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Council Considers Noise Ordinance

by Adeline Weiner

The last two Borough Council meetings were occasions for lively discussion of a new anti-noise ordinance and a serious reprimand to the Mayor over failure to warn the Council of an upcoming fine of \$15,000.

Much Noise About Noise

Jill Lipoti, Public Safety Committee Chair, proposed a new excessive noise ordinance that contains measurable guidelines for the purpose of promoting health and quality of life [see page 7 for the complete text of the proposed ordinance, Ed.]. Sound levels are prescribed in a residence-to-residence range, namely 55 dBA (see definition in reprint of ordinance) from 7 AM to 10 PM and 50 dBA from 10 PM to 7 AM. The exceptions include machinery and equipment noise that is operated with a muffler, various signalling devices and alarms, emergency equipment, and the unamplified human voice. (e.g. crying babies). The latter exemption was included as an amendment at the suggestion of Maureen Parrott, a candidate for Borough Council, who spoke against the ordinance during the public portion of the August meeting.

The ensuing debate has been predictably vigorous with objections ranging from charges characterizing the ordinance as fascistic, arbitrary, and abridging freedom of speech, to such adjectives as unnecessary, undemocratic, and restrictive. In a letter to the Council, Mark Zuckerman expressed concern about the possibility of finding the community Independence Day celebration illegal, along with graduation, wedding, bar mitzvah and block parties, not to speak of major construction projects. He claimed that such a law would escalate rather than reduce unneighborliness; that it confuses a social problem with an environmental one.

Why Not the Old Way?

Zoning Officer Paul Eichler explained that the existing zoning ordinance requires his intervention in a noise-related complaint, and that he

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Bulletin Now Tax-Exempt

by Mark Zuckerman

The Internal Revenue Service has granted provisional tax exemption under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code to Roosevelt Borough Bulletin, Inc., publisher of the *Bulletin*. The ruling, which determined Roosevelt Borough Bulletin, Inc. to be a charitable organization as described in section 501(c)(3), was made retroactive to April, 1988, the date of incorporation.

The major impact of the ruling is that all donations to the **Bulletin** since April, 1988 may be claimed as charitable contributions on Federal income tax returns. In addition, the **Bulletin** can be distributed using a nonprofit mailing permit, which should realize an annual saving of over \$300. This figure represents approximately 8% of last year's total expenditures.

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Big Garbage Day

by Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik

On Saturday, October 28, the Borough's contractor will collect items not picked up on its regular run.

Washers, dryers, water heaters, and other large appliances will be picked

up this day.

Residents are asked to observe the following procedures and restrictions:

- · Neither tires nor automobile batteries will be accepted.
- As a safety precaution, doors must be removed from refrigerators that are intended for pick up.
- Tree clippings, tree limbs, etc. must be bundled and tied or placed in containers, so that they may be easily picked up.
- Nothing should be over 4 feet
- No hazardous waste materials will be picked up. Examples: oil cans, oil paint cans, materials having oil or other hazardous waste on them or contained inside. These items should be brought to County disposal sites on hazardous waste days [see next column, Ed.].
- Leaves will not be picked up.
- Recyclables will not be collected. Please do not place your trash on the curb prior to three days before pick-up.

Please make sure your trash is out early. Pick up will start at 6:00 AM.

For further information, please call the Borough Clerk at 448-0539.

Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik is the Roosevelt Borough Clerk.

Free Rabies Clinic

The Borough of Roosevelt and the Monmouth County Health Department has scheduled a free rabies clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, October 21 between 12 noon and 1:00 PM at the Borough Hall.

All dog owners whose pets' rabies vaccine expires during 1989 are encouraged to have their animals' vaccine renewed at this clinic.

Free Flu Shots

Senior Citizens (aged 65 and over) qualify for free flu shots on Thursday, October 5 between 1:30 and 3:30 PM at the Clarksburg Community Center (near the Fire House).

Household **Hazardous Waste Day** on October 7

by Mark Zuckerman

Monmouth County home owners, farmers, schools, and other municipal institutions may safely and legally dispose of hazardous waste materials on Saturday, October 7 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM at the County District #7 Garage in Upper Freehold Township. The garage is located on Route 539 southeast of Allentown.

Each resident may bring for disposal up to 200 pounds of dry material and/or 20 gallons of liquid. No container larger than 5 gallons will be accepted. All disposable material must be identified clearly. The following items must be in marked containers with the original labels:

- Pesticides & Herbicides
- Solvents & Thinners
- Corrosives & Cleaners
- Pool Chemicals
- · Anti-Freeze
- · Liquid Paints & Varnishes
- Aerosol Cans

Also accepted are:

- Used Motor Oil
- Old Gasoline
- Automobile Batteries
- Household Batteries

The following will not be accepted:

- Lab Reagents
- Woodlife
- Formaldehyde
- **Explosives**
- **Compressed Gasses**
- Radioactive Materials
- Silvex
- 2, 4, 5-T Dioxin
- Kepone
- PCBs or TCDD
- Any Unknown or Unidentified Material

The disposal program is for Monmouth County residents and institutions. Proof of residence will be checked at the disposal site. No commercial or industrial contributors are allowed.

For further information, contact the Monmouth County Health Department (201-431-7456) or Planning Board (201-431-7460).

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Planning Board Has Sparse Calendar

by Bob Clark

If recent bare agendas of the Roosevelt Planning Board may be used as a guide, Roosevelt will continue in a period of slow to no growth. Indeed, the one pending application to subdivide a lot—received by the Board in the spring—was officially withdrawn at the September, 1989, meeting.

Harry Parker sent a letter to the Board withdrawing his application to subdivide his property to allow an additional house to be built between the Swiss screw factory and the farmhouse on North Valley Road. The application had earlier received a cool reception from the Board since a steep hollow and wetlands traverse the property at the site of the proposed lot.

The slowdown may be the result of summer somnolence, overbuilding in the surrounding area, a softening housing market, the Borough's limited infrastructure or hard deals (or no deals) being made on the few remaining developable tracts. In any event, the town has so far not experienced a resurgence of sizable development proposals such as those offered by eager developers and landowners during 1988. The official message to developers at that time was, "This community intends to look very hard at any deviation from its recently revised master plan, even if a prospective developer tempts the town with promises of assistance to its beleaguered sewer system."

Meanwhile, Planning Board Chair Alan Mallach, who has inspired many of the Board's recent initiatives, had been out of town for a few months, and the agendas were so light in July and August that no meetings were held. Finally, the Board's business has been undemanding as townspeople adjusted to the recent policy not to require site plan approval for improvements and additions to single and double-family dwellings if such construction meets zoning standards. This change in Borough policy brought Roosevelt into compliance with the state's Municipal Land Use Law.

Committees to Examine Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance

With the summer over, however, the Board has renewed its efforts to meet potential development pressures in an orderly manner before they reassert themselves. Following up on an earlier suggestion by Board member Michael Ticktin, two committees were established to focus on the master plan and zoning ordinances. The committees initially set the third Wednesday of each month as meeting dates (at 8:00 PM in different areas of the municipal building). The master plan committee would firstly work on utilities and open space elements for the master plan.

The Planning Board noted that the Borough Council had not taken any action on two ordinances which the Board had referred in the spring for Council action. Mayor Leon Barth said the Council wanted more information before it moved an ordinance regarding parking and driveways on private property and another ordinance involving technical changes to the zoning ordinance. Mallach said he

would arrange with the Borough Clerk to make a presentation.

The Board also decided to clarify the proposed parking amendments by adding language that would allow parking of vehicles parallel to a road so long as the side of the vehicle nearest the roadway was no more than two feet from the pavement. Given the typical right-of-way width in town, only a portion of such vehicles, if any at all, would touch private property and, therefore, be subject to zoning regulations. Mallach added that the Borough could still regulate parking on the rights-of-way themselves under its police powers over streets and roads.

Ticktin presented a draft of a zoning amendment that would regulate the creation of "accessory dwelling units" within existing residences. He pointed out that a few independent living units had been created in town (at least one with variance approval from town officials) to accommodate elderly parents or just to provide an extra, income-producing unit. Ticktin and Mallach maintained that an ordinance would help to control such activity.

