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General Election November 8

Voting 6:00 am - 8:00 pm, Borough Hall

Rooseveltians, along with millions of other Americans, will go to the polls on November 8 to pick a new president, select a host of other officials, and weigh in on questions of local significance. Here in the Borough, voters will cast ballots to fill two contested Roosevelt Borough Council seats, as well as respond to an uncontested election for a two-year unexpired term.

The ballot allows for write-in candidates, and one Roosevelt Board of Education write-in candidate has placed

a statement in this issue of the Bulletin. A major public question related to the construction of an emergency services building and provisions for future emergency services has inspired a lively local debate. Related opinions from candidates and others are featured in this issue; the Bulletin web site (RooseveltBoroughBulletin.org) includes letters from both current and previous print editions.

Below is a preview of the ballot—voters should be receiving official copies from the Board of Elections shortly.

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Presidential Electors Vote for One	Donald J. TRUMP <i>Michael R. Pence</i>	Hillary Rodham CLINTON <i>Timothy Michael Kaine</i>	Monica MOOREHEAD <i>Lamont Lilly Workers World Party</i>	Jill STEIN <i>Ajamu Baraka Green Party</i>	Gary JOHNSON <i>William Weld Libertarian Party</i>	Alyson KENNEDY <i>Osborne Hart Socialist Workers Party</i>	Gloria La RIVA <i>Eugene Puryear Socialism and Liberation</i>	Rocky Roque De La FUENTE <i>Michael Steinberg American Delta Party</i>	Darrell CASTLE <i>Scott Bradley Constitution Party</i>
For U.S. House of Representatives 4th Congressional District Vote for One	Christopher H. SMITH	Lorna PHILLIPSON	Hank SCHROEDER <i>Economic Growth</i>		Jeremy MARCUS <i>Libertarian Party</i>				
For Sheriff Vote for One	Shaun GOLDEN	Jeff CANTOR							
For Surrogate Vote for One	Rosemarie PETERS	Vincent SOLOMENO III							
For Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Vote for Two	Thomas "Tom" ARNONE	Matthew DOHERTY							
	Serena DiMASO	Sue FULTON							
For Members of the Borough Council Full Term Vote for Two	No Nomination Made	Peggy MALKIN	John IMPELLIZZERI <i>Common Ground</i>						
	No Nomination Made	Michael HAMILTON							
For Member of the Borough Council Two Year Unexpired Term Vote for One	No Nomination Made	Michael L. TICKTIN							
For Member of the Borough Council One Year Unexpired Term Vote for One	No Nomination Made	Alana T. PORTER	Joseph E. TRAMMELL <i>Independent Roosevelt</i>						

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 40th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from November through July. We will not publish in January and August.

We welcome your emailed submissions for articles, letters, poems, artwork, and other items of interest. Please send your submissions and inquiries to Rick Pressler (rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com). Non-digital submissions will be accommodated to the best of our ability, but we cannot guarantee publication. Inclusion of all items is subject to the availability of space and the editorial judgment of our Editor. Items must be received by the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue.

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Kim Tinnes, Wildlife Control
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If you wish to go, you must call the S.C.A.T. bus Tuesday no later than 3:00 p.m. at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and your interest in going on Wednesday, the next day.

