

# Bulletin

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

### Water Meter Installation Proceeding; Debris Obstructs Grass Cutting

By Michael Ticktin

Under a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection deadline of the end of this year for the installation of water meters, the Borough Council voted, at a special meeting on May 19, to approve the necessary ordinance. The contract for the installation will be awarded at a special meeting on June 16. Installation of water meters will bring to an end a distinctive system under which water in Roosevelt has been free, though at a cost of \$125 per month for the right to use both the water and sewer systems. By making users of the water system pay for the amount of water they actually use, the DEP hopes to encourage conservation, thus ending the situation in which a single individual who uses very little water, or even the owner of a vacant house who uses no water,

pays the same monthly fee as a large family that washes cars and irrigates a lawn and garden continuously. In coming months, the Council will have to establish fees for water usage, so that meter readings can be used as the basis for billing.

At the regular May meeting, Councilman Jeff Hunt, chairman of the Utilities Committee, announced that the recent occurrence of rusty water had been due to the Borough's being behind on flushing the water lines, to the need to have the settling tank cleaned out by divers and emptied and to a dramatic surge in usage during a brief interlude of warm weather.

Councilwoman Pat Moser, chairwoman of the Public Works Committee, reported that extensive work has been done to fill potholes

and that the hydrant on Rochdale Avenue that had been damaged when a car hit it, has been repaired and that the Borough is pursuing reimbursement for its costs from the driver's insurance company. She also reported that plans are underway to seal and restripe the parking lot at the municipal building. On a less encouraging note, she reported that only one bid had thus far been received for a contract to cut grass on municipal property. She attributed this poor response to potential bidders noting that cans and bottles and other debris have been tossed into the grass at several locations. Those responsible for this littering are therefore not only detracting from the attractiveness of the community, but also costing all of us money in the form of inability

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PINE VALLEY SWIM CLUB-4 MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

If you are looking for a place to provide leisure summer fun for your family, look no further than your own community. The summer swim season is three months long, June-Labor Day.

Membership fee includes you as one of 31 other families who own the property and the pool area. That investment is a one-time fee of \$500.00.

The annual maintenance fee for this year is \$675.00.

If you are interested, please contact Treasurer Nancy Warnick, 609-490-0702, or send your payment to Pine Valley Swim Club, Inc., P.O. Box 313, Roosevelt, NJ 08555-0313.3

### REMEMBER:

No library hours in the evening during the summer months, but from July 7 to August 8, the library will be open from 10 to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The 3 to 4 p.m. library time on Mondays will only be available until school ends on June 20.

### NEW RULES AT SCHOOL FOR VISITORS

We continue to take steps to ensure the safety of everyone at school. A new system has been installed at the entrance to the school. Visitors will need to press a buzzer and identify themselves before entering. A monitor has been installed in the office to film the outside of the school. All visitors should report to the office before heading anywhere else in the school.

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

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# Work Of Three Planning Committees Continues

At the Planning Board meeting on May 13, representatives of the Board's parking, zoning and redevelopment committees reported on recent activities. The Parking Committee includes Board Chairman Ralph Seligman, Jane Rothfuss, David Ticktin, Edwin Moser and Timothy Hartley. Jessica Hecht, Michael Ticktin, Mr. Seligman and Mr. Moser serve on the Zoning Committee, which is advised by Zoning Officer Ed Goetzmann. The Redevelopment Committee members are Mayor Michael Hamilton, Mr. Seligman and Michael Ticktin. It works with Planning Consultant Tom Thomas.

Mr. Seligman reported that David Ticktin conducted a photographic survey of parking conditions around town in order to give the Parking Committee information on which to base ordinance recommendations to the Borough Council. Mr. Seligman said Mr. Ticktin found 138 possible violations of existing ordinances while taking 165 digital photographs.

Resident Jack Rindt said he felt his privacy was violated when David Ticktin took a photograph showing him in his yard, as well as the parking situation at his house. Mr. Rindt agreed with Mr. Seligman that taking a parking survey photo of the house alone would be all right.

Ms. Rothfuss said the Parking Committee would recommend ordinance revisions that would permit reasonable solutions adopted by residents to meet their parking needs. Mr. Seligman said, "You can't talk about

something unless you have a pretty good survey of it."

Ms. Hecht reported that the Zoning Committee is preparing to recommend edits for the Zoning Ordinance that would reflect changes occurring in the last several years. She said the PCD I ordinance that governed the Notterman tract could be rescinded, because the property, running east of North Valley Road and south of Eleanor Lane to the Cemetery, is now part of the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area. Ms. Hecht noted that some legally invalid or outdated sections should be removed in order to make the ordinance conform to the Municipal Land Use Law. She added that some sections should be clarified, and an index should be prepared.

On behalf of the Redevelopment Committee, Michael Ticktin talked to staff of the state Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) about acceptable ways to fulfill the Borough's affordable housing obligation. He noted the current obligation is eight units. Roosevelt currently is in the process of obtaining ownership of the abandoned service station property.

According to Michael Ticktin, a regional contribution agreement (RCA) with Asbury Park would satisfy the obligation for three of the eight required affordable housing units. He said COAH also gives double credit for up to two rental units. He calculated that if the Borough arranged with a non-profit organization to provide three bedrooms in a group home for developmentally disabled persons, it could satisfy the rest of its affordable

housing obligation with a single structure on the undeveloped northern portion of the former gas station site. Mayor Hamilton said the Borough Attorney is reviewing the contract with Asbury Park "to see if we can get out of [the RCA] if we want to."

Mr. Ticktin further reported that two of the properties on the redevelopment list, one on Tamara Drive and one on Nurko Road, appear to have either been sold, or in the process of being sold, to new owners who will either make them habitable or demolish them. Thus, there remain, in addition to the gas station property, only the two houses on South Rochdale Avenue for which redevelopment using municipal eminent domain powers is likely to be necessary. One was gutted by fire more than two and a half years ago, while the other has been vacant and neglected since the former owner died.

In other business, the Board approved revised site plans for AT&T Wireless' "monopole" communications facility at the water plant property off Oscar Drive. Ms. Rothfuss expressed concern that too many trees would be removed, but Mr. Seligman noted that Borough Engineer James DeMuro would check the site before construction begins, to make sure structures are located properly. He said that since the facility would be located 233 feet from the road, it should not be visible at eye level from the road because of intervening trees.

