.

### Items accepted:

- Computer cases, CPUs
- Keyboards, Mice
- Monitors, Scanners
- Printers, Cables
- Laptops, Peripherals
- Televisions
- Radios, Cameras
- Telephones
- Copiers, Fax Machines
- VCRs, DVD Players
- Stereo Components

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The First Aid Squad has responded to 58 emergency calls from January 1 to March 31.

For the month of March the Squad responded to 17 calls.

The Squad responded in Roosevelt to 2 fire stand-bys, 2 crisis transports and 1 emergency transport.

Mutual aid into Millstone Twp., 1 fire stand-by, 2 emergency transports, 1 stroke, 1 cardiac, 1 head injury, 1 hip injury, 1 syncope and 1 unconscious.

Upper Freehold Twp. 1 crisis and Manalapan Twp. 1 cardiac.

In March, the training was recertification for the Squad to carry on both ambulances and to use the auto-injector (Epi-Pen) for anaphylactic shock (due to insect bites, food allergies, etc.) All members of the Squad are now recertified.

As the Squad sent out our donation letters we included "My Personal Medication" form. Please fill the form out and place it on your refrigerator, including only your current medication. This would be a great help to the Squad members if we had to come to your home in an emergency. If you miss place it the form contact any Squad member for a new one or if you need more than one.

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 anyone wishes to make a donation, please 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 basic training that is needed. If anyone is interested please contact any Squad

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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 [rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com](mailto:rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com). We are now on facebook.

With the rise of heroin use in Monmouth County, the Squad is waiting for the Department of Health Office of EMS to publish the regulations guiding EMTs in the administration of nasal Narcan to treat victims of opioid overdoses.

Narcan, or Naloxone, is an opioid antagonist, meaning it keeps drugs like heroin and morphine from having an impact on the body. It is used in treatment of these types of addictions, to keep the person from feeling any effects of their drug use.

### Health Notes: Heroin use on the rise in Monmouth County.

Heroin use in Monmouth County has been on the rise with over 37 overdose deaths this year. Doctors, substance abuse counselors, and police believe this is due to the increase in prescribed opiates which leads to progressive addiction, and its overall purity and availability.

The number of children and adults who have sought treatment for admitted heroin addiction are 721 in the Freehold Regional School District, 255 in Middleton, 110 in Hazlet, and 164 in Manasquan Sending District area.

Signs and symptoms of heroin use and heroin addiction are critical to know for anyone who suspects that

they, themselves, or a loved one has a problem with heroin use. Even seeing heroin use symptoms for a short period of time can indicate a problem with heroin use. Recognizing the signs of heroin addiction early is key to getting early help and intervention for the addict's best chance at a full recovery.

Use of heroin signs can be similar to the signs of use for any powerful drug. Heroin use generally involves a major life shift away from family, friends and work and towards heroin use behaviors. Those around the user may not want to acknowledge heroin use symptoms, but it's critical to deal with heroin use as soon as it's seen and to encourage the heroin user to get help.

General heroin symptoms and signs of heroin use include:

- Distancing from family and friends, spending more time "out" without reason
- Decreased performance in work of school
- Decreased personal care, such as not showering or changing clothes
- Unexplained expenses

The general signs of heroin use don't point to heroin use specifically, but drug use in general. In order to determine whether the problem is heroin use, heroin symptoms must be noted during heroin use or heroin withdrawal. Noticeable signs of heroin use during drug intake include:

- Pinpoint pupils
- Shallow breathing
- Dropping in and out of wakefulness
- Vomiting
- Flushing of skin
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Restlessness (during withdrawal)

Signs of heroin use should be taken very seriously as heroin symptoms can be lethal. Even if unsure about heroin use or addiction, the heroin



## RESCUE SQUAD (CONT'D.)

user should still be counselled to seek help for heroin use, or any other issue that might be causing the concerning behavior.

Signs of heroin addiction include the signs for heroin use but to a greater degree. Once a person has become addicted to heroin, they may have already lost their job, abandoned their family and quit seeing any drug-free friends altogether. Heroin addiction signs include a marked drop in self-care and hygiene to the point where the heroin addict rarely showers, changes clothes or grooms them self. The biggest sign of heroin addiction is simply that the addict places no value on anything but obtaining and using the drug. The heroin addict has no motivation to do anything other than heroin.

