

Bulletin

BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Council Hires New Legal Team in Anticipation of Yeshiva Litigation; Arlene Stinson Replaces Michael Hamilton; Hoffman Elected Council President

By Michael Ticktin

The new Borough Council convened for reorganization on January 2. Newly-elected Councilwoman Arlene Stinson was sworn in, along with re-elected Councilman Bob Silverstein. Councilman Jeff Ellentuck, who was elected to fill the unexpired term to which he had previously been appointed following the recall election in which Beth Battel was elected as Mayor, did not have to be sworn in at the reorganization meeting because he was sworn in immediately after the last election, in accordance with the law governing the filling of vacancies on municipal governing bodies. The Council then elected Councilman Dan Hoffman as Council President. The Council President presides at Council meetings in the absence of the Mayor. The Council also voted to have two regular meetings each month, on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

The main item of business at the reorganization meeting was the making of various appointments for the year. The most significant changes were in the area of legal representation. The new municipal attorney is Roger J. McLaughlin of the Wall Township firm of McLaughlin, Gelson, D’Apolito and Stauffer. Mr. McLaughlin will be assisted in handling

Roosevelt matters by his associate, Richard Shaklee. The Borough is also contracting with Howard D. Cohen of Parker McCay to serve as litigation attorney in land use matters and has already approved a \$10,000 retainer to Marci Hamilton, a law professor at Yeshiva University who is an expert in religious land use matters and who successfully argued before the United States Supreme Court that the “Religious Freedom Restoration Act,” the predecessor statute to the “Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act,” was unconstitutional. With this legal team in place, the Borough expects to be in a position to respond appropriately in the event that Yeshiva Me’on Hatorah follows through on its threat to litigate if the synagogue property is not rezoned to accommodate its needs. The Borough will presumably be represented in any future Planning Board proceedings to which it is a party as well.

At the December 12 meeting, Administrator Bill Schmeling reported that Hightstown officials were interested in further opportunities for sharing services with Roosevelt. Hightstown is currently paid by Roosevelt to do road and

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a *Bulletin* every month from now through July and we will begin to publish again in October.

NOTE! New dates and times for the Council meetings. They will be the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. Come and see what's happening!

Thanks to those of you who have made generous contributions to our paper. But we need to hear from those who haven't done so as yet. WE NEED YOU!

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

As well as to David Schwendeman, 443-6204



Parents: It has come to our attention that many children as well as teenagers have been playing in the streets. Before there is an accident because of on-coming cars, please make sure that this practice is stopped.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Thoughtful neighbors pick up after their dogs. Are you a thoughtful neighbor?

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Dormitory Appeal Ends in Tie Vote; County Acquisition of Beer Tract Ends Prospect of Future Large-Scale Development

At its December 12 meeting, the Planning Board heard the continuation of the appeal of the order issued by former Zoning Officer Bob Francis that the use of the house at 53 North Rochdale Avenue, owned by Paul Brottman, as a dormitory for students of Yeshiva Me'on Hatorah be discontinued. A related appeal concerning the use of the residence at 18 Homestead Lane, owned by Congregation Anshei Roosevelt, by six unrelated individuals associated with Yeshiva Me'on Hatorah was not heard due to time limitations.

Rabbi Yisroel Eisenberg, the dean of Yeshiva Me'on Hatorah, testified that he had leased 53 North Rochdale Avenue for his own personal use and had invited the 25 students and one adult supervisor, whom he personally pays, to live there as his "guests." He said that he receives no rent from any of these "guests," though they do pay tuition to the yeshiva. He said that he did not know how many bedrooms were in the house and that no "official transportation" was provided to the students for their journey back and forth between the house and the synagogue, where the yeshiva conducts classes from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Paul Brottman also testified. He stated that the house has four bedrooms, with another small room that can be used as a bedroom, that there are two bathrooms in the house, and that the basement is not finished. Mr. Brottman said that all he knew was that he had rented the house to Rabbi Eisenberg and had no information as to who was living there.

Attorney Edward Liston, representing Mr. Brottman and Rabbi Eisenberg, contended that the living arrangement at 53 North Rochdale Avenue met the requirements of the zoning ordinance and applicable case law because the students qualified as the constitutional equivalent of a family. He cited as precedent a New Jersey Supreme Court case in which several college students who lived as a common household for four years in a house owned by the family of one of the students were held to be the constitutional equivalent of a family for zoning purposes. In response, board member Tim Hartley said that there were significant differences between a group of college students forming a household on their own and a group of high school students living together at a place where they were clearly assigned to live by their school.

After all statements had been made, board member Ed Moser moved to reverse the decision of the zoning officer. The vote on that motion was a tie, with Mr. Moser, Bob Dermody, Lou Esakoff and Jaymie Kosa voting in favor and Jim Alt, Tim Hartley, Alison Petrilla and Jane Rothfuss voting against. A subsequent motion by Mr. Hartley to uphold the decision of the zoning officer resulted in an identical vote in reverse. Board attorney Michele Donato said that she was not sure what the net effect of the two tie votes would be and would have to research the matter.

At its January 9 reorganization meeting, Councilwoman Arlene Stinson was sworn in as a new member. Also sworn in were reappointed

members Michael Ticktin and Ed Moser and Alison Petrilla, who had been an alternate member but has now been appointed by Mayor Beth Battel to serve as a regular member, replacing Jaymie Kosa. An alternate seat remains open.

At his own request, longtime chairman Ralph Seligman was replaced in that position by Jane Rothfuss. However, Mr. Seligman agreed to serve as vice chairman. During the course of the meeting, Mr. Ticktin reported that Monmouth County had acquired the 131 acre Beer tract, located north of Oscar Drive, as part of its Perrineville Lake County Park project. The Beer tract was the last large privately-owned tract in Roosevelt that was not subject to conservation restrictions. It, along with the former Hoffman farm, which was acquired and preserved by the Fund for Roosevelt and is now the Mendies farm, was the site on which U.S. Home Corporation proposed to build a 160 unit development several years ago, and filed an affordable housing lawsuit for that purpose. That lawsuit was withdrawn after the Hoffman family sold their property to the Fund for Roosevelt, but the potential for another large-scale project on the Beer property remained. That prospect has been permanently removed by the County's acquisition of the land, thus ending a debate over large-scale development that has been the focal point of political discussion in Roosevelt for the last 40 years at least. ■

From the Mayor

Dear Residents,

This month marks the first time in over seventeen years this neighbor and friend of Roosevelt is not in a position of holding some sort of office in the service of the community. Michael

Hamilton has been on the school board, the Council, the planning board, the Fund for Roosevelt and served as Mayor for the benefit of our town. We are deeply indebted to him for his time, his energy and his unself-

ish dedication. A democracy works best when the citizens are educated and involved, as he has been. He is a role model to us all. Thank you, Michael. ■

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Sixteen members attended the January 2nd meeting. In the absence of President Geri Millar, Clare Sacharoff was acting president.