Board member Mel Friedman expressed concern that such a regulation might encourage owners to divide their houses into more than one dwelling unit. The Board decided to reflect on the amendment before taking it up again at its next meeting.

Finally, the Board, with Ticktin abstaining, officially approved the recycling element of the master plan. The recycling element is largely patterned after the system of recycling already established in the town.

Services for the High Holidays

The Jewish New Year 5750 will be welcomed at services held at Congregation Anshei Roosevelt.

Anyone interested in attending services during this holiday season may call for tickets (\$75 each): Frieda Anish (448-2365), Shlomo Weiss (448-2526), or Michael Ticktin (448-0363).

The schedule of holiday services in late September and October is:

Rosh Hashanah

Fri., Sept. 29, 7:00 PM Sat., Sept. 30, 9:00 AM Sat., Sept. 30, 6:15 PM Sun., Oct. 1, 9:00 AM Sun., Oct. 1, 6:00 PM

Yom Kippur

Sun., Oct. 8, 6:00 PM Kol Nidre Mon., Oct. 9, 9:00 AM Yiskor 11:45

Succoth

Fri., Oct. 13, 7:00 PM Sat., Oct. 14, 9:00 AM Sat., Oct. 21, 9:00 AM Sat., Oct. 21, 6:00 PM Simhat Torah Sun., Oct. 22, 9 AM Simhat Torah

The synagogue is located on Homestead Lane.

What's New at RPS

by Harry Groveman

I'm sure by now most everyone who receives the *Bulletin* has seen the fresh coat of paint on the school's exterior. Over the summer, workers sandblasted the old paint, applied a coat of sealer and repainted the building.

However, I'm not sure everyone has had the opportunity to see the other improvements to our appearance that took place this past summer. A variety of projects were initiated with the goal of upgrading and enhancing the overall environment of the RPS facility. In addition to the exterior painting, new entry doors were installed at the main entrance, stained ceiling tiles were replaced in the gymnasium, a new Kindergarten lavatory was constructed in our Kindergarten classroom, two classrooms were completely painted, the backstop to the athletic field was painted, all our floors were cleaned and polished and the carpeting was steam cleaned. If you haven't had the opportunity to see us up close, I invite you to come by and take a look.

While a great deal of effort was spent this past summer to enhance the school's learning environment an equal amount of effort was being put forth to

Alef Bet Kicks Off New Season

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

The Alef Bet Families rang in the New Year—and our own new season—with a Rosh Hashanah gettogether on September 23. The festivities, which took place at the Roosevelt Jewish Center, included special children's activities and refreshments.

Alef Bet Families is an informal Jewish education program geared toward young children and their families, but open to all.

Anyone interested in building a Sukkah or helping to build one, or any new families who would like to learn more about Alef Bet, please contact Faye Nulman (426-1192). Faye will also have information about dates of future events—or keep an eye on the Bulletin Board. We look forward to seeing you!

improve our program. Over the summer, two curriculum projects were initiated and plans are well underway to revamp and upgrade our science and language arts curriculum. A plan of action for improving our computer program was set in motion and is in place for the 1989-90 school year. In addition, we have also developed a plan to expand on our afterschool program offerings and are ready to begin afterschool programs in the areas of fine and performing arts and fitness. Some of the other plans worked on and scheduled for the 1989-90 school year include: Revising our report card or progress reporting system, revising our gifted and talented program, including in our physical education program a fitness screening for all students, and adding to our conversational language program an introduction to Spanish in addition to our program in French.

We are looking forward to the 1989-90 school year and if the first few days of school are an indicator, we are off to a great start.

Harry Groveman is Chief School Administrator at RPS.

Day Care Task Force Formed

by Robin McLaughlin

Are you working parents having problems finding someone to take care of your children before and after school? Then come join the Roosevelt Extended Day Care for School Age Children task force!

We are looking to provide a safe, warm, nurturing environment for our children.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 30 at 4:00 PM.

If you need more information, or would like to help, please call Robin McLaughlin after 6:00 PM at 448-6406.

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Nursery School News

Alison Edwards Petrilla

The Roosevelt Community Nursery School is off to a great start this year—we're thrilled that we're "filled to the gills" with eager preschoolers and that our wonderful staffers—returning head teacher Linda Liotta and teacher aides Anita Allen and Kathy Vasseur—are rarin' to go.

The kids are already learning about the signs of fall and are beginning to do work with colors, too, Linda reports. Puffy the guinea pig is back in the classroom again, and will shortly have goldfish and the denizens of our new ant farm to keep him company.

Our parents have been busy, too, and this year's fundraising activities, with proceeds earmarked for our Schoolyard Equipment Fund, are already underway. Our second bake sale is set for October 7 (the first was on September 23), and a Tupperware Party and Constructive Playthings Sale are also in the works for fall. Watch the Bulletin Board for details, or call Joan Grossman at 448-9385.

Linda also tells us that the school can still use your old toys (except stuffed animals), and that the children would be especially glad to adopt any outdoor play equipment. An old but usable rabbit hutch is another pressing need, as is an autoharp. If you're able to donate any of these items—or any old buttons, fabric or yarn—please don't hesitate to call Linda at 426-9523. Needless to say, tax-deductible contributions of good old-fashioned dollars are always more than welcome, too.

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Thanks this issue go to our stalwart benefactors MIRA and Congregation Anshei, as well as to Ron and Deanne Moore for getting our backyard in shape; to Claude and Diana Rocchia for building our beautiful new bulletin boards and easels; to the Playhouse Building Brigade—Bob Clark, Brad Garton, Rob Liotta and Mike Stiles—and to Pete Rossi, who supplied their lunch, and John Rindt, who transported the building materials; and to all those who baked and bought at our first bake sale. Thanks!

PTA News

by Robin Carroll

The PTA wants to welcome everyone back to school this year. The Executive Board was hard at work over the summer planning the 1989-90 school calendar.

The PTA even ran a successful backpack campaign in August. If anyone is still interested in ordering a Roosevelt backpack or roll-type duffel bag, please contact the school for information.

On September 6, the PTA started the school year off with a "Welcome Back Brunch" for the teachers and staff members. A special thanks goes to Liz Possiel for all the work she did to make this brunch so special.

September 18 kicks off the annual Magazine Sale. This year instead of individual prizes being awarded to the students, this money will be pooled to purchase a gift for the school.

The PTA is sponsoring a Citizenship Essay Contest on September 25. One winner will be chosen from each class, with Citizenship Awards given to all who participate.

A special Program Committee has been formed to plan assemblies and special programs for the school. Lila Mayberg and Ilene Levine are the

teacher representatives with Shelley Hatzfeld and Adeenah Yeger representing the PTA.

All PTA meetings will now be held on the third Thursday of the month with the first meeting on September 21 at 8 PM. At this meeting, the Executive Board will be awarding the very first Volunteer of the Month Award to Teresa Lepore for all the help with publicity she has given to the PTA over the years. Her beautiful illustrations give the PTA a special look. All members of the PTA appreciate her hard work and look forward to seeing her artwork on the posters in town and the flyers sent home with students.

Upcoming events for the PTA include Back to School Night on October 3 and School Pictures on October 6. On October 25 and 26 the PTA will sponsor a Book Fair. On the 26th the school will be open in the evening from 7-9 so everyone from town may come and browse. There will also be a used book table which the school is setting up.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for October 19 at 8 PM. Hope to see you there!

Senior Citizen's News

by Helga Wisowaty

We have been active during the summer months. Our "picnic" on July 11 at Etra Park was enjoyed by all. Betty Perrine, Millie and Harry Di-Giorgio and Jeanette Koffler did a great job. Harry "manned" the grill and served the watermelon. We had one uninvited guest—an adorable tiny chipmunk who held our interest.

On July 25 some of us went to Trenton (by bus) to protest the placing of the hazardous waste incinerator in Millstone. Clara Levinson enlisted the aid of Ann Baker (typing headings for petitions), Ellie Bermowitz, Jeanette and me in getting signatures on petitions which Jeanette gave to the commission to be given to gubernatorial candidates Florio and Courter; and Gordon Millspaugh (Chairman of the Commission). Thanks, Clara.

