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B O R O U G H C O U N C I L N E W S

Cell Tower and Water Metering Underway

By Michael Ticktin

Over the course of the summer, the Borough Council adopted an ordinance to allow a cellular telecommunications tower as a permitted use on municipal utility property in the Industrial Zone, that is, the tract on which the water treatment plant is located. The Council also approved a lease agreement to be offered to bidders, and adopted a resolution to solicit bids from companies interested in leasing part of the property in order to build a tower that would be open to use by up to five telecommunications companies, all of which would be required to make payments to the Borough. According to Mayor Michael Hamilton, telecommunications companies in the area are currently paying upwards of

\$24,000 per year for the use of cell towers. If five such companies were to lease space, the Borough could gain \$120,000 or more per year that could be used to lower utility charges and, perhaps, property taxes as well.

At the September meeting, Jeff Ellentuck, an attorney with experience in the area of cell towers, offered to provide the Council with the names and addresses of ten companies that might be interested in bidding for the right to construct the Roosevelt cell tower. This offer was accepted with thanks.

Mr. Ellentuck also recommended that space be reserved on the tower for the Borough's own emergency telecommunications system and for Internet service providers.

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ROOSEVELT!!!

Wake up and hear the sirens!!!

PROJECT REVIVE is pressing hard this fall to recruit volunteers for our seriously depleted First Aid Squad.

While we very much appreciate the generous community spirit of those stalwart few who stepped up for the current training course, we still lack enough participants to promise viable protection for inevitable medical emergencies.

Ask not for whom the siren wails; it wails for you and for your family and good neighbors.

Information can be had at 609-448-9314, Lois Hunt or 609-448-2062, Dolores Chasan

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THE YEAR 2002 - 2003

After a hot summer, *THE BULLETIN* is back for another “cool” year. Our wonderful volunteers are ready and willing to do their best to make this season’s issues better than ever.

We want to take this opportunity to say farewell to one of our most devoted and able workers, our treasurer, Cynthia Imbrie. She tirelessly did her job most efficiently for nine years, but because of other pressing needs, she can no longer continue. We are most grateful for all her years of service. Many, many thanks for a job so well done. A most fond farewell to our good friend.

But, as usual, there is always someone in the wings who will take over and as happens so often, it is someone who is no stranger to us – Lillian Warren – who was involved with *THE BULLETIN* many years ago. We offer her a most happy welcome and hope she will be as pleased to be back as we are to have her working with us again.

PLEASE REMEMBER, GOOD NEIGHBORS PICK UP AFTER THEIR DOGS.

Don’t forget the Big Garbage Pick-up on Wednesday, October 30. See details on the enclosed insert.

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

To keep it alive, it needs to be used.

As CSA Weinbach has said:

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

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Lawsuit Looms Over Planning Board Miscellaneous

Over the summer, the Planning Board contended with relatively small things while the lawsuit brought by US Home held the spotlight in determining Roosevelt's future. The litigation over whether the giant housing developer can build 266 units for the supposed purpose of making the Borough meet its remaining affordable housing quota of eight units overshadowed all other matters. As a hedge against legal expenses that might arise in the case, as well as other Board activities, the Borough Council allocated \$40,000 to the Board by emergency appropriation, an amount that ordinarily would cover several years of Board funding.

As the US Home litigation dragged on, the Board focused attention on a number of lesser issues of a recurring nature.

Making informal inquiries at the Board's July 9 meeting, Joseph Schultz said he might want to turn the abandoned garage into a modern service station or repair facility. Mr. Schultz wondered whether the Borough would reduce taxes as an incentive but received no indication that it would. Mayor Michael Hamilton, a Planning Board member, said the Borough is in the process of foreclosing on the property, whose owners owe more than \$195,000 in back taxes. The owners are trying to sell the vacant building, which lies on 2.92 acres, before the foreclosure is approved in court. The property currently is zoned for commercial use, while the latest Master Plan revision calls for quasi-public use. Board members reminded Mr. Schultz that service stations not sited on major highways have been going out of business in the last couple of decades. They also mentioned that

any new owner would have to satisfy the state Department of Environmental Protection that the site was free of chemical contamination.

Board member Jane Rothfuss complained that "several people have asked for variances after construction" rather than before as the law requires. Board members noted there is a risk that the Borough could ask residents to remove any structure constructed without advance permission. Neil Marko pointed out that such an extreme remedy would be unlikely "if we would normally grant the variance." Members discussed whether there should be a monetary penalty for failing to follow proper procedure. During the public portion of the meeting, Bert Ellentuck added that anyone building without a permit from the Construction Code Official is subject to a financial penalty. He suggested that the Zoning Officer notify the Construction Code Official if someone proceeds without a permit indicating zoning compliance.

At the August 13 meeting, Zoning Officer Ed Goetzmann reported that he had been unable to contact the owner of a residence on South Rochdale about tall grass. The Borough does not have a maintenance ordinance to cover such things, but Board member Michael Ticktin observed that the County Board of Health would have jurisdiction over conditions that might constitute a threat to health.

At the August and September meetings, the Board discussed the problem of all terrain vehicles doing damage to erosion projects and the Cemetery. The vandals seem to access the area from an unoccupied lot in Millstone Township. So far, the State Police have

been unable to determine the offenders. Mayor Hamilton said he sent a letter to Millstone Township's mayor about the problem.

At the September 10 meeting, Council member Neil Marko, who also sits on the Planning Board, asked the Board to help the Council consider where a new fire and first aid siren should be located after removal of the old one from the school building.

School Board member David Ticktin, also a member of the Planning Board, noted that 21 students are enrolled in the current first grade class at Roosevelt Public School. He concluded that the unusually high number of students for a single grade level indicates inadequate RPS capacity to accommodate substantial residential development.

Mayor Hamilton expressed concern about encroachment on public land in the Borough. He said wetlands, in particular, need protection and called for more accurate wetland maps. The Board unanimously passed a motion supporting an educational effort to inform the public about the importance of public open space and its proper treatment. The Board discussed ways to more accurately delineate public land, educate Borough employees as well as residents, and give the public better options for the disposal of yard waste and tree branches.

