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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Mayor and Council Express Community's Sorrow at the Loss of Emily Silverstein

The meeting of the Borough Council that had been scheduled for April 13 was cancelled out of respect for the loss of their beloved daughter and sister Emily suffered by Councilman Bob Silverstein, his wife Linda, and their son Jamie. Mayor Beth Battel opened the April 27 meeting by calling for a moment of silence and expressing the sorrow of the Council and the community and the support of everyone for the Silverstein family in this horrible tragedy. Councilman Silverstein was not present at the meeting but, in a message conveyed by Councilman Jeff Ellentuck, he expressed his deep thanks to the Council and to the residents of the community for their outpouring of support.

The Council then approved its consent agenda, which included resolutions

(1) authorizing participation by Roosevelt in the Joint Meeting known as the Central Jersey Council of Governments and appointing Tax Assessor/Planning Board member Michael Ticktin and Councilwoman Peggy Malkin as Roosevelt's delegates and (2) approving appropriation of reserve funds, and a motion authorizing Kelly Mitchell to use the Borough Hall on May 3 for a bridal shower.

In the absence of both Councilman Silverstein and Councilman Dan Hoffman, Councilman Kirk Rothfuss reported for the Utilities, Public Works and Community Development committees. In the Utilities report, he stated that the grit chamber at the sewage treatment plant was in

need of repair or replacement and that several alternatives had been proposed by Carmela Roberts, the municipal engineer, ranging in cost from \$28,000 to \$80,000, exclusive of engineering fees. However, the least expensive solution would be very limited in scope and might not resolve the problem for the long term. He said that the committee would be meeting with Ms. Roberts to consider the various alternatives before making a recommendation, but that the current "holding pattern and band-aid pattern" could not continue much longer, since it is "wreaking havoc with the treatment process." He also expressed concern about a proposal from Verizon that he had seen to install cellular phone antennas on the top of the water tower, pointing out that installation further down on the tank had been required for the companies now using the water tower for aesthetic reasons. In the Public Works report, he stated that the Borough had received a proposal from Hightstown to do road repairs on Nurko Road for \$2,800 and was recommending allocation of \$10,000 to fix the roadway at the cemetery, should the pouring of additional gravel prove to be insufficient.

Councilwoman Peggy Malkin, reporting for the Finance committee, announced that the 2009 budget would be presented at the May 11 meeting. She also conveyed concerns expressed to her by members of the Senior Citizens Club that they had not been consulted with regard to the park-

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

As usual, as we get closer to the end of our 2008-2009 season, we are having money problems! If you haven't already made a contribution or if you have and can add a little more there are still lots of empty spaces on our contribution page. Please help us!

Roosevelt Public School's Library is now open every Thursday evening for use by RPS students and Roosevelt residents 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

-- PTA activities at 6:30 p.m.

-- Story time 7:15 p.m. every Thursday night.

-- Computer lab available for use.

Check it out!

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



All artists are invited to Roosevelt Public School on Wednesday evenings from 7-10 p.m., to work on some form of art. No instruction, just a place to gather with other artists to do your own thing (**no oils please**). We will gather in the lobby of the school, except when that is in use, we will meet in the art room upstairs. For more information please call Barbara Atwood at: 918-0757 or e-mail her at: barbatwood@comcast.net.

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

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

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

I'm sure you all join me in continuing to mourn the loss of Emily Silverstein.

That such a tragedy should befall such a model young lady is inexplicable. She was everything parents could hope for in their children; charming, intelligent, caring, compassionate, committed to peace, the welfare of mankind and the protection of the environment. Her fine family provided her with all the love, guidance and the nurturing necessary to

develop her generous character.

A fund has been established "to continue Emily's legacy of hope and action for a more peaceful, just and sustainable world."

The address is: Emily Silverstein Fund, PO Box 340, Roosevelt, N.J. 08555-0340

Please join me also in continuing to offer our sympathy, compassion, and best wishes to her family.

Beth ■

BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS (CONT'D.)

ing, trash pad and sidewalk improvements being made at the Solar Village and said that she was unclear as to the relationship between the Senior Citizens Club and the Solar Village.

