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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Council Reorganizes; Interlocal Agreement with Hightstown for Garbage Collection Approved

On January 4, the Borough Council held both its reorganization meeting and its first regular meeting of 2010. At the reorganization meeting, Councilman Tom Curry and Councilwoman Arlene Stinson were sworn in for new three-year terms, Councilwoman Peggy Malkin was re-elected as council president, meaning that she would serve as mayor in the mayor's absence, and council members were given their committee assignments. The assignments are as follows, with the committee chairperson listed first in each case: Administration: Stinson, Ellentuck, Malkin; Utilities: Rothfuss, Curry, Hoffman; Public Works: Curry, Rothfuss, Stinson; Community Development: Hoffman, Curry, Malkin; Environmental, Health and Safety: Ellentuck, Hoffman, Rothfuss; and Finance: Malkin, Ellentuck, Stinson. Mayor Beth Battel announced appointments and reappointments to the Planning Board and the Environmental Commission, the only changes being that June Ord will replace Steve Yeger as a member of the Planning Board, while Mr. Yeger will become an alternate member of the Environmental Commission, and Councilwoman Malkin will be a mem-

ber of the Environmental Commission, filling a vacancy created by the resignation of former Councilman Bob Silverstein. There are still two vacant alternate positions on the Planning Board, as well as vacant positions on the Environmental Commission. Residents who might be interested in serving can contact Mayor Battel to so advise her. The mayor, with Council approval, also reappointed various other officials and representatives.

At the regular first January meeting that followed, the Council voted to approve an interlocal agreement with the Borough of Hightstown under which, beginning February 1, Hightstown will provide garbage collection services to Roosevelt. Since recycling services in Hightstown are provided by Mercer County, and not by the municipality, recycling services in Roosevelt will continue to be provided by the current contractor, Central Jersey Waste and Recycling. An important change that will occur once Hightstown takes over garbage collection in Roosevelt will be that, as is now the case in Hightstown, there will be a maximum of one 90 gallon wheeled container for each street address. The Central Jersey containers now in use

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If you want to contact the *Bulletin*, please look at our masthead to the right with our address and telephone number as shown.

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

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

As well as to David Schwendeman, 443-6204



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

Though the *Examiner*, our weekly source of local and regional news, is not longer distributed free of charge in printed form, it can be accessed online at <http://examiner.gmnews.com>.

RPS PTA Winter Carnival: Sat., Feb. 27th

If you would like to be one of the many satisfied volunteers (ages 7th grade to Senior Citizens), and receive a free lunch for your effort, please call Larisa Bondy at 443-7430 or e-mail at Larisabondy@verizon.net.

**PAT MOSER REQUESTS THAT THE
PERSON OR PERSONS WHO
BORROWED HER SNOW BLOWER
AND ROTO-TILLER
PLEASE RETURN THEM.**

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



"Cassius" Vuolle and his cousin, "Scout" Bondy

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

Happy (belated) New Year Everyone. We have had our re-organization meeting for 2010, and the new Council President is Councilperson Peggy Malkin. The Council positions are as follows: Chair of Finance Councilperson Malkin, she is also representative to the Seniors; Chair of Community Development Councilperson Dan Hoffman, he is also representative to Recreation; Chair of Administration- Councilperson Arlene Stinson, she is also Council Representative to the Planning Board; Chair of Environmental, Health and Safety- Councilperson Jeff Ellentuck, Chair of Utilities- Councilperson Kirk Rothfuss, he is also Representative to the School Board; and Chair of Public Works- Councilperson Tom Curry, he is also Representative to the Environmental Commission.

Congratulations, good luck and thank you to all the Council people in their new positions.

We are looking into the need for Meals on Wheels in Roosevelt. Anyone requiring this service should contact Councilperson Malkin so we can help accommodate you.

Midwinter doesn't always strike one as a time to get outdoors, but the woods are really lovely at this time of year. The visibility is greatly improved through the woods, without the leaves on the trees, so the chances of viewing wildlife is better *and* there are no bugs. The new Perrineville County Park has beautiful trails for hiking or jogging that go from North Rochdale Ave. all the way to the corner of Millstone and Baird Roads. The paths are cleared, level and well marked; and wind around two lakes. Hiking is healthy, free, readily available, and doesn't require any special equipment other than good warm clothes. Enjoy!

Beth ■

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are being purchased by the Borough of Roosevelt for a total of \$10,000 and all containers now in use in excess of the one container per street address limit will be taken by the Borough and stored for future use. Since the limit on the number of containers does not apply to recyclables, Mayor Battel expressed the hope that residents and businesses who now use more than one container will be more diligent in their recycling efforts as a result of this change.

Also at the first January meeting, Councilman Dan Hoffman reported that he had placed a call to the Monmouth County representative who came before the Council last year to encourage sharing of services to inquire about the possibility of entering into an agreement

to have the Monmouth County Highway Department be responsible for snow removal on local streets in Roosevelt, especially since they are here anyway in order to plow the snow on Route 571. As of the date of the meeting, he had not yet received a response.

(Note: In the last issue, I referred to Jack Rindt as the Fire Chief. That is not correct; he is the Captain of the First Aid Squad. In any event, Mr. Rindt was expressing his views as an individual and as a veteran, not as a representative of the First Aid Squad.--MLT) ■

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From the Office of the Interim CSA/Principal, Shari Payson

Happy New Year! On behalf of the RPS staff, I offer my best wishes for happiness and success in 2010. As we begin the new year, I would like to pay tribute to all who have contributed to and supported Roosevelt Public School. Thank you, thank you!

As always, the teachers, staff and I are committed to working with you to educate your children in a safe environment. I promise to provide a high quality, differentiated curriculum to your children to ensure their academic, social and emotional growth. I have said this before, but what a special group of teachers and staff we have working here at Roosevelt Public School. They continue to look at the heart of their curriculum holding themselves and all of their students to high-level standards. Our teachers and staff are committed to working together to bring quality learning opportunities to our students that reflect continuous improvement. To meet students' needs, teachers differentiate curriculum through content, process, and product.

In our effort to build and to use existing curriculum most effectively to build community around respect and diversity, we continue to work with the *Responsive Classroom*. The *Responsive Classroom* is an approach to elementary teaching that emphasizes social, emotional, and academic growth in a strong and safe school community. The goal of community building is not simply to make students "feel good," but rather to ensure that their membership in both the classroom, school and community can lead to full participation in the learning process.