Michael Ticktin asked the Board to initiate the process of having long-term vacant property declared to be "areas in need of redevelopment" under state law. He explained that purchasers of tracts as small as one lot could then obtain tax relief in return for fixing up such properties and elim-

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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.”

Tax rebates...This summer Roosevelt homeowners received N.J. Tax Saver Rebates of over \$1,000 per homeowner, the highest in the state. The rebates were based upon the portion of property taxes collected for school purposes in 1997 when state aid to Roosevelt was at its lowest (and school taxes were at their highest). As a school board member at that time, I worked with the board and other citizens to lobby the state to pay their fair share of aid for the school. Eventually, we were successful in our efforts and school taxes went down. School taxes comprise 75% of your tax dollar; the municipal budget comprises only 14%. If your total property tax bill was \$4,000, after the refund your taxes were \$3,000, a reduction of 25%.

If you also qualified for a Homestead Rebate, your property taxes were reduced even further. Given the magnitude of the state's budget deficit homeowners should not expect similar refunds in the future but this rebate was welcome relief for Roosevelt homeowners.

*Your money...*An examination of five years of Borough financial documents reveal some figures that may be of interest to you:

- By the end of 2001, the Borough had earned \$29,000 more interest in our bank accounts than was earned in 1997. Little interest was earned on bank accounts which totaled between one to two million dollars prior to 2000, the year I first took office and restructured our banking policy. Interest earned from these accounts is used to keep municipal taxes lower.
- In 1999, the local municipal tax rate was \$0.77 per hundred dollars of assessed value; by 2002 the tax rate had fallen to \$0.69.

*Summer without brown water...*This summer was the hottest summer in more than 30 years, with long stretches of over 90 degree days. During this period Roosevelt recorded some of the highest single-day water usage figures in our history, when water consumption peaked at over 200,000 gallons per day. The condition of the water in Roosevelt has clearly improved because of the newly-instituted procedures.

Sporadic brown water conditions have occurred throughout our history. A year ago, when I was in the County Planning Office in Freehold, I found a newspaper clipping from the 1950's, which stated that new equipment had been installed at our water treatment plant with the promise that it would finally solve our 'rusty water' problem. This year, fifty years after this article was published, we made a careful analysis of the system and instituted new procedures to improve water quality. These included backwashing the system on an almost daily basis during periods of peak usage and flushing the hydrants on a regular basis. Brown water conditions may occur for a short time when the hydrants are being flushed in your area. Notices are posted advising residents when this will take place.

Intermittent 'brown water' conditions in the previous fifty summers occurred because summer water usage increases dramatically and the iron sediment does not have a chance to precipitate out of our water system while it is in the holding tank. The almost constant usage stirs up the sediment at the bottom of the tank causing some of it to escape into the water lines. We hope that the new procedures will continue to ameliorate the problem without the necessity of adding expensive equipment that may prove to be ineffective.

*Water Meters...*Seventeen years ago, the Department of Environmental

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From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

The 2002-2003 school year began smoothly. We welcomed several new members to our school staff this year. Mrs. Sandra Clark is our new sixth grade teacher, Mr. Veeresh Popat is teaching vocal and instrumental music, Mrs. Lillian Warren is our world language facilitator, and Ms GERALYN BERKERY is our new custodian.

As a tribute to the heroes of September 11, 2001, we began a school wide penny collection on September 11, 2002. We are going to collect pennies for two months, and use the money to buy a tree. We plan to have a tree planting ceremony on November 11 (Veteran's Day) in memory of those we wish to honor. Please join us in both saving pennies and participating at our planting ceremony. It would be nice to have the entire school community join together for this activity. A container for pennies is

located in the lobby of the school, as well as in every classroom. In addition, we will be using our first professional training session for our staff to participate in the Red Cross program, *Until Help Arrives*.

Governor McGreevey recently signed two new bills that impact school into law. The no smoking law makes it illegal to smoke anywhere on school grounds. The second law is an anti-bullying law, which mandates that school districts create policy to deal directly with any form of student to student bullying or harassing. We have been quite proactive in preventing bullying at Roosevelt Public School. We will continue to teach skills to our students that will enable them to settle conflicts peacefully.

Our school goals this year focus on language arts and geography. We plan to have many initiatives to strengthen

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RCNS October Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

Our school year got off to a wonderful start. There are many new children as well as a few those are back again from last year. The children learned quickly how to be good friends and to play and work nicely together. We learned all about our families and ourselves.

In September, we learned where apples come from. We made interesting apple prints and delicious applesauce.

During October, our class will learn about autumn and all the seasonal changes. We will collect leaves and see how they have changed since summer. We will make fall collages and colorful wreaths as well.

October is Fire Prevention month. The children will learn about fire safety including how to keep our homes safe and what to do if there is a fire. The children already know how and why we do fire drills and I am proud to say they are already quite efficient at participating in them. Our class will make fire hats as well.

October is also National Pizza Month. We are planning a trip to Rossi's to learn how to make the most delicious pizza! The best part is eating it, of course!

We are all eagerly anticipating our annual trip to the pumpkin patch. This year we are going to Westhaven Farm for a hayride to the pumpkin patch to pick the perfect pumpkin. There is also a petting zoo and corn maze to enjoy. We will learn songs about fall, pumpkins and Halloween as well.

To culminate October's festivities, our class will have a special Halloween party at the Borough Hall with games, fun and food for everyone. The children love to dress up in their special costumes. They get treats to take home too! ■

October School Dates

Oct. 3	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30
Oct. 4	Pizza
Oct. 14	Early dismissal, professional in-service
Oct. 16-17	PTA Book Fair
Oct. 18	Pizza
Oct. 24	Board of Education Meeting

Items for this column can be submitted to Ron Kostar by phone 448-5191, 18 Pine Drive, or ronkostar@cs.com.