Jeanette told us that free flu shots for seniors will be given at the Clarksburg Community Room on Thursday, October 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM.

On Saturday, October 7, there will be "Senior" games at Great Adventure. This is free. There will be a string band and Octoberfest.

Future plans include our annual holiday celebration. We will go to Lily Langtree on December 9 to see "Caribbean Carnival."

Gus Chasan celebrated her birthday on September 11, so our hosts (Frieda Rockoff, Fran Geller and Paul Eichler) had a beautiful cake for her. Many more, Gus.

For those interested in joining the Roosevelt Senior Citizens:

Rules of membership include attending at least 3 meetings, being a host once a year, and observing schedules of payments for trips, etc.

Helga Wisowaty is Secretary of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club.

> Do you have a favorite recipe? Send it to the Bulletin Box 221, Local 08555

Roosevelt Recipes

A Zucchini Solution

If you are wondering what to do with your zucchini harvest, you might want to try a rich and creamy, low cholesterol soup. Kids and many who dislike this vegetable find this version of zucchini soup delicious and satisfying. And it doesn't suffer any loss of flavor from freezing.

Rich and Creamy Zucchini Soup

3 T. olive oil

1 C. coarsely chopped onion

4 medium potatoes, remove eyes and scrub, cut into chunks

2 C. defatted chicken broth, or equivalent diluted chicken bouillon

8 C. Zucchini cubes, don't remove skin, do remove large seeds

1/4 tsp. dried basil, or 2 fresh basil leaves

1/8 tsp. each: cinnamon and garlic powder

Over medium heat, in a 3 quart pot, cook onion in oil until onion is transparent. Add potatoes and broth, and boil until potatoes are tender. Add rest of ingredients and simmer until zucchini is just fork tender. Puree at highest blender speed, one cup at a time. Stir and correct seasoning. Serve hot, warm, or chilled.

Broccoli and/or cauliflower, or asparagus may be used instead of the zucchini for delicious variations, all of which travel well in a lunch bag.

Enjoy!

-Mary Alfare

Council Considers Noise Ordinance (continued from page 1)

has traditionally, if it came to that, sought the aid of the State Police. It turns out, however, that if he were not available, there could be no recourse to police assistance because there is no state anti-noise law on which to base a citizen's complaint.

Supporters of the proposal made the point that in most cases when refusal to discuss the problem of persistent noise disturbance occurs, a simple threat to call the police or an actual visit by a police officer is all that is needed to solve the problem. Several members of the public said that these episodes rarely lead to court cases and fines. Therefore, they feel the need for some basis in local law to permit the intervention of State Police on whom we must depend for law enforcement.

Still Another Way

A proposal to include in the ordinance a provision for a mediation or conciliation panel, of which there are many examples throughout the state, that would offer contending parties a hearing and a chance to resolve differences, was introduced by Marilyn Magnes who suggested this as a way of counteracting legalistic confrontations among neighbors. Formal methods for establishing such a board or panel are available with help from several residents and contacts in the state.

Public discussion will take place at the next Council meeting, October 11. The suggestion for postponement of a month for a final vote came from **Borough Bulletin** Editor Mark Zuckerman to allow for publication of the bill and full participation by residents. Sponsor Jill Lipoti said she was in favor of any efforts to achieve maximum publicity about the measure, and encouraged input from the public.

A Surprise Fine

Marilyn Magnes, Chair of the Public Utilities Committee, reported at both Council meetings on possible opportunities to lift at least part of the \$15,000 fine imposed, seemingly without warning, by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. At the August meeting, she reported that information had been given to the Mayor on several occasions but was not passed on to her or the committee. This deprived the Council of any

chance to control the excess discharge which in three different months incurred fines. Strong criticism of the Mayor followed and ended in a motion to censure [see Council Censures Mayor, p. 10, Ed.].

What Price Understanding?

At the second meeting of the Council, Magnes responded to a newspaper report quoting the Mayor's charge that the Council was using lies and innuendo to discredit him. Magnes explained in detail that the aim of the criticism was only to improve relations between the Council and the Mayor and that his role could be vital to a cooperative effort to solve problems in the interest of the whole community.

In the public portion, Lee Allen, a candidate for Borough Council in the November election, read an accusatory statement alleging lies, duplicity and secrecy on the part of Magnes for the purpose of undermining the Mayor and other individuals in the community. Further discussion was concerned with establishing the facts about events related to a meeting with DEP late last year, accompanied by statements on the need for cooperation by several Council members.

Council member Bill Counterman stated that the censure action was not helpful to that end, nor were "outbursts" in the other direction.

Three New Ordinances To Apply for Public Funds

Magnes announced a reorganization of her committee to provide better overseeing functions for various projects. She reported on the progress of T and M's survey of lateral water pipes and gas lines and urged that any smoke entering the home be reported promptly to Borough Hall, as explained in a recent mailing.

An ordinance (136) was introduced and passed (Moser abstaining) to establish a legal basis for participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program. Magnes discussed possible ways to target areas in the borough that might be eligible regarding income levels and that could benefit from financial assistance to infrastructure problems. The town has been ruled ineligible in the past due to a relatively high average level of income.

To Fix a Road and a Bridge

A second reading of ordinance 135, proposed by Streets and Roads Committee Chair Bill Counterman, would appropriate the sum of \$11,000 to pay for the overlayment on the Roosevelt portion of the Windsor-Perrineville Road (\$8,000) and for reconstruction of "cemetery bridge" on Eleanor Lane (\$3,000). He reported that grant money for repair of Nurko Road was coming in and that the internal survey of the Pine Drive storm sewer had been received, listing the specific sites of damage. He awaits an estimate now from T and M.

To Upgrade Recycling System

Kirk Rothfuss recommended to the Council the proposal of B & T Recycling Inc., who for a fee of \$135 per pickup would collect all our recyclables at the present site in the Borough Hall parking lot. Rothfuss emphasized that newspapers can not be left in bags but must be tied up in bundles. Notice will be given to residents about collection of bimetal cans, required under state mandate and with which we have been out of compliance for many months. He stated that these cans (from vegetables, soups, fruit, cat food etc.) will have to be washed, and with bottoms and tops cut out, crushed to save room, and brought to the appropriate bin. The recycler will provide documentation to secure records of compliance and to allow for a small government grant yearly.

Other Council business included a contract awarded Leon Lawson for clearing the footpath on Valley Road (\$200). Council member Moser reported a meeting with the Archives Librarian at Rutgers who agreed to survey Roosevelt historical records. A meeting with him in New Brunswick will then consider a plan for preservation. A balance of \$200 from the Oral History Project may be used to transcribe some of the interview tapes still outstanding.

The Council also adopted a resolution opposing the "flag burning" amendment to the US Constitution proposed by President Bush. The move was taken in reaction to resolutions by other local governments in support of the amendment.

(134) AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CREATION OF LOUD OR UNNECESSARY NOISE IN THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

SECTION I. DECLARATION OF FINDINGS AND POLICY: SCOPE.

1.1. WHEREAS, excessive sound is a serious hazard to the public health, welfare, safety, and the quality of life; and, WHEREAS, a substantial body of science and technology exists by which excessive sound may be substantially abated; and,

WHEREAS, the people have the right to, and should be ensured an environment free from excessive sound, NOW, THEREFORE, it is the policy of the Borough of Roosevelt to prevent an excessive sound that may jeopardize the quality of life.

1.2. This ordinance shall apply to the control of sound originating from stationary source within the limits of the Borough of Roosevelt.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS.

2.1. "DECIBEL (dB)" MEANS

The practical unit of measurement for sound pressure level; the number of decibels of a measured sound is equal to 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the sound pressure of the measured sound to the sound pressure of a standard sound (20 micropascals); abbreviated dB.

2.2. "EMERGENCY WORK" MEANS

Any work or action necessary to deliver essential services including, but not limited to, repairing water, gas, electricity, telephone, sewer facilities, or public transportation facilities, removing fallen trees on public right-of-way, or abating life-threatening conditions.