Councilwoman Arlene Stinson, reporting for the Administrative committee, spoke of the need to replace the Borough's telephone system, which purports to take messages, but has not been delivering them to the intended recipients. Councilman Jeff Ellentuck said that he had obtained two quotes, one from a company in New York and the other from a company in Hightstown, and that he preferred to go with the company in Hightstown because it was local and could give faster service, even though its quote was slightly higher. In response to a question from Mr. Ellentuck, Borough Attorney Richard Shakley advised that being local and therefore able to give faster service could justify accepting a quote that is not the lowest.

In the public portion, Michael Ticktin, speaking as president of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, responded to Councilwoman Malkin concerns about the relationship between the Senior Citizen Club and the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation (RSCHC), the community-based nonprofit organization that owns the Solar Village, by stating that the only relationship between them is that the Corporation is legally able to receive funds from the Council for senior citizen programs that are then orga-

nized by the Club. All Roosevelt seniors are eligible to participate in any program for which municipal funds are provided. Mr. Ticktin further stated that the Club, as such, has no involvement in the improvements being made at the Solar Village. Bob Clark, who is the executive vice-president of the RSCHC, then pointed out that any citizen, senior or otherwise, who wanted to comment on the improvements project had the opportunity to do so three years ago when, in compliance with Community Development Block Grant program rules, a public hearing on funding of the project by the program was duly advertised and conducted.

Mr. Ticktin also requested information as to the status of the lease by the RSCHC of the portion of Farm Lane east of North Valley Road for use as a parking area, the solution proposed by the Council in response to the request by RSCHC for permission to construct needed head-in parking spaces in the municipal right-of-way immediately adjacent to the Solar Village. Councilman Ellentuck stated that the Council was prepared to obtain a survey of the land being leased and to enter into the lease as soon as the intended lease was approved by the Rural Development Administration, the Federal agency that holds the mortgage on the Solar Village. Messers Ticktin and Clark said that they thought the information had been provided already by a representative of Solar Village's managing agent, but that they would check and the matter would be resolved expeditiously in any event. ■

THE ROOSEVELT BOROUGH BULLETIN

is distributed free-of-charge to Roosevelt residents. We look forward to and appreciate contributions which are needed to keep our publication going. Contributions are tax deductible

PLEASE NOTE: Due to postal regulations we can only ask for "donations" rather than "subscriptions" from out-of-towners who wish to receive the BULLETIN. We will be pleased to continue sending them the BULLETIN when we receive their contributions which, of course, can be for the same amount (or more) as in the past.

From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

Once again the residents of Roosevelt have demonstrated support of their school by voting to pass the school budget, by a 63 to 9 margin. RPS will be able to continue to provide the best possible educational programming for students without having to cut programs. Almost 73% of New Jersey school budgets passed, which in these tough economic times is a positive sign. The board of education will reorganize at its meeting on May 7th. At this time the board will welcome back incumbents Natalie Warner, Eric Vuolle and Anna Johnson. Board meetings are always open to the public, and board members welcome your questions or concerns in this open forum. Procedurally, the audience is invited to address any agenda item.

New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge 3&4 (NJ ASK 3&4) will take place the week of May 4th and NJ ASK 5&6 will take place the week of May 11th. The results of the state tests are used to measure how well a district is meeting state curriculum standards. In addition, tests are used diagnostically to help with individual student instruction. A group test is one measure of how a student is doing, and should never be the only measure of student performance in school.

At this time of year schools conduct project "Child Find." This is a search for any resident children, ages 3-5, who may be in need of services, such as speech therapy. Any family who would like more information should call Susan Goldfond, our learning consultant.

The library has been open now for four weeks. Thank you, thank you to our PTA, library coordinators Karen Ferguson and Debbie Curry, with help from Kay Drury, Paul Gerling and the many community members and teachers that have volunteered their time, we had a very successful library opening. There is something for everyone...good company, excellent coffee and desserts,

games, crafts, computer use and of course selecting books and videos. Please take advantage of the library. Peggy Malkin has offered to provide transportation to community members who wish to use the library but need transportation services. Please contact me and I will contact Peggy. The library is open every Thursday night from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Please contact Karen Ferguson at 609-426-1817 if you would like to volunteer, we really need more volunteers.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is the week of May 4th. The PTA have planned a variety of wonderful activities to recognize the wonderful work of our teachers and staff. Thank you Mrs. Doubert for coordinating this event. Please remember to thank your child's teacher for their dedication and hard work.