For the regularly scheduled monthly trip held on the third Tuesday of each month, the group voted to have

lunch at the East Windsor Garden Buffet followed by a movie at the East Windsor Cinema. Volunteer drivers were Herb Johnson, Diana Klein and Bob Francis. People were picked up at 10:30 a.m. Herb Johnson entertained the group by reading a holiday poem.

By Clare Sacharoff

There was a chicken luncheon on the last Friday of the month, which fell on January 26th, at 12:30 p.m. Helen Barth provided delicious home-baked cakes. Beth Johnson was hostess for the February meeting. ■

SCHOOL NEWS

From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

I hope that 2007 brings everyone health and prosperity. It seems most appropriate to begin the New Year by honoring the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his movement to encourage acts of kindness and justice. Students will be learning about the meaning of tolerance, kindness and standing up for what is just. They will be discussing the meaning of respect, generosity and moral courage. The goal for these lessons is to inspire young people to believe in their power to create positive change and recognize how their individual acts of kindness can make a difference in their homes, schools and communities.

We are ringing in the year with a myriad of educational and enjoyable activities. The annual Spelling Bee will take place on February 9th. Students in grades three through six

have been practicing diligently for this activity. The winner will participate in the Monmouth County Spelling Bee. Thank you Mrs. Levine and Mrs. Goldfond for coordinating this event. On Tuesday, February 12th the kindergarten and first grade classes will facilitate activities centering around "100" to celebrate the 100th Day of School. This is the first opportunity for the younger children to lead the older children in a school wide activity. Students are learning that numbers can be fun. The A-Thon will take place on February 23rd. This event helps to raise money for Field Day. Thank you to Mr. Kaufman and Roosevelt families for your support.

As usual, the PTA was/is busy coordinating many events. Thank you Ms. Bondy for facilitating Schoolhouse Hooky Day. Students had the oppor-

tunity to participate in four exciting activities. They learned the finer points of karate and baseball/softball, created a mosaic for the Roosevelt Mural and enjoyed a movie and popcorn. The PTA Winter Carnival is scheduled for March 3rd. In addition to the many organized activities, a Silent Auction will be held and many exciting gifts will be available for the price of auction tickets. All are welcome.

Roosevelt Public School has recently received very exciting news. I reported in previous articles that Ms. Ilene (4th grade teacher), Mr. Gershman (5th grade teacher) and Ms. Atwood (art teacher) were the recipients of the NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Excellence in Education Grant for their "Environments for Purposeful Learning" unit. This is an inquiry-

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based cross content unit where the children are constructing and maintaining terrariums and vivariums (terrarium with live animals), presenting a multimedia presentation to the school and the community, and creating an art project. I have been informed that NJEA Classroom Close Up will be interviewing and filming the teachers, students and the projects. The segment will air April 16th & 21st and again on May 14th and 19th. Classroom Close Up airs Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. Please stop by to see these wonderful terrariums/vivariums. There have been many requests to open the school library for community use. I would like to set up a meeting on February 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the reopening of the library. Please call the school at 448-2798 if you would like to attend the meeting.

We are quickly approaching the time of year when our 15 graduating sixth graders will be selling boosters for their school yearbook. With a limited number of students, these boys and girls have had to be diligent in their fundraising attempts. They are doing a fabulous job. Your support of their efforts is appreciated.

January 2007 is the sixth annual School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey. This is a time to raise public awareness of the roles and responsibilities of local boards of education and to thank your community's school board members for their efforts.

As the policymaking body for Roosevelt Public School, board members help to meet the challenges facing public schools and help students achieve state academic standards. Our school board members devote countless hours—with no financial remuneration—to the oversight and improvement of our children's education.

Roosevelt Public School's board members are the voices in setting educational goals. They make important decisions concerning the curriculum, staffing and financing of public schools. Board members strive to diligently carry out their responsibilities as defined in Title 18A of New Jersey statutes.

Please join me in thanking the Roosevelt Board of Education and our Business Administrator Karen Minutolo for their support, dedication and tireless efforts in governing our exemplary school. ■

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utility maintenance work, thus saving money for both municipalities in that Roosevelt gets the services provided at a lower rate than it would have pay to a private contractor, while Hightstown gets additional revenue to defray the cost of existing staff and equipment. One service that Hightstown might be interested in providing in the future would be garbage collection, though this might be complicated by the fact that the two municipalities are in different counties and therefore required to use different disposal facilities. Mr. Schmeling also stated that a three day a week, federally-funded bus shuttle for seniors was now going from Monroe to both Princeton and Freehold hospitals and that he would investigate the possibility of extending this service to Roosevelt.

At the January 8 meeting, Mr. Schmeling reported that the contractor who will be removing the tanks at the former gasoline station was still awaiting issuance of a permit for the work by the Department of Environmental Protection. He also referred to a letter from Carmela Roberts, the municipal engineer, citing the need for work to be done to correct a sinkhole on Pine Drive and address problems with the water tower, which needs to be repaired or replaced. At the same meeting, the Council passed a resolution awarding a contract for the installation of a new siren at a central location in the vicinity of the Franklin D. Roosevelt memorial, and not close to any houses. Once the new siren is in place, there will no longer be a problem of people living near the pump house on the water tower property, where the siren is now installed, having to endure excessive decibel levels, while the siren is inaudible in other parts of the town. ■

Feb. 2007 School Dates	
Feb 12	100th Day of School
Feb 13	PTA Book Fair
Feb 16 & 19	School Closed
Feb 22	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Feb 23	A-Thon; Pizza Day
March 2	Early Dismissal (Teacher's In-Service)
March 6	Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences
March 8	Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences

Global Warming?

We should have had some snow by the time you read this, but we are definitely experiencing a warm trend. Most news accounts attribute this delayed winter to the 'El Niño' events which tipped the temperature scales in the North American continent from very cold and snowy in Denver to the record breaking warm spell we experienced during the holidays and beyond. That's not to say global warming is not happening. I think it may be occurring, as is evidenced by different bird sightings, changes in plant behavior and the unusual melting of pack ice, mountain snow caps and glaciers...

Angel and I recently watched the movie *An Inconvenient Truth* with a group in Hightstown and found it very compelling, so much so that the Roosevelt Environmental Commission voted to purchase a copy to show to interested residents and perhaps the school if deemed appropriate. More details regarding this topic and things we can do to reduce unnecessary pollutants will follow in this and future columns.