2.3. "NOISE" MEANS

Any sound of such level and duration as to be or tend to be injurious to human health or welfare, or which would unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property throughout the Borough or in any portions thereof, but excludes all aspects of the employer-employee relationship concerning health and safety hazards within the confines of a place of employment.

2.4. "NOISE DISTURBANCE" MEANS

Any sound that (a) endangers the safety or health of any person, or (b) disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities, or (c) endangers personal or real property.

2.5. "PERSON" MEANS

Any individual, corporation, company, association, society, firm, partnership, joint stock company, the State or any political subdivision, agency or instrumentality of the State.

2.6. "PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY" MEANS

Any street, avenue, boulevard, highway, sidewalk, alley that is leased, owned or controlled by a governmental entity.

2.7. "PUBLIC SPACE" MEANS

Any real property or structures thereon that are owned, leased, or controlled by a governmental entity.

2.8. "REAL PROPERTY LINE" MEANS

The imaginary line including its vertical extension that separates one parcel of real property from another.

2.9. "RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY" MEANS

Property used for human habitation.

2.10. "SOUND LEVEL" MEANS

The sound pressure level measured in decibels with a sound level meter set for A-weighting; sound level is expressed in dB.

2.11. "SOUND LEVEL METER" MEANS

An instrument used to measure sound level.

2.12. "WEEKDAY" MEANS

Any day, Monday through Friday, that is not legal holiday.

SECTION III. POWERS, DUTIES, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL OFFICER AND ADMINISTRATOR.

3.1. The provision of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer.

SECTION IV. MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SOUND LEVELS.

4.1. No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the operation of any source of sound on a particular category of property or any public space or right-of-way in such a manner as to create a sound level that exceeds the particular sound level limits set forth in Table I when measured at or within the real property line of the receiving property.

TABLE I. Maximum Permissible Sound Levels by Receiving Property Category, in dBA

Sound Source Receiving Property Category: Residential

Residential 55 7 AM - 10 PM 50 10 PM - 7 AM

4.2. The following are exempt from the sound level limit of Table ${\bf I}$.

(a) Noise from domestic power tools, lawn mowers, and agricultural equipment when operated with a muffler between the hours of 8:00 AM to 8 PM on weekdays and 9 AM to 8 PM on and legal holidays.

(b) Noise from snowblowers, snow throwers, and snow plows when operated with a muffler for the purpose of snow removal.

(c) Noise from stationary emergency signaling devices that conforms with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:29.

(d) Noise from any exterior burglar alarm of any building or motor vehicle provided such burglar alarm shall terminate its operation within fifteen (15) minutes after it has been activated.

(e) Noise from any emergency work.

(f) Noise from an unamplified human voice.

SECTION V. PROHIBITED ACTS.

5.1. No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the following acts:

5.1.1. Animals and Birds.

Owning, possessing, or harboring any pet animal or pet bird that frequently or for continued duration, makes sounds that create a noise disturbance across a residential real property line (for the purpose of this section, a noise disturbance from a barking dog shall be defined as that created by a dog barking, whining or howling continually for ten (10) minutes or intermittently for thirty (30) minutes unless provoked).

SECTION VI. ENFORCEMENT.

6.1. PENALTIES

(a) Any person who violates any provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty for each offense of not more than \$500.00 dollars, except as provided in subsection (b).

(b) Any person who willfully or knowingly violates any provision of this ordinance shall be a subject to a penalty for each offense of a sum of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$500.00 dollars.

(c) If the violation is of a continuing nature, each day during which it occurs shall constitute an additional, separate, and distinct offense.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DAY.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt, at the meeting held on August 9, 1989, and will be considered for final passage after a public hearing at the meeting of said Mayor and Council beginning at 8:00 P.M. on October 11, 1989 to be held in the Municipal Building, N. Rochdale Avenue, (Rt. 571) Roosevelt, N.J.

Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik, R.M.C.

Borough Clerk

Noise Ordinance:

Why a New Noise Control Ordinance is Needed

by Michael Ticktin

When visitors to Roosevelt are asked their impressions of the community, or when residents are asked why they moved here or why they stay, one of the first things they are likely to mention is the green, peaceful, uncongested environment. The factory has long since ceased to be a cooperative employing most of the town and the distinctive Eastern European Jewish cultural atmosphere is mostly a memory, but this environment, the legacy of farsighted planners, remains.

Not too many years ago, it became known in Roosevelt that a company whose manufacturing process involved the use of certain hazardous chemicals was interested in buying one of our industrial buildings. There was an immediate and seemingly unanimous alarm at the possibility of this happening. After all, our industrial zone is located right next to our public water supply and, despite all assurances of compliance with State safety procedures, an accident might happen and our water supply might become polluted. Fortunately, the company saw what the general sentiment was and decided it would not be a good idea to pursue the matter.

More recently, a State agency determined that a site in Millstone Township, about five miles from Roosevelt, would be suitable for construction of a toxic waste incinerator. The prospect of Roosevelt's air being the least bit polluted by this incinerator has elicited great concern in the community and has inspired many residents to participate actively in the attempt to stop the project.

Now, however, another source of pollution, no less harmful to the total Roosevelt environment, has become the focus of public attention. That pollutant is noise. In the 1960's, when the threat came in the form of a proposed jetport nearby, the town was united in opposition. But this time there is no external threat against which we can all unite. The problem is different; two

groups within the community have quite different views as to the right to generate sound at a level that it can be heard by, and may be annoying to, others.

In response to a complaint about a particularly difficult situation in which some residents found themselves virtually driven from their home by the continual loud music emanating from a neighbor's outdoor radio, Councilwoman Jill Lipoti, an environmental scientist who has specialized in noise control issues, prepared an ordinance based upon a model State code that has been adopted by many municipalities and introduced it at the August Council meeting. Reaction was not long in coming. One resident, who happens to be a Borough Council candidate, denounced the proposed ordinance as "fascistic." Other residents characterized it as anti-musician or as a violation of either the right of free expression or of a supposed right to do whatever one wants since "it's a free country." These arguments, having, I wish to believe, been offered seriously and in good faith, deserve to be answered in the same manner.

To begin with, the proposed ordinance does not exactly represent a foray into uncharted territory, since the making of excessive noise is already illegal in Roosevelt. The Public Health Nuisance Code, enforced here by the Monmouth County Health Department, prohibits the making or causing of any sound that causes people physical discomfort or is injurious to their lives, health, peace or comfort. The problems with the Public Health Nuisance Code are (1) that it does not provide measurable, objective standards and (2) there is no effective enforcement mechanism. (The only enforcement procedure available under the Nuisance Code is for the Health Department to give a five-day notice and then come back and correct the violation at the violator's expense if it has not been abated. This works

quite well when the nuisance is accumulated garbage or poison ivy; it does not work at all well with a refusal to turn down a radio.)

This being understood, let us examine the argument that the proposed ordinance is antidemocratic and violates individual liberty by beginning with the basic issue of what our system of government is all about. The Declaration of Independence says that we are all endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that, to secure these rights, governments are created. What is this "liberty" that our government is supposed to secure for us? One theory, which we might call the theory of the frontier, is that liberty means not having anyone tell you what to do. When things at home get too restrictive, you set off to the West to live by your own rules. In the era of the "me generation," it is not surprising that this concept has plenty of adherents. Unfortunately, it does not work too well when you have no choice but to live in a community with other people. If the mortality rate in cowboy movies is any indication, it did not work too well in the Old West either.

The other theory, that of ordered liberty under a social compact, is clearly defined in a document that is comparable in importance to our own Declaration of Independence and is a product of the same natural rights tradition: the Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen, which was adopted by the French National Assembly in August of 1789. This definition, which is of direct relevance to our current debate, is as follows:

"Liberty consists of being able to do whatever does not injure another. Thus, the exercise of the natural rights of each man has no other limits than those that are necessary to secure the exercise of the same rights by other members of the society. These limits

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Pro and Con

The Proposed Ordinance is Onerous and Unnecessary

by John Parrott

The Borough Council is considering an onerous noise ordinance. Why do we need more laws? It seems that someone has been playing Wayne Newton records too loudly and a neighbor is annoyed. To me, this is a droll picture; to the afflicted neighbor, apparently it is less amusing, but this seems scant reason for legislative action.