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# FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

**New Jersey Law (N.J.S. A. 40A:60-5), states that “the mayor shall be the head of the municipal government” and “shall recommend to the Council such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the borough.”**

In a letter to the editor published recently in the Examiner, a builder who had worked with U.S. Home Corp. expressed his opinion that we were foolish not to have worked with the developer because they would have repaired our aged infrastructure and provided a wealth of other benefits at their expense.

As you know, U.S. Home recently decided to give up its litigation against Roosevelt wherein they sought a court order to build several hundred homes here. Although the battle is over, it is apparent that some people examining “the road not taken” believe that a U.S. Home development would have been beneficial to us. Recent information may shed a different light on this subject.

*Undisputed Material Facts...* During the course of the U.S. Home litigation the developer filed many documents with the court that we had to respond to in our own filings. One such document was a list of almost one hundred

“Undisputed Material Facts” that U.S. Home was claiming were true. It was my responsibility as mayor to research each claim and refute it with facts gleaned from the public record. We learned that “Undisputed Material Facts” (in the eyes of the court) soon become facts. Although the developer’s goal was to bury us in paper work and expenses, we had to respond to every one of their claims no matter how absurd or baseless lest they become *facts* through legal alchemy.

*A Mysterious Meeting...* In the list of “Undisputed Material Facts” filed with the court, U.S. Home claimed that they met with Borough officials on June 21, 1999 and began negotiating a developer’s agreement to allow 350 houses to be built in Roosevelt. Representing Roosevelt at this meeting were then Mayor Allen, four Council members, the Chairman of the Planning Board and the Borough Attorney in office at that time.

In my search of the public records to respond to U.S. Home’s claims I could find no evidence that such a meeting ever occurred. Mysteriously, there were no official minutes for a June 21, 1999 meeting in the minutes book. While there seemed to be a tape recording of all other Council meetings in 1999 in the file cabinet where such tapes are kept, there was no tape of a June 21 meeting. Additionally, there was no mention of a June 21, 1999 meeting during Council meetings prior or subsequent to that date.

Nor was there any reference or report in the public Planning Board minutes.

I could find no record of an advertisement placed in any newspaper or posted in the Borough Hall notifying our citizens that a meeting was going to be held so that the Council and U.S. Home Corp. could attempt to hammer out an agreement to build 350 houses in Roosevelt. Having just defeated Mayor Allen in the Democratic primary several weeks prior to the date of this negotiating meeting, I would have been certain to attend as would many other Roosevelt citizens whose interests were being discussed.

In the absence of any mention of a meeting in the public record that I could locate, I began to dispute, in writing, the U.S. Home claim that a meeting was held on June 21, 1999 at which the Allen administration evidenced that they intended to move forward with the developer’s proposal to build 350 houses in Roosevelt.

*A Tape Recording of the Negotiating Meeting is Discovered...* In the course of researching and responding to U.S. Home’s list of “Undisputed Material Facts” I was surprised to discover a tape labeled simply “June 21, 1999 Meeting” in the back of a file cabinet. This tape was unusual because Committee meetings were almost never recorded. I placed the tape on the Borough’s new tape machine and the voices on the tape sounded like those of Disney characters. Although

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# Introducing A Utility Department News Column

Now that the U.S. Home suit is over, we imagine many people will have more time and energy to focus on our infrastructure issues more closely. This column, to be presented as a regular item of *The Bulletin*, will be written jointly by Toby Moore, our Water/Sewer Operator, and Jeff Hunt, Councilman and the present Utilities Committee Chairman. Our purpose is to inform you, the citizens of Roosevelt, of the present condition of our Water and Sewer facilities, to inform you of the significant progress and improvements which have been made to date, and to keep you informed with regard to significant ongoing maintenance and improvements as they are planned and as they occur.

The Utilities Department has developed an Improvement Plan that includes numerous projects that will be pursued towards upgrading and maintaining our infrastructure and service. A sampling of recently completed improvement items, as well as some of those planned for the near future, follows:

## Recently completed improvement items include:

- Replaced Booster pump #1—new pump guaranteed no breakdown in water pumped to the town
- Replaced the Water Plant's 30-year-old leaky roof with State funded project money
- Installed automatic remote monitoring system at both Sewage and Water Plants, wells and lift-station
- Replaced Supreme Security's 10-year-old system that did not properly notify the plant operator in the event of a plant breakdown or emergency
- Installed new computerized sys-

tem which notifies operator by his cell phone, home phone or beeper—notifies the operator on the plant alarm specifics

- Replaced Water plant lighting fixtures—improved operator safety and made it easier to access the extent of the plant's corrosion problem
- Replaced hour meters on the Sewage Plant's main control panel—made it easier to track the amount of hours plant equipment runs and integrate it into a computerized maintenance program



- Drained, cleaned and inspected Primary and Final Tanks—saved \$3,600 by doing this project in-house.
- Renovated Sewage Plant office and laboratory

## Improvement Plan items slated for the Water and Sewage Plants and Service include:

- Improve relations with Borough residents by randomly selecting three houses per month for in-house sampling of their water and educating them on the quality of water

- Reduce brown water by installing automatic hydrant flushing devices
- Protect the water supply by improving water plant security
- Alarm water plant, install security cameras, install new doors with combination dead bolts, upgrade fencing
- Install buildings over both well houses
- Improve quality of water by cleaning iron sludge out of water plant's settling tank and aerator tower
  - Implement a leak detection plan for the Borough's water distribution system
  - Replace second 50 year old, worn out booster at the Water Plant
  - Paint the exterior of the Water Plant, chemical room and aerator tower
  - Paint the interior of Water Plant to include piping, valves, booster pumps, ceiling and walls
  - Paint exterior of Sewage plant's office, control room, chemical room, primary and final settling tanks, and trickling filters
- Replace/rebuild four submersible recirculation/effluent pumps at the Sewage plant
- Build shelters around primary and final sludge pumps

An important development worth noting is that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has long mandated that Roosevelt meter its water consumption for each user. Previous Councils have procrastinated for many years, putting us now in the undesirable

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# From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

What an exciting afternoon we had at RPS on May 13, when Governor McGreevey came to visit. One of our students in second grade, Jesse Schuster, won a contest that he entered on the Governor's Book of the Month Club web site. The contest was to name the mascot, a seagull, for the program. Jesse's entry of Booker C. Gull took first prize from more than 1,000 entries. The Governor spoke about reading. Our entire student body was able to be in the audience. The Governor's program supports early reading literacy, and the Book Club was established for students in grades K-3.