Lorraine Hartley offers this information for us right now regarding laundry detergents which will help our town and the environment:

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPEs), which are banned in parts of the European Union, are toxic to aquatic plants and animals.

However, because of their low cost some U.S. laundry detergents still contain these harmful chemicals. According to *Consumer Reports*, many laundry detergents that contain NPEs still cost more per load and fail to clean clothes as effectively as some of their more environmentally friendly alternatives.

Among the detergents that were reviewed that contain NPEs (and should therefore be avoided) are the following high-efficiency products:

- Sears Advanced Formula Plus with Oxi-Clean Ultra HE 9820 (12¢ per load)
- Dropps (52¢ per load) as well as these three more conventional detergents:
- Shoprite Ultra Free 'N Clear (12¢ per load)
- Sears Ultra Plus Stain Fighting Formula 9835 (11¢ per load)
- Sears Advanced Ultra Plus with Fabric Softener 9812 (12¢ per load)

Among the products that apparently get clothes clean, do not contain harmful NPEs, and yet only cost 12¢ per load *Consumer Reports* noted both "Kirkland Signature Ultra 38722" (a high-efficiency detergent available at Costco) as well as "Great Value Ultra Glacier Breeze" (available at Wal-Mart). Many other environmentally friendly non-NPE detergents mentioned in the January '07 issue were:

- Gain HE (28¢ per load)
- Tide Free HE (27¢ per load)
- Cheer Color Guard for High Efficiency HE (23¢ per load)
- Tide with Bleach Alternative (35¢ per load)
- Tide with Febreze Freshness (27¢ per load)
- Tide Cold Water (31¢ per load)
- Tide with a Touch of Downy (29¢ per load)

As consumers we often feel overwhelmed by the actions our government takes or fails to take on behalf of our best interests. It's important to remember that our choices as consumers can easily circumvent government by speaking directly to the manufacturers of the products that we buy.

Rainy Hartley

Every little bit helps! Thank you Rainy.

Please remember to listen for wood frogs. Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on January 17, 2007. Everyone is welcomed to attend. If anyone has a newsworthy nature note of interest or comment of environmental concern, please give me a call at 609-443-6204 or drop a note to P.O. Box 203. Thank you for reading this column. ■

My Grandfather

“On the day you were born, Jaymie. I was sound asleep in a hotel in Montana. I’d spent the previous days organizing steel workers and was exhausted. Your grandmother woke me up in the middle of the night and said ‘It’s a girl, Freddy! No name yet, but she is beautiful.’ So I jumped out of bed, put on some pants, went down to the bar and bought everyone a drink. That next day, I was on a plane to meet you and I saw the largest and most beautiful rainbow of my life.”

My grandfather, Fernando (Fred) Anthony Clarici has been one of the greatest influences in my life. He grew up on Mott Street in Trenton and was one of 14 children. He graduated from St. Joachim’s elementary school and started working at the age of 12, selling newspapers and running errands for his brother who owned an Italian market in Chambersburg. Yelling, traveling, peddling and talking to anyone who would listen to him, he managed to earn a living for his family during the Great Depression. When he spoke of the Depression, his eyes always grew glassy, his voice would soften and he would shake his head and whisper, “I just pray to God, Jaymie, that you and your children never have to experience the hunger that my family and neighbors did.”

When a family friend got him a job at a local pocketbook factory, he thought that his prayers were answered. Factory work was billed as stable and secure and the jobs were not easy to get. Unfortunately, he found out quickly that factory work was counterintuitive to his life force. The monotony, the heartless foreman and dark, dank working conditions were the primary motivators behind his decision to create a better life for himself. “Jaymie,” he would always say with a wagging finger, “I made



My grandfather reading

a hell of a lot more money selling my papers.”

Needless to say, he did not last long at the pocketbook factory. Freddy had a skip in his step and a whistle while he worked that drove his co-workers crazy. One office clerk was so distracted by his whistling and loud singing, that she had him fired. “You know, Jaymie, I was so mad, I found out who the lady was, and when I went to give her a piece of my mind, she came right back at me. So I asked her out, and a year later your grandmother and I married on a Friday night in St. Hedwig’s church. Her family was Polish and they were not happy that I was Italian. It doesn’t matter, because they love me now.”

After the pocketbook factory, he headed to the Roebing plant where he became even more disillusioned with factory work. Talk of unions was whispered but my grandfather listened and liked what he heard. When his father died after being hurt in a factory accident, he was angered by the lack of compensation and pure indifference of

the Roebing Steel Company. His dad had worked seven days a week, 12-15 hours a day for 10 cents an hour. His dad never complained and was loyal to the company, but he was fired after his injury. The injustice outraged my grandfather, and he spent the rest of his working life dedicated to the steel labor unions.

Organizing steel plants throughout the country invigorated him, but he also invested a lot of his time in his community. He was elected to the Trenton School Board, he was a founder of the Chambersburg Little League and he dedicated a lot of his time to the Democratic Party. My father used to rib him about being blind to the individual candidates and how he just checked the party line boxes. “Jaymie, it is not true. I voted for Clifford Case...he was Republican.”

What I loved about my grandfather was how he treated me like an adult. He respected me and spoke to me intelligently. Often, when I was younger, adult voices became squeaky and they used monosyllabic words slowly when they spoke to me, but not Freddy. He talked to me about people, unions, politics...anything that interested him.

Some days he would pick me up on a Saturday afternoon and drive me around in his light blue Chevy Impala to meetings. I’d listen to him make a speech or watch him run a meeting, and then he’d end every event with a 50/50. I always got to pull the winning ticket, and the winner usually gave me a dollar or two.

His love for politics was contagious. When Richard Nixon was impeached I spent the night at his house. He said to my grandmother, “Jean, make some popcorn for her, we are all going to

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stay up tonight and watch the show.” When Jimmy Carter campaigned in the area for president, he pulled me out of school and kept me out in the rain for hours so I could shake his hand.



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Then, he found out that Amy Carter and I share the same birthdate. So, we composed a letter together and about one month later I received a postcard from her.

Toward the end of his life, I would spend Monday evenings with my grandparents. It was early in my teaching career, but they enjoyed helping me prepare materials for a lesson or cataloging books for my library. Twice they recruited members from the Elderberry club, where my grandfather was president for over 10 years,

to come into my school and be interviewed for an oral history unit.

He and I also had some tough discussions about the unions. We talked about

the dark side of labor, and how a lot of people had forgotten those who struggled before them. He listened to my frustrations about colleagues who had lost their desire to inspire and help children learn. He told me a story once about how he had helped a man start a company so he would not have to deal with the unions. This decision created a lot of problems for him at work which angered him. “You know, Jaymie, the point of a union is to teach management how to treat people with respect so that someday we won’t

need unions.”