Students from Peddie School shared their scientific expertise with our kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students. They worked collaboratively with our students to teach them all about plants. Students learned about plant structure, plant reproduction, varieties of plants, and photosynthesis. Students started an experiment to see which seeds grow faster- ones planted with Miracle Grow or ones planted with plain water. Students will continue this activity for several weeks of observation and follow-up. Thank you Dr. Peretz, for coordinating this activity. Our students had a great time and learned a tremendous amount.

Our Student Council has been working hard this year. Thanks to the coordinators Ms. Bondy and Mrs. Gazzani and the support of the community, they raised \$473.00 for the Pennies for Patients and \$100.00 for the Fund for Roosevelt, which will be put towards restoring the bust of Roosevelt.

Kindergarten and Pre-kindergarten orientation are scheduled for May 28th. Should you be aware of any parents who have not registered their kindergartners for September, kindly notify us.

MAY-JUNE EVENTS

Just a reminder...Roosevelt Public School's library is open to the public every Thursday night from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Please stop by and visit.

- May 4-8 NJ ASK 3&4 testing
- May 7 Board of Ed. Meeting
7 p.m.
- May 8 Pizza Day
- May 11-14 NJ ASK 5&6
- May 22 Pizza Day
- May 25 School Closed –
Memorial Day
- May 27 RPS Spelling Bee 9 a.m.
- May 28 RPS Spring Concert
7 p.m.

- June 2 Field Day
– Early Dismissal
- June 3 Field Day Rain Date
– Early Dismissal
- June 5 Last Pizza Day
- June TBD Art Show 7 p.m.
- June 10 PTA Meeting 7 p.m.
- June 13 RPS Graduation 4 p.m.
- June 17-19 Early Dismissals
- June 19 Awards Ceremony
9 a.m..
Last Day for Students

With the improving weather our students are able to go outside each day for recess and physical education. Community members and children utilize the playground and the fields after school and on weekends. They have already encountered trash, bottles, cans and cigarettes. Kindly respect our children by keeping the grounds litter free.

The last day of school this year for students will be June 19th. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail or phone.

Enjoy the warm weather. ■

SOLAR VILLAGE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

by Bob Clark

The nonprofit Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corp. (sometimes called the "Solar Village") will hold its **annual meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009**, at the Roosevelt Municipal Building. At the meeting, Corporation members will elect all seven members of a Board of Trustees, including officers. Only Corporation members are eligible to be nominated for election to the Board

Current Board members are Michael Ticktin, President; Michael Hamilton, Secretary; William Counterman, Treasurer; Patricia Moser; Louise Baranowitz; Louis Esakoff; and Susan Schwartz. Other business may be conducted, and suggestions for improving the Solar Village are welcome.

Currently, the non-sectarian facility is managed by the nonprofit Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey under a contract with the Board overseen by the mortgage holder, USDA Rural Development, and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 21-unit complex enables Roosevelt to satisfy the lion's share of its affordable housing obligation under state law.

Roosevelt residents who want to become new Corporation members and participate in the voting during the Annual Meeting may contact Bob Clark, Executive Vice President (443-5883), or Pat Moser, Trustee (448-4865), who will try to answer any questions they may have. To become new members they need only make arrangements to pay to the Corporation, through its Treasurer, Bill Counterman (448-3182), \$5.00, as required by the Corporation's by-laws. Multiple

residents of a single household may become Corporation members upon payment of a single \$5.00 fee. The single payment confers lifetime membership. ■

AUDIO ART INSIDE ROOSEVELT HOMES!

by Judith McNally

Upcoming on May 30, there will be a 13-house tour of Roosevelt homes, each with a sound installation by established and emerging acoustic artists from Roosevelt, Princeton and NYC.

What is a sound installation? Curator and Roosevelt resident Victoria Estok says the May 30th event presents "a range of audio art works (not necessarily musical in the traditional sense) created to transform existing spaces through sound."