Every January we honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King is remembered for his dream, in which people of all races, religions and classes are equal. He is also remembered for his kindness, and students learn about diversity, tolerance, and kindness during this time and throughout the year. Sharing feelings and knowing that someone is listening,

are the best ways to avoid escalating behavior from anger. Adult words and actions help children understand the value of being kind. This is promoted through our *Responsive Classroom* curriculum, which is an approach to teaching, which emphasizes social, academic, and emotional growth in a safe environment.

Our Student Council is sponsoring its annual clothing drive. Your donations of clothing, shoes, stuffed animals, pocketbooks, towels, sheets, soft items would be most appreciated. Please drop off all donations at the school by February 3rd. The Student Council hosted a food drive for the Trenton Soup Kitchen. Under Ms. Bondy's guidance, 150 lunches, which included sandwiches, dessert, fruit and a drink, were made and donated to the soup kitchen.

Many thanks are extended to the PTA for coordinating our Holiday Gift Fair, Family Fun and Fitness Night, the Book Fair, assembly programs, the school dance, and more. The excitement continues with one of our favorite events, the Winter Carnival, which is scheduled for Saturday, February 27th and School House Hooky on March 10th. This small but dedicated group work tirelessly to enhance the school community.

January is School Board Recognition Month. The School Board members are the policymaking bodies for local school districts. This recognition was created as a way to thank board members for their work on behalf of the community. The Roosevelt School Board is comprised of dedicated, conscientious residents who commit a great deal of time and effort to assure that our school programs run efficiently and productively. Our board members are: Assenka Oksiloff, President, Natalie Warner, Vice President, Seth Ditchick, Linda Grayson, Anna Johnson, Allen Newrath, Jaymie Kosa, Eric Vuolle, Kelly Yang. Please join us in thanking our board members for their efforts and dedication on behalf

of the school and the students.

March 23 and 25 are slated for pre-kindergarten/kindergarten registration. Please stop by the school to pick up registration forms. The ruling of the Board of Education is that only those children who will be five years old on or prior to October 1, 2010 will be admitted to kindergarten. For registration, the following will be needed:

- Original Birth Certificate or similar document
- Registration Form (this to be obtained from the office)
- Health History and Immunization Form
- Two proofs of residency that the child and parent/guardian reside in the school district. One required proof should be a copy of a mortgage or lease agreement and recent utility bill.

Your child does not need to attend to register. He/She will be invited to an orientation in May. At that time your child will be able to meet the teacher and see their classroom.

RPS accepts non-resident students on a tuition basis in our pre-k through sixth grade. If you know anyone that is interested in sending their child(ren) to RPS, please have them contact me to arrange a visit.

March 23 and 25 are also parent/teacher conferences. They are early dismissal days for students.

RPS's Web address is the same but the look has changed. Thanks to Fletcher Grayson, our Web site has a new and improved appearance, and contains a wealth of information about the school. Please visit our site at www.rps1.org.

I will do all I can to help deliver our goals, and I look forward to working with all of you to make 2010 a successful year for Roosevelt Public School.

Sincerely,
Shari Payson,
Interim CSA/Principal

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MISSION

To educate and inspire all students to excel academically, to become independent and creative thinkers, skillful communicators and lifelong learners. Roosevelt Public School nurtures and challenges the unique potential of each student so that our children will develop individual, social and civic responsibility as well as respect for themselves, each other, and the environment.*

**to achieve or exceed N.J. CCCS at all grade levels*

Letter from The Roosevelt Board of Education: How Recent New Jersey Law Affects Our School

The Roosevelt Board of Education deals with many aspects of student life; one recent example is our work on the Anti-bullying Committee. “Bullying in Roosevelt?” you ask. Well, there may be no gated schoolyard, but bullying can come in many styles, and the Roosevelt Public School community is working hard to prevent it in any form.

Originally, the Anti-bullying Committee, made up of board members, teachers, and parents, was formed to address acts of bullying, but it has since expanded into discussing the preventative programs of character education and diversity education. Diversity does not simply refer to someone’s race, color or creed, but also to diversity of interests, styles, or senses of humor. Humans differ and dealing with human differences is important learning for students.

As a preventive, positive measure, “*Responsive Classroom*” has been intro-

duced to Roosevelt School this year. The goal of the *Responsive Classroom* approach is to create learning environments where children thrive academically, socially and emotionally, the cornerstones of the RPS Mission Statement. Classrooms at RPS are in the beginning stages of *Responsive Classroom*, but the long-term goal is to have all classrooms completely responsive.

Some of the *Responsive Classroom* guiding principles are:

--The social curriculum is as important as the academic curriculum.

--How children learn is as important as what they learn: Process and content go hand in hand.

--The greatest cognitive growth occurs through social interaction.

--To be successful academically and socially, children need a set of social skills: cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control.

--Teachers knowing the children they teach—individually, culturally, and developmentally—is as important as their knowing the content they teach.

--Teachers knowing the families of the children and working with them as partners are essential to children’s education.

Several other programs are in place at Roosevelt School that also enhance character and diversity education. For many years, the school has had buddy programs, in which older children are paired with younger students to encourage nurturing and responsibility. The “S.T.A.R.” (Super, Terrific, Awesome, Respectful) student program has also been in place for numerous years. This program rewards students based on academic as well as social behavior.

In addition, the Anti-bullying Committee is working towards instituting procedures that promote communications and consistency between teachers and classrooms when dealing with behavior issues. To that effect, the committee is helping to produce an RPS Code of Conduct that

includes behavior guidelines and consequences. The administration has created a computerized tracking/incident report for teachers to use to aid in effective inter-staff communication. This report is centrally available to staff on their computers, so that those involved can keep track of problem student behavior that has been addressed by other staff members. Ideally, this allows the staff to function as a whole, aware of all incidents.