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON					
<p>STATE PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT CASINO GAMBLING IN TWO COUNTIES OTHER THAN ATLANTIC COUNTY</p> <p>Do you approve amending the Constitution to permit casino gambling in two additional counties in this State? At present, casino gambling is allowed only in Atlantic City in Atlantic County.</p> <p>Only one casino in each of the two counties would be permitted. Each casino is to be located in a town that is at least 72 miles from Atlantic City. The amendment would allow certain persons to apply first for a casino license.</p> <p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>At present, casino gambling is allowed only in Atlantic City in Atlantic County. This amendment would allow the Legislature to pass laws to permit casino gambling to take place in two other counties in this State.</p> <p>Only one casino in each of the two counties would be permitted. Each casino is to be located in a town that is at least 72 miles from Atlantic City. The amendment would allow certain persons to apply first for a casino license.</p> <p>The laws passed by the Legislature would provide for the location and type of casinos and the licensing and taxing of the operation and equipment.</p> <p>The amendment provides that the State's share of revenue from the operation of the two casinos and of the casinos in Atlantic City would be used for programs and property tax relief for senior citizens and disabled residents. It would also be used for the recovery, stabilization, or improvement of Atlantic City and other purposes as provided by law. Lesser portions would be used to aid the thoroughbred and standardbred horsemen in this State and each town and county in which a casino is located.</p>		<p>STATE PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO DEDICATE ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM</p> <p>Do you approve amending the Constitution to dedicate all revenue from the State motor fuels tax and petroleum products gross receipts tax to the Transportation Trust Fund?</p> <p>This amendment would provide that an additional three cents of the current motor fuels tax on diesel fuel, which is not dedicated for transportation purposes, be dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund. In doing so, the entire State tax on diesel fuel would be used for transportation purposes. The entire State tax on gasoline is currently dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund and used for transportation purposes.</p> <p>The amendment would also provide that all of the revenue from the current State tax on petroleum products gross receipts be dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund. In doing so, the entire State tax on petroleum products gross receipts would be used for transportation purposes.</p> <p>This amendment does not change the current tax on motor fuels or petroleum products gross receipts.</p> <p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>This amendment would dedicate all of the revenue from the State tax on motor fuels to the Transportation Trust Fund. The current dedication is 10.5 cents per gallon on gasoline and diesel fuel. The amendment would include an additional three cents of the tax on diesel fuel that is not currently dedicated. The total revenue from the tax on motor fuels this fiscal year is estimated to be \$541 million.</p> <p>The amendment also dedicates all of the revenue from the tax on gross receipts of the sale of petroleum products to the Transportation Trust Fund. The current minimum dedication is \$200 million per year. This fiscal year, the revenue from the tax on gross receipts of the sale of petroleum products is estimated to be \$215 million.</p> <p>The amendment does not change the current tax on motor fuels or petroleum products gross receipts. The dedication to the Transportation Trust Fund ensures that the revenue is only used for transportation purposes.</p>		<p>ROOSEVELT BOROUGH MUNICIPAL PUBLIC QUESTION PROPOSALS TO DETERMINE HOW TO PROVIDE FUTURE EMERGENCY SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT. CHOOSE OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2.</p> <p>Option 1. Dissolve the Roosevelt Fire Department, enter into an agreement with the Millstone Fire District to provide fire services to Roosevelt, and build a two bay facility for use by the Roosevelt First Aid Squad at a total cost which is not expected to exceed \$2,728,425.00 over the next 20 years.</p> <p>Option 2. Build a new four bay facility to house two fire trucks and the First Aid Squad ambulances and equipment at a total cost which is not expected to exceed \$1,632,187.00 over the next 20 years.</p> <p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>Choose Option 1 OR Option 2. The current facilities used by the Roosevelt Fire Department and the Roosevelt First Aid Squad are no longer suitable for use. You are being asked to choose which course of action the Borough of Roosevelt should follow to resolve the problem.</p> <p>Under Option 1, the Roosevelt Fire Department would be dissolved. The Borough would issue a bond to finance the construction of a new two bay facility for the Roosevelt First Aid Squad. The Borough would enter into an agreement with Millstone Fire District ("District") to provide fire department services at an initial base annual rate not to exceed \$30,000. After year 4, the annual rate would increase to approximately \$94,500 per year and would likely rise based on (a) the assessed value of Roosevelt real property and (b) increases in the rates charged by the District. Roosevelt may pay certain assessments, future capital costs and employee costs incurred by the District on a pro rata basis. The Roosevelt Fire Department would be dissolved. The Borough would build a new two bay facility for the Roosevelt First Aid Squad. The total 20 year cost, without regard to future assessments or capital charges but including First Aid Squad contributions and bond interest payments, is not expected to exceed \$2,728,425.00. Estimated total costs are based on proposed agreement terms and actual expenditures by the Borough of Roosevelt for first aid contributions and building maintenance over the past ten years without regard to potential future contingencies. The expected 20 year total cost is comprised of approximately \$390,368.00 building, \$180,815.00 interest, \$2,021,345 payments to the District, and \$385,600 First Aid Squad donations.</p> <p>If the final negotiated rates exceed those set forth in Option 1, the Governing Body would proceed with Option 2.</p> <p>Under Option 2, the Roosevelt Fire Department would not be dissolved. The Borough would issue a bond to finance the construction of a new four bay facility to house two fire trucks and the First Aid Squad ambulances and equipment. The Millstone Fire District would continue to provide fire department services under a mutual aid agreement. With cost of living increases, First Aid Squad contributions, and Fire Department budget payments, the total 20 year cost is not expected to exceed \$1,632,187.00. Estimated total costs are based on actual expenditures by the Borough of Roosevelt for fire trucks, first aid contributions, equipment, gear, inspections, training and building and vehicle maintenance for all emergency services over the past ten years without regard to potential future contingencies. The expected 20 year total cost is comprised of approximately \$564,143.00 building construction, \$264,880.00 interest, \$417,400.00 Fire Department budget, and \$385,600 First Aid Squad donations.</p>	
<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>		<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>		<p>OPTION 1 <input type="checkbox"/> OPTION 2 <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