Truman was his favorite president (I think it’s because he tried to take the steel mills away from the owners) but he spoke more often about Roosevelt and the programs that he put into place. When I told him that I was buying a home in Roosevelt, he was pleased. “Work your plan and plan your work, say the St. Francis prayer, and read as much as you can, Jaymie. It worked for me”.

About Two Square Miles Of Stories

Everyone in our two-square mile town has old family photographs and memories of the people in them. These pictures and your memories are narratives waiting to enrich us all. So, join us in a Roosevelt Show and Tell project - find an old picture or two and tell us a story in a few paragraphs.

For information telephone:

- Pearl Seligman 448-2340
- Bess Tremper 448-2701

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I would like to supplement my Roosevelt photography project with residents’ photos from the 1930s through the 1990s. They will be used for this art project only. The photos could be of the exteriors of homes or street scenes that include homes. Any photos in which houses are included would be most welcome even if the house(s) is simply in the background of a family picture. Also, if you have any photos from the early years of the open space between the school and Pine and Tamara Drives or between Homestead and Farm Lanes, those also would be much appreciated. My intent is to incorporate some images of the original houses over the decades in

order to provide a glimpse of how the community’s architecture has changed over the years.

I would be thankful for any photographs provided by the end of February. All photos will be scanned for this project and returned to you. Your photos could be mailed or dropped off at my home (address below) or I could pick them up from you.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this project.

Ben Johnson
36 Pine Drive, PO Box 27
918-0517

To the Editor:

There was recently a promising time in Roosevelt, the beginning of which I

define as the election of Mike Hamilton to the Mayoralty, when things seemed to take a hopeful turn for the better. Unfortunately, Mayor Battel’s efforts notwithstanding, this time has come and gone and its promise has been squandered by the increasingly limited abilities of members of Council.

Mike Hamilton’s administration followed a time of mismanagement and ill-conceived administration of municipal government that had nearly caused the irreparable ruination of Roosevelt as we have known it. As a tireless advocate for preserving the best aspects of Roosevelt, Mike was chiefly responsible for staunching the seemingly overwhelming tide of development,

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Yoga

The Recreation Department is continuing its very popular Yoga program this winter at the Roosevelt School. Classes will be instructed by Kym Kulp, a certified Yoga Instructor who teaches at The Peddie School and throughout the area. While yoga mats will be provided, participants are welcome to bring their own. Classes will be offered on Tuesday nights from **6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Walk-in fee is \$10.00 per class. Program will continue throughout the winter season. Please contact 609-448-0539, x3 for an updated schedule.

Youth Floor Hockey

The Roosevelt Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth **Indoor Floor Hockey** program at the Roosevelt Public School on Tuesday nights from **8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.** through the winter. Program will not run on days that school is not in session. The program is open to students in **1st – 8th Grades**.

Students will not be able to participate unless a registration form is completed and signed by a parent/guardian. **THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS PROGRAM!**

Movie Night

The Recreation Department invites all area residents to the Roosevelt Public School grounds to enjoy free movies on the “big screen” on select Saturday nights. Movie titles are subject to change. Please contact (609) 448-0539, x3 for updated information and movie titles.

Saturday, February 10th, 7:00 p.m. “Superman Returns”

Following a mysterious absence of several years, the Man of Steel comes back to Earth in the epic action-adventure *Superman Returns*, a soaring new chapter in the saga of one of the world’s most beloved super-heroes. While an old enemy plots to render him powerless once and for all, Superman faces the heartbreaking realization that the woman he loves, Lois Lane, has moved on with her life. Or has she? Superman’s bittersweet return challenges him to bridge the distance between them while finding a place in a society that has learned to survive without him. In an attempt to protect the world he loves from cataclysmic destruction, Superman embarks on an epic journey of redemption that takes him from the depths of the ocean to the far reaches of outer space.

Saturday, March 10th, 7:00 p.m. “How To Eat Fried Worms”

How to Eat Fried Worms tells the story of Billy (Luke Benward), an eleven-year-old who inadvertently challenges the town bully, Joe Guire (Adam Hicks), on his first day at a new school. To save face and earn the

respect of his new classmates, Billy agrees to a bet that will determine his fate at the school - whether or not he can eat ten worms in one day. As the pressure mounts, he must summon heroic strength to keep his five-year-old brother from blabbing, his weak stomach from betraying him, and his big mouth from getting him into more trouble than he’s already in.

Teen Nights

The Recreation Department is asking for your help in coordinating a *Teen Night* program one night per week throughout the school year. The program will include various activities for students in 6th – 10th grades. Please contact (609) 448-0539, x3 with your ideas for the program.

For further information on any Recreation Department programs, please contact **(609) 448-0539, x3**. The Recreation Department is also looking for volunteers, ideas for new programs, activities, and trips. Please let us know what you would like to see offered to our community! ■

**Are you taking advantage of the
Roosevelt Library in our school?**

To keep it alive, it needs to be used.

**“A town library would be a terrible thing
to lose!”**

Parking Presentation

By Tim Hartley

At a specially scheduled meeting of the Planning Board on November 28, 2006 a presentation was made of proposed changes to the existing provisions of the Zoning Ordinance that regulate parking on residential lots. A committee of the Planning Board has been working on this issue since it had been brought to the Board's attention that many residents were parking vehicles on their properties in areas and manners not permitted by the current Ordinance.

The presentation, which was made by Board member Tim Hartley, included:

- a review of the parking regulations covered by the current Zoning Ordinance
 - a listing of reasons why many residents are not able to comply with all of the current regulations
 - photo examples of many vehicles currently parked in violation of existing regulations
 - a summary of the Committee's recommendations as to which provisions should be modified so as to create a Parking Ordinance that accommodates the changing lifestyles of residents while addressing both safety and aesthetic concerns
 - diagrams explaining the changes to front and side yard areas for both single and attached homes
 - photo examples of vehicles parked in a manner that would comply with the new regulations being proposed
- The key changes to the parking regulations being recommended by the Committee are:
- a redefinition of what constitutes the front yard area of a residential lot
 - an increase in the percentage of front yard area that may be used for parking

- increased allowance for vehicle parking within side yards

It was pointed out that while the revised regulations will permit more vehicles to be parked easily within a property's front and side yards, some existing parking prohibitions that have been widely violated will remain in effect. Two of the most common of these include parking of vehicles on dirt or grass (as opposed to paving or gravel) and parking of vehicles within the public right-of-way (this is the 8 to 10 foot wide area immediately behind the street curbs that is actually public property).