Overall, the committee is hopeful that by working with teachers, staff and the Roosevelt community, we can successfully prevent bullying behavior while enhancing student quality of life for all. ■

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FEB./MARCH EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 5 Pizza Day
- 9 PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 10 100th Day of School Celebration
- 11 Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
- 12 School Closed (President’s Weekend)
- 14 School Closed
- 19 Pizza Day
- 25 Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Winter Carnival

MARCH

- 5 Pizza Day
- 9 PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Pizza Day
- 23 & 25 PreK/Kindergarten Registration Early Dismissal—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 25 Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
- 29 School Closed—Spring Break Begins

REVIEW: Nate Kostar's *Bringing Down Jesus*

December 5, 2009 at Borough Hall

By David Herrstrom and
Margaret Schlinski

I was interested in Nathaniel Kostar's poetry play performance this past December because I loved the title. Take a young, bright, and ambitious poet/playwright, a clever theatrical format, some very adequate actors, and a great title and that's entertainment! A good event. Nate is a talented writer and has a good eye for theater.

I asked David Herrstrom to review the play from a poet's point of view. He did such a good job that I thought I'd let it stand in his own words.

—Margaret

Among the many reasons to see this play is its poetry. Declaimed and explained, stomped and savored, sighed like butterflies or thrown like stones, words play a central role in the plot. Mike's winning the heart of Luiza revolves around competitive poetry performances, called "slams," at the Nuyorican Poets Café.

Mike, the protagonist of the play, is a would-be slam poet who in the end must put up or shut up to win the girl, who beats him to the verbal punch. In the course of the play we hear not only their poems but those of other competitors as well, including Nate Kostar, the playwright himself.

In the great oral tradition of poetry, these slam poems are hard hitting, touching on racial, economic, and gender injustices. Delivered with impressive energy, which comes not just from the boxing ring atmosphere but from the

poet's many voices and freedom in delivering memorized lines, the best of these poems are electrifying.

A single poem can include anger and wit, fear and compassion. And surprise. Luiza reads a poem by Neruda, which in the context carries a compelling power in its rhythms, even if most of the audience lacks Spanish. As a playwright, Nate has great fun parodying some of the excesses of slam poetry. At the same time, he takes great pride in placing slam poetry front and center, infusing it with the life of a character at the heart of his play.

Nate's own poems give his play an energy that carries beyond the scenes in the Poets Café, setting a tone that affects our experience of scenes throughout. And his words in a poem like "Tap Dancer on Bourbon Street," about a kid in New Orleans dancing with a beer can attached to each foot, "metallic life stuck to your Air Jordan's," stay with us. Powerful in themselves and delivered with power, they take on added power from the context of the play.

As poet and playwright, Nate can have it both ways. He can play the role of a slam poet and be the slam poet at the same time. His words play a part in the play and play themselves. And his poem is strong enough to do both with its arresting images, "plastic beads / ... flown down from the stripper's balcony / Like broken birds," and compelling narrative about a kid who "wore the soul of / New Orleans" and "beat the heart of Bourbon Street" with an "ancestral beat so powerful / It knocked the Budweiser label right off the can."

More than this, it is a powerful indictment of America's indifference to the plight of those who lost their homes. As Nate's refrain goes, "America walked by / Too drunk

to notice." But the poem makes us notice. In a moving conclusion, he invites the kid to teach the poet how to tap-dance, and "I will teach you how to write a poem / About yourself that will be ... more beautiful / Than anything I could ever write." Nate the poet in this poem and Nate the playwright in *Bringing Down Jesus* passes on the necessary role of poet to the kid on Bourbon street. ■



Birth Announcement

Nora Joyce Powers

Ian and Jessica Powers are proud to announce the birth of their first child: Nora Joyce Powers. She was born on December 13th, 2009 weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz. and 19 3/4 inches long.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009 and THE FUTURE

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission continues to monitor the water levels near the site of the Restoration Grant area along Empty Box Brook near Solar Village and other areas around town. We also did a test planting of Swamp Pink flowers and hope to do more this spring. Questions, comments, and complaints received by the borough were responded to and discussed for further action at our meetings. In most cases, we are merely a conduit funneling information to the appropriate people and have no legal powers. We do what we can to mitigate environmental problems and situations but some things are beyond our control.

As I was writing this column, I received a call (1 p.m. on Sunday, January 17) from resident Steve Ring (a loyal reader!) who had seen a beaver while jogging. The large brown water loving mammal was working (cutting down trees) the upstream side of the brook near the restoration grant site. This is/was breaking news and the number one reason for a rising water table is rising around town and will be tops on the agenda at our January meeting. This is an excellent opportunity to see what beavers do up closer (but not too close) and how they do it.

Wood debris pick-ups will continue and watch for details closer to Spring. We are also developing plans to create a municipal Arboretum of sorts with existing trees and plants surrounding the school. It is hoped that we can have some event ready for Arbor Day which is April 30th this year.

The Roosevelt Woodland Trail continues to be an exciting work in progress and a fifth section is planned that would connect with county park lands. It thrilled me to read about our local girl scouts using the trail for a GPS scavenger hunt activity (Article

in early January Examiner). Please continue to use the trail and post your observations on our Web site.

If I say too much more about things to do in 2010 I may scare the other Commission members. Whatever we have on the agenda to do, it is with good intentions for the town, residents, and environment of OUR community.

THINGS TO DO THIS WINTER

Winter is always fun when there is snow on the ground and water is frozen. I heard of several residents ice skating in the Assunpink and I bet there were those hardy souls ice fishing when the ice is thick and safe. Make sure a grown-up checks it out first! And when snow covers the ground it's fun to find many different animal tracks in the woods or even close around your own yards—that is, after you finish your snow forts and building snow men and snow women.

I was outside last night listening to the great horned owls setting up their nesting territories, remembering the winters here in Roosevelt when snow was on the ground for at least two months straight and it was deep, too. Now I'm feeling older and sounding like my grandparents but it's true. Who else remembers the late 1970s and 80s?

Sometimes, as you get older, it's nice to be inside on cold winter days and a cool thing to do is to attend some of the many outdoor sport shows. You may have to travel to Harrisburg PA or Suffern, NY since the New Jersey outdoorsmen show and fly fishing shows are over, but they are always full of all types of activities, shows, lectures and demonstrations. I always come away with a bag full of give-aways,

literature and a belly full of free food samples. It's a good time.

Then there is the Philadelphia Flower Show—one of the nation's biggest. It's an early taste of spring and chock full of visual delights, ideas, and inspiration for personal home and garden design and decoration. Again, many vendors, literature, and free samples; but wear comfortable walking shoes.