Additional signs of heroin addiction include:

- Reckless behavior, such as stealing to obtain money to buy heroin

- Runny nose or constant sniffing - seen in those who snort heroin
- Needle marks on arms, legs and other parts of the body
- Slurred speech, confusion
- Hostility towards others, particularly if confronted with concerns about drug use
- Skin infections

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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 in an emergency, dial 911.

Jack Rindt, EMT (I), Captain

Roosevelt First Aid Squad

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For winter's rains and ruins are over,  
 And all the season of snows and sins;  
 The days dividing lover and lover,  
 The light that loses, the night that wins;  
 And time remembered is grief forgotten,  
 And frosts are slain and flowers begotten,  
 And in green underwood and cover  
 Blossom by blossom the spring begins.

Algernon Charles Swinburne "Atalanta in Calydon"

## WEATHER ALMANAC

By Ron Filepp

### March 2014

Day	High	Low	Cool'g/Heat'g		
			Avg Precip	Snow	Days
1	40.5	11.8	26.2	0.00	38.9
2	40.3	28.6	34.5	0.02	30.6
3	35.4	12.4	23.9	0.00	1.00 41.1
4	31.6	10.0	20.8	0.02	44.2
5	40.8	17.6	29.2	0.00	35.8
6	32.4	17.8	25.1	0.00	39.9
7	39.9	25.5	32.7	0.00	32.3
8	55.8	32.0	43.9	0.00	21.1
9	45.0	35.7	40.4	0.00	24.7
10	53.2	35.6	44.4	0.00	20.6
11	64.4	36.3	50.4	0.00	14.7
12	70.5	42.8	56.7	0.02	8.4
13	52.3	18.9	35.6	0.00	29.4
14	49.6	19.2	34.4	0.00	30.6
15	62.1	38.7	50.4	0.00	14.6
16	45.9	30.7	38.3	0.00	26.7
17	35.6	22.1	28.9	0.00	36.2
18	43.5	26.1	34.8	0.00	30.2
19	48.4	26.2	37.3	0.20	27.7
20	57.0	39.9	48.5	0.00	16.6
21	55.2	31.5	43.4	0.00	21.7
22	64.8	31.6	48.2	0.00	16.8
23	48.7	31.5	40.1	0.00	24.9
24	45.7	18.0	31.9	0.00	33.2
25	39.0	10.0	24.5	0.00	40.5
26	38.1	28.9	33.5	0.00	31.5
27	47.5	18.1	32.8	0.00	32.2
28	63.7	31.6	47.7	0.00	17.4
29	57.7	42.1	49.9	0.41	15.1
30	47.5	42.3	44.9	0.00	20.1
31	55.2	36.0	45.6	0.00	19.4
Totals			0.67	1.00	836.6



On April 6th, members of the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company were invited to participate in a joint exercise with the Suburban Chiefs Association Large Diameter Hose Pipeline Taskforce and the Middlesex County Water Tender Taskforce. More than 40 fire apparatus and over 200 firefighters from five different counties participated in simulating a fire at Thompson County Park in Jamesburg. It was a great opportunity for our small company to be involved in such a huge undertaking.

We would like to welcome our newest member, Brian Erxleben, to the Fire Company. Brian has been a firefighter for six years and graduated from the Monmouth County Fire Academy in 2008; he is currently a Captain at Hope Fire Company in Allentown. Brian will make an excellent addition to our team, and we are thrilled to have him on board.

Our Community Egg Hunt that was held on April 13th was a great success. Thank you to all residents for their enthusiastic participation! We could not have asked for a nicer day for an outside event. In total, there were close to 1,000 eggs hidden in the RPS baseball field, which contained

prizes varying from stickers to pet goldfish.

Congratulations to our two Grand Prize Winners, Sydney Brissette – Rodriguez and Sean Ryan! Sydney won the grand prize in the 8 & up hunt, a Bowling Party for up to 6 including \$15 to spend on snacks at Ground Round! Sean won the grand prize in the 4-8 year old hunt, two free passes to Sesame Place! In addition, six other lucky gold egg finders won a pair of open bounce passes to Bounce U, and 12 other gold eggs held vouchers for inflatable bunnies and chicks.