“What Mr. Gold imagines, and what we imagine,” Rooseveltian Ann Goldman told us recently, “is a place where people from Roosevelt can come out and spend time on a farm, planting and harvesting and enjoying whatever else needs being done. Plenty of shareholders and other people stopped out this year, and we hope for even a lot more next.”

Gold’s Organic Farm, located on Nurko Road next to the Wang’s Family Farm, is off and running. Purchased by the Fund for Roosevelt and designated as Preserved Farmland in 1999, the land was later sold to Robert Gold whose idea was to make it a community-supported agricultural setting. Local people have been encouraged to buy shares to the farm and in doing so reap the benefits and suffer the hardships characteristics of farming; as the idea informing a CSA farm is that shareholders buy their goods before the crops have actually been harvested.

“Our shareholders, and we had 20 from Roosevelt this year, came out once a week and picked up a box of vegetables. This year we planted 25 different types of vegetables, including squash, watermelon, cucumbers,

beans, and cherry tomatoes, and we’ll increase that number next year. As the harvest goes with a CSA farm, so goes the contents of the boxes. This year everybody had a good year.”

Gold’s Farm is organic, using no chemical pesticides or fertilizers, and they plant heirloom varieties and practice crop rotation. Six of their twenty-six tillable acres were farmed this past year, with plans to increase that number in the spring. The Farm sells full shares for \$500 and half shares for half the price. They also sell vegetables to restaurants and supermarkets in Princeton, New Brunswick and the Shore area.

“Ultimately what we [Bob Gold, Dave Zelov (the full time field manager) and Ann] envision is a Community-based Farm,” Ann said. “This summer we employed six Roosevelt high school students in the fields, and volunteers and shareholders helped out with weeding, harvesting vegetables and picking flowers. We have a lake on the land that we’d like to use next summer, possibly for boating and fishing, and we’ve planned hikes and nature walks and other fall activities for the Roosevelt kids. We

encourage people to drop by and see what we’re doing out here.”

Anyone interested in buying shares or just learning more about the Farm can reach Ann at 426-8788.

Other News

Ina Clark of Lake Drive, a sophomore at the Peddie School, achieved High Honors for the spring, 2002 semester. Ina is enrolled in a number of sophomore Honors classes and plays clarinet in the school orchestra and jazz band.

Meredith Lawson, Hightstown H.S. sophomore, is playing on the girls’ varsity soccer team.

Congratulations to: Ralph and Nancy Warnick of Homestead Lane who have a new granddaughter, Elana Nicole, born on August 4. Elana is the daughter of their son, Robert and his wife, Kellie. This makes Isabella, who is now 20 months old, a big sister.

As in the past, please send all newsworthy items to me at 18 Pine Drive, P.O. Box 620 or by e-mail to ronkostar@cs.com. ■

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

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inating the blight on the community. The Board unanimously passed a motion calling on the Council to ask the Planning Board to hold hearings and make recommendations as to which properties are “underutilized” and, therefore, eligible for inclusion in a redevelopment zone.

The Board discussed the burgeoning populations of feral cats and loudly crowing roosters in town. Board Chairman Ralph Seligman said he would obtain some model ordinances

that might help with the problem. Michael Ticktin said the Borough needs a noise ordinance to supplement nuisance standards. Mayor Hamilton and Councilman Marko said they would take the suggestion of a noise ordinance up with the Council. Mr. Marko added that light pollution also should be controlled. He also said the Borough needs an ordinance restricting farm animals in residential areas. Ms. Rothfuss said there should be an animal density ordinance con-

trolling the number of pets. Meanwhile, Mr. Goetzmann indicated he would, for the time being, proceed in the case of the noisy roosters in the same manner as with barking dogs, as suggested by Mr. Marko.

Board members expressed thanks to Shoshanna Grunwald for her service as an alternate member of the Board since January. Ms. Grunwald resigned after becoming a resident of New Brunswick while attending Rutgers University. ■

The Last Day of the Roosevelt Summer Camp

By Frances Duckett



Dough sculpture by one of Barbara Atwood's Students at the Roosevelt Summer Camp

On Friday, August 9, 2002 Roosevelt's summer camp, under its new Recreation director, Eric Schubiger, celebrated its

last day. The staff, resplendent in official T-shirts, was introduced, and watched as each group of campers put on an act for parents and visitors.

First, the nursery camp under the direction of Joanne Parker sang two songs. Second, the Tigers—kindergarten and first grade students—performed *The Five Little Pigs*. Using an impromptu curtain composed of two sheets stretched on a rope between two volleyball poles, the actors surprised each other. Masks on sticks enhanced this charming production, directed of course by Margaret



Curtain call by the five little pigs and the two (not so bad) wolves, following their performance in RPS Gym.

Schlinski, as was the following play *The Five Chinese Brothers*. The Bronx Bombers—grade 4-6—gave a spirited performance of this play, based on an old children's book and still older tale. This reporter particularly enjoyed Jack Leech as the judge and Justin Lennart as the executioner! Next, the Sharks—

grades 2-3—demonstrated several, theatre games.

Emily Silverstein, Roosevelt Summer Camp's first counselor-in-training, received a token of appreciation from the staff. Parents collected some excellent art work from the lobby—work produced in Barbara Atwood's art classes, including charming batik pillows, small dough sculptures, and native American decorated sticks. Then all adjourned to the picnic tables, where apple juice, watermelon and ice cream awaited.

Camp would not have been half so pleasant for the campers or for the



Roosevelt Summer Camp Staff, resplendent in their official T-shirts, picnic on watermelon.

teachers if not for the fine junior counselors, who were Laurel Hamilton (dramatics), Kelsey Reimbold (art), Brian Moore (substitute), and Lindsay Possiel (nursery). Jameson Parker served ably as sports instructor. My apologies to anyone whose name I have omitted.