There will be a total of seventeen sound artists creating audio works for homes throughout the town. Roosevelt residents whose audio art the tour features include Brad Garton, Victoria Estok and the mother-son duo of Kate and Wes John-Alder. There will also be work from accomplished artists affiliated

with Hunter College, Princeton & Columbia Universities.

The audio work will be experimental in nature, ranging from unusual performance pieces, to subtle or playful installations, and in one case solar powered sound installation. Under the guidance of both Ms. Estok and Roosevelt Public School art teacher Barbara Atwood, the school children will also be presenting their collaborative artistic interpretations of what "home" means as installations in six public spaces around town.

The event begins at the Roosevelt Public School, where visitors can pick up a map/guide that marks where the 13 participating homes and where the children's collaborative installations are located. Also on display (12-4 p.m.) at the school will be a photography exhibit by RPS teacher Ilene Levine. This sound installation house tour, sponsored by the Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP), runs Saturday, May 30 from 1-5 p.m., rain or shine. The suggested donation is \$5. Please note: due to limited parking in town, particularly at the Solar Village, visitors are encouraged to walk on the tour.

That's all happening May 30—mark the date! ■



Scene from Roosevelt: North Valley Road and Homestead Lane, Spring 2004

EMILY

Last month was very traumatic for the beloved, kind, and gentle Roosevelt residents, the Silversteins. The news about their daughter Emily was hard to miss and I will not repeat it here, but I would like to share a few sentiments with Emily Rachel Silverstein's family and readers of this column.

Bob Silverstein is a member of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission and also serves as Borough Council President. He and his wife Linda, serve, volunteer and participate in just about everything in town. My daughter Abby grew up with their son James and I've known them for at least those past 15 years.

We also watched Emily grow and mature into a beautiful young college student. Many birthday cakes, backyard picnics, county fair trips and even a huge World Peace Rally were shared as our families bonded together. At every event (and everyday), Emily exhibited a great wisdom far beyond her years. She touched so many lives in so many remarkable ways. Though it isn't such a surprise, she WAS an amazing person.

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission joins the hundreds who attended a service for Emily at RPS on April 13th to share their feelings and offer support to Linda, Bob, James and the many others touched by her life. For all those who knew her, Emily will live on in our minds and hearts as a shining example of all that is good in the world. Peace.

STOP AND SMELL THE FLOWERS

As a young boy, at this time of year, both my grandmothers would show me the flowers they were growing, taught me their names and encouraged me to smell them. Those memories are special because of the smiles pretty flowers produced then and now. Plus I even learned a

thing or two about growing plants (horticulture) and identifying them (botany).

Cutting the lawn I often leave patches of flowering 'weeds' pretty in their own right. I'd rather help the bees and insects than boast a manicured green monoculture. The blooms look pretty for a while and do not last long. I will trim them next cutting.

Most of us know the old adage "April showers bring May flowers". These flowers remind us of the wonders of Mother Nature and the process of renewal and natural cycles. Pretty blossoms also produce smiles. During times of stress or actually anytime, take a moment and stop to smell the flowers. It should brighten your day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 22, 2009 is the last day of turkey hunting and the woods should be weapons free until mid September again. By the way, I am against hunting on Sundays!

Did you all try fishing yet? A picnic by the lake? Bird watch? Stop reading and go outside. If it's dark listen for frogs, toads, owls, raccoons, watch for bats and moths, look at the stars and planets. Nature operates 24/7 and never stops.

'VICTORY' GARDENS AGAIN POPULAR

Seed companies report record sales and even First Lady Michelle Obama has one started at the White House. Backyard gardens were encouraged during World War II to supplement rationing of food during the big war. They were called Victory Gardens so that more supplies could be sent to our forces fighting in Europe and the Pacific.

May 15th has been the traditional last day of frost in this area and time

to put out plants and start the last seeds. Consult your local garden center for advice. There are several garden centers on Route 130 and actually all around this "Garden State". Also see advertisements in the *Examiner*.

Find a sunny spot in the yard and begin to prepare the soil. If you see worms that's a good sign you're in a good spot. A fence is also a good idea to keep four legged nibblers out and to mark the garden boundaries. I usually make a map so I know what's planted where and record the dates of planting and latter harvesting. This first garden becomes the base line information. All future gardens and improvements will be compared to this one and provide more data for future changes.