Future additional presentations of the revised parking ordinance will be made at the time the draft is submitted to the Borough Council for adoption, probably in mid-2007. A copy of the presentation as made in November is currently viewable on the Borough's unofficial website: <http://web2sons.org/zoning/reports/parking/ProposedParkingPDF.pdf>.

Tolerance

By Florence and Herbert Johnson

"Are there more ways people can help maintain Roosevelt's traditions of civility and tolerance?" is a question many are concerned about, particularly since the recent incidents of intimidations of Yeshiva students. Jaymie Kosa, Janice Fine, and Assenka Oksiloff talked with each other about it and invited some people to come to Kosa's house on December 7 to consider the question.

Fifteen people assembled and agreed their discussion would have nothing to do with land use issues or Planning Board meetings. One of the suggestions made at Kosa's house, and at a meeting a week later at Oksiloff's house, was to have an 'Open House' on New Year's Day at the Johnson's house. The group recognized that it faced a problem for which a solution

was not apparent. Hopefully a larger group, at an informal gathering on the day that starts a new year, would come up with a promising solution.

Florie and I welcomed people on that rainy day, put their coats on our bed, and invited them to have refreshments, cookies, and snack foods. We are fortunate to have a large family room that a previous owner produced from an enclosed area that a much earlier owner had used to incubate hens' eggs and chicks. Forty people came to the Open House and found places for conversation in the kitchen; the living room, which still had its large Christmas tree; the family room, with its sliding door left open to provide fresh air and relief from the warm wood stove; and the foyer, where guests were greeted by a bronze cast of Jon Shahn's carving of Eleanor Roosevelt's face, a large photograph of children that Louise Roskam gave us, and some artwork by our children and grandchildren.

At 4:00 p.m., when approximately 30 people were present, I asked those in the kitchen and family room to squeeze into the living room or nearby hallway to join in a brief discussion. I opened by saying that I hoped we could find ways to insure that every child in Roosevelt would always be treated respectfully. Assenka Oksiloff followed by stating that, in light of the political divisiveness surrounding the yeshiva issue, she felt there had been an erosion of the community spirit that had originally drawn her to Roosevelt. She appealed to the citizens of the town to come up with creative ways to rekindle that spirit.

Janice Fine said: "My friends Assenka and Jaymie and I sat down with Mayor Battel because we were very upset about the paintball incident. We wanted to do something to speak out and show our support for the synagogue against what we believed was a

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bias crime, but we felt that because the town had become so polarized, there was just no middle ground – no space in the community where people could speak and act strongly against intolerance no matter what their views on the yeshiva are.”

As for our meeting, we resolved to continue similar group gatherings to underscore the fact that, whatever one’s feelings about the yeshiva, showing respect for all people has always been Roosevelt’s way. In no way are the meetings intended to show support or opposition to the yeshiva.

The New Community Mural - Progress!

By Judith McNally

The Community Mural project kicked off the New Year with new faces at the January 11 mural workshop. Rod Tulloss gave a brief talk on Roosevelt flora, as inspiration for peoples’ drawings. And, an anonymous donor has stepped forward to offer a matching fund, dollar for dollar, up to \$1,200, beginning January 16!

The dates for upcoming mural workshops are Thursday, February 8, from 7 – 9 p.m. and Sunday, February 18 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Both workshops are for clay transfers, and will be held in the Roosevelt Borough Hall. (Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult.)

The mural in progress is sponsored by the Roosevelt Arts Project as part of its 20th Anniversary and is RAP’s gift to the town. For more information about participating in the mural, please contact Deirdre Sheean at deirdresheen@hotmail.com or 443 – 4179, or Barbara Atwood at barbatwood@comcast.net or 918 – 0757.

For information about contributions to the mural project, please contact Naomi Brahinsky at 443 – 1898.



Greenbelt Gossip

By Manuela and Mark McCusker

The winds of fall have swept yesterday’s growth, revealing aspects of nature often overlooked during the abundance of Summer foliage. Made prominent by the now stark wintry landscape, the “buttons”, or “gumballs” of the American Sweet Gum can be seen in and around Roosevelt as they dangle from tree limbs and lie scattered on the ground. “Buttons” and “gumballs” are popular nicknames for the spiky ball-shaped fruit of *Liquidambar styraciflua*, one of the more common trees of Roosevelt’s yards, roadsides and wooded areas. Young children seem to enjoy incorporating them into their games, while some adults find them to be unpleasant to walk on and to present an annoying cleanup chore. However, these spiky seed balls are valued by the many birds and small mammals that eat the fifty to one hundred seeds produced within each of these fruits. Each one of the empty holes in a Sweet Gum’s now-dry, brown “button” had once contained one or two winged seeds. The seeds rely largely upon the wind for distribution.



The green, unripe Sweet Gum seed balls have lately engendered human interest, as they contain shikimic acid, the starting material used to produce the anti-viral agent in a drug used to combat avian flu.

Sweet Gum, *Liquidambar styraciflua*, exudes an aromatic sap when its bark is ruptured, hence its common and scientific names (-also popularly known as Liquidambar, Bilsted, Redgum, Sapgum and Ling). Taking advantage of this attribute, the Yellow-Bellied

Sapsucker, a type of woodpecker, drills horizontal rows of holes in the trunk and consumes the leaking sap. It returns many times to feed, also eating many of the insects attracted to the sap issuing from the holes. Other birds will avail themselves of the dining opportunities afforded by the Sapsucker’s endeavors. This area’s earlier human inhabitants also enjoyed using sweet gum sap as a fragrant chewing gum.

In April and May of each year, Sweet Gum flowers emerge, occurring in green clusters. Male and female flowers are produced by the same tree, though always on separate branches. Ruby Throated Hummingbirds are among those that seek these flowers as a source of nectar.



The leaves, though now absent, are very easily recognized in the Summer months, each resembling a green starfish. They are five-lobed, each lobe pointed and triangularly shaped, the leaf edges being finely serrated. When bruised or crushed, Sweet Gum leaves have a very pleasant fragrance, redolent of pine. Glossy green through the growing seasons, Sweet Gum leaves are renowned for their spectacular Fall red-orange to deep red coloration. Due to the aesthetic enhancements provided by this tree’s autumnal transformation, it was introduced by Frederick Law Olmstead into New York’s Central Park and Philadelphia’s Independence Mall.

The bark of this tree is grayish-brown and deeply furrowed, or ridged. The inner bark was and is used in herbal medicines. Native Americans apply Sweet Gum resin or inner bark externally as a poultice for wounds and sores, and it was taken internally

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as a cure for dysentery, and for many throat ailments. Storax from the inner bark of Sweet Gum trees was used to



create the pharmaceutically available gum benzoin and tincture of benzoin, especially during the Second World War, when the higher-quality Asian storax was unavailable. Employed as a perfume fixative and as an incense ingredient, Storax is also known for its use in the nineteenth century experiments leading to the discovery of the first man-made polymer, polystyrene.