We are in the process of creating a summer reading incentive program for RPS students. Thanks to the gracious generosity of Kay Drury, the school library will be open from July 7-August 8, every Wednesday from 10:00-12:00. During this time students will be able to participate in the summer reading program, and adults will be able to borrow books. More information regarding the summer program will follow. The library is

currently open on Wednesday evenings, from 7:00-8:30, thanks to our volunteers. In addition, library time of 3:00-4:00 on Mondays has been added until the end of the school year. This is thanks to Dolores Chasan. There are no evening hours during the summer months.

Standardized testing was completed during the week of May 20. This year the state issued new tests for grades 3 and 4. They are called ASK 3 and ASK 4 (Assessment of Skills and Knowledge). They were developed by Educational Testing Services in Princeton and replace the 4th grade ESPA test that was given over the last few years. This year's test administration will serve as a field test, and help establish benchmark scores for future testing. As part of the No Child Left Behind act, the federal law that drives recent educational programming, states need to establish AYP (adequate yearly progress) scores that will be measured with future testing. Scores will then be monitored to be certain

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# RCNS June Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

Graduation Day is approaching very quickly and is scheduled for June 12th at 10:00 a.m. The children have been doing a wonderful job practicing for their big day.

This month we are learning all about dinosaurs. We will see that there are meat eaters, plant eaters, large and small dinosaurs, and that they lived on land, in water and even flew in the air. We will make fossils and learn how paleontologists find out how dinosaurs lived and that they are now extinct.

In anticipation of the summer season, our class will learn how the sun affects us. We will also find out how important our farms are to us and that they provide food and dairy products for us to eat. The children will make ice cream as a special treat. Our end of the year party was a big success and lots of fun. We had a picnic at Etra Park.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Good luck in Kindergarten to all our graduates. I hope to see everyone during the summer at our annual pool party. All of our students, their families as well as new students, are invited. It's always a wonderful time for everyone! ■

## June School Dates

<b>June 3</b>	Early Dismissal, Field Day
<b>June 4</b>	Early Dismissal
<b>June 5</b>	Musical Showcase, 7:30 p.m.
<b>June 11</b>	Mexico Day - 2:00
<b>June 13</b>	Pizza Day
<b>June 18 &amp; 19</b>	Early Dismissal
<b>June 20</b>	Awards assembly, Early Dismissal, Last Day of School
<b>June 21</b>	Graduation, 4:00
<b>June 26</b>	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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Not much news trickling in these days. I need a source: an informer, a person or two who walks circles around town taking in and dispersing the local news, rumors, hard facts and gossip. It's spring, and there must be plenty of things in the air besides pollen.

Derek Jeter was in Trenton last week rehabilitating his injured shoulder with the Trenton Thunder. We went twice — Devin, Jack Curry and I — braved the crowds and bought standing-room-only tickets, and watched in appreciation and awe. Not to discredit the Thunder players, but Jeter stood out on the diamond like a Hall of Famer among good high school players. Maybe it was because of the power of suggestion, but his shoulders looked more square, he was a head taller than everyone else and he carried himself like, well, a thoroughbred.

He also has class. And nobody went home disappointed. In the second game we saw Jeter come up with the bases loaded and two outs, and the Thunder down by a run, and after fouling off four pitches lined the ball up against the left field fence for a bases-clearing double. All the kids, and many 50 and 60 year olds, stood up and clapped like mad. It was spontaneous fun, and reminded me of when my father used to take us to Connie Mack Stadium in Philly to see Sandy Koufax pitch and Frank

Howard and Richie Allen hit baseballs over the centerfield wall and into the black city night. Is there anything more beautiful than a baseball diamond with real grass alongside a river all lit up at night?

Here in town, junior Brian Davis and senior Dave Kichula are having good seasons for the Hightstown High varsity baseball team. On last look, Brian had one of the better ERA's for pitchers in the CVC and was hitting well over .300 as a second baseman, while Dave was hitting over .300 playing third base for the improving Rams.

I've been reading a book called Forces of Character by Jungian psychologist James Hillman in which Hillman argues how "getting older" can be a time when people realize their characters by getting involved in activities, both internal and external, that they were too busy to do when they were younger. Great book-grounded in depth psychology, mostly Jungian, and world literatures. Hillman also talks about the importance of people telling their stories as a way of growing, glowing and irrigating their communities. It's a quietly exciting book that makes a great implicit argument for not watching TV.

The Roosevelt String Band put on an outstanding performance recently at the Borough Hall. Always good, the band consisting of David Brahinsky, Paul Prestopino, Ed Cedar, Howie

Jacobson and Sarah Houtz seem to just get better and better. Intermittently funny, intelligent, ironic, committed but always entertaining, the String Band played to full houses on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

"M'Zume Rhythm Academy," a Samba-Bamba rhythm band out of Asbury Park who had Rooseveltians dancing a couple months ago, will be playing at the Trenton Heritage Festival on June 8. The Festival will be held on the grounds in front of the New Jersey State Library and Museum.

**And from the college desk comes the following:**

Jessica Hamilton, who's a senior at Rutgers College, will be inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa in early June. Jessica will graduate in June with a B.A. in Chemistry and is making plans to enter Medical School in the fall.

Kathleen Carla Alfare received a BA in Chemistry, Summa Cum Laude, from Franklin and Marshall College on May 18. A John Marshall Scholar, Kathleen was also inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, and received the American Institute of Chemists Award and the W.E. Weisberger Award in Chemistry. She will pursue a Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. ■

**RESIDENTS!**

This is your newspaper. We would be happy to hear from you either in the form of letters or articles which we would be pleased to include in our publication each month.

That's what this paper is for — to help us to get to know one another as well as to let you know what is happening in the town.

Let us know what you think, what you do.