Joanne Parker thanked the campers for being such a great group. Her group had a particularly fun week focusing on native Americans, making piki bread and dream catchers. We, the staff, had a great time. Although our 2002 budget was fatter than usual, we still welcome donations and would like to thank all who helped out, notably Gary Edelstein, Who gave wood for assemblage, lots of it! Jacques Carpenter's jewelry boxes made bead work more fun. MHZ designs of Cranbury donated awesome fabric

sample books. Hope to see everybody at camp next year!

Roosevelt Girl Scouts Could Use Your Help!

By Leslie Carnevale

GS Brownie Troop # 1426 and GS Junior Troop # 1470 have elected to sponsor a family for "Box Project". This is a really great program that matches donor and recipient families according to their needs. There are currently 5 states that participate in the "Box Project". Families in the Mississippi delta, the Appalachian mountain areas of Virginia and West Virginia, rural Maine and the Lakota Native American reservations in South Dakota qualify for the program. This program has been in operation since the 1960's. Families must live in a county classified as rural or agricultural by the USDA, and must earn less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (You can find out more about the program at your leisure at www.boxproject.org)

Our "sister" family lives in Tchula, Mississippi. The Haymer family is comprised of a mother and her 5 daughters, ranging from 2 to 16 years old. The mother works as a teacher's assistant, supporting her family on a very limited income. She does receive some benefits through a food stamp program, but is not on welfare. Her children don't receive any Medicaid benefits or other health insurance program funding. In fact, I'm looking into a Federal program (I think it's called SHIP) that ensures all children of school age are entitled to medical coverage. One of the many ways we can help these families is to assist them in locating programs that may improve the quality of their lives.

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To the Residents of Roosevelt:

Hello, my name is Bob Atwood and I first of all would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the primary elections for a Borough Council seat. It was an honor to have been asked to run and more of an honor to get so many peoples' support. Unfortunately, due to various circumstances, I must withdraw from running in November. At this time I don't feel that I could devote the time and energy that would be needed to fulfill this position. I would be doing the community and myself a disservice by not being able to fully commit myself to the demands and focus that being on the Borough Council requires. As my uncle taught me, "Never do something half-assed."

I hope that I can, in some smaller ways, find ways that I can be of service to the people of Roosevelt and start to pay back some of the support and kindness that has been given me and my family in the short time that we have lived here.

Sincerely,
Robert Atwood

Dear People of Roosevelt,

On August 31, Greg and I left our house on North Valley Road for a house in the mountains of West Virginia. Considering that I've lived in Roosevelt since '78 and Greg since '96, our departure was low-key – there was almost no means of saying goodbye to the people and place that have been ours for many years.

Yet several of you manifested yourselves in our last hectic week to give us special farewells. You were the woodland spirits that appear in human guises to help the confused adventurers on their way: you gave us essential tokens that we didn't even know that

we needed to make it into the future. Rebecca Reuter bestowing on us an actual tool that will be indispensable in our new surroundings, Pearl and Ralph Seligman taking us out to a splendid dinner at La Roma Antica, and Mary and Rod Tulloss having us to their home for a warm goodbye – these gifts go with us as feelings of friendship when we look to the past and of hope when we look to the future.

And, to our lasting amazement, Herb and Florie Johnson, a couple who have years even on us, made it possible for us to pull out of the driveway. Herb masterminded the loading of our too small U-Hall, as well as doing much of the heavy lifting. Florie insisted on cleaning the house, preparing it for its new dwellers and leaving me free to concentrate on the last minute packing.

Our last week in Roosevelt we felt we were in the presence not only of the woodland's spirits but of its most vital trees: the pillars of what is, after all, a community. That Herb and Florie came at the eleventh hour to exert themselves mentally, physically, and so effectively on our behalf has touched us forever. We were privileged to have had a house on the street where they live.

Love,
*Dina Coe and Greg McGrath
Great Cacapon, West Virginia*

From a Candidate to the Residents of Roosevelt:

The Mayor and Council constantly remind us that U.S. Homes is suing the town for the right to build 266 single-family homes with affordable housing units. It is because of the Mayor and Council that Roosevelt is in this very expensive and unnecessary litigation. If Roosevelt loses this lawsuit, and U.S. Homes builds 266

single-family houses, it is because of the actions of the Mayor and Council.

Preventing this kind of scenario, a developer suing the Town to build what we did not want, was the reason for passing the Planned Community Development Two (PCD II) Ordinance. PCD II did not happen overnight, it took six years and a referendum before passing. Individuals like Alan Mallach and Gail Hunton spent many hours working on this Ordinance; their professionalism, knowledge of planning and objectivity cannot be questioned.

PCD II allowed for a maximum of 114 single-family houses for the entire northern 500 acres of farmland. Presently with more than 50% of the Northern 500 in farm land preservation the maximum would have been under 57 single-family units, if PCD II were still in effect.

The referendum also showed that most voters favored an Adult Community over single-family homes and that element was added to PCD II. The potential for real tax reduction is based on expanding our ratable base without adding to the school population. PCD II allowed for major contributions by the developer to upgrade our Water/Sewer system. An Affordable Housing element was not in the original ordinance because at that time, Roosevelt was meeting its affordable housing obligation. I think it's time to reinstate PCD II and add an Affordable Housing element.

The Mayor, Council and Planning Board have already spent over \$80,000.00 in just six months and need an additional \$60,000.00 more to continue. According to the Chief Financial Officer that money will have to come from surplus or leverage it against next year's budget, which is just

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However, the Council did not change the resolution before it to allow such other uses out of concern that any cellular telecommunications company that might be denied space because of some other user might be in a position to force the Borough to allow construction of an additional cell tower. Mr. Ellentuck also expressed a concern that the ordinance and resolution might be in conflict with rules of the Federal Communications Commission and therefore be unenforceable to the extent of such conflict. The associate of Borough attorney Doug Kovats who was representing his firm at the meeting said that they would be happy to review any information that Mr. Ellentuck might provide.