Notwithstanding that the ordinance as written is arbitrary, do we really want legislation based on whim and caprice? What I mean is this: there are times when the best of us lack perspective in our judgments and our behavior and we do things that we would not have done at some other time when our emotions

were different. People play music, dogs bark, engines roar and, Lord knows, men and women argue. Shall we devise a fiat against life? If so, from whose perspective? Shall the viewpoints of contentious neighbors impose their rancor on the community, or the irascible ear of a late night reveller, awakened too early with a hangover, delineate the behavior of us all?

Come now, fellow Rooseveltians, the way to settle problems is to confront them. I fail to believe that in a town the size of Roosevelt people cannot deal with one another on a one to one basis. Should a dispute become too heated or the positions too un-

yielding there are always the state police and the state nuisance laws which this proposed ordinance intends to circumvent with an anonymous phone call. Remember, after the phone call you still have to live here.

If there must be a local mechanism to control noise let it be a part of a general mechanism to mediate disputes between antagonistic personalities. Must musicians, music lovers and dogs cower in cinder block bunkers awaiting the timorous arm, trembling as it reaches for the phone, the lips pressed to the receiver whispering anonymously?

The Proposed Ordinance is Arbitrary and Promotes Divisiveness

by Maureen S. Parrott

At its August meeting, the Borough Council introduced an "Anti-Noise" Ordinance. A final vote on passage will occur after a public hearing on October 11.

While noise can be a health and safety problem in the workplace or in densely populated cities, this ordinance is not directed toward health, but annoyance. Under the proposed ordinance, all sounds (not falling within specified exceptions) over 50 decibels (between 10 PM and 7 AM) or 55 decibels (between 7 AM and 10 PM) are illegal and subject to a fine of \$500 per day. The proposed ordinance would also make it illegal for your dog to bark continually for 10 minutes or intermittently for 30 minutes. According to the Trenton Times, July 23, 1989, "A whisper produces 20 dB, an ordinary conversation 60 dB, and an express train 100 dB. Sounds become annoying at about 70 dB (a vacuum cleaner) and potentially damaging at

85 or 90 dB (a motorcycle). Ear pain is usually associated with sounds of 100 dB or more."

Because this ordinance is repressive, unnecessary, arbitrary, and will increase divisiveness between neighbors, I strongly oppose the passage of this law.

First, I favor minimum legal restrictions on personal liberty.

Second, I was told at the August Council meeting that the law was introduced because one person played his radio or phonograph loud enough to disturb his neighbors. This does not mandate legislative action, especially when state law already makes Disorderly Conduct (N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2(b)), Harassment (N.J.S.A. 2C:33-4(c)), and Nuisance (N.J.S.A. 2C:33-12(a)) criminal conduct.

Third, the ordinance arbitrarily chooses 50 and 55 decibels, measured at the property line. Why 50? What if

you live in a connected house? Also, the ordinance arbitrarily excludes power tools, snowblowers, and automobile burglar alarms which some may find louder and more annoying than music or dogs.

Fourth, use of a law against your neighbor only adds fuel to the fire. For this reason, the trend in Municipal Courts is toward mediation of such personal disputes. I believe that you have to confront your neighbor, and that both have to be reasonable, and willing to compromise. After all, you still have to live next door to each other.

I also oppose this legislation because it sends a message loud and clear to musicians—we don't want you.

Lastly, we need to direct our energies toward solving the sewer and other major issues facing Roosevelt, not against each other.

Maureen Parrott is a candidate for Borough Council.

Council Censures Mayor

by Adeline Weiner

At the August Council meeting, Council member Magnes, Chair of the Public Utilities Committee, announced receiving a notice from the DEP that the Borough had on three separate occasions—in November and December, 1988 and April, 1989—failed to comply with the discharge limits set by the agency, thereby incurring consequent fines.

Borough operator Ron Suto and consulting engineer Bill Kowalski pointed out errors in the dates of the counts taken and possible error in contaminated vials etc. as possible grounds for lifting the fines in whole or in part.

Magnes stated that if the committee had had notice about these overruns, something might have been done to fix things temporarily, thus avoiding at least part of the total sum of \$15,000 levied against the Borough. She stated that warnings were given to the Mayor in the form of notes, personal communication, or telephone calls, in expectation that they would be shared with Council members. She stated further that Mayor Barth had failed to pass these on to the people in charge, first Ed Moser and then Magnes, who were in turn Chair of the Committee.

In the general discussion, Magnes asked that vital information affecting the functioning of her department be communicated as a matter of course, requesting that in the future, all messages from employees as well as Council people be written, signed and dated. She urged the Mayor to work

together with the Chairs and the committees of the Council for the benefit of the whole.

Council member Moser was distressed, he said, to find out the Mayor had information about problems leading to fines that he withheld at a time when he, Moser, was seeing him daily and reporting fully on developments. Why had the Mayor not spoken; perhaps the fines could have been avoided, he said.

Mayor Barth replied that he did not keep copies of informal memos and objected to being told what his job is, after all these years.

Council member Jim Alt said he thought the Mayor never did understand the limits of the Mayor's power in the New Jersey system of municipal government and that information that comes to the Mayor is obliged to be given to the Council, by the nature of the mayoral function. Alt expressed his frustration over incidents in the past in which he claimed the Mayor had received communications whose contents were important to Alt in executing his responsibilities, and that the Mayor failed to pass along the information.

At that meeting the Borough Council passed a resolution to censure Mayor Barth. The vote was 5-1, with Bill Counterman casting the only negative vote.

Aftermath

The Asbury Park Press carried a brief

story on this incident, quoting a written statement by Barth accusing the Borough Council of "using innuendos and lies" to discredit him. At the next meeting, on September 13, Magnes assured the Mayor that the criticism was intended only to persuade him to work in a cooperative way with Council members to promote the interest and welfare of the whole community.

Then, in the public portion of the meeting, Lee Allen read a statement accusing the Council and Magnes in particular of excessive secrecy, duplicity, and outright lies which were undermining the authority of the Mayor. His attack was characterized as an unfounded "tirade" by various members of the Council who answered with a point-by-point rebuttal of the specific charges.

Magnes again appealed to the Mayor to understand that although the form of municipal government is a "weak-mayor" type of organization, the Mayor's role is of great importance provided the Council is told consistently what he is doing. To that end, she asked the Mayor to give a monthly report of his work just as every Council member does and made a plea for a genuine cooperative effort.

Bill Counterman defended the Mayor, though not the "tirade" or outburst; but he criticized the censure motion as undermining individual effort, and indicated hope for better cooperation in the future.

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may be determined only by the law." (Article IV)

In a free society, then, the enjoyment of rights is conditioned on recognition of the equal rights of others. To deny this, and to say that some people have rights while others do not, that some people can produce levels of sound disturbing to others while those others have no choice but to listen or leave, is not to advocate liberty; it is to advocate a doctrine of inequality and oppression. If the word "fascism" is to be used in this discussion at all, it

should be used to describe that doctrine and nothing else.

There is clearly a right to peace and quiet, to be left alone, and not to have your home and property invaded, whether by physical trespass, by polluted air or water, or by unwanted noise. Everyone can enjoy that right without denying it to anyone else. Similarly, if one wishes to listen to, or to play, music of one's choosing, one can do that without interfering with the same right being exercised by everyone else. What you cannot do without denying the equal rights of

others is to force them to choose between listening to the music that you prefer or leaving their property. If you do this, you will have passed the limit of your natural rights and will be oppressing others. If, on the other hand, instead of leaving or yielding passively, your neighbors decide to broadcast their music at comparable volume at you, neither one of you will be able to enjoy anything. (That an ordinance that sets rules to be observed by everybody is better than relying on

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Love of Words

Wrap Yourself in the Flag

by Josef G. Solomon

What is all this madness? One loony burns the American flag, and the President of the United States poses in front of the Vietnam Memorial. Not only that, the President and several Congressmen will apparently introduce a proposed amendment to the Constitution, specifically making it a crime to burn the flag.