And/or you could always visit a museum. My favorites are Natural History museums but Princeton has a gem on the campus, The Princeton Art Museum which I hope to get to this February. Anyone else want to go? (No kidding, give me a call).

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meetings will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on February 17, 2010. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is a chance for public comment and questions during each meeting.

If anyone has a newsworthy nature note of interest or comment of environmental concern, please give me a call at 609-443-6204 or drop a note to P.O. Box 203. Thank you for reading this column and please visit and contribute your thoughts and observations to the recgreen.ning.com Web site.

. . . AND PLEASE

WALK THE ROOSEVELT

WOODLAND TRAIL

(With the leaves down, whole new vistas are open to view)

Mollie Bulkin

Mollie was diagnosed with a fully blocked aorta around six years ago. All but a tiny pinhole remained open. At the time, her doctor said that this severe problem warrants a guess of a maximum of six months to live. He told us to get all of Mom's affairs in order as she could "go" any time now. He added that the fortunate part is that when the time comes she will go quickly and there will be little or no pain. Surgery was not an option from either point of view; Mom and her doctor agreed on this part. But from that point on, agreement between the two of them could have been described as a foreign word.

For those of you who knew her, she had a lot to say and she wasn't afraid to say what was on her mind—for better or for worse. She was scrappy—a fighter from day one. In classic Mollie statesmanship she proceeded to tell the doctor that he could take his information, put it back in his computer, and bother her no more with his nonsense.

Nonetheless, we took his advice and got her affairs in order. First and foremost, at Mom's request, I took on the role of Power of Attorney. Shortly thereafter, I applied for and was granted a reverse mortgage on her home with the idea to help keep Mom where she was most comfortable—in the home that she loved at 54 Pine Drive. With her limited funds spiraling downward, the reverse mortgage was, in my mind, a modern day miracle. She cared most about staying here in her refuge. Saying that Mom loved her home would be a terrible misuse of words—inaccurate at best.

She was raised in a very poor family who moved from place to place on the lower East side of New York City dur-



(1921—2009)

ing the Great Depression—essentially a ghetto kid whose primary language to age five was Yiddish. English came slowly but surely and, meanwhile, much fun was made of her by her young peer. She was tiny, her English broken at best, and her self-worth hovered around zero—sometimes above and sometimes below that empty mark. She was an easy target and I would venture to say that she was her own worst enemy.

Early on, her mother (her father was already gone) gave her away to relatives to be raised and washed her hands of her daughter. Times were tough. Maybe Mom was a remnant of menopause.

As a teenager I vividly remember her yelling into the phone, "You're not going to drop me like an old shoe!" probably to a good friend with nothing but good intentions. It took me well into my adult years to realize that this statement, this mantra that I would hear over and over again during my lifetime, was the result of an impossible childhood: a childhood that left scars along a worn out path

between the Lower East Side and Roosevelt.

So, her home in Roosevelt had many levels of intense importance and hidden meaning. Security and stability were among the top ten.

Year after year, my wife Ann and I would increase the hours of help and support that Mom needed at home. The blocked aorta would cause fainting spells every now and then. Some of the fainting she learned to control and not allow others to know about. She managed to escape a great deal of attention around her health by applying a lifetime of skills to not only hide what she needed to hide, but she was able to counter adversity with great clarity and wisdom.

Furthermore, she became very adept in her ability to create smokescreens. In time I was able to see them coming with her first few words. Sometimes I would challenge her, but, more often, I realized that it was just better to leave it alone and not get caught up in her professional acting career. She had, for the most part, achieved an amazing adeptness at protecting her world with her vocabulary.

Living 3,000 miles away in San Francisco with a family and a construction business to run, multiplied the challenges more times than I can digest. Adrenalin is a powerful force—that much I learned.

Within two years of the diagnosis, she would have one full-blown collapse every year and be rushed off to the hospital for what I feared would be the end. Each time I saw the caregiver's phone number pop up on my cell phone, I would get the shakes: Sometimes the call was for more gro-

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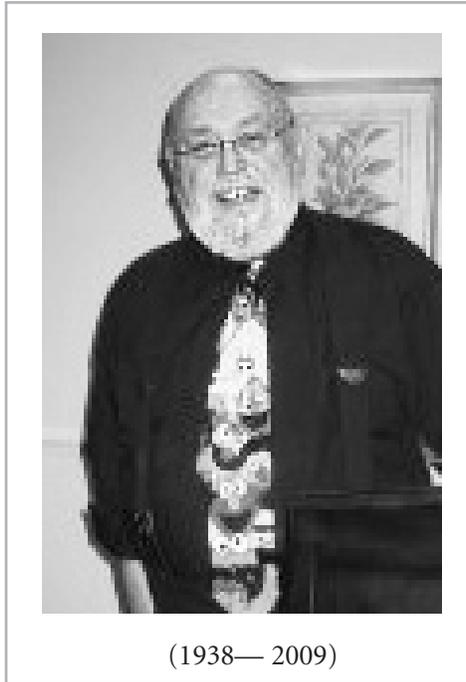
Arthur H. Shapiro, Ed.D

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Art Shapiro (Hotta as his dear ones knew him) grew up in Roosevelt and resided here nearly all his life. He and his wife of 45 years, Elly, raised their two children, Mindy and Erik, in the Borough. For decades, he tirelessly instilled in visitors and far-flung audiences a keen and informed appreciation of our tiny town's place in history and its commendable attributes. While achieving local prominence and making significant contributions to our community, Art achieved substantial recognition in the wider world of academia and government.

From 1991, when the entire Borough of Roosevelt was designated as the Jersey Homesteads Historic District on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places, until 2006, Art served as the first official Town Historian. He gave more than 80 well-received presentations on the community's history and culture to historical societies, Jewish organizations, and museums, as well as to schools on the elementary, high school and university levels. He also served on the distinguished Advisory/Honorary Board of the Jewish Museum of New Jersey.

Art was hard at work on a manuscript about the town and what it was like growing up here in the 1940s and '50s when he suddenly died, just two weeks short of his 71st birthday, in Tucson, Arizona, where he and Elly had relocated in March 2008. Elly, Mindy and Erik intend to complete the book for publication in 2010.