Also at the September meeting, the Council approved a bond ordinance providing for installation of water meters, appropriating \$75,000 from the water and sewer account for that purpose, and authorizing issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$55,000. The Borough has been required by the Department of Environmental Protection to start metering water use by the beginning of 2004. The purpose of metering is to give people a financial incentive to conserve water. Since the same amount of money has to be raised regardless of how it is billed, the change from a fixed payment of \$125 per month to a variable amount based on usage will result in lower charges to those who use little water and higher charges to those who use more, except to the extent that revenue from the cell tower provides relief to all.

The actual meters will be installed in existing meter boxes, many of which are now buried under front lawns, and, where there is no meter box, inside the building. The meters will be read electronically and the data will be entered and used to generate the bills.

Also on the subject of the water and sewer utility, Mayor Hamilton announced that Utility Collector Gerry Millar was retiring, effective the end of this year. He thanked Mrs. Millar for her many years of dedicated service and praised the quality of her record keeping.

Councilwoman Marilyn Magnes, speaking on behalf of the Administrative Committee, announced that advertisements had been placed for a position of Administrator/Purchasing Agent and that, to date, five applications have been received.

Councilman Neil Marko, representing the Finance Committee, told the Council that Chief Financial Officer George Lang is interested in exploring the refinancing of the Borough's water and sewer debt, which now stands at about \$2.3 million, most of it at an interest rate of 6 ⁵/₈%. The rate that the Borough should be able to get is at least a point lower now. Referring to Mrs. Millar's retirement, Mr. Marko said that the job will become more complex once there is usage-based billing. Mayor Hamilton suggested that it might make the most sense to contract it out.

Councilman George Vasseur, reporting for the Utilities Committee, stated that five applications have been received from persons interested in working in the water and sewer plants on weekends and that the flushing of the hydrants, which is necessary in order to prevent buildup of rust in the pipes, had been accomplished. Mayor Hamilton praised Mr. Vasseur and the utilities staff for helping to keep the system remarkably free of brown water for most of the summer.

Councilwoman Pat Moser, speaking on behalf of the Public Works Committee, announced that the process of interviewing for a replacement for Mike Farr as public works employee had been concluded and she was rec-

ommending the hiring of Abe Schlinski. A resolution to hire Mr. Schlinski was passed later in the meeting.

Reporting on behalf of the Community Development Committee, Councilman Jeff Hunt stated that the Borough has obtained a high-tech projector that can be used for movies or for outdoor programs, that yoga sessions would be held on Thursday evenings for the general public and on Friday mornings for seniors, that a kayak trip on the Delaware was scheduled for October 6, to be conducted together with East Windsor, and that the cost would be \$45.00 per person, and that soccer goals have been erected at the school field, at a cost of \$1,000 each that was paid for by grant money.

Finally, Councilwoman Elly Shapiro, reporting on behalf of the Environment, Health and Safety Committee, reported that further efforts will be made to interest residents in participating in a crime watch program and that all mutual aid agreements for fire and first-aid services were being reviewed.

An ordinance was introduced at the September meeting to amend the salary for the public works employee to be within a range of \$24,500 to \$30,000 for a full-time position. A resolution was also approved to authorize the Planning Board to undertake preliminary investigation as to whether four vacant houses and the former gas station qualified as "redevelopment areas," which designation would make it possible for the Borough to implement a redevelopment plan that could include using the power of eminent domain to acquire ownership. ■

Thanks to many of our residents who were willing to share their family backgrounds with us, we realized once again the amazing diversity that gives our country and, of course, our town their uniqueness. In our small town of 950 people in two square miles, we learned of backgrounds that ranged from the founding of Rhode Island to wartime England.



NARRAGANSETT INDIANS GRANT RHODE ISLAND TO ROGER WILLIAMS

And there must be many more unusual and equally great narratives that will serve to enrich us and add that much more validity to the idea that we have brought riches from many cultures to create our "American" one.

This year, again, we ask you to join us in bringing your stories to us. We already have a most interesting one scheduled for November. Won't you contribute yours for all of us to share? As you can see from these photos, they help to dramatize the story. May we hear from you? Call 609-448-2701. ■



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:

Marilyn Magnes	448-6402
Pearl Seligman	448-2340

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skills in these two areas. Primary literature is the focus of the federal government's *No Child Left Behind Act*, which drives the educational program in New Jersey. We selected Mexico as our country of concentration for world language.

We especially hope to strengthen our ties to the Roosevelt community this year. Several teachers hope to form an alliance with Gold Farm and work to create an educational program for different grade levels. I plan to meet with the senior citizens to invite them to join us on a monthly basis for activities that they can enjoy that are led by our students. I welcome suggestions from our community members for any other program or project that would strengthen the ties between the school and community. One good way to start is to be certain to invite everyone to our school events.

Please be aware that the library is open on Wednesday evenings, from 7:00-8:30. Our loyal volunteers who never fail to help keep the library open run the library. The PTA Book Fair is scheduled for October 16 and 17. Scholastic has excellent books that you may want to purchase for gifts.

If you are a Target shopper, please sign up for the Target school donation program. We just received from Target a check for \$38.91 from the 1% of purchases that Target contributes if customers who register Roosevelt as their school of choice.

Board of Education agendas are posted in the school and on the town bulletin board. Feel free to attend any meeting. If you would like an issue on the board agenda, kindly contact me at school by phone, 609-448-2798, or e-mail, dweinbach@RPSI.org. ■

FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

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Protection ordered the Borough to install individual water meters for all the households and businesses served by our town's water plant. In the years that followed succeeding administrations ignored the DEP's persistent requests. This year, the DEP ordered the Borough to comply with the state regulations by the end of next year. Prior to receiving this notice, we had put some money aside in the budget for the installation of water meters. During the last Council meeting, we passed the legislation necessary to begin the installation of water meters.

Blighted properties in Røsevelt... During the September 17th meeting, the Council took a first step toward cleaning up five abandoned or blighted properties by directing the Planning Board to investigate the creation of Redevelopment Zones. Through this process the Borough can direct the clean-up of these properties and determine their future use. The Council has already taken action to foreclose on the abandoned gas station.