Talk to other gardeners. Roosevelt has a lot of them. Also check out the RPS Butterfly Garden which was very successful their first year. I just realized that for some of the best information about computers and gardening we should talk to a fifth grader. Are you smarter than a fifth grader?

I'm not sure if a backyard garden saves money but there is a lot of satisfaction in growing your own food. It also gets you outside for more vitamin D and exercise when pulling weeds. Another good thing for you and our environment, just try to minimize the use of chemicals please.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST MEETING (4/15/09)

Our Web site, recgreen.ning.com, is up and running again. During a transition of monitors everything on the old site was lost or accidentally erased. Thanks to Roosevelt Environmental Commission member Britta Ziegler the site has a new look and ready to start over. Everyone has to log in again. Britta will try to make "recgreen.ning.

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com” more user friendly. It’s a safe educational site for environmentally like minded individuals of all ages. Form your own subgroups, network your pictures and comments, connect with RPS and Ms. Eileen, blog, twitter 24/7 and most of all have fun.

Thanks in large measure to Bob Silverstein and Tim Hartley for getting our Smart Growth Grant application in on time. Now we wait for their answer. We also discussed the Budget for 2009 and maintenance of the Roosevelt Woodland Trail. A large amount of litter was noticed on the RPS Trail to Pine Drive and Ron Kostar (of Litter Pick-up fame) will be alerted. This litter is not from people passing through town and should not be happening at all.

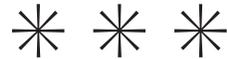
The loss of the wild hedgerow along Nurko road and it’s effects were reported by the public in attendance at the meeting. Litter and recyclables often blow about landing across the street from the preserved farm property. The Roosevelt Environmental Commission is also concerned about plains for the roadside right of way and the trees that may replace what had been removed. We will try to communicate our questions and concerns with the property manager.

Finally, it was brought to our attention that a road was created from the backyard of a North Valley home to Route 571. No record of permission or authorization was granted for this ‘alternate driveway’ and vegetation was removed from Borough Green Acres land. Zoning Officer Ralph Kirtland has been notified to look into the situation.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on May 20, 2009. 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 the recgreen.ning.com Web site. ■



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Roosevelt First Aid Squad

- Wanted to help others.
- Felt obligated to give back what I got.
- Sense of citizenship.
- Interested in the work being done.
- Desire for involvement with a group of friends.

Volunteerism is a tradition in the United States. Americans have a long history of volunteering.

Emergency medical services have depended on volunteer support for many years. The importance of volunteers to the delivery of emergency medical services cannot be overstated. Rural America relies almost totally on the volunteer system to provide EMS services in a timely manner.

Volunteers are characterized by the diversity of their backgrounds, ages, gender, and reasons for volunteering. Since almost one-half of the population engages in volunteer activities, it is no surprise that the typical volunteer can be almost anyone.

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad needs you as a member. We pay for all training. Some of the classes run on Weekends only, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., then there are classes that run Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Sundays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., then there are classes that run Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. These classes are at the MONOC classroom in Wall Twp. just off Rt. 34 or at the Marlboro First Aid building.

The people of Roosevelt pride themselves on volunteering, well now it's time to learn to save a life.

If anyone is interested in joining just e-mail FMFD7568@verizon.net

Jack Rindt, EMT-D
Captain,
Roosevelt First Aid Squad



by Karen Block

RAIN PUDDLES

Rain puddles everywhere;
Mud at my feet.
Plop! Plop! I walk along—
Happily down the street.

SPRING

Spring is here.
Birds are chirping their song.
Trees are waking; they are getting
dressed.
Tulips lift their heads from a bed.
I'm glad you're here Spring...
Why did you take so long?

MR. SUN

Hello, Mr. Sun.
How are you today?
Why don't you show your
smiling face?
Come out of your
hiding place.
It's raining now
and I can't go out to play.

The First Aid Squad has responded to 28 calls in and out of town for the year of 2009. Our emergency calls included a medical emergency, cardiac emergency, fire stand-bys, water/ice rescue at Rising Sun Lake, motor vehicle accidents, emergency transport, difficult breathing, and mutual aid calls into Millstone Township.