There are two remarks I would like to quote for you here. The first is from the Goon Show, the BBC radio show of the 1950s that made Peter Sellers famous. In this skit, the Houses of Parliament had been arrested, and brought before a magistrate, who asked, "What is the charge?" The answer was, "Loitering with intent to govern." The second remark is by Mark Twain, who wrote, "Dear Reader, suppose you were a Congressman. Suppose you were an idiot. But I repeat myself."

Shoot First, Ask Questions

This knee jerk response to the stupid action of one man reminds me of that marvelous description of suicide: "A permanent solution to a temporary problem." One guy burns one flag, and these clowns would put into the Constitution an amendment that would diminish the First Amendment. For two hundred years, through wars and natural disasters-and good times—no one ever found it necessary to do that. The Civil War was a terrible experience in our history. Over 600,000 soldiers died in that war. Yet neither during the Civil War, nor in its aftermath, did we limit the First Amendment. Why do it now? The silly reason usually given is, "These are dangerous times." Will anyone be so bold as to suggest that these years of peace are more dangerous than the years of the Civil War?

Several hundred years ago, during the murderous wars between Catholics and Protestants, one commander ordered his men to kill everybody in front of them. When one of his men pointed out that not all of the people they were supposed to kill were of the

"enemy" religion—some of them were undoubtedly of the same religion as themselves—the commander replied, "Dieu reconnaitra les siens"—"God will recognize his own." My point, of course, is that our government is overreacting. This would be funny if it were not frightening, but it is frightening. It was bad enough when our government did all those horrible things in the name of "national security." Now, they are prepared to do more horrible things in the name of making sure that the people's sensibilities are not offended. There is no limit to the freedoms that can be stripped away, using either of these excuses. Apparently, many loyal Americans are perfectly happy to have their liberties restricted, in order to keep someone else from doing something they wouldn't like. If so, there is no limit to the freedoms that Americans will happily give away.

Come Now, and Let Us Reason Together

My own response may seem as emotional as the response I deplore. Maybe. But I can summon logical arguments. For example, during the Vietnam War, some anti-war activist appeared in public wearing pants made out of the American flag. He was vigorously denounced-and I agree. The kindest thing one can say about his action is that it was misguided. But at about the same time, Martha Raye-a strong supporter of the war-appeared on the Jack Paar show wearing a shirt made out of an American flag. She was vigorously applauded by the audience. Why? She did what the protester had done: he was denounced, she was praised. That certainly does suggest that doing things to the flag really is symbolic speech, doesn't it?

That reminds me: I have an old American flag that is torn, and really shouldn't be displayed any more. How should I get rid of it? I don't want to throw it away—that would be disrespectful. What should I do? Accord-

ing to the Flag Code, Dear Reader, the way to dispose of an American flag is to burn it.

One can go on. For example, suppose that some such amendment is passed. Someone throws away a social-studies book. Somewhere in that book is a picture of an American flag. Should he be arrested? Is it a crime if the picture is in full color, but not a crime if the flag is in black and white? We used to have a really old flag—it had only 45 stars, which puts it some time between 1907 and 1912 (earlier than 1912, actually). Is it ok to throw away an obsolete flag? Is it a crime to junk a car that has an American flag on a bumper sticker?

Reductio ad Absurdum

As you may have surmised, I am trying to show you how absurd the entire argument is. There's more. The wild-eyed radical patriots are declaiming that we can't allow people to desecrate the flag. I would probably agree—except that it is impossible for anyone to desecrate the flag. Pull the word apart: de-secrate. It means to make something no longer sacred. As much as I love and respect it, the American flag is not sacred. It is a cherished symbol of America, but it is not sacred.

Will Cooler Heads Prevail?

Maybe by the time this article appears, the entire tempest will have reentered the teapot. That would be nice. The problem is that it's so easy to make political capital out of posturing nobly. It's called demagogy-and it is demagogy. And so, the campaign for the amendment will probably go forward, even though most of its supporters realize that it's a bad idea. At least, I hope they realize. In these days when over 90% of all Congressmen who run for reelection are reelected, I'd rather think they were evil than stupid. People who are evil can change their ways, but stupid is forever.

Roosevelt Democrats Hold Campaign Kick-Off

by Anita Cervantes

On Labor Day, the local, state, and county Democratic campaigns kicked off at the home of Ann Baker, Roosevelt's Democratic Committeewoman

Present were a number of county and state candidates, as well as the two Roosevelt Democratic candidates for Council: Kirk ("Corkey") Rothfuss with his wife Jane, and Maureen Schweitzer Parrott with husband John and daughter Lily. A number of Rooseveltians who had worked hard for the Democratic team in the spring primary also attended.

Baker introduced the State and County candidates:

Andy Smith is running for the State Senate seat opening up this year. A former Administrative Law Judge in the northern part of the state, he has decided that it is time to challenge the incumbent Republican in the State Senate.

Ed Winterstella and Gene Anthony are running for Monmouth County Freeholders. Anthony is a practicing attorney and teaches Business Law at Monmouth College. He has served on the Eatontown Borough Council for three terms, worked for tenants rights, and was instrumental in establishing the first Youth Committee in our state. Winterstella is currently Mayor of Manasquan and before that served on the Town Council in that municipality. He has been active on the Manasquan Planning Board and Environmental Commission, as well as the Manasquan First Aid Squad.

In their remarks, Winterstella and Anthony both stressed how a more activist Board of Freeholders could benefit a small municipality like Roosevelt. They made the point that the current Board of Freeholders has had little or nothing to say about the proposed Toxic Waste Incinerator in Millstone, and that they would take a far more aggressive—and environmentally conscious—approach to problems of this kind.

Winterstella arrived carrying a Monmouth County Transportation

map on which Roosevelt did not even appear, and used this to illustrate his point that our town, being small and in the western "panhandle" of the county, is frequently ignored by County government. He and Anthony both committed themselves to giving more consideration to Roosevelt should they be elected.

Lynn Reich and Frank Abate are candidates for State Assembly in the 12th District, running to replace Clare Farragher and John Bennett. Reich is a lifelong Freehold resident, and an art teacher in the Freehold Township school system. She has been a Freehold Borough Council member for over 10 years and currently serves as Council President.

Abate is a 16-year resident of Monmouth County. He is the Business Administrator of the Middlesex County Educational Services Commission, as well as a Council member in the Township of Marlboro.

Jack Manutti is our Democratic candidate for the position of County Sheriff. He has been in law enforcement for all of his working life, starting at ground level and rising through the ranks to the position of Police Chief. He retired recently and went into private practice as an investigator, when he was approached about running for Sheriff and accepted. He stressed that his combination of frontline and administrative experience would be a strength in the Sheriff's position; since one of the Sheriff's chief responsibilities is administering a staff of approximately 350 people. He also talked about the increased role that law-enforcement can and must play in environmental crime such as dumping of toxics.

All of the candidates spoke with some passion about several key issues much on Roosevelt's mind: the automobile insurance cost crisis; the environmental and waste-disposal predicament looming in our state; and the need for improved mass transportation. All candidates took the position

that Roosevelt's interests have not been well-served by our existing (Republican) representatives in any of these matters.

The afternoon closed with a tribute to Council members Ed Moser and Carol Watchler (currently serving as Council President), both of whose terms will expire at the end of 1989. Marilyn Magnes (currently Council Public Utilities Chair) spoke eloquently of her feelings about what Watchler had brought to her Council service: the patience to listen to all sides, and an appetite for hard work. Jim Alt (currently Council Public Property Chair) spoke in appreciation of Ed Moser's service on the Council, citing Moser's work on the water/sewer problems and his ability to see beyond the immediate crisis in that crisis-ridden committee.

Ann Baker, in her closing remarks, emphasized the quality of the Democratic candidates for whom we in Roosevelt will have the opportunity to vote. From the top of the slate down, she said, we have some genuinely special candidates here. The State and County candidates all have extensive experience in government. Our State and County candidates, together with our two local Council candidates, have among them a broad range of experience from education to business to environmental affairs. All are committed to effective and activist representation.