We would like to thank East Windsor Bowl & Recreation Center, Sesame Place, Bounce U of West Windsor, Rita's Ice of East Windsor, Precious Pets, and Wendy's for their generous donations. Thank you also to Dianna Moore and Karen Block who donated baked goods to our refreshment sale.

Our events would not be nearly as successful if it wasn't for the help and support of our neighbors and the community. We are ever thankful that you continue to support our efforts to better the Fire Department

and our community.

As we continue to plan and fine tune our community events, we ask if you have any comments or suggestions to please contact us at [info@roosevelt-fire.org](mailto:info@roosevelt-fire.org) or visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/RooseveltFire](http://www.facebook.com/RooseveltFire) and share your thoughts.

We are always seeking new members for the department. If you're interested in the different opportunities the fire department has to offer, please contact Chief Dan Archer at [chiefarcher@rooseveltfire.org](mailto:chiefarcher@rooseveltfire.org).





At the time of this writing, it was a typical spring; one day it's 79 degrees and the next day it snows. That means by late May, Roosevelt will be in full green mode and looking gorgeous.

A strange event happened at the last Council meeting. The Council, by a one-vote margin, passed a motion to limit the time a person from the public could speak to five minutes. I questioned this—one answer given was other municipalities do this, but that can't be right...Roosevelt never does things like other towns. Another answer was Council members did this for free and worked all day, but that can't be right—everybody works, and we serve because we love Roosevelt, and it's our civic duty.

I puzzled this until I discovered the real reason: Mr. Can't-Say-Anything-in-Five-Minutes. There is a member of the public who literally cannot say anything in five minutes. So I think this was the Council's way to politely say, "Hey Mr. Can't-Say-Anything-in-Five-Minutes, don't talk so much."

Let's talk about Utilities. Wonder what I do as Chair of Utilities? I'll give you some examples. One evening my phone rings and there's a water line break, so I got dressed to see what was going on. The homeowners problems started earlier that day when a combine took down their power line. JCPL arrived and got the power back, but for some reason they decided to put a new pole in the ground. Unfortunately, in doing so they cut their water line; now they don't have water and it's 10 o'clock at night. To make matters worse, we did not know if it was on Borough property or theirs. I could see the homeowners were in no condition to deal with this after the day's events, so I authorized the work to be done by our contractors. I think they were relieved. Happy ending; the line was repaired the next day and it was on Borough property, so the home owners were not on the hook for the repair. We will be reimbursed by JCPL.

Aside from emergencies, most of my time is spent going to the Water

and Sewer plants, meeting with the Utility Operator to discuss what are priority projects, what can wait, and how to pay for them. Sometimes it's hard to know where to start because everything is in such poor condition and needs to be repaired or replaced. Financially, the Utilities are underfunded when it comes to maintaining our systems unless we can cut operating cost and increase revenue (without raising rates). I don't see how we can avoid rate increases. I appeal to you the public—after all, it's everyone's problem.

I am looking to form a citizen's committee with input and ideas from the public. Complaining won't change anything, participation and involvement in our community will. Planning for the future of Roosevelt starts today. If we want a better future for Roosevelt in 2020, start in 2014; and the best way to do that is to participate in our local elections. Learn the names of candidates running for office, demand contested elections where there are more than two candidates for two seats on the Council. We are a strong community when all of us get involved.

Until next month, stay well.

Your Council representative,

Stu Kaufman



### PET WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATERS

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP PROTECT OUR WATERS

Pick up after your pets. Properly dispose of pet waste into the trash. Animal waste contains coliform bacteria, which is harmful to our health.

Carry a newspaper or plastic bag to pick up the waste while walking your pet

When treating your pet and yard for fleas or ticks, check with your veterinarian for safe substitutes. Never dispose of flea dip liquid on the ground or in the storm drain. It should be disposed of as a household hazardous waste.

Visit [www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rnp/hhwcps](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rnp/hhwcps) for list of county household hazardous waste disposal centers.

Do not feed wildlife such as geese, pigeons, ducks and deer.