Art would have finished his Roosevelt book himself but for the priority he gave to furthering his important life's work: enhancing understanding and



acceptance of disabilities and providing better and more inclusive education for disabled children. An updated version of his award-winning 1999 master work, *Everybody Belongs: Changing Negative Attitudes Toward Classmates with Disabilities*, will be released in 2010. The new book, *Disability Studies and the Inclusive Classroom: Critical Practices for Creating Least Restrictive Attitudes*, will pass the torch of cutting-edge scholarship in the field to Art's co-author, Susan Baglieri.

Art's appointment as Full Professor Emeritus at Kean University capped an academic career that epitomized adherence to the admonition of the Talmud, "First learn much, and then seek to understand it profoundly." He obtained a B.A. degree from Rider University, an M.A. from The College of New Jersey and a doctorate from Rutgers University. He was on the full-time faculty of William Paterson University and the adjunct faculties of Rutgers and several other

universities. In 18 years of service with the New Jersey Department of Education, Art obtained the important oversight experience in special education that enlightened his subsequent academic endeavors with practical insights.

As a consultant on disability awareness, Art traveled widely to present workshops, appear on dozens of television shows and give interviews to scores of newspapers. His own TV show on disability issues, *Equal Access*, appeared on cable networks throughout New Jersey and received a Media Arts Award. Art defined prejudiced thinking and discriminatory behavior broadly. Hurtful words and actions, dismissive or derisive of the disabled, topped his long list of impediments to advances in civilization. He most detested hypocrisy, where those struggling to overcome prejudice in one civil rights cause would join a majority intolerant toward others involved in another struggle for freedom.

Art's career as a teacher began at Roosevelt Public School (RPS), which he attended as a student from 1944-53. He graduated with Hightstown High's Class of 1957 and later served as a teacher in the East Windsor School District. He progressed to Principal of the Edward R. Johnstone Training & Research Center and served as Superintendent of Schools for Youth Consultation Services, a residential mental health treatment center.

Teaching at RPS was just the beginning of Art's adult service to Roosevelt. He served on the Borough Council for four years, ending when his elective term expired in January

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ceries or the heater needed a repair; but sometimes the call was for her collapse and subsequent ambulance-rush to the hospital.

After the first collapse about four years ago, Ann and I decided that we should start flying East more and more to visit Mom: to show her our unwavering love, undivided support, and attention. Each time we would visit, within the first hour Mom would ask what Ann and I were going to do that day, that we should go out and have fun and that we shouldn't get bogged down with her, and that we shouldn't tie ourselves up with her all day. "Go, go and have fun! She would chant to us.

Too much attention was difficult for her but we bit the bullet and slathered her with love despite her protests. Ann would say "Mollie, we came to see YOU!" and "What do YOU want to do with US today?" "Where do YOU want to go?"

We started coming East four times the first year, five times the second year, graduating more each year. In 2008 we came East eight times. Even then, we realized that would not be sustainable over the long haul. Four times a year was way too much, but eight times? What to do?

Moving East was not an option for us, not even on temporary basis; this we knew. So, we hunkered down into this challenging routine.

For a while, we would return to San Francisco from a visit and realize that within a few weeks we would need to make reservations for another upcoming trip. It was either that or get hammered by airline fares too close to our next departure date.

Mom's care giving graduated to full time 24/7 live-in aid. We probably burned through six aides as Mom came to terms with the

reality of her refuge being gnawed at—pecked at. Little by little her privacy was on a severe course of reduction. Each passing month the idea of zero privacy was looming closer and closer on the horizon, like a storm slowly coming. For me at times the skies were turning the color and texture of aluminum foil—menacing. Mom had become very independent after Dad passed away in 1989. She liked her privacy and was extremely protective and devoted to everything dear to her—especially her space.

Grace came in 2007 when she had a major collapse and was rushed to the hospital. I was called to come East for what looked like the end of all ends. Ann stayed on the West Coast for the time being, waiting for yet another call about something. A priest was sent to Mollie's bedside (before I arrived) and chatted with her about the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Mom survived that brush with "the beyond" again and was transported to Cranbury Center on Applegarth Road for another round of rehab—or so we thought. Within twenty-four hours of her arrival there, her doctor called to say he wanted to speak to me in private: just me, him, the fuzzy yellow light of fluorescent bulbs, and the four walls. He was stressed.

Years ago, Mom and I started talking quite a bit about death following the first collapse. She was ready. Whenever the moment came, she would be sitting up straight. If anything, God feared her.

In the meeting, Mom's doctor said that he was sorry to report that he would not let Mollie return home to live, even with twenty-four hour care. He said it's simply not good enough anymore. In all good conscience, he was putting his foot down for her protection. I jumped up and gave him a big hug and

brought an end to a conversation that he thought was going to lead to a full-scale hellish battle with us.

He said if Ann and I liked the Cranbury Center well enough that he would put in a recommendation for Mom to stay on there as a full-time patient.

I returned to San Francisco without telling Mom about the permanence of her stay. I needed to pull myself together; and, more importantly, I wanted Ann to be there with me when we broke the news about so many things, so many changes. Not only were we to break the news about selling her home, but that she would be living in the Cranbury Center or she could come to San Francisco to live at a similar facility and be much closer to us.

One way or the other, home from now on would look, smell, and feel very differently from the one that she loved so much at 54 Pine Drive in the town she absolutely adored. Not only were we talking with Mom about so many impossible topics, but I was coming to terms with losing the home that I grew up in, as well.

Everything was spinning for me. How do you tell your one surviving parent that she is not well enough to go home; that we are going to sell her house—take away her refuge, her home of homes, her undeniable identity; and sell or give away most of what she and Dad worked so hard to gather around themselves, protect themselves with.

But Mom was a trooper. If she could no longer reside at 54 Pine Drive, then clearly she wanted to stay at the Cranbury Center. She didn't want to fly to a distant and largely unknown San Francisco and start completely over. "No way!", she would say. "I want to be near so many good friends and my senior

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meeting!” She was a crowd junkie. She loved to kibitz. She loved being around people. Isolation was not an option.

She was an inspiration to us. How well she met so many of the challenges we presented to her--all of them piling on in a moment's notice, like someone suddenly opening a valve or turning on a switch.