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Recycling News

by Kirk Rothfuss

Beginning in October 1989, Roosevelt will expand its recycling program to include the recycling of steel, tin and bimetal food containers. All cans must be prepared carefully before delivery to our recycling center at Borough Hall to insure our health and to keep recycling costs to a minimum.

Please remove all paper labels, thoroughly clean out all food residue, and crush the cans as much as possible. Crushing can be made easier with some cans by removing both the bottom and top with a can opener.

Separate metal can recycling drums will be set up on the existing recycling platform. Please do not mix steel/bimetal cans with the aluminum. These must be kept separate. In addition, only food product cans are acceptable; other empty cans such as from paint, cleaning product and aerosol cans must still be disposed of in your trash.

Another major change which will be somewhat inconvenient but absolutely essential is that all newspapers must now be tied into manageable stacks. Absolutely no paper or plastic bags can be used for organizing newspapers, and as always, no loose newspaper is

An additional item that will be accepted at the recycling platform will be used car and truck batteries. These should be placed on the platform against the wall of the newspaper shed. Do not stack the batteries; we do not want any accidents. And remember, battery acid is dangerous and toxic. Be careful to not dump the battery acid; it is illegal. As we have no facilities for recycling used car oil, please continue to recycle oil at local service stations, neighboring municipal sites such as the East Windsor site on 571 just over the turnpike, or the County Toxic Waste Disposal Days [see notice, page 2, Ed.].

It is important that all Rooseveltians not only recycle, but cooperate with the rules for using our recycling station. Every time garbage is left at the site, bimetal is mixed with aluminum, or newspapers are left in brown paper bags not only costs us all more tax dollars, but often results in the

materials we so carefully separate being rejected by manufacturers and landing in the landfill after all.

Recycling is a success in Roosevelt because of our citizens' high level of environmental concern. Let's work to make it an even bigger success!

An additional note to all citizens concerned with illegal dumping:

NJ Senate Bill S602, signed into law June 29, 1989, fixes penalties for illegal solid waste dumping at \$10,000 for the first offense, plus community service, loss of driver's license for six months and confiscation of any vehicle involved. If you see an illegal dumper, get a license plate number and call the State Police immediately. Recent events in Millstone make it clear that this problem is growing close to home.

Contact: Kirk Rothfuss, Roosevelt Recycling Coordinator at 448-3713.

Register to Vote

by Mary Alfare

October 10 is the last day voters may register for the General Election on November 7. You may register to vote if you are:

- AU.S. citizen
- 18 years old by election day
- A resident of the state and county at least 30 days prior to the elec-
- Not denied the right to vote because of idiocy, insanity, serving a sentence, or on parole or probation.

You must re-register by 9 PM on October 10 if you have:

- Failed to vote in any election for four consecutive years
- Changed address. If you move within the county you may transfer your voting record to your new district by submitting a change of address card by the October 10 deadline. If you move within the same district after the deadline you may still vote in that district. Those who move to a new voting district after October 10 may vote in the former election district.
- Changed your name. If your name change occurs after October 10, you may vote by signing both old and new names.

Voters may register by mail or in person at the Commissioner of Registration's Office or with the Borough Clerk. Hours for registration

at Roosevelt Borough Hall include regular office hours (8:30 AM-10:30 AM and 2:30 PM-4:30PM) and 4:00 PM-9:00 PM on October 10 only. Voters may choose to register at the Commissioner of Registration's office at 300 Halls Mill Road in Freehold. Hours are normally 8:30 AM-4:00 PM. The office will be open 8:30 AM-9:00 PM on October 10. Those wishing to use the mails may obtain Voter Registration Forms, Change of Residence Forms, Civilian and Military Absentee Ballot Applications at both

Civilian Absentee Ballots may be used by voters unable to go to the polls because of:

- Anticipated travel out of state
- Resident attendance at school
- Illness or disability
- Observance of a religious holiday
- Nature and hours of employment

Mailed absentee ballot applications must be received by the County Clerk by October 31. 3:00 PM on November 6 is the deadline for obtaining absentee ballots in person at the county clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be received at the county board of elections office by 8:00 PM on Election

Questions may be directed to the Roosevelt Borough Clerk at 448-0539 or the Monmouth County Board of Elections at (201) 431-7790 between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

Arts in

Arts Project Schedules Full Season

by Bob Mueller

This season the Roosevelt Arts Project will devote a majority of its projects to musical events:

Beginning in October Brad Garton will present a concert he calls the Night of the Living Dead-Music-an evening of music, performed precisely by electronic and computer-generated mechanisms.

In November there will be a solo piano concert by Brad Hill, called Straight-Ahead. It will include freeform improvisations, classic-form interpretations, plus original compositions by the artist.

The December concert will be performed by Laurie Altman, which will include recent compositions and major works of this talented composer.

In January, Ed Cedar and Terrell Spence will present a duo of hardedged blues guitar and a jazz trombone, showcasing a wide range of styles from baroque to new age.

February will be devoted to Folk Songs of the '60s performed by the Roosevelt String Band, composed of David Brahinsky, Paul Prestopino, Ed Cedar, Terrell Spence, and joined this year by Warren Craig.

March will see a return of Alan Mallach on the piano, with Jack Zamboni, tenor, to perform a Schumann song cycle, and a new composition by Alan.

April will be devoted to new poems by Dinah Coe, David Herrstrom, David Keller, and Rod Tulloss.

May will be the last presentation of the Roosevelt Arts Project, devoted to Influences in the art of Robert Mueller, Jacob Landau and Stefan Martin. Each artist will discuss the major classical and other influences in his work, exhibiting the actual art and using slides to illustrate the influences.

It is clear that the 1989-1990 season of the Roosevelt Arts Project will include many exciting concerts, readings and exhibitions. All events take place on Saturday evenings at 8:00 PM. Exact dates of the events will be posted. Don't miss these opportunities to join with the Roosevelt artists and writers in the intimate setting of the Roosevelt Borough Hall.

Art Competition Announced

International Art Horizons, New York '89, The Leading International Art Competition will be held again at Art 54 Gallery, located in Soho, New York City, NY. It will be judged by distinguished curators from American Galleries and Museums, and will award winners with \$8,000.

This competition is open to all artists working in the following categories:

- Painting
- Sculpture
- Mixed-Media
- Drawing
- Watercolor

- Pastels
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Computer Art
- Illustration
- · Graphic Art
- Design
- Ceramics
- Jewelry
- Metalwork
- Glass
- Wood
- Paper
- Fiber
- Furniture

Artists will submit slides to be judged by the eminent jurors. Selected artists will be invited to show their actual works in a final exhibition at Art 54 Gallery, in Soho, New York City, which is known as the Gallery with a Museum touch, and also for exhibiting works of prominent artists. \$8,000 will be awarded. The deadline for slide submission is November 17, 1989. The exhibition will open December 27, 1989, and close January 14, 1990.

To receive applications, artists should write today to: International Art Horizons, Department PR, PO Box 1091, Larchmont, NY, 10538. Telephone: (914) 633-6661.

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Roosevelt—

Burlington Hospital Shows "Roosevelt Highlights"

The Pavilion Galleries at Memorial Hospital of Burlington County will be showcasing "Roosevelt Highlights, Yesterday & Today," September 23 through November 4, 1989. Funding for this exhibition has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council of the Arts.

Eighteen of Roosevelt's artists will display their works including paint-

ings, graphic pencil drawings, pottery, fiber wall hangings, photography and sculpture, chosen by Zoltan Buki, Curator of Art at the New Jersey State Museum. Included in the display will be an historical exhibition of photographs from the town's founding in cooperation with the New Jersey Historical Commission.

A reception and program will be held on Friday, October 20 at 4:00 PM which will include Rutgers University art historian Hildreth York and Dr. Burton Wasserman of Glassboro State College.

All activities are open to the public and are free of charge. For further information on Roosevelt Highlights, please call (609) 267-0700, ext. 3250.