The training in March involved patient assessment and reviewing all of the equipment on our two ambulances. Both of the ambulances have been inspected by the New Jersey State First Aid Council and received recertification for another year.

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 a 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.

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

If anyone wishes to make a donation please make it out to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad, P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Remember all donations are tax deductible.

First Aid Squad History:

January 29, 1963: Elected Officers President Nat Richter, Vice President, Joe Drapola; Secretary, Jim Terry; Treasurer, Harold Melvin; Captain, Harry Katzenellenbogen; 1st. Lieutenant, Jim Manzi; 2nd. Lieutenant, Ben Surasky.

March 1964 the Squad had 1 drill and 8 calls. Also in March 1964 the Squad started to talk about a new ambulance.

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**Safety Notes:
 Poisoning**

Poisoning can occur by ingesting, inhaling, injecting, or absorbing a toxic substance. Curious children will try to taste or swallow almost any substance. Accidental poisoning by ingestion is common in the toddler age group (1 to 3 years).

The sign and symptoms of poisoning vary widely, depending on the substance and the child's age and weight. The child may appear normal at first, even in serious cases, or may appear confused, sleepy or unconscious.

Common sources of poisoning in children are:

- Alcohol
- Aspirin, acetaminophen, or other over the counter medications
- Household cleaning products such as bleach and furniture polish
- Plants
- Iron
- Prescription medications of family members
- Street drugs
- Vitamins.

Infants may be poisoned when accidentally fed a harmful substance by a sibling or a caregiver, or as a result

of child abuse. Infants may find drugs and poisons left on floors. Toddlers are curious and often ingest poisons when they find them in the home or garage, such as petroleum products stored in soda bottles. Adolescents (12 to 18) are more likely to have ingested alcohol and street drugs while “party-ing” or in a suicide attempt.

Emergency Hotline:
 New Jersey Poison Information
 140 Bergen Street, Suite 1600
 Newark, NJ 07103
 1-800-222-1222

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 Please check the numbers posted on your house to ensure that they are large and colorfully 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.

Jack Rindt, EMT-D
 Captain
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Send in a contribution today.
Thank you!

It was the charming month of May,
 When all the flow'rs were fresh and gay.
 One morning, by the break of day,
 The youthful, charming Chloe—
 From peaceful slumber she arose,
 Girt on her mantle and her hose,
 And o'er the flow'ry mead she goes—
 The youthful, charming Chloe.

— ROBERT BURNS

The Charming Month of May



The Month Ahead

The Climate Prediction Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting equal chances of above normal, normal or below normal rainfall and temperatures for May. The Old Farmers Almanac says May in our region will be a couple of degrees warmer than normal and will be dry, with 3 inches less rain than normal.

March

March here in Roosevelt was warmer than normal by 2.5 degrees. There were 677 heating degree-days in March. That's 78 less than normal. Meanwhile the combined global land and ocean surface average temperature for March was the 10th warmest since records began in 1880, according to an analysis by NOAA's National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C. The global average temperature for March was 0.97 degrees warmer than normal.

The weather in March was not nearly as dry as in February. But the monthly total for March was still significantly below normal. This year March brought us 2.40 inches of rain.

Normal is 3.95 inches. Statewide the month ranked as the 28th wettest March of 114 Marches. March was the snowiest month from the beginning of December through the first month of spring. There was 7.5 inches of snow in March. All of it fell during the first two days of the month.



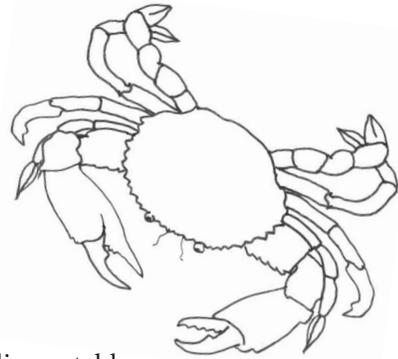
Weather Word

SEA BREEZE— Sea breezes occur during the daytime in warm sunny weather when the air over a land is heated more rapidly than that over an adjacent water surface. Therefore, the warmer air rises and relatively cool air from the sea flows onshore to replace it. At night, the air over the land cools faster than that over the nearby ocean and causes the air circulation to be in the opposite direction - a land breeze. Land breezes are usually weaker than sea breezes and have a less noticeable effect upon the temperature. ■