How about it?

## First Aid Squad News

By Carol Watchler

### First Aid Squad Schedules Summer Courses

May 18-24 is National Emergency Medical Services Week. The Roosevelt First Aid Squad marked the week with a recruitment effort in front of the Post Office on May 17 as well as a celebration to thank former Squad President Herb Johnson for his contributions, preceding the regular training session on May 18. The training session this month presented by Jack Rindt to squad members focused on the American Red Cross Course on Preventing Disease Transmission.

The recruitment campaign to sign up new Regular Squad Members and Driver-Only Members continues the message of the past several months to inform the community of the requirements and benefits of becoming a First Aid Squad Member. Regular members need certification in defensive driving, CPR, and the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) course. Driver-Only members need defensive driving, CPR, and community first aid courses.

The Squad has now scheduled three one-day courses in Roosevelt during the summer that will assist new members in achieving certification. Defensive Driving will be held on Sunday, June 8, CPR for the Professional Rescuer is scheduled for Sunday, July 27, and the Community First Aid course will be presented on Sunday, August 10. Further details about these courses and membership requirements are available by contacting [elisecousineau@comcast.net](mailto:elisecousineau@comcast.net), 609-371-3344, and [carolwatchler@comcast.net](mailto:carolwatchler@comcast.net), and 609-448-5215. Other community members are welcome to participate in the courses.

The First Aid Squad reports the

maintenance and repair of the ambulance that included repair of the air-conditioning/heating system and installation of new remote-control mirrors for increased driving safety. The entire vehicle was checked from end to end by a company specializing in emergency vehicles with all necessary repairs completed.

I am including in this report some timely information received by the First Aid Squad from the New Jersey Poison Information & Education System about pesticide use in homes and gardens. Most critical is the **Poison Emergency number** which you can call 24 hours a day for emergency help and drug or poison information: **1-800-222-1222; TTY number for hearing impaired: 1-973-926-8008.**

You can add to your safety by choosing some alternatives to pesticides in the garden. Here are recommendations from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Pesticide Control Program:

**Collars:** Collars around plants to stop hatching larvae;

**Netting:** Protects seedlings from insects and birds;

**Sticky board:** Yellow board covered with a sticky substance intercepts aphids and other flying insects;

**Trap plants:** Strategically placed plants to lure harmful insects away from plant being protected, for example, tomato worms prefer dill over tomatoes so dill is used to trap the pest.

**Companion planting:** Insect-repelling plants next to crops that benefit from their natural properties, for example, planting garlic among vegetables helps fend off Japanese beetles, aphids, vegetable weevil, and spider mites. Basil and marigold also have repelling properties.

**Diversified planting:** Intermingle several types of plants rather than using straight rows. Damaging insects

are then more exposed to predators as they hunt for the plant they like.

Here's to successful and safe gardening in Roosevelt this summer.

### **The Roosevelt String Band, a Tradition Continues - A Review**

By Scott Carpenter

There are just some things we can always count on; the sweet smells of spring during an evening walk around town this time of year, the ever-present deer eating virtually everything not bolted down, and a wonderful concert put on by the Roosevelt String Band. Once again, the good townspeople here have not been disappointed.

All different shapes and sizes wedged themselves into the Borough Hall Saturday night, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the second of two performances for the band's 16<sup>th</sup> annual concert. The evening provided a grand exclamation point to the Roosevelt Arts Project's 2002-03 season with the band playing two sets of songs that had the crowd by turns laughing, reminiscing and singing along. The program, infused with the traditional folk, blues, bluegrass and contemporary singer-songwriter tunes that are String Band staples, struck the right balance between humorous and political, between smoky and soaring.

Band leader David Brahinsky got things started by launching the group into "Make Me a Pallet on Your Floor," a fun, quick tune that showcased David's voice, Paul Prestopino's banjo play and Howie Jacobson's fiddle. Ed Cedar's bass drove the backbeat while providing opportunities here and there between notes for some fancy fingering. From the beginning, the standing room only crowd was clapping and cheering along as the band played.

The tempo did slow some as the group moved into their third song of the set, "I Cannot Sleep" by Malvina

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# I'm Really Very Lucky

While most of the stories that have been told were about the backgrounds of those writing them, my story is different. In my case, I was so young when my parents died, I never learned very much about them or their families. But to some extent that may be true about many Jewish people who came to this country from Russia. They were so happy to leave that place that had made life so miserable for them, they were happy to forget all about it so they might not have had anything to tell me.

My parents were born in Bialystok where they grew up and were married and had two children, two girls. When they came to the United States, they had a boy and finally me. By the time I was born, my oldest sister was already twenty years old. It was certainly not the usual kind of family as my father died at forty-two when I was only two years old and my oldest sister, her husband and their five children all moved in with my mother, brother and me. All of us were on home relief.

As you can understand, it was not a happy situation and it got even worse when my mother died at fifty-five when I was fifteen. But things promised to be better as my other sister and her husband and two children decided to move to Roosevelt, then Jersey Homesteads, where my brother-in-law got a job taking care of the



A Much Younger Molly and Mrs. Wishnefsky

boiler in the factory. I slept on a cot. But it was a time when I was going back and forth between here and New York as I wanted to finish high school there.

When I was about seventeen, I was sitting in the Hightstown Dinner waiting for a hitch back to Roosevelt when a young man, who was sitting next to me at the counter, began to talk to me. He told me a little about himself including the fact that he went to Rutgers. He seemed very nice and

when he offered to take me home, I agreed. I think of it as the beginning of my life as he was David Bulkin who eventually became my husband.

At eighteen, my brother-in-law decided he didn't want me to live with them any longer and I was out. I was walking along the street, wondering what to do, when I met a woman coming out of the store. I asked her if she knew anyone who needed someone to take care of their children and she recommended me to a woman on Rochdale Avenue, Diane Harrod. We made an arrangement so that in return for taking care of her children, I could live with them and in addition, she gave me some money as well.

But then, World War Two started and there were jobs all over.

I moved into a house in Hightstown and got a job in an ammunition factory. George Vasseur's father who was known as "Frenchie" would pick up everyone and take them to and from their factories. Except for the fact that we were at war, it was a wonderful time for me. I was beginning to grow up and take care of myself and best of all, David and I were going "steady." In fact, realizing how difficult my housing situation was, he arranged for me to live with him and his mother in a place a little beyond Hightstown.