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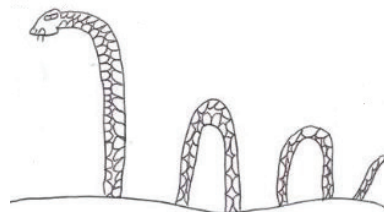
# The Roosevelt Arts Project

This year's Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) season is dedicated to the theme of the arts in education. As public schools find themselves under growing pressure to concentrate on standardized tests organized around an increasingly constricted core curriculum, and

forced to operate under increasing cost constraints, the arts, rather than being seen as an integral part of any child's education, are being increasingly seen as a frill, or at best an adjunct to that education.

While as artists we can be accused of special pleading, we nonetheless consider this not unfortunate, but tragic. There is abundant and compelling evidence that the arts play a central role in motivating children, increasing their engagement with school, and enhancing their performance in academic areas like math and reading. As artists, though, we recognize the immense practical value of the arts in creating an educated, highly-skilled population, but we also know that their value goes far beyond the practical.

An engagement with the arts, whether it be through music, poetry, painting, theater or video, fosters the creativity, critical thinking and sense of wonder of each child in ways that test-driven curricula cannot even begin to. It is the arts that enable her to become an adult aware of her inner creative strengths and appreciative of the beauty of nature and the works of art that surround all of us every day. We all need the skills to earn our livings, and enable the United States to compete in the global economy, and yet if we are to be worthy of the civilization that has nurtured us, we need more than that, we need the soul that only the arts can provide.



Drawings by Roosevelt Public School students



## ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2013-2014 SEASON

DATE/ VENUE	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
8:00 PM Friday & Saturday, May 9&10, 2014 Borough Hall	Roosevelt String Band	In our 26th year, the Roosevelt String Band will perform many songs that we haven't done before and some we have. As usual, it will include ballads and blues, songs of love and peace, songs of troubled times and songs to help make the good times roll. We also plan to continue the tradition of having the audience sing along with some of our songs, so practice your scales and harmonies!

### Voluntary Contribution:

For the String Band \$10 per adult, \$5 for seniors and children. Visit RAP's webpage at <http://music.columbia.edu/roosevelt>. Use the link to sign up for our e-mail list. For further information call Robin Gould at (609) 448-4616.

# Roosevelt Public School Special Education Services

Roosevelt Resident Parents of children ages three to twenty-one years of age, who notice any special problems in their child's development including fine and gross motor, speech/language development, acquisition of age appropriate cognitive skills or other significant development delays should contact Susan Goldfond, Coordinator of Child Study Team at 609-448-2798. This also applies to homeless children and children of families of migrant workers

## Roosevelt Artists Featured at New Jersey State Museum

The New Jersey State Museum (205 West State Street, Trenton) is featuring a show dedicated to Roosevelt Artists through May 25. [http://www.state.nj.us/state/museum/dos\\_museum\\_exhibit-roosevelt.html](http://www.state.nj.us/state/museum/dos_museum_exhibit-roosevelt.html)

“Artists of Roosevelt” explores the development of Roosevelt as an art community and allows visitors to discover the impact these important artists had, and continue to have, on American art. Historic works drawn from the Museum’s collections and loans from private collections include artists Jacob Landau, Sol Libsohn, Stefan Martin, Gregorio Prestopino, Edwin Roskam, Louise Roskam and Ben Shahn. Contemporary artists included are Jonathan Shahn, Bill Leech, Ani Roskam and Leonid Siveriver.

Artists of  
**ROOSEVELT**



“Artists of Roosevelt” is part of Concentric Circles of Influence: The Birth of Artists’ Communities in Central New Jersey, a series of art exhibits, film, gallery talks and panel discussions that focus on notable art communities that developed in central New Jersey beginning in the late 1930s. The exhibitions are being offered in venues across the greater Mercer County region and explore the role New Jersey has had as a creative cauldron since the mid-20th century.

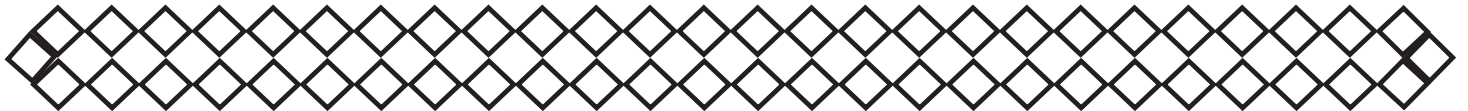
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