She was happy enough. I was the one who would get very depressed when we would visit. I was thinking of how much she lost, how much she was willing to let go of. Soon enough, I realized that actually I was the one who had held on to so much. Her mantra about her situation simply became, “That’s the way the cookie crumbles.”

Next was getting her home ready for sale. I knew that we would be challenged in the sinking real estate market, not to mention Roosevelt having its own problems looming on the horizon at the same time—another storm swelling in the distant sky.

So many details, so many emotions, living out my childhood over and over again while physically touching so many objects that were still in the house from decades past. Dealing with so many memories, it was the Gestalt of my life: a huge clearing out on more levels than I could possibly keep up with.

On Saturday, November 7, 2009, Mollie passed away while sitting with her two best buddies in the Cranbury Center; and, like her doctor had promised, she went quickly and without pain.

P.S. We have just learned that the Cranbury Center has named one of their small restaurants The Mollie Center.

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1979. He was Council President in 1978. As a member of the Juvenile Conference Committee, he helped to work out informal dispositions of juvenile delinquency matters pending before Monmouth County's Juvenile Court. He also served on the volunteer Fire Department.

A charter member of the Roosevelt Community Band, which formed in the early 1960s, Art played alto saxophone at Chanukah and Purim concerts, the 4th of July Picnic, Senior Citizens Club meetings, the Pioneer Women's Dance, and other venues in Central New Jersey. He also collected saxophone memorabilia and music.

Readers eagerly anticipated Art's frequent reminiscences about life and people in Roosevelt in the pages of the Borough Bulletin. For a potpourri of nostalgia and a whiff of the book to come, visit www.mazicmusic.com/RBB for articles by Art in the Bulletin, including November, April and February 2007; March 2006; and November and July 2004.

As they had done in Roosevelt, Art and Elly established a rich life in Tucson, full of friends, work, and community service. They joined Congregation Anshei Israel of Tucson and contributed to the Religious School Scholarship Fund in memory of Art's mother, Eva Cole Shapiro, and Elly's father, Eugene Spitzer. Art continued to give his Power Point presentation on Roosevelt's history, including last year at the Story Telling Festival at the Jewish History Museum in Tucson. He recounted that in the audience of over 120 people were members of three other families once connected to Roosevelt. Elly noted that in 2010 the Festival will be dedicated to Art's memory.

Art remained a consistent booster of Roosevelt, even though he thought it had strayed from its better nature with a tepid welcome of a Yeshiva that he believed would benefit the Synagogue in Roosevelt. In a memorial service at the now-vibrant Synagogue on December 8th, the main room was filled with Art's friends and relatives from Roosevelt and elsewhere. In heartfelt remembrances, Art was lauded as a loving and attentive husband, father, brother-in-law and uncle with a keen sense of humor. Leaders of the Yeshiva praised his consistent, self-sacrificing support and advocacy on behalf of the Yeshiva. Burial followed in the Synagogue's section of the Cemetery. Family members sat shiva at the Roosevelt home of Michael and Edis Kanczucker and, later, at the New Hempstead, New York, home of Erik and Rochelle Shapiro.

Art is survived by his wife, Elly (Spitzer) Shapiro of Tucson, AZ; his daughter, Mindy Shapiro, son-in-law, Matthew Ashby, and grandchildren, Nathan and Evan Ashby, all of Acton, MA; his son, Erik Shapiro, daughter-in-law, Rochelle Shapiro, and grandchildren, Yitzchak, Shoshana, Danny and Meira Shapiro, all of New Hempstead, NY. He was predeceased by his parents, Harry Shapiro and Eva Cole Shapiro, a sister, Marilyn Weener Schetina, and a brother, Sumner Weener.

In a Facebook posting on December 14, Elly wrote, “There are no words adequate that can express the gratitude I feel for the outpouring of love and respect that has been shown the last awful week. I am blessed with friends and with family. Thank you for continuing to laugh and cry with me and holding me close to your hearts.”

The First Aid Squad has responded to 123 emergency calls for the year of 2009. In Roosevelt, our emergency calls 67 of them included, medical emergencies, cardiac emergencies, emergency transports, difficult breathing, 1 motor vehicle accident, 9 fire stand-bys, 3 water rescues, 4 stand-bys for events. For mutual aid calls we responded a total of 39 calls. Millstone Township 37 calls, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 28 medical emergencies, 2 fire stand-bys, Upper Freehold Township, 1 motor vehicle accident on I-195 and Monroe Township, and 1 motor vehicle accident on Rt.33. Receiving mutual aid only twice.

In December all EMT Squad members were trained and authorized through the Department of Health and Senior Services on administering epinephrine using the auto injector. Four will be purchased (two for each ambulance): two adult's and two children's. Also in December the Squad held a class for the recreation department, certifying them through the American Red Cross in basic first aid and CPR/AED. In January nine members of the Squad attend a 24 hour training session for re-certification as EMT's.

Training: The year 2009 the Squad did a total of 67.5 hours and in personnel hours were a total of 556.5 hours.

We would like to congratulate Amy McCaffrey for passing her EMT state exam.

We are always looking for new members. We will pay for the training that is needed. If anyone is interested please contact a Squad member or stop in during our training for an application and an EMT training schedule. By receiving your Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), you can help your community and have a great opportunity to start a new career

as an EMT. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT please e-mail FMFD7568@verizon.net.

The Squad with the help of Borough Council passed Borough of Roosevelt Resolution No. 09-91 Volunteer Tuition Credit Program.

1. Each volunteer is eligible to receive tuition credit in the amount of \$600 per year, not to exceed a maximum of \$2400 over a four year service period, provided that classroom space is available and that tuition paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course.

2. The law defines a volunteer organization as a volunteer fire company, or a first aid, or rescue squad association.

3. The volunteer must agree to serve as a member of a volunteer organization for a minimum of four years. A "member in good standing" is one that complies with the by-laws or the rules/regulations of the volunteer organization of which they are a member.

4. Following each year of active volunteer services, the volunteer organization must provide the municipality with a letter verifying that the volunteer has been a member in good standing for the past twelve month period.

5. Upon verification the municipal official (i.e., the municipal clerk) shall issue a Certificate of Authorization to be presented to the learning institution by the volunteer or eligible family member(s) during the enrollment period.