An update on the U.S. Home lawsuit... At our last meeting with Judge Reisner, he ordered a court-appointed "builder's master" to help clarify the

issues involved in the lawsuit and to report her findings to the court. A "builder's master" is a planner with expertise in Mt. Laurel (affordable housing) matters. Over the summer the master met with representatives from U.S. Home as well as with members of our Borough advisory committee. The master's report was issued in August and, in general, the report's conclusions appear to be favorable to our case.

In her report, the master agreed with our claim that our affordable housing obligation is 8-units, not the 32-units that U.S. Home claimed was our unmet obligation. The master's report states that our affordable housing plan has "good bones" (U.S. Home argued that our plan is faulty). These findings may prove to be beneficial to our case.

I will continue to update you regarding this and other matters in this monthly column. As always I depend upon your advice and support.

Michael Hamilton, Mayor ■

Guess Jeans Historical Series

There are few things as American as denim. That's true, except denim comes from the French city of Nimes. That's where they wove a twilled serge cloth known as de Nimes. The bulky, ungainly garments that farmers made from it never caught on, but the American version sure did.

Monmouth County Vocational School District **INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR 2002 CLASSES**

Communications High School of Monmouth County New Bedford Road, Wall, NJ

Wednesday, October 16	7 PM
Saturday, November 2	10 AM
Wednesday, November 13	7 PM
Saturday, November 23	10 AM

High Technology High School Parking Lot 4, Brookdale Campus Newman Springs Rd, Lincroft, NJ

Thursday, October 10	7 PM
Saturday, October 26	10 AM
Saturday, November 16	10 AM
Thursday, November 21	7 PM

Marine Academy of Science & Technology Building 305, Sandy Hook, NJ

Thursday, October 3	7 PM
Saturday, October 19	10 AM
Saturday, November 2	7 PM
Thursday, November 23	7 PM

Monmouth County Academy of Allied Health & Science 2325 Heck Avenue, Neptune, NJ

Wednesday, October 16	7 PM
Saturday, October 26	10 AM
Wednesday, November 13	7 PM
Saturday, November 23	10 AM

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By Clare Sacharoff

During the summer months, the Senior Club enjoyed a performance by Leslie Uggams, a well known vocalist at the PNC Garden State Arts Center.

In July, several members attended the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton where they viewed a planetarium show and saw an exhibit by the late local artist Jacob Landau.

On September 4, there was an event called "Salute to Seniors". This was a picnic for all seniors in Monmouth County. It was held at Sandy Hook and included lunch and entertainment. Twelve of our members participated.

Beth Johnson invited the club members for an afternoon of swimming, sitting around her pool and just being friendly. All those who attended enjoyed it.

The club voted to contribute \$25 from the Sunshine Club to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad.

There was a potluck luncheon at the September meeting.

In October there were nominations for officers. Elections will be held in November.

We wish a speedy recovery to three of our members. They are Ed Moser, Diana Klein and Gladys Nadler. ■



TOWN TOPICS

Girl Scouts

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Our Girl Scout troops will be sending a box to our sister family every month. The box may contain school supplies, personal hygiene items, non-perishable foods, clothing or any special request items made by the family. Since we are a fairly small troop (8 girls total, 4 Brownies and 4 Juniors) we could use some help! Donations of clothing or any of the other items described above would be wonderful. If you'd like to donate cash for this project, that would be great, too! Our troop pays for the items we send, plus the packing and shipping of the boxes. We make sure to include a stamped envelope and some stationery so the family can continually correspond with our girls. This program really encourages a strong sense of community, within our troop, within our town and extending to the outside world. It feels great to know the girls are making new friends, learning about cultures that differ from them, experiencing commitment to a cause and lending a helping hand. The benefits of this program are endless.

Please contact me if you feel you can assist us, in ANY way. There's a family in Tchula, MS working towards making their lives a little better. Our lives are more enriched by aiding them.

Contact: Leslie Carnevale, Troop Leader at 609-426-1728 if you have any questions. ■

LETTERS

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another way of saying "raise our taxes."

The Mayor and Council had no plan for Roosevelt's future when they rescinded PCD II. Preventing U.S. Homes from building an Adult Community because the Mayor and Council are afraid of change is not a valid reason to rescind PCD II. The U.S. Homes original plan was for an Adult Community Development and stated their intentions to make substantial improvements to our Water/Sewer facilities.

The most important positive reason for having a Planned Adult Community is preserving the Roosevelt school. I believe if we are forced to regionalize because of high taxes, we will lose our school. We will only have one vote on the school board. The school will be closed because it will be more economical to bus our small number of children to a larger school than keep our school open. An Adult Community would give us economic independence and truly preserve the best things about living in Roosevelt. An Adult Community would enhance and complement Roosevelt as a whole and not take away from our town.

The taxpayers of Roosevelt were not given the opportunity to review and discuss a formal proposal from U.S. Homes. The Mayor and Council closed the door before U.S. Homes had the opportunity to submit a formal plan. You and I, the taxpayers, are footing the bill for a lawsuit that will drain our surplus and raise our taxes. On Election Day, vote for Stuart Kaufman and George Vasseur for Council. It is time to give the taxpayers of Roosevelt a voice on the Council.

Sincerely,
Stuart Kaufman

October is here and thoughts of summer have faded and turned to falling leaves, harvest themes, Indian Summer and Halloween. Just for a moment, let's return to those thrilling days of last summer. It was a season of hazy, humid, hot, smoky, parched, stormy, drenched and ozone-laden days.

No one will be surprised to learn that last summer was hotter than normal. The heat was on for all three months. June alone had four days when temperatures reached 90 degrees or higher. July had fifteen; a 90+ day for almost every day the temperature failed to hit the 90-degree mark. August wasn't far behind July. August had twelve 90+ days. For the season, daily high temperatures reached 90 degrees or greater a whopping 31 times. That's an entire month worth of days with highs over 90. The longest of the summer's four heat waves lasted 8 days. It started August 12 and ending on the 20th.