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And then, in 1942, we were married and went on a honeymoon to Virginia Beach and then back to his mother's house.

We were put on the list for a Roosevelt house and waited until one was available. My sister worked with Mr. Glantz, who was the person in charge of renting the houses for about \$14 per month. But while we rented one, in the meantime, we still wanted to buy one of the houses. As my husband said, "This is what you deserve." Not much like my life had been before that! Finally, there was one – the one I'm still living in and the Borough paid for everything in connection with the move as the house had been left in very bad shape.

I had three children, Sheldon, Bruce and Meryl. David had as much to do with their upbringing as I because when the youngest was only three years old, I decided to go back to work and continued to do so for forty-five years. I worked at what was then Howard Johnson's and later became Marriott's. I held all kinds of jobs from waitress to manager and enjoyed them all. I would go to work when David got home and he would look after the children until bedtime, very often with the help of our wonderful friend, Mrs. Wishnefsky. It worked very well. As they grew up, David and I went on many trips to different places both in the United States and Europe and had a wonderful life.

There were so many people in the town who were good to us, especially

Mr. And Mrs. Wishnefsky who became our parents and grandparents to our kids. Everyone in town loved them. They were the kind of people whose aim in life seemed to be to help people. They had worked in the hat factory where I also worked for a while. If anyone needed clothes to be fixed, they would do so as well as just being there when they were needed. I know people in town who still remember them.

Since David's death in 1989, I live with a lifetime of memories that have made me realize that all in all, I've been a very lucky person. ■

**About  
Two Square Miles  
Of Stories**

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By Clare Sacharoff

There were eighteen members at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senior Citizens club. President Gerry Millar reported on a meeting of the Emergency Management Group she had attended at the school. Again we are told that if we see anything or anyone unusual, we are immediately to call 911.

On May 27 our regularly scheduled trip was to the Freehold Mall, followed by luncheon at the food area in the mall. Members are picked up by bus at approximately 9 a.m. at their individual homes.

Pat Moser had volunteered to prepare our monthly lunch that occurs on the last Friday of each month. It was on May 30<sup>th</sup> and as usual, Pat out-did herself. There were about twenty members who attended.

At the May meeting, our hostess was Elly Pedersen who provided refreshments thoughtfully including a sugar free dessert from those on a restricted diet.

Beth Johnson is hostess for the June 2 meeting which will take place in the community room of the Solar Village because of the election at the Borough Hall. ■



## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

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to get competitive bids for maintenance work.

Councilwoman Beth Battel, chairwoman of the Environment, Health and Safety Committee, reported that she is investigating the possibility of getting a volunteer transportation system for senior citizens established here by an organization that has set up successful programs of this sort elsewhere. In addition to funding, such an effort would require a corps of volunteers willing to devote their time and the use of their cars.

Councilwoman Elly Shapiro reported that the summer camp, which is now under the Joint Recreation Program of the Borough and the Board of Education, is accepting applications for staff positions. Persons who have served in the past must reapply. Rates will have to be raised this summer, since grant money that was available last year has been used up and payment must be made to Pine Valley Swim Club for the use of their pool. Pine Valley is no longer able to allow free use of the pool since, as Stuart Kaufman, speaking on behalf of Pine Valley, pointed out, its operating costs have risen substantially.

After a public hearing, at which there were no speakers, the Council adopted an ordinance adopting a salary range of \$20,000 to \$25,000 for a deputy municipal clerk and \$12.00/hour to \$18.00/hour for a public works employee.

In response to a question from Stuart Kaufman about the status of the cellular telecommunications tower, Mayor Michael Hamilton said that the contract with AT&T has been signed, but that the State Historic Preservation office had questioned whether a 150 foot high tower might compromise the integrity of the Jersey Homesteads Historic District. Mayor Hamilton said that Borough planning consultant

Tom Thomas would meet with the Historic Preservation staff to seek to allay their concerns. In response to another question from Mr. Kaufman, Councilman Hunt said that the Council was giving consideration to raising revenue by accepting "gray water" at the sewage treatment plant. Mr. Kaufman stated that the Council had considered this option when he was serving on it ten years ago and had found that a minimum of 50,000 gallons a day would be needed to make the venture profitable.

In other business, the Council introduced an ordinance to raise the liquor license fee by 20% to \$820/year, and adopted resolutions to allow funds paid for recreational services to be appropriated for that purpose, to allow donations to the Jersey Homesteads Historic District Advisory Council—mainly honoraria paid to Borough Historian Arthur Shapiro for the educational and entertaining lectures about Roosevelt that he presents to various groups around the State—to be appropriated for the use of the Historic District Advisory Council. A resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement for animal control services with Upper Freehold was tabled pending clarification of certain details, and a motion to approve use of the Borough Hall by Wiska Radkiewicz for a June 14 piano recital was approved.

Councilman Neil Marko announced that old office equipment owned by the Borough would be transported to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center in Tinton Falls by the public works employee and that residents wishing to dispose of their own old equipment would be able to do so at the same time on a "space available" basis. Details will be posted at the post office. ■

## WATER WORKS!

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position of having a State-imposed deadline for completion facing us at year's end. Planning, design and implementation of this large project are important and pressing priorities. To this end, we have recently gone out to bid for a provider who will install meters for each consumer, and who will provide the hardware and software to enable us to read the new meters and to thereby produce bills with a new consumption-based billing system. At this time, we anticipate the impact on an average consumer's bill to be minimal. Also, we will be paying the cost of this project (the lowest bid was \$ 96,000) over several years and do not expect to increase your Water/Sewer rate as a result. At the time of this publication, we hope to be prepared to award the contract in mid-June, allowing a half-year for the project to be completed well within the deadline.

Another important item: quite often, residents develop a blockage somewhere in the sewer line (usually on a holiday weekend when lots of company is expected). Just as often, residents attempt to get reimbursed from the Municipality for the clearing of the line, and as there has been no clear and enforceable policy on reimbursement, confusing and sometimes contentious situations have arisen. To clear this up, please refer to the new Sewer Blockage Reimbursement Procedure posted at the Borough Hall and at the Post Office for a clear set of guidelines for how to proceed in such a situation. Copies of the Procedure and the Reimbursement Form are also available at the Borough Hall.