6. No money is exchanged. Once the volunteer is deemed eligible by the municipality to participate in VTC, he/she is given a Certificate of Authorization to be presented to the learning institution. If registration is authorized, the learning institution will debit the tuition amount of the

course on the lower portion of the certificate and maintain a running balance for other courses taken during the year.

We would like to thank all the residents of Roosevelt in their generous donations to the Squad. Without your support we could not operate. Thank You!!!

If any one wishes to make a donation, you can send it to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad at P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Remember, all donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

The Officers of the Squad for 2010 are: President Neil Marko, Secretary Amy McCaffrey, Treasurer Carol Watchler, Captain Jack Rindt and Lieutenant Steve Yeger.

First Aid Squad History: In September 1975 the Squad sent a letter to the Borough Council requesting Boro land by the water works. Jan. 1974 Liz Johnson was elected to 2nd Lt of the Squad. May 1970 Captain's Report - 7 calls and ambulance repaired and in good shape. March 1963 Art Mitchell will hand out the school awards.

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Health Notes: Shock

There are five different kinds of shock that we need to deal with as EMT's.

Cardiogenic shock is caused by inadequate function of the heart or pump failure. In trauma, shock is most often the result of fluid or blood loss. This type of shock is called **Hypovolemic shock or Hemorrhagic shock**. The loss may be due to internal or external bleeding and with severe thermal burns. **Septic shock** is seen in patients who have severe bacterial infections that produce toxins. The toxins damage the vessel walls,

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causing them to become leaky and making them unable to contract well. **Anaphylactic shock** occurs when the immune system reacts violently to a substance to which it has already been sensitized. A bee sting is one. **Psychogenic shock** is a sudden nervous system reaction that produces a temporary, generalized vascular dilation, resulting in fainting.

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There are still houses in town that do not have house numbers or the numbers are too small to see from the street. Please check

the numbers posted on your house to ensure that they are large and colorful enough so Emergency Services and State Police can see them from the road. There are many houses in town that do not have numbers or cannot be seen from the road especially at night.

Remember if you need help please "Dial 911".

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RECREATION PROGRAMS

By Eric Schubiger

The Roosevelt Recreation Department is pleased to announce the following programs:

YOGA

The Recreation Department is continuing its very popular Yoga program this Winter at the Roosevelt School. Classes will be instructed by Valerie Skillman, a certified Yoga Instructor and Borough resident. While yoga mats will be provided, participants are welcomed to bring their own. Classes are offered on Mondays from 6:15 p.m. -7:15 p.m. and costs \$75.00 for each 8-week session. Please contact 609-448-0539, x3 for an updated schedule.

YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth Indoor Floor Hockey program at the Roosevelt Public School on Monday nights

from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Program will not run on days that school is not in session. The program is open to students in 1st-6th Grades.

Students will not be able to participate unless a registration form is completed and signed by a parent/guardian. There is no cost for this program.

OPEN GYM - BASKETBALL

The Recreation Department is sponsoring an Open Basketball program at the Roosevelt Public School on Friday nights from 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. Program will not run on days that school is not in session. The program is open to students in 9th-12th Grades.

For further information, please contact the Recreation Department at (609) 448-0539. ■

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Warmer, Wetter and Whiter

That describes 2009 in Roosevelt. Last year's average annual temperature was 53.7 degrees. That's 1.4 degrees above normal. (Across the 48 contiguous states, the average annual temperature for 2009 was 0.3 degrees above normal.) Despite the warmer than normal average temperature in Roosevelt, there were only five days when the temperature reached 90 degrees or above. Two of those days were in April. The hottest day of the year was April 27 when the temperature peaked at 92.7 degrees. The day before it got up to 91.7 degrees. Those two days together marked the longest period of 90 or above temperatures for the 2009. There was only one 90+ day in June and two in August. Typically, the hottest temperatures occur around the end of July. But July's average temperature was off by 2.5 degrees and June's average temperature was normal.

November was the month that deviated most from the normal monthly average temperature. The temperature for the month was 5.1 degrees above normal. All together, there were six months in 2009 with above normal temperatures; three months with very close to normal temperatures and three months with below normal temperatures.

The coldest day of the year came on January 17 when the temperature plunged to 7.2 degrees. The average temperature for the day was only 14.7 degrees—the high temperature 22.1 degrees. Three other days had low temperatures in the single digits—February 5 and 6, and March 3.

The year was also significantly wetter than normal. About 20% wetter than normal. We had just under ten inches more precipitation than the average annual total. Two thousand and nine began very dry. January, February and March all had signifi-

cantly less than normal precipitation. February brought less than one-half an inch of precipitation and was the driest month of the year. The wettest month was June. Just under ten inches of rain fell. Normal rainfall for June is 3.95 inches. The wet weather started in April and ran through October. November was drier than normal and December brought the wet weather back.

Thirteen days last year brought more than one inch of rain in a single day. The wettest day of the year was July 24 when 2.20 inches of precipitation fell. The second wettest day came in the otherwise dry month of January. Just over two inches of rain fell on January 8, 2009. Temperatures that day were warm enough that we avoided having a big snowstorm. Overall, 2009 had above normal snowfall.

In our area, the annual average snowfall for the year is 22.6 inches. Last year we had almost seven inches more. Twenty-nine and a half inches of snow fell. Almost half of the snow fell in just one month, December. Ten and a half inches of snow was the highest one-day total. That snow fell on December 20. The 19th brought 2.5 inches of snow, so by end of the day on the 20th there was about 13 inches of snow on the ground. The second snowiest month of 2009 was March. Seven and a half inches, more than twice the average normal March snowfall, fell over March 1 and 2nd.