June's average high temperature was 1.6 degrees over normal, July 2.2 degrees higher than average, and August 2.8 degrees. The average for the entire three months was 2.2 degrees above normal.

For all the news about our ongoing drought, it may be difficult to believe that Roosevelt's total precipitation level for the months of June, July and August was 14.36 inches, more than an inch above normal. June and August had rainfall well above normal. July's total was about an inch and a half below normal. That may not seem too bad, but it appears that this area of New Jersey did better than many sections of the state. Roosevelt's wells tap into aquifers that are charged by rain that falls in an area much larger than our town limits. Therefore, the town is still affected by the region's drought. Another important fact about last summer's rain is that large sudden downpours accounted for much of the precipitation. A lot of that water never had a chance to sink into the ground. It simply ran off into streams.

The season's longest dry spell began in late June and lasted for 11 days, ending on July 10.

The summer of 2002 was filled with weather related drama. The usual hazy, hot and humid weather was augmented with smoke-filled skies in July that resulted from lightning-started fires nearly a thousand miles away in northern Quebec. The smoke rode here on winds that helped alleviate a four-day heat wave. The wood smoke darkened our skies and made breathing uncomfortable. In mid-August, we suffered again when a forest fire at Fort Dix sent its smoke our way on winds from the south.

A six-day heat wave ended on August 2 with a violent system of thunderstorms. Roosevelt was spared the worst of the storms. Still, we had many downed tree limbs and the most rain to fall on any one day last summer. Almost two inches of rain fell during the storms' run through town. Further east and south of the borough, large trees were uprooted and power failed in thousands of homes. Some people were without power for days. A spokesman for Jersey Central Power and Light said the damage to power lines in Monmouth and Ocean counties was the worst ever experienced by the utility. The New York Times reported the storm brought five to seven thousand lightning strikes to the metropolitan area.

Now that summer is gone we can take those memories of a season of woe and tuck them all away. Most can be forgotten until next year. Just keep in mind that there is at least one summer "gift" that will be with us until the first hard frost, West Nile Virus. Happy autumn.

Weather Word

A storm surge is a dome of water that builds up as a hurricane moves over water. As the storm surge comes ashore with the storm, it causes flooding that is usually a hurricane's biggest killer. ■

Aug. 15 - Sept. 15, 2002				
Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	94.6	70.5	82.6	0.00
16	94.5	74.3	84.4	0.00
17	94.5	71.6	83.1	0.00
18	93.9	73.8	83.9	0.00
19	93.0	71.1	82.1	0.00
20	86.2	70.2	78.2	0.00
21	85.3	62.4	73.9	0.15
22	86.9	59.9	73.4	0.00
23	82.9	70.0	76.5	0.15
24	78.4	67.5	73.0	0.00
25	82.8	63.3	73.1	0.95
26	82.9	60.8	71.9	0.05
27	84.9	60.6	72.8	0.00
28	72.1	66.0	69.1	0.00
29	66.7	59.9	63.3	1.00
30	73.0	59.9	66.5	1.15
31	76.3	56.8	66.6	0.00
1	67.5	59.4	63.5	0.29
2	68.5	60.4	64.5	3.00
3	79.9	58.1	69.0	0.15
4	87.1	68.0	77.6	0.00
5	80.8	57.9	69.4	0.00
6	75.2	53.1	64.2	0.00
7	79.5	51.6	65.6	0.00
8	82.9	53.1	68.0	0.00
9	85.3	55.8	70.6	0.00
10	84.7	59.9	72.3	0.00
11	78.6	65.1	71.9	0.00
12	71.4	51.4	61.4	0.00
13	79.0	50.0	64.5	0.00
14	83.8	59.2	71.5	0.00
15	82.8	67.8	75.3	0.20
Total Precipitation			7.09	

My Affair With the **Forest Master**



It all began in May of 1950. The Metropolitan Opera's spring tour was midweek in its Chicago run. I had just been deposed as the Baby Soprano of the company by the seriously young, seriously talented Roberta Peters (she being 18, I a ripe old 23). Also, I had been reviewed that week by the *Tribune's* notoriously vitriolic music critic Claudia Cassidy, who wrote of my performance as Musetta in *La Boheme*, "Wouldn't Patricie Munsel make a lovely Musetta!" (I had taken

Munsel's place as the Baby Soprano just the year before.) I was feeling pretty low on both counts and therefore highly vulnerable to seduction, when my dearest friend, at the Met, Ann Bollinger, took me to dinner at an authentic Rathskeller in Chicago's famous Loop district. There, distracted by a raucous Bavarian string trio, I comforted myself, at Ann's suggestion, with my first taste of May Wine. This light, refreshing white wine was a special treat. It was served chilled, in graceful Riesling glasses with colored stems, and was infused with an herb called Waldmeister, German for "Forest Master" (although the French call it *La Reine des Bois*, or Queen of the Forest), with a strawberry afloat. Its origins are adamantly claimed by a tiny corner of the province of Lorraine (Fr) known as Bitcherland (Ger). It proved to be a truly comforting libation that spring afternoon in Chicago so very long ago. I have enjoyed May Wine many times since then, and have learned that Waldmeister is known here as Sweet Woodruff.

My next encounter with this aromatic herb did not occur until just last spring, when I was overpowered by an intoxicating aroma at the entrance to the Cloisters Museum in upper Manhattan. There is a huge patch of woodruff just to the side of that unpretentious entry. Eureka! I realized that this herb could grow in this climate, possibly in my own garden. So I did some simple research and found an herb farm in Cranbury. There I bought several pots of the object of my culinary affection, which has since taken up residence very near my own unpretentious entry.