That's all for this edition. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. ■

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

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our new tape player had several speeds, this recording was still unintelligible. I called Brad Garton, and he agreed to bring the tape to Columbia University for modification. Several days later Brad delivered two understandable CD's of the now even more puzzling June 21, 1999 meeting.

*What the Recording Revealed...* On June 21, 1999, upon the request of a developer who wanted "concessions," Mayor Allen, four Council members, the Planning Board Chairman and the Borough Attorney met with five representatives of U.S. Home Corp. to discuss the size and shape of Roosevelt's future. No members of the public were present during this meeting.

Following are the Concessions Demanded by U.S. Home Corp:

- *A waiver of all hookup fees for U.S. Home buyers...* Owners of new buildings are required by ordinance to pay approximately \$5,500 to cover the costs of hooking up to our municipal water and sewer systems. U.S. Home Corp. demanded that we waive hook-up fees for their 350-unit development in Roosevelt. The amount waived would have totaled almost two million dollars.
- *Approval to build more than 350 houses and to build on both sides of Rte. 571...* U.S. Home executives wanted approval to build more than 350 homes on both sides of Rte. 571 because the viewshed (trees acting as a buffer zone required by ordinance) and the wetlands areas were unbuildable therefore they wanted more land to build on.
- *Changes in ordinance...* U.S. Home Corp. asked the Council to work with them by changing the Landscape Ordinance so that

they didn't have to plant as many trees on their lots. Additionally, changes in ordinance would be needed to allow them to build more than the 350-units of housing permitted by ordinance.

- *Little or no taxes for U.S. Home buyers for five years...* U.S. Home representatives asked the Council for a program to allow their project's homeowners to pay either no taxes for the first five years of home ownership or to pay on a discounted scale of 0% taxes in the first year, 20% in year two, 40% in year three etc. until 100% of taxes was reached in year six. U.S. Home officials claimed that this was necessary for the project (Roosevelt Greenbriar) to be successful economically. One Council member stated that "reduced taxes for new residents can be rationalized....and the new ordinances could be worked out with the Planning Board."

*The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act...* states that citizens have the right to have adequate notice of all public meetings and the right to attend meetings at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon. The Supreme Court's strong views on the Act were echoed in a 1991 decision in which a unanimous Court said:

"Governmental secrecy shrouds corruption and engenders public distrust in government and its officials. Whether dishonesty does, or does not, exist is irrelevant. The important factor is that "secrecy" creates a belief that it exists which, if extensive enough, could destroy needed public support for government actions...The sole method of combating these notions is to demonstrate their

falsity by opening the doors of government so that the truth may be viewed by all."

After listening to the recordings of the meeting with U.S. Home Corp., I was greatly disturbed that elected officials would hold a never-reported-on meeting with U.S. Home Corp. where the tax and utility rates for every homeowner in town were being negotiated. Since there were never any official minutes of this meeting entered into the record, it took almost four years for it to come to light. A full accounting of this important meeting may never have been made public if it wasn't for the U.S. Home brief that mentioned it.

Although there were many interesting statements made during the meeting in question, two of the most memorable ones were made by former Mayor Lee Allen: Referring to the 1992 Allen administration upgrade of the sewer treatment plant at a cost to ratepayers of \$5,300,000. Mayor Allen stated that "Our existing ratepayers have already paid substantial money to improve the sewer plant that was built to handle twice the population of this community" and the prophetic "Be prepared, people will think that your plan stinks."

Now that the U.S. Home lawsuit is over (and there is no risk relative to the litigation) I have asked that recordings of this important meeting be made available at Borough Hall. Interested citizens are welcome to listen to the recordings of this meeting that are (finally) part of the public record.

As always I depend upon your advice and support.

Sincerely,  
Michael B. Hamilton, Mayor  
Borough Hall: 609-448-0539  
E-mail: mham82@comcast.net ■

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## TOWN TOPICS

### ROOSEVELT STRING BAND

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Reynolds. The song, a wonderful duet between Howie and Sarah Houtz really highlighted how well suited Howie's voice is for intimate settings such as the Borough Hall and prepared the crowd for the next number; "When Fall Comes to New England." This tender song, chosen for the band by the late Judy Trachtenberg, brought Sarah front and center for the first time in the evening, the grace and beauty of her voice filling the room. Further along we were treated to "Railroad Bill," a solo piece arranged by Howie that showed off a little of his comedic flare in true *O, Brother Where Art Thou?* spirit.

Following Howie's solo was one of the absolute highlights of the night: "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face." Everything about the group's rendition was splendid, David and Paul's guitar accompaniment helped to slow down and draw out the spaces to be filled with Sarah's voice, soaring where the music wanted to be taken. Ewan MacColl, the song's writer would have been proud.

The next song, "Democracy", gave the lead vocal reins back to David, with Sarah accompanying, and provided a nice counterpoint between David's deep, full voice and Sarah's voice, while obviously not as deep, just as full and textured. "Democracy" brought the audience to ovation during the steel guitar solo as Paul, a virtuoso with any stringed instrument it seems, briefly turned away from using his guitar for adding flavor to the band's sound and grabbed everyone's ear undivided. From there, the first set climbed even higher towards its big finish, the popular "Keep on the Sunny Side," which enjoyed full crowd clap-along and singing.

The second set picked up where the first let off. The Depression-era "Brother Can You Spare a Dime?" aptly featured David singing solo and

marked the evening's only appearance of the recorder, played by Howie.

"Unfortunate Man", the set's second number was a wonderfully humorous piece that showcased Paul's singing and of course, his guitar. The tale of the ill-fated man who marries an old woman with paint for her face, a wig for her head, a glass eye, and so on through her woes, made a good change of pace from the somber "Brother Can You Spare a Dime?"

The band shifted back into serious matters for the next piece, "1000 Grandmothers." Here Ed's bass really came alive and moved closer to surface, driving the song as David sang the words to Holly Near's solution to war and strife. Paul's mandolin found rich flavors, complimenting the bigger bass sounds and helping underscore the theme.