Along Roosevelt's woodland trails, Sweet Gum trees compete for sunlight access, growing tall and spindly, their extremely straight trunks typically bereft of branches for up to fifteen feet from



ground level. For such tall trees (many in Roosevelt having achieved heights in excess of sixty feet), the trunks are noticeably slender, making them easy to spot. In the more open environs, around houses, in yards and on roadsides, the Sweet Gums' trunks are wider, with branches nearer the ground, taking on more pyramidal shapes. Alone or integrated with Roosevelt's landscape the

Sweet Gum tree contains nature's subtle qualities of beauty and strength that add warmth to the remaining blustery days of winter.

"A tree uses what comes its way to nurture itself. By sinking its roots deeply into the earth, by accepting the rain that flows towards it, by reaching out to the sun, the tree perfects its character and becomes great ... Absorb, absorb, absorb. That is the secret of the tree." --Deng Ming-Dao

Notes From a Former Town Historian: The Roosevelt Review

By Art Shapiro

One of my fondest memories of growing up with talented kids in Roosevelt was always having something creative to do over the summer. In the early 50s with no TV, Internet or organized sports we went to what was called "Summer School," a recreational program for kids sponsored by the Board of Education. "Summer School" offered fun things like board games, sports (like archery and baseball) and a wide variety of arts and crafts. I remember making my mother a fruit bowl out of a wooden millinery blocker donated by the hat factory. Many of the "kids" with whom I grew up remember Summer School as one of the most fun things about living in Roosevelt.

A big part of the program was the tradition for most of the kids in grades 5 - 8 to stage a play in the school auditorium at the end of the summer. We wrote it ourselves, rehearsed it ourselves, made the scenery ourselves, and even printed and sold the tickets ourselves. Any kid who wanted to participate, could. No one was turned away. One of the extremely theatrically talented kids in town, Joel Levinson, took on the role of director. Stefan and Tony Martin,

and Jon Shahn, talented artists even as kids, took charge of designing and making the scenery. Jon and I, with a few other funny kids wrote the skits. Whatever other assignments one had, everyone was given speaking parts in the cast. It's hard to believe that we did it mostly all on our own and asked for adult input only when necessary. Eve Hecht, an accomplished pianist, donated her time to accompany us on the musical numbers.

By far, my favorite of these plays was put on in 1950 or 51, called, "The Roosevelt Review." It consisted of skits and acts about living in town. The opening scene was Heshey Berg playing Benjamin Brown. Joel, as off-stage narrator, read a few lines about the founding of the town while Heshey entered wearing a "Brown-like" Fedora and fake moustache holding a sign on a base that read, "The Homesteads." All he did was walk across the stage, plo down the sign, stop and face the audience and yell in a thick Jewish accent, "Here look pruddy goot." Then he abruptly turned and stomped off.

I remember how lucky I felt to be in three or four skits. Since young girls in town often complained about their lack of dates due to "Roosevelt being in the middle of nowhere," we did a skit starring Ezzie Weisman, Mickey Flicker, Vic Lobl and myself, all dressed in drag, singing, "There is Nothing like a Guy." (The play borrowed a few numbers from South Pacific, the big Broadway musical of the time.) I remember two of us wore wigs and two wore babushka kerchiefs. We all wore skirts and dresses with over-stuffed bras giving us outlandishly huge fake breasts. My mom made my bright yellow wig from a dyed rag mop to which she added an elastic chin strap. The audience howled at the number!

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Another great act was Cookie Oberlander, dressed in a sailor's suit, singing "Honey Bun." I always loved Cookie. Our friendship went back to our Perrineville days before we moved to the Jersey Homesteads. As a kid, Cookie was fun and adventurous. She had beautiful blonde-reddish hair and wore it in a what we called a crew or buzz cut. Cookie, wherever you are today, I still love you!

The show also included silly commercials between each act giving time for the scenery to be set up behind the curtain. Jon and I wrote and performed a commercial for toilet paper made out of grass containing chlorophyll. I still remember Jon yelling the last line, "It wipes clean! It wipes green!"

During those years, there were always many house parties in town. With no TV or Internet, parties were a main source of recreation for adults. It was a natural then, for us to do a funny skit called "A Roosevelt Party." The cast for the skit gave twelve of us speaking parts as six adult couples attending a local house party. Elaine Cohen played my wife. I remember Joel getting really angry at Harriet Frank because she couldn't get her one line straight. She was supposed to say, "This is really some party!" The night of the performance she blurted out, "Is this a real party?"

A very humorous part of the skit spoofed rumor-mongering in Roosevelt based on a true incident. The way I remember it, a very nice man from town by the name of Mr. Migdal actually got a traffic ticket in Hightstown for rolling through a Stop Sign. All of Roosevelt was surprised because he was known to be a slow, cautious driver always driving under 15 miles per hour in town and a top speed of 35 miles per hour on the open road. I remember his daughter Penina telling

me that this was the only ticket he ever got in all of his many years as a driver!

In the skit we changed his name to "Miggle." As the party was going on, Person A would take Person B to the front of the stage, put his hand up to his mouth sideways and say in an aside, "Did you hear about poor Miggle? He got a ticket in Hightstown for going through a Stop Sign." A little later on in the play, Person B would take Person C to the front of the stage and say, "Did you hear about poor Miggle? He tried to outrun a cop in Hightstown. They chased him for miles before they caught him. The poor man may lose his license permanently!" Later on in the play, Person C would take person D to the front of the stage and say, "Did you hear about poor Miggle? I heard he had a shootout with a state trooper and is awaiting a felony trial in Hightstown!" Toward the end of the party, Person D would take Person A to the front of the stage and say, "Did you hear about poor Miggle? He's facing murder charges!" Then Person A would reply, "Miggle must have had a real lousy week. I heard he also got a ticket in Hightstown for going through a Stop Sign!"

Another really funny schtick was when a couple recently moved to town was introduced to the rest of the folks at the party. In those days, Roosevelt was politically divided between the "Lefty Louie" artists and writers and their more "right-leaning" fellow citizens, some of whom belonged to the Civic League, constantly on alert to expose local 'Commies.'" New-comers in town often faced the problem of having to decide which clicks or groups they were going to join. In this part of the skit, Mickey Flicker played the part of his father, Irving Flicker, who was then the real Mayor. As the new couple was introduced, Mickey (as mayor)

approached the husband and said, "Hi, I'd like to welcome you to Roosevelt. I'm Mayor Flicker. As Mayor, I need to ask you up front, 'Are you a Com...Are you a Com... Are you a commercial artist?'" People in the audience held their breaths with each "com." It was really funny, especially Mickey playing his own father.