Next, I consulted my neighbor, the great chef Andrea Branco of *Ristorante Roma Antica* fame. His knowledge and suggestions have inspired me to a spate of experiments in my kitchen. My first effort was to slip a few sprigs of the woodruff, along with an equal amount of thyme, under the skin of a roasting chicken. The bird was otherwise traditionally seasoned. Instant success! Drunk

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BREAKING BREAD

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with power from my newly acquired acumen, I have gone on a woodruff binge (to the dismay of my family and friends). I have used it everywhere, nestling it under various fishes, and adding it to sundry soups. I have also made my own May Wine, which you can do, too, by simply tying a few sprigs of the herb together with some thread and hanging them in a bottle of Reisling or Moselle wine for a few days in the fridge. Don't forget the strawberry! This same basic technique can be used to mellow out the flavor of Schnapps. The herb should be bruised and steeped in the schnapps for about 21 days, then strained. Prosit!

Up to now, I provided you with no specific clue as to the actual qualities of Waldmeister/La Reine des Bois: nor can I. Describing a flavor or a scent is most challenging, and these in particular are so subtle and exotic that I'm grasping at adjectives. The properties of my current herb of choice I would venture are: sweet but not cloying, bright but not sharp, assertive but not overpowering. The scent has been described as a mixture of vanilla and newly mown hay. My best friend, who has survived my cooking thrall chose the word "haunting". For me that does it well enough not only to describe the total effect of my oh, so long relationship with the delicate herb, but with the Forest Master himself.

Mai Bowle (Mennonite)

1/2 c. dried woodruff
1 c. confectioners' sugar
1 c. cognac
4 qts. Moselle or Rhein wine
crushed ice
1 c. fresh strawberries

Place dried herb in a small bowl

Add boiling water,
steep 1 hour

Place 3 T. of herb infusion
in punch bowl

Stir in sugar, cognac and wine

Add ice

Just before serving, pour in
Champagne or soda and set
strawberries afloat.

Serves 6 with plenty of refills

Colored stem Reisling glasses
are optional.

Huzzah!! I seem to have rediscovered the wheel. As I was walking my grand-dog just this week, I became aware of a sweet scent as I passed a certain area of Homestead Lane. One day it was there and the next not. I stalked this elusive aroma and tracked it to a particular location. There I found, under an overhanging dogwood tree, guess what? There was a luxuriant carpet of Sweet Woodruff accented by a sprinkling of Lilies of the Valley. My face is red but my heart is pure, perhaps I have piqued your interest just a wee bit. ■

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This column will appear from time to time to inform our residents of current and coming events such as those listed below as well as CD's, publication of books, singing engagements, etc. Please call Bess Tremper, 609-448-2701, to include your event.

JACOB LANDAU

Exhibition at James Yarosh Associates

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David Herrstrom will present a conversational lecture at the Sunday Reception, October 12 to November 12.

Note: a group of Landau's work will be on permanent exhibition at this gallery.

ALAN MALLACH

Northeastern University Press has published Alan Mallach's book, *Pietro Mascagni and His Operas*. This is the first English language biography of Mascagni, composer of *Cavalleria Rusticana*, and a major figure in the late 19th and early 20th century Italian opera.

Alan will be lecturing on Mascagni and signing copies of his book at the Philadelphia Opera Club on Saturday, October 12 at 11 a.m. The lecture will take place at the Academy of Vocal Arts, 1920 Spruce Street, in Center City Philadelphia.

He will also present a recital of Romantic piano music at Rutgers University's Kirkpatrick Chapel on Somerset Street in downtown New Brunswick. The concert, which will include music by Liszt, Faure, Tchaikovsky and Chopin, will take place on Sunday, November 3 at 3:00 p.m., and will benefit the Brunswick & Raritan Housing Corporation. For further information, call 732-247-4035.

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Saturday, September 21

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Saturday, October 12

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

SINGER/SONGWRITERS

Michael Brett (Nahmias) and Ivan Rubenstein-Gillis with songs and music.

Saturday, November 9

3:00 p.m. Exhibit; 7:00 p.m. Lecture at Jacob's Geodesic Dome, 30 Lake Drive

A VISIT TO JACOB LANDAU'S STUDIO

The art of the late Jacob Landau will be displayed, and at 7:00 p.m. Professor Mel Leipzig of Mercer County Community College will talk about Jacob's art. This will be followed by an informal reception.

Saturday, December 7

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

MEZZO-SOPRANO CHERI ROSE (KATZ)

Cheri Rose will sing operatic arias, songs, and musical theater pieces.

Saturday, February 8

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

THE ELLARSLIE TRIO

Cindy Ogulnick, violin; Ericka Phillips, cello; and Alan Mallach, piano. They will play great music from the Baroque era to the 20th century.

Saturday, March 8

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

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October

1	Wed.	12:30 p.m.	Senior Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall
		1:00 p.m.	Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall, President Gerry Millar, 609-448-0351
3	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, President Sharlene Ellentuck, 609-448-4440
4	Fri.		Pizza Day, RPS
7	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, Borough Hall, 609-443-5227
8	Tues.	8:00 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Chairman Ralph Seligman, Borough Hall, 609-448-2340
9	Wed.		♻️ RECYCLE
10	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, President Sharlene Ellentuck, 609-448-4440
14	Mon.		RPS – School Pictures
			RPS Early Dismissal – Professional Development
		7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
16	Wed.		RPS - PTA Book Fair
17	Thurs.		RPS – PTA Book Fair
		7:30 p.m.	Synagogue Board Meeting, Neil Marko, 609-443-6818
		8:00 p.m.	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Vice Chair Kirk Rothfuss, 609-448-3713
18	Fri.		Pizza Day – RPS

21	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting, RPS, President Larissa Bondy, 609-443-7430
		7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
22	Tues.		RPS Early Dismissal – Parent Conferences
23	Wed.		♻️ RECYCLE
24	Thurs.		RPS Early Dismissal – Parent Conferences
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, President Sharlene Ellentuck, 609-448-4440
28	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
31	Thurs.		Halloween – Trick or Treat at RPS

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1	Fri.		Pizza Day – RPS
4	Mon.	7:30	Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227

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