Roosevelt, NJ 1936 —

by Sol Libsohn

Editor's Note: The following essay was written to accompany the Pavilion Gallery exhibition "Roosevelt Highlights."

Roosevelt, New Jersey is not an "Artists' Colony"—although it certainly contains more than its fair share of creative minds, poets, fine artists, musicians, composers and scientists.

Jersey Homesteads, as the town was called when it was built by the government, was later renamed in memory of our president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, of whom Eleanor Roosevelt said as she dedicated the monument to her husband, "What we want to commemorate is that he cared about people and that he had the courage to experiment." What we display here extends that idea. We are experimenters.

We came into being a little over a half century ago in one of the unhappiest moments in the life of our country. As a song of that period goes,

"Wasn't that a time": the time of the Great Depression in the USA and the rest of the civilized world, too.

Here, in a cauldron of government bureaucracy and financial backing, the dream and ideas of Benjamin Brown—immigrant worker, later a graduate agronomist, farmer and organizer of co-operative farms—were instrumental in the assembling of the mostly Jewish clothing workers who were the original settlers.

This was a group of families with various aspirations. The Bauhaus-in-fluenced architect had designed these homes for them and their hopes.

The brilliant artist Ben Shahn and his wife Bernarda were brought here to produce the now world-famous mural fresco for our public school. The Shahns found themselves in an atmosphere they and their family enjoyed. They became the focus and liaison with groups in and out of town.

It was an atmosphere of respect for the human potential. Doors were never shut—free coffee was everywhere. There was much interesting and lively discussion in town, both with and without appointment. In some of what one saw and heard one might detect the subtle pen of Chekhov—or was it "Our Town" with a slight accent? Yes, our community did begin with a genuine pioneer spirit, with exchanges of intelligent ideas floating in town and through the school. There is and was something always going on: children's plays, music and song.

We live in and look at our town with much pride. Many of our children show their appreciation for Roosevelt by returning to raise their families here.

The yeast is still alive.

Outdoors Around the Assunpink

Bow Hunting: The Hunt Primeval

by Dennis Connaughton

There is a mystical quality to the forest from a tree stand in the darkness. As you first arrive and climb to your perch, the woods become deathly still as its inhabitants, sensing an intruder, have all retreated to the safety of shadow. Then, as you begin to blend in with your surroundings, the sounds of the forest night begin again.

Close by you hear the snap of a twig as a fat raccoon or perhaps a skunk waddles back to its den after a long night of foraging. Farther off you can hear the call of a bullfrog from a distant creek and, if you are really lucky, you will witness the shape of an owl gliding through the trees like some ghostly apparition. The owl passes, and then, with a thunderous ruffle of feathers, plunges to the forest floor, all talon and beak, his night's hunt a success.

Gradually, as time wears on, you realize that the forest has undergone a subtle change, as the inky blackness of night fades into the harsh grey of false dawn.

Gone are the night sounds. They have been replaced by the crazy chatter of a hungry squirrel, the plaintive call of a mourning dove and the busy hum of insects as they start another day.

Now, much as your ancestors must have done in the dawn of time, you ready your bow. As your eyes probe the forest for a glint of chestnut in the first tentative rays of the morning sun, you become aware that your body is coiled and tense, like the bowstring that lies lightly in your fingers. The mind plays tricks here. Was that the flicker of an ear or just a leaf turning lazily in the morning breeze? Was that snapping twig to your left a young doe or just another crazy squirrel in search of his breakfast?

Finally your vigil is rewarded. Out of the ground mist step not one, but three healthy doe slowly, almost shyly, picking their way along the trail as silently and ethereally as spirits in the fog.

Next, to their rear, antlers held proud and erect, stands your quarry. A good size buck of perhaps 150 pounds makes his way towards your stand. Now you must hold your breath. The wind is on your side, but the slightest movement could alert the herd and send them bounding away into the thickets, white tails flashing danger.

So you wait until the suspense is unendurable, and then you wait some more. You wonder if, with their keen ears, the deer can hear the mad pounding of your heart. Your legs are stiff and aching, but there is no way to stretch.

At last, the moment of truth arrives. The buck has stopped a few yards from your stand, and, miraculously, has quartered himself away providing you with the best possible shot. You draw



drawing by Steve Yeger

Why A New Noise Control Ordinance Is Needed

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your bow, aim, steady, and loose your arrow. The buck hops and sucks in his breath, his tail tucked under showing no white. It is a hit! A hundred yards off you can hear him crashing through brush and briars; then all is still.

Now you can relax as you wait for his struggles to cease. Soon enough there will be a deer to tag, field dress and retrieve. You have hunted well, and the forest has provided. This winter there will be venison on the table, and another story for your children as you sit by the fire on a long winter's night. With skill, stealth and patience you have faced the challenge that Man has faced since before recorded time, and won. You are a hunter.

Fall bow and arrow season opens on September 30, and there are few, if any, more challenging outdoor activities than hunting for white tail deer with a bow.

Of course modern technology has helped the sport somewhat. Fiberglass has replaced fire-cured ash for bow limbs, synthetics have replaced sinew for string, and cedar arrows, in most cases, have given way to aluminum alloys and fiberglass.

However, bow hunting remains a sport of skill, stealth and much, much discipline.

The bow hunter is a breed apart. He or she is a link with and a key to preserving our past, a heritage that we may hand down to our children.

To obtain a bow hunting license, you must first pass an approved bow hunting safety course and demonstrate proficiency with the handling of a bow and arrow. Registration forms are available at most sporting goods stores, and the course itself is most enjoyable and quite educational.

Archery supplies are also available at most sporting goods stores, and they will be able to fit you for a bow and render any assistance needed.

So if you would like to explore a new and challenging sport, why not try bow hunting? Just remember, the deer will always have the upper hand.

neighbors to resolve these problems by responding in kind should be evident to anyone who considers the combined effect of rock music and *Goetterdaemmerung*, for example, both broadcast at peak volume, on the peace of a neighborhood.)

That musicians should be opposed to noise control is most remarkable. A musician who takes this position is clearly only thinking of himself in the role of a possible defendant. He overlooks the fact that he is free to make music only because he has quiet neighbors who do not disturb his creative concentration. If he were to be suddenly confronted with a neighbor who saw fitto amuse himself by continually playing a radio at top volume in his yard, he might find his creative capacity seriously impaired and might, just might, have second thoughts on the subject.

For these reasons, "to secure these rights," it is necessary that clear and objective standards regarding the production of sound that can be heard by others, standards that can be enforced through the State Police and the Municipal Court, be established by the Borough of Roosevelt. (Once the matter comes within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court, a procedure can be followed for non-criminal settlement of the matter as a neighborhood dispute.) A draft ordinance has been placed on the table that has already been accepted, and been found workable, by many other municipalities. If there are problems with specific provisions, these should be discussed. But the end result must be that residents know what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect of others and that they be assured at all times of the right of peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

— Letters —

To the Editor:

The lead article in the April issue of the **Bulletin** asks whether we are "extra clean or super thirsty" and cites a "remarkable overuse of water" to the tune of 400 gallons per day per household instead of the "normal average" of 250 gallons per day.

I am pleased to be able to advise the community that this is one crisis that isn't. At a recent seminar that I attended on the subject of development impact fees, I received material, prepared under the auspices of the Georgia Institute of Technology, that included tables that can be used for calculating the cost of various types of new development. One of the tables concerns water use. It indicates that the standard water usage for a threebedroom single family home in New Jersey is 450 gallons per day. Our average use during most of the year is therefore not in the least bit "astonishing" or "profligate."

If it is indeed the case, however,

that water use rises to 1,200 gallons per day in the summer, then there really is a problem. Perhaps there was excessive watering because of the dry summer we had last year and this year's figures will be different. But so long as water is free in Roosevelt—and it is indeed free since the flat payment is for the service rather than for the water—there is no economic reason for people to limit discretionary water use. Metering, the practice followed in every other community that has a public water system that I have ever heard of, is clearly the most effective way of preventing waste and making sure that those who use little do not have to pay for others to use more.

-Michael L. Ticktin

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