The night of the only performance, the school auditorium was filled. The Summer School play was a big event in Roosevelt with almost everyone attending including one's aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents from out of town. The parking lot held as many cars from New York as it did from New Jersey.

After the play, Fred Lobl would open his ice cream parlor at the store for a cast party. Some of the admission money we earned was set aside for scenery, printing and other expenses for next year's play. According to Harriet Frank, the rest was donated to the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund to give city kids an opportunity to get into the country - a place where we were lucky enough to live.

Today, Joel is big success in the theater. His name is now Nick Martin. Nick, wherever you are, I want to tell you that those summer plays you produced were some of the best times of my life. Thank you! Unfortunately, I believe that in today's society, that type of group creativity has all but disappeared. Now kids have their iPods, Internet, and Cable TV to keep them individually busy. How sad! Just about all of the "Homestead's former kids" I've interviewed for my book on growing up in Roosevelt remember the smallest details of the plays we wrote and staged in Summer School.

Invitation to Join Roosevelt Community Supported Agriculture

By Carol Watchler

The town of Roosevelt boasts a successful and growing organic vegetable farm that operates as a Community Supported Agriculture endeavor. Through this community-centered activity people are able to support a local farmer and know where their food is coming from. Members invest in a share, described below, before the start of the season. In return for their investment, CSA members pick up a weekly portion of fresh, locally grown, organic produce from late spring to early fall. The Roosevelt CSA has openings for returning and new shareholders at this time.

Organic produce is grown without the use of chemicals and synthetic pesticides or fertilizers. Organic farming encourages integrated cropping, succession planting and companion planting, practices that reduce risk and give multiple benefits to the soil.

As I sat down to write this article I took a moment to review some of the comments from the previous season members. These thoughts speak clearly about the joys and advantages of being a shareholder so let me include a few and then give the details about signing up for 2007.

Praise was repeated often for Dave Burlew and his family who farmed the acres in 2006, the CSA's fifth year. Farmer Dave looks forward to the 2007 season of farming and has also become a new homeowner in Roosevelt: "Thanks to Farmer Dave for giving us such a satisfying year at the farm." (Robin G.) "You guys have done a great job." (Naomi B) "I want to thank you for all your hard work. I

was pleased to see your honesty and commitment to the earth and to us, the members." (Bobbi T.) "We both appreciate the hard work Farmer Dave has put into the farm. It really showed in the amount and quality of the produce." (Mary and Steve M.)

Shareholders from out of town were pleased, too, and promised to continue with the CSA in the new year: "It was a great year to be a part of this group. Hope to be a part of it next year as well." (Lynn T.) "I thoroughly enjoyed the season. I look forward to next year." (Elliott W.)

Many people mentioned the pleasure of going to pick up shares from the farm: "It is a great joy to go and pick flowers, and just to be on the land. . ." "I have really enjoyed the crops and the pick-your-own opportunity."

If all these rave reviews about the CSA have you dreaming about fresh seasonal vegetables, tasty herbs and colorful flowers, it is now time to commit your share of funds to make this all happen and become a shareholder. Both returning and new shareholders are welcome to sign up.

Shares in the CSA come in two sizes—a single share for 1-2 persons for \$300 and a family share for 3+ persons for \$500. Make checks payable to Lloyd Dave Burlew and mail to Bobbi Teich, P.O. Box 246, Roosevelt, NJ 08555-0246. Include your name, address, e-mail address, and phone number. Shares in the Roosevelt CSA are offered on a first come/first served basis, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible to avoid being placed on the wait list for the following season.

To obtain a registration form or get more information contact Tara Keegan at 609-477-0467 or Farmer Dave at JerseyFarmhouse@aol.com. ■

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nuclear waste dumping and other lame-brained schemes of his predecessors. Roosevelt has other serious challenges to face now to its integrity as a community, and Mike's absence will undoubtedly leave a municipal government with much diminished energy, experience, and reason.

Mike has been tireless, intelligent, and fair minded; he also knew how to administer well - that is, to be effective and efficient in getting major projects done while maintaining the daily functions of the town. Mike was a forceful advocate for the preservation of the qualities of life which have defined Roosevelt: its community spirit, its unique history, and its physical and natural environment. To name only one major achievement, he is to be credited with spearheading the successful fight against US Home that represented a serious threat to all of those qualities.

Mike Hamilton has been a dedicated public servant in the best sense having served on the Board of Education, the Planning Board, as Mayor, and most recently as Councilman. He was always a good neighbor and the best of what the Roosevelt social experiment has represented for which I want to convey my gratitude as a former resident and Council colleague. I congratulate him on his retirement from office, and give my condolences to the community that will be hard pressed to find such another dedicated and productive member.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hunt ■

New Paltz Red Lentil Soup



Anyone who knows me, knows that I spend much of my free time in the town of New Paltz, NY....home to SUNY, the Shawanagunks rock cliffs and an amazing assortment of vegetarian friendly restaurants. I have a favorite Lebanese establishment, run by identical twin brothers, who were kind enough to give me their recipe for this soup.

Small amount of olive oil	salt & pepper
1 large red pepper chopped	2 pinches oregano
6 tbsp. tomato paste	2 cups red lentils rinsed
4 tbsp. paprika	10 cups water
2 tbsp. mint	

In a medium-sized pot, sauté the pepper in oil. When soft, add the tomato paste, paprika, mint, salt, pepper, and oregano and continue cooking for another 5 minutes or so, stirring constantly, to prevent sticking. Add the water and lentils, bring to a boil. Let boil for 10 minutes. Lower to a simmer and continue for 60 minutes. Taste test and adjust seasonings.

This soup is a perfect lite dinner when served with salad and pita bread, or can be the start of a traditional Middle Eastern meal with hummus and baklava. Enjoy! ■

It's Saturday, January 6, 2007 and I'm driving on Route 17 in Paramus. My car radio is telling me that there was no snow in Moscow streets to start the New Year and that the cherry blossoms were starting to bloom in Washington, D.C. I didn't doubt the stories. The temperature outside my car was 73-degrees. I had my car windows closed against the traffic noise and the air-conditioning on. A few days later, I was visiting my 93-year-old mother in Colts Neck. Looking out her window at a bush that was flowering in her back yard, she remarked that she couldn't remember a warmer first half of winter. When I returned home I noticed the daffodil stems in my yard stood nearly a foot tall.

The explanation for the unreasonable weather seems to lie in a convergence of phenomena. First, it is an active El Niño year. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported "a strengthening El Niño event continuing to develop in the equatorial Pacific is likely to continue into spring 2007." A strengthening El Niño event can cause the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) to stay predominantly in a positive phase. The NAO in positive phase usually keeps the jet stream from moving south. When the jet stream remains north of us, it keeps the colder air from reaching us.