Several songs later the band struck gold with their take on Greg Brown's "Steady Love." This song, deep and inviting, had a little something for everyone. David and Sarah matched each other word for sultry word while the instruments; Paul's steel guitar; Howie's violin and Ed's bass gave this piece a full personality.

The second set maintained the standard gained by "Steady Love." Howie, who had given us the part folk tune, part Irish drink fest "The Card Song," hit some big high notes in Jackson Browne's "The Load-Out"; also noteworthy as Ed's turn at lead vocals, while Paul took over on bass. David hit a winner with "Highway 80," a driving song so perfectly American. Sarah, while not as prominent in the second set still gave us enough to want much more of her in next year's installment of the tradition.

And so it goes, another spring in Roosevelt filled with the sounds of the String Band playing our favorites songs to a packed house. Now if only we could do something about the deer....

## Roosevelt Community Education and Recreation Coalition News

*By Eric Schubiger*

The Roosevelt Community Education and Recreation Coalition is sponsoring the following upcoming programs and events:

*Community Summer Camp* – Our annual summer program will be offered from Monday, July 7 to Friday, August 8 for pre-school students and students entering grades K-6. A registration flyer will be distributed throughout the Roosevelt school in early June.

*Mad Science Summer Camp* – The popular Mad Science program is now being offered in a week-long format for students ages 7-11 from August 11-15 (9:00 a.m.- Noon). The camp's topic is "Rockets and Space" and students will have the opportunity to build their very own model rockets. A registration flyer will be distributed through the Roosevelt school in early June.

*"Outta Sights and Sounds" Concert* – The RCERC and "Outta Sights and sounds" are co-sponsoring an outdoor concert featuring popular folk artist Clive Gregso. The concert is scheduled for June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Roosevelt School amphitheater. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. Information regarding the concert will be distributed throughout the Roosevelt community.

Other plans include an *Outdoor Movie Series* at the Roosevelt School amphitheater, a *Youth Soccer Clinic*, and a *Youth Multi-Sports Camp*. Further information regarding these programs will be available soon.

For more information on any of the programs outlined above, please contact Eric Schubiger at 609-448-0539, ex. 8. ■

# WEATHER ALMANAC

By Ron Filepp

## April 15 - May 15, 2003

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	77.7	44.2	61.0	0.00
16	85.1	56.3	70.7	0.00
17	50.4	37.2	43.8	0.00
18	50.2	36.9	43.6	0.00
19	64.0	41.9	53.0	0.00
20	66.6	37.0	51.8	0.00
21	71.2	37.0	54.1	0.00
22	70.7	47.3	59.0	0.35
23	58.5	42.6	50.6	0.05
24	62.4	41.0	51.7	0.00
25	68.4	37.2	52.8	0.00
26	56.8	51.3	54.1	0.25
27	70.5	48.2	59.4	0.18
28	78.1	40.8	59.5	0.00
29	80.6	50.7	65.7	0.00
30	71.1	45.5	58.3	0.00
1	79.7	43.8	61.8	0.05
2	82.6	58.8	70.7	0.00
3	66.9	50.7	58.8	0.25
4	67.8	42.8	55.3	0.00
5	60.4	36.9	48.7	0.00
6	61.0	44.8	52.9	0.15
7	78.3	49.6	64.0	0.15
8	68.9	56.3	62.6	0.20
9	63.5	52.3	57.9	0.07
10	68.7	47.5	58.1	0.15
11	76.5	56.8	66.7	0.00
12	73.9	57.0	65.5	0.00
13	64.9	52.3	58.6	0.00
14	64.8	46.9	55.9	0.00
15	70.0	41.5	55.8	0.00
Total Precipitation			1.85	

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CSA, DR. DALE WEINBACH

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that all students achieve adequate yearly progress in tested academic areas.

We continue to take steps to ensure the safety of everyone at school. A new system has been installed at the entrance to the school. Visitors will need to press a buzzer and identify themselves before entering. A monitor has been installed in the office to film the outside of the school. All visitors should report to the office before heading anywhere else in the school.

With the receipt of a federal rural education grant, the computer lab has been entirely upgraded. New computers in the lab enabled us to place more computers in the classroom. Our students are really becoming proficient with technology.

We registered 11 students for kindergarten for the 2003-2004 school year. Kindergarten orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, at 10:45.

Every year at this time the staff begins to establish school goals for the upcoming school year. This year we have been working with language arts and geography goals. I invite suggestions from the community regarding school goals. Should you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email (dweinbach@rps1.org).

At the annual Board of Education reorganization meeting of April 24, Jill Lipoti was named president and Linda Grayson vice president. I thank Sharlene Ellentuck for the outstanding leadership she provided during her years as president of the Board. I look forward to working with our new board officers. ■

## PLANNING BOARD NEWS

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The Board approved Mr. DeMuro's plans for improvements to Pine Drive from the sewer plant to a short distance east of the triangle. The Borough Council obtained a State grant to pay for the lion's share of the improvements. Spruce Lane also is included in the grant, but Mr. DeMuro had not yet submitted plans for Spruce. So as not to delay the project, Mayor Hamilton said he would ask Mr. DeMuro to submit Spruce Lane plans in time for Board review at a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 20. Mr. DeMuro was asked to specifically address the curbing, drainage, and grading that might be required to deal effectively with the large volume of water entering Spruce Lane from Lake Drive during storms. ■

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# A Change in Plans



Last month, one of my grandsons and his friend were supposed to come for lunch on a Saturday. I arranged to serve a number of usual luncheon foods including a bowl of shrimps with cocktail sauce. But the day before they were supposed to come, Geoffrey called me and asked if I wouldn't mind if they would come for dinner instead as they had something to take care of earlier in the day. I'm always happy to see him and so, of course, I agreed. Immediately my mind was changing the menu dependent on what was available in my freezer and refrigerator as I can only shop on Wednesdays with the senior bus and then I remembered that they don't eat meat, not even chicken! And obviously, cold boiled shrimp with cocktail sauce is not appropriate for dinner. And so, to the cook-books. And sure enough, I found an acceptable recipe in the New York Times Cook Book of 1961 that I had never made, but which worked very well and is now part of my regular repertoire.