Mar. 15, 2009 - April 15, 2009

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Degree Days
15	51.3	42.6	47.0	0.00	18.1
16	58.1	36.1	47.1	0.00	17.9
17	56.5	39.2	47.9	0.00	17.2
18	64.0	32.4	48.2	0.00	16.8
19	53.8	38.5	46.2	0.00	18.9
20	47.3	31.8	39.6	0.15	25.5
21	50.4	24.3	37.4	0.00	27.7
22	59.5	30.0	44.8	0.00	20.3
23	46.0	28.9	37.5	0.00	27.6
24	49.5	25.5	37.5	0.00	27.5
25	57.4	26.2	41.8	0.00	23.2
26	46.9	38.1	42.5	0.00	22.5
27	64.4	38.8	51.6	0.29	13.4
28	57.4	46.0	51.7	0.34	13.3
29	69.8	43.9	56.9	0.32	8.2
30	57.7	40.5	49.1	0.60	15.9
31	60.1	33.6	46.9	0.00	18.2
1	55.6	36.9	46.3	0.00	18.8
2	68.2	46.8	57.5	0.25	7.5
3	68.4	51.4	59.9	0.10	5.1
4	58.8	49.8	54.3	0.68	10.7
5	64.6	42.3	53.5	0.00	11.6
6	57.7	45.5	51.6	0.00	13.4
7	51.6	37.8	44.7	1.02	20.3
8	54.9	33.3	44.1	0.00	20.9
9	62.6	33.1	47.9	0.00	17.2
10	67.3	38.1	52.7	0.00	12.3
11	51.8	44.8	48.3	0.96	16.7
12	50.7	32.7	41.7	0.00	23.3
13	56.8	30.2	43.5	0.00	21.5
14	48.6	42.4	45.5	0.10	19.5
15	47.8	42.3	45.1	0.54	20.0
Totals				5.35	570.4

Crab Cakes



Finally, spring has arrived in our gardens and, in turn, at our dinner tables.

Once upon a time (like millenniums ago) we were programmed by nature to build fat on our bodies as protection against the bitter winter cold. Even in places like Roosevelt, with central heating, down comforters, and fur-lined slippers from L.L. Bean, we're still drawn to satisfy that need with hearty stews, cassoulets, chili, and other stick-to-the-ribs dishes.

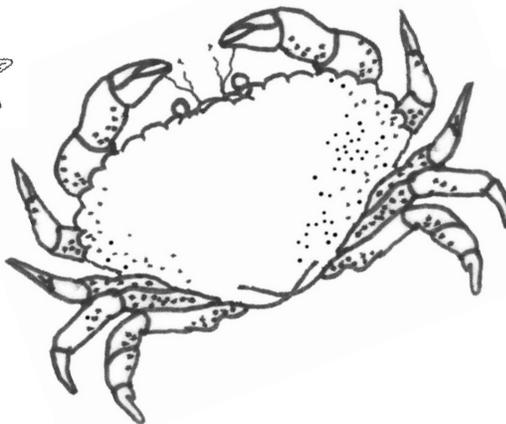
Fortunately for our waists, now that the weather has warmed up our bodies sensibly cry for lighter food. Salads are suddenly more appealing than they were in the dead of winter, and we instinctively favor simple dishes without heavy sauces.

Crab cakes are among my favorite spring-into-summer dishes. Actually, I'll eat them with pleasure at any time of the year. Our oldest daughter, Kin, lives in Baltimore, and when we visit her I make sure we have at least one meal that includes that famous local specialty. Even in Maryland they vary mightily in quality. We've happily had them down at Fells Point made with huge chunks of smoked crab and sadly had them in the form of bread-crumb-patties barely dusted with essence of crab meat.

One needs enough in the way of bread crumbs to bind the chunks of crab, but they shouldn't be the dominate ingredient in the dish.