Another influence on temperatures is the natural variability of weather. This is a valid cause to consider. Finally, man-made global warming could be contributing to the warm weather.

Is it evidence of man-made global warming or just natural variability that made 2006 the warmest year on record in the United States? The average annual temperature for the contiguous United States was 2.2 degrees above the former warmest year on record, 1998. Seven months had much warmer than normal average temperatures. According to NOAA, "After a cold start to December, the persistence of spring-like temperatures in the eastern two-thirds of the country during the final two to three

weeks of 2006 made this the fourth warmest December on record in the U.S., and helped bring the annual average to record high levels. A contributing factor to the unusually warm temperatures throughout 2006 is the long-term warming trend, which has been linked to increases in greenhouse gases. It is unclear how much of the recent anomalous warmth was due to greenhouse-gas-induced warming and how much was due to the El Niño-related circulation pattern.

In Roosevelt, the warming of the 2006-2007 cool season started in November. November, 2006's average temperature was 5.5 degrees above normal. December's average temperature in Roosevelt was 7.5 degrees above normal. This warming correlates with the beginning of the latest positive phase of the NAO.

In Roosevelt, the average temperature for all of 2006 was 55.8 degrees, 3.5 degrees above normal. The number of heating degree-days in 2006 in Roosevelt was 4335. That's 1022 fewer degree-days than normal.

It's difficult to know what's coming next when it comes to the weather. You may be reading this on an unexpected day off from work or school with snow outside up to your hips waiting to be removed from your driveway, played in and watched with awe.

Weather Word

El Niño is a disruption of the ocean-atmosphere system in the Tropical Pacific having important consequences for weather and climate around the globe.

The *North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO)* is the relationship between a high-pressure system over the Azores Islands and a low-pressure system over Iceland. Throughout the course of the winter, the NAO becomes a significant weather factor as the high and the low intensify and fluctuate in pressure, creating dramatic variations over the Atlantic Ocean and the surrounding continents. When the pressure difference between the two systems is large (a positive phase), they bring higher temperatures to the Northeastern United States and northern Europe. ■

Dec. 15, 2006 - Jan. 15, 2007

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Degree Days
15	54.5	41.5	48.0	0.07	17.0
16	50.5	32.5	41.5	0.00	23.5
17	55.2	32.0	43.6	0.00	21.4
18	64.4	41.9	53.2	0.00	11.9
19	45.0	32.0	38.5	0.00	26.5
20	42.8	25.3	34.1	0.00	31.0
21	48.6	31.5	40.1	0.00	25.0
22	51.4	33.6	42.5	0.00	22.5
23	58.8	40.6	49.7	1.00	15.3
24	51.1	33.6	42.4	0.05	22.7
25	46.4	31.1	38.8	0.00	26.3
26	56.5	31.1	43.8	0.71	21.2
27	45.5	31.1	38.3	0.00	26.7
28	48.7	29.5	39.1	0.00	25.9
29	51.6	33.8	42.7	0.00	22.3
30	50.7	34.0	42.4	0.00	22.7
31	44.8	29.1	37.0	0.00	28.1
1	58.5	43.0	50.8	1.50	14.3
2	52.5	36.3	44.4	0.27	20.6
3	50.5	28.8	39.7	0.00	25.4
4	54.5	36.0	45.3	0.00	19.8
5	61.7	45.0	53.4	0.00	11.7
6	70.3	53.8	62.1	0.20	3.0
7	57.0	39.4	48.2	0.00	16.8
8	55.6	38.8	47.2	1.15	17.8
9	46.6	31.5	39.1	0.50	26.0
10	36.9	29.8	33.4	0.00	31.7
11	36.9	21.2	29.1	0.00	36.0
12	48.9	31.8	40.4	0.00	24.7
13	58.8	42.6	50.7	0.00	14.3
14	51.6	45.1	48.4	0.27	16.7
15	55.0	42.4	48.7	0.15	16.3
Total Precipitation			5.87		
Total Degree Days			684.3		

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

Twentieth Anniversary Season 2006 –2007

Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall

OPEN MIC CAFE

Enjoy a warm, casual evening at Roosevelt's Open Mic night and watch the performance of Rooseveltians and their connections. Come one, come all!

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Eleanor Gallery, the factory, and Borough Hall.

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Saturday, March 10, at 8p.m. in Borough Hall.

ROOSEVELT POETS

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8 p.m. in Borough Hall

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3 p.m. in Borough Hall

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February

3	Sat	8 pm	RAP Program, Open Mic Hall (See RAP Page)	Boro
6	Tues	12:30 pm	Senior Blood Pressure Check	Boro Hall
		1 pm	Seniors Meeting Gerry Millar, President	Boro Hall 448-0351
7	Wed		RECYCLE	
		7:30 pm	PTA Meeting Kelly Mitchell, President	RPS 426-9850
8	Thurs	7 pm	RAP Mural Project Workshop Barbara Atwood 918-0757	Boro Hall
10	Sat	7 pm	Rec Movie (Superman Returns) (See Recreation Programs Page 9)	RPS
11	Sun	10 am	First Aid Squad Training Jack Rindt	Boro Hall 448-9475
13	Tues		PTA Book Fair	
		7:30 pm	Planning Board Meeting Jane Rothfuss, Chair	Boro Hall 448-3713
14	Wed	7 pm	Council Action Meeting Beth Battel, Mayor	Boro Hall 443-7701
16	Fri		RPS Closed - Presidents' Weekend	
18	Sun	12:30 pm	RAP Mural Project Workshop Barbara Atwood	Boro Hall 918-0757
19	Mon		RPS Closed, Post Office Closed - Presidents' Weekend	
		7:30 pm	First Aid Squad Business Mtg Jack Rindt	Boro Hall 448-9475

21	Wed		RECYCLE	
		7:30 pm	Environmtl Com. Mtg Dave Schwendeman, Chair	Boro Hall 443-6204
22	Thurs		Roosevelt School Bd Mtg Linda Grayson, President	RPS 443-6462
23	Fri		RPS Pizza Day	
26	Mon	7 pm	Council Action Meeting Beth Battel, Mayor	Boro Hall 443-7701

March Preview

2	Fri		RPS Early Dismissal - Teacher In-Service	
3	Sat		RPS PTA Winter Carnival Kelly Mitchell, President	RPS 426-9850
5	Mon	7 pm	Council Action Meeting Beth Battel, Mayor	Boro Hall 443-7701
6	Tues		RPS Early Dismissal - Parent Conferences	
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