## Shrimp with Rice 4 to 6 servings

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter	3 cups hot chicken stock or water
1 cup dry white wine	2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 large onion, finely chopped	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon thyme
1 cup sliced mushrooms	$\frac{1}{2}$ bay leaf
1 green pepper, finely chopped	2 pounds raw shrimp, shelled and deveined
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups raw rice	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon nutmeg	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1. In a large skillet heat the butter, add the onion, mushrooms, green pepper, rice, nutmeg, salt and pepper and cook, stirring until the rice is golden brown.
2. Add the wine and simmer five minutes. Add the stock, parsley, thyme and bay leaf, cover and cook ten minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Add the shrimp and simmer five to ten minutes, depending on the size of the shrimp.
4. Remove the bay leaf and serve immediately. ■

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# ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

Our Roosevelt Arts Project events have been completed for the 2002-2003 season but some of their accomplishments go beyond our town:

Roberta Heck who has read some of her poetry at the Poetry Reading events for the last two years, has just published a collection of her poetry, "After The Storm Is Over" on the enduring power of faith. It is available for purchase nationwide at bookstores as well as on the web.

The Roosevelt String Band has finally produced a double, live CD, "The 2002 Concert" with a special track featuring the late Judith Trachtenberg from a 1998 concert. It is currently available from David Brahinsky, 443-1898.

The 2003-2004 schedule will appear in the October issue.

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Visit our RAP website: [www.music.columbia.edu/roosevelt](http://www.music.columbia.edu/roosevelt)

## MURAL POSTCARDS AVAILABLE THROUGH ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

The Roosevelt Arts Project proudly offers for sale our beautiful three-panel reproduction of the Ben Shahn mural from



our school. The postcards are available for \$2.00 each and a small number of flat, unfolded copies, suitable for framing, are available for \$10.00 each. All proceeds go to the Roosevelt Arts Project to cover the cost of these cards, enable us to produce future postcards in our Roosevelt Arts series and to support RAP exhibits and events. Cards are available at the Borough Hall or by calling Robin Middleman at 426-4583. The Roosevelt Arts Project is a tax-exempt cultural organization funded exclusively by admissions and donations. RAP appreciates your support. ■

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## ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

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The following letter was sent to Governor McGreevey.

Dear Governor McGreevey:

We the members of the **Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP)** protest the grave disservice that the Governor's fiscal year 2003/2004 budget does the people of Roosevelt and the State of New Jersey. The elimination of State support for nearly 600 local arts and history programs, not to mention the entire \$33.2 million in funding for the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the New Jersey Historical Commission and the New Jersey Cultural Trust, should not be allowed to stand.

All citizens of New Jersey, home of Walt Whitman and Ben Shahn, deserve better. We deserve access to arts events that build pride in our community and enrich the lives of its citizens. We deserve a state government that recognizes the value of the arts and history, and provides them with an adequate level of support.

As residents of Roosevelt, NJ, we have a particular stake in the Governor's ill-advised budgetary action, and an obligation to speak out.

From Roosevelt's founding in 1936 by the federal government, it has been a community committed to the arts. From the building of its original Bauhaus-inspired houses, designed by Louis Kahn, and the painting of Ben Shahn's world-famous mural in the newly erected Roosevelt Public School, the arts have thrived in Roosevelt. We are especially proud to have continued the tradition of being home to many professional artists and of enjoying unswerving arts support by its residents, from school arts programs and community festivals to active support of the Roosevelt Arts Project.

The Roosevelt Arts Project is committed to the arts—whether making dances or music, plays, pots, pictures or poems—to making things that expand the imaginative possibilities of life. Consequently, we are equally committed to presenting works of art to our neighbors and beyond. We embrace the arts, in short, not because they attract tourists, or employ people, or contribute to the economy, but because they are necessary.

The arts are necessary to individual growth. They are necessary to the community. We cannot afford to forget that, as William Blake put it, "what now *is*, was once only imagined." The arts are necessary to our imagining possibilities for our very survival. As the late Jacob Landau, a long-time resident of Roosevelt and nationally-known artist summed it up, without art we are an "endangered and endangering species."

We, the members of the Roosevelt Arts Project, call upon the Governor and Legislature of New Jersey for full restoration of funding for the grants, staffs and operations of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the New Jersey Historical Commission and the New Jersey Cultural Trust. The well-being of our community and communities across New Jersey depends on this action.

Very Sincerely,  
David Herrstrom  
President, Roosevelt Arts Project



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## June

<b>2</b>	Mon	7:00 P.M.	Council Committee Mtgs Borough Hall Neil Marko, President 443-6818
		8 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting Michael Hamilton, Mayor 443-5227
<b>3</b>	Tues		RPS Field Day Early Dismissal
		12:30 p.m.	Senior Blood Pressure Check Borough Hall
		1 p.m.	Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall Gerry Millar, President 448-0351
<b>4</b>	Wed		RPS Early Dismissal Rain date for Field Day
<b>5</b>	Thurs		RPS Musical Showcase
<b>9</b>	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting RPS, President Larisa Bondy, 609-443-7430
		7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
<b>10</b>	Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall Chairman Ralph Seligman, 609-448-2340
<b>11</b>	Wed.	2:00 p.m.	RPS Mexico Day
<b>13</b>	Fri.		RPS Pizza Day
<b>16</b>	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings Borough Hall Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
<b>18</b>	Wed.		<b>RECYCLE</b> RPS Early Dismissal

<b>19</b>	Thurs.		RPS Early Dismissal
		7:30 p.m.	Synagogue Board Meeting Neil Marko 609-443-6818
		7:30 p.m.	Environmental Commission Borough Hall Chairman Kirk Rothfuss, 609-448-3713
<b>20</b>	Fri.		RPS Awards Assembly RPS Early Dismissal – Last Day of School
<b>21</b>	Sat.	4:00 p.m.	RPS Graduation
<b>26</b>	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting RPS President Sharlene Ellentuck, 609-448-4440

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<b>1</b>	Tues.	12:30 p.m.	Senior Blood Pressure Check Borough Hall
		1:00 p.m.	Seniors Meeting Borough Hall President Gerry Millar, 609-448-0351
<b>2</b>	Wed.		<b>RECYCLE</b>
<b>4</b>	Fri.		Independence Day

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