In restaurants the amount of bread vs. the amount of crab meat is a function of cost; crab meat can be pricey. I keep an eye out for sales at the supermarket. If you can find it, and afford it, you definitely want jumbo lump crab, though many crab lovers believe that the cheaper claw meat—the "dark meat" of the crab—tastes sweeter. Some cooks insist on a mix, giving up a little on texture in exchange for stronger flavor. Use what you can get and what you can afford.

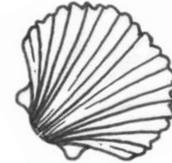
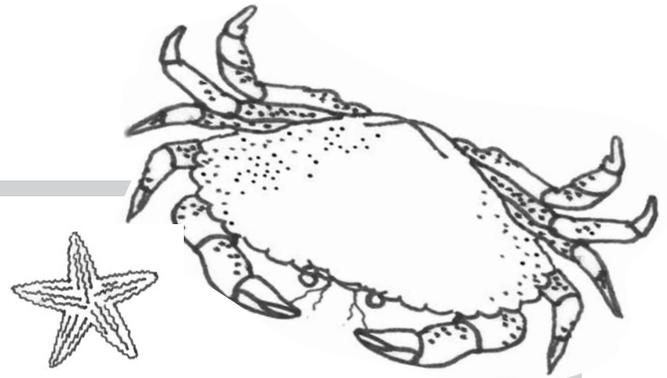
By the way, you can also use this recipe for delicious fish cakes. Just substitute cod, sole or a similar delicate white fish for the crab.



Crab Cakes

Serves 4

- 1 lb lump crab meat or a mixture of lump and claw meat.
- 1 cup Panko crumbs—
or 1/2 cup Panko and 1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup finely chopped Italian parsley or cilantro
- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery (optional)
- 3 scant tablespoons of mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- Zest of one lemon
- 2 large egg yolks, beaten to blend
- 1/2 tablespoon Old Bay seasoning—
or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 medium jalapeño peppers, seeds & ribs removed, minced
- 1 1/2–2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil



- Mix the crab meat and the Panko and/or fresh bread crumbs & set aside.
- Mix the rest of the ingredients—except the vegetable oil—in a separate bowl.
- Combine with crab meat mixture. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Using your fingers shape the crab mix into four patties.
- Place on a baking sheet, cover & refrigerate for 1–4 hours.

- Preheat oven to 400°
- Heat 3 tablespoons of canola oil in a large skillet over medium heat.
(If your pan isn't large enough to hold the patties without crowding, do them in two batches.)
- Sauté the patties until golden brown and cooked through—about 5 to 6 minutes each side.
- Drain on paper towels.
- Serve with a sauce made of mayo, pureed red pepper, & chipotle powder—or a classic tartar sauce.



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June 14, 2:00 PM, Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, Freehold

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Voluntary Contribution: For most events \$5 per adult, for the String Band \$10 per adult, \$5 for seniors and children.

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1 Fri.	8:00 p.m.	Roosevelt String Band, Roosevelt Borough Hall,
2 Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Roosevelt String Band, Roosevelt Borough Hall
3 Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
4 – 8		Teacher Appreciation Week
5 Tues.	12:30 p.m. 1 :00 p.m.	Blood pressure check, Borough Hall Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall, Gerry Millar, President 448-0351
9 Sat.		Plant Sale, PTA, Meredith Murray, 371-9714
11 Mon.	7 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
12 Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713 Last day to register to vote in June 2 primary; contact Borough Hall, 448-0539
13 Wed.		RECYCLE ♻️
19 Tues.	8:00 p.m.	Roosevelt First Aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall, Neil Marko, President 443-3748
20 Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Dave Schwendeman, Chair 443-6204
22 Fri.		PIZZA DAY
25 Mon.		School Closed, Memorial Day
26 Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
27 Wed		RECYCLE ♻️
30 Sat.		Roosevelt House Tour and <i>30 Years of Photos</i> by Ilene Levine, Roosevelt Arts Project

JUNE

2 Tues.		RPS Early Dismissal, Field Day
3 Wed.		RPS Early Dismissal, Professional Development Staff
5 Fri.		PIZZA DAY PTA Dance, Meredith Murray, 371-9714
8 Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
10 Wed.	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	RECYCLE ♻️ PTA Executive Meeting, Meredith Murray, 371-9714 PTA General Meeting, All Welcome
13 Sat.	4:00 p.m.	RPS Graduation

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