Weather Word

The **arctic oscillation** is an atmospheric circulation pattern in which the atmospheric pressure over the polar regions varies in opposition with that over middle latitudes (about 45 degrees N) ■

Dec. 15, 2009 - Jan. 15, 2010

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Heat'g Degree Days
15	54.3	41.7	48.0	0.11	17.0
16	43.0	26.8	34.9	0.00	30.1
17	33.6	24.6	29.1	0.00	35.9
18	33.3	18.0	25.7	0.00	39.4
19	30.4	22.1	26.3	0.25	38.8
20	34.2	22.8	28.5	1.50	36.5
21	37.8	19.0	28.4	0.00	36.6
22	39.4	16.0	27.7	0.00	37.3
23	30.2	11.3	20.8	0.00	44.3
24	36.9	12.9	24.9	0.00	40.1
25	41.4	21.7	31.6	0.00	33.5
26	54.0	39.4	46.7	0.80	18.3
27	55.8	34.2	45.0	1.25	20.0
28	40.3	30.7	35.5	0.00	29.5
29	32.5	17.6	25.1	0.00	40.0
30	35.4	16.9	26.2	0.00	38.9
31	35.6	28.6	32.1	0.00	32.9
1	42.6	32.0	37.3	0.36	27.7
2	34.3	19.8	27.1	0.00	38.0
3	28.9	18.3	23.6	0.00	41.4
4	31.6	19.4	25.5	0.00	39.5
5	32.4	17.6	25.0	0.00	40.0
6	35.6	27.9	31.8	0.00	33.3
7	38.8	27.3	33.1	0.00	32.0
8	34.3	26.1	30.2	0.10	34.8
9	30.6	15.8	23.2	0.00	41.8
10	29.8	12.0	20.9	0.00	44.1
11	33.8	13.5	23.7	0.00	41.4
12	35.2	25.2	30.2	0.00	34.8
13	36.1	23.7	29.9	0.00	35.1
14	40.6	21.0	30.8	0.00	34.2
15	50.2	25.2	37.7	0.00	27.3
Totals				4.37"	1114.0

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2009 - 2010 Season

February 20, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

THE ROOSEVELT POETS

Join the Roosevelt poets & friends in celebrating the 60th anniversary of Dylan Thomas' arrival in NYC for his 1st US poetry reading tour! You (think you) know what to expect, plus music & refreshments.

March 20, 12 - 5 PM, The Factory, 15 Oscar Drive

JONATHAN SHAHN PART II

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WISKA RADKIEWICZ'S FILM—"THE HEAD, MARTIN LUTHER KING: A SCULPTURE BY JONATHAN SHAHN"

The film offers a personal look at the artist's work and witnesses the process in which, over time, a sculpture comes into being. The film will be shown several times during the afternoon.

April 23 & 24, 8:00 PM, Borough Hall

THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND

With David Brahinsky on guitar and vocals, Ed Cedar on bass, guitar, mandolin and vocals, Paul Prestopino on every string instrument imaginable and one vocal, Howie Jacobson on fiddle and vocals, and Samantha Cedar on bass and vocals. This year's show features songs by Leonard Cohen, Lucinda Williams, Bob Dylan and many others.

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT (Cont'd.)

May 22, 1:00 PM, Borough Hall

TOURS AND SCREENINGS AT ROOSEVELT BOROUGH HALL FROM 1 - 4 PM. THE ROUNDTABLE WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 4 TO 5:30 PM, FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION AT BOROUGH HALL.

ROOSEVELT BAUHAUS: AN ARCHITECTURE DAY

A series of events will explore Roosevelt's rich heritage of Bauhaus architecture, and the ways in which that heritage has been affected by the changes of the past 70+ years. The day will include guided and self guided tours of Roosevelt and its houses, including houses that have been creatively altered or expanded; screenings of Ben Johnson's engaging documentary "Jersey Homesteads: In the Architectural Vanguard"; and a roundtable conversation, featuring residents, architects and architectural historians, on the significance of Roosevelt's Bauhaus architecture and the challenges of making it work in the 21st century.

May 22, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, Assifa Space, Linz/Bowen House, 40 Tamara Drive

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Submitted by Shan Ellentuck
Based on a 1998 recipe
from *Bon Appétit*

WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING MASHED POTATOES, I favor Yukon Golds above all others. They have a lovely yellow flesh, and a soft, even texture that makes for an exceptionally creamy mash.

When I first started cooking in the '50s (that's right, kids – in the middle of the last century), there were no such things as Yukon Golds to be had. They were developed at the University of Guelph in Canada by cross-breeding a North American white potato with a wild South American yellow-fleshed variety, and introduced to the States sometime in the early 80s.

If you haven't already done so, try them – you'll love them. And by all means, try them in this recipe, which is so delicious it could make you a culinary legend in your own time!

Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes with Garlic & Goat Cheese

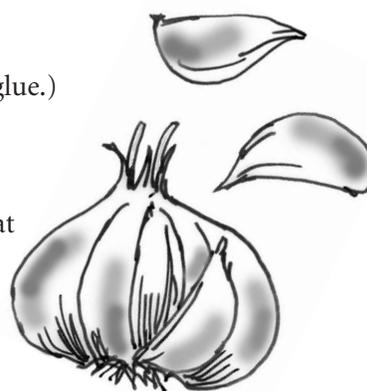
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| 2 1/2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes,
peeled, cut into 1-inch pieces | 3/4 cup half-and-half, warmed
slightly in the microwave. |
| 10 cloves of garlic, peeled | 3 Tablespoons chopped fresh basil
or fresh thyme
(desirable – but optional) |
| 5 ounces soft fresh goat cheese,
broken into small pieces | Salt & pepper |
| 4 Tablespoons (1/2 stick)
room temperature butter | |



- Cook the potatoes along with all of the garlic cloves in a large pot of boiling, salted water until tender, about 25 minutes.
- Drain well.
- Return to pot.
- Mash them with a fork, a potato masher, or a pastry cutter. (Do NOT put them in a food processor; it will turn them to glue.)
- Mix in cheese and butter.
- Add warm half-and-half.
- Mash until smooth.
- Add the basil or thyme, if available, and stir over medium heat until warmed through.
- Season with salt and pepper.

Can be made a day in advance, refrigerated and reheated in the microwave. (In fact, it's better the second day!)

Serves 8 ■



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3 Wed.	RECYCLE 
8 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
9 Tues.	7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713 7:00 p.m. PTA Business Meeting, Meredith Murray, 371-9714
11 Thurs.	7:30 p.m. Board of Education, RPS Library, Assenka Oksiloff, President, 918-1529
12. Fri.	School Closed, President's Weekend
15 Mon.	School Closed, President's Weekend
16 Tues.	8:00 p.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad Business Meeting, Neil Marko, 443-3748
17 Wed	TBA RECYCLE  100th Day of School Celebration
21 Sun.	10:00 a.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
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27 Sat.	Winter Carnival, PTA, Meredith Murray, 371-9714

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