Borough of Roosevelt School Election

OFFICE TITLE	NOMINATION BY PETITION	PERSONAL CHOICE
For Members of the Roosevelt Board of Education Full Term Vote for Three	Judith GOETZMANN <input type="checkbox"/>	Write In (Use keyboard below) <input type="checkbox"/>
	Jessica HANLEY <input type="checkbox"/>	Write In (Use keyboard below) <input type="checkbox"/>
	No Petition Filed	Write In (Use keyboard below) <input type="checkbox"/>
For Member of the Roosevelt Board of Education One Year Unexpired Term Vote for One	Assenka OKSILOFF <input type="checkbox"/>	Write In (Use keyboard below) <input type="checkbox"/>



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To the Editor:

My name is Judith Goetzmann, and I am running for a three-year term on the Roosevelt Board of Education. A bit about me: My health is quite good; I have unlimited stamina. My tax returns are completely available for your perusal. I have never been paid for a speech presentation.

After completing one year of an unexpired term for someone who moved from town, I understand what's involved in being a board member and I feel confident I can do the job. I believe RPS is the jewel in the crown and I want to make sure our children continue to flourish academically, socially and emotionally.

I live on the corner of School Lane and Pine Drive. Feel free to stop by any time and read all my emails.

Please vote for me on November 8 for School Board.

Looking forward, Judith Goetzmann

Dear Neighbor:

I am writing to remind you that I am a Democrat on the ballot running for a 3-year Council seat. I am asking for your vote on November 8. I am also supporting Peggy Malkin who is running for reelection for the other 3-year seat.

Peggy has been a very strong and vocal supporter of our citizens right to participate fully in how decisions are made. She has been a strong advocate for open government and including the public in all phases of the decision making process, often swimming against the current in order to stand up for our citizen's rights to full and open public access to information.

On Common Sense

I believe that one of the most important qualities that a good lead-

er should have is common sense.

Unfortunately, as Voltaire is quoted as saying, "*Common sense isn't that common.*" Other qualities such as respect for other's opinions and a sense of place are needed. A good leader in Roosevelt should be able to manage change carefully and with respect, not only for our citizen's right to choose how their money is spent, but also for the delicate balance of the things that make Roosevelt a very special place to live and raise a family. I believe that such a balance is valuable: to achieve it demands a well-considered, careful analysis of proposed changes to avoid unintended consequences and to assure maximum benefit to our citizenry. It also involves trusting those whom you represent and the electoral process. Unfortunately, our current Mayor and the majority of the Council members do not trust you. This is obvious in how they conduct themselves and what they say in public.

On Respect For Our Right To Vote And Disagree

I have recently disagreed with many decisions and policies endorsed and acted upon by Mayor and the majority of Council members, but I at least respect our citizen's right to disagree and vote accordingly. As Mayor from 2000 until January 2004, I have always exhibited respect for our citizens varying opinions and I have always shown that respect during meetings. I am asking for your vote again so that I can return those qualities to public service.

Not only has our Mayor and Council disrespected our citizens right to disagree, they have taken actions designed to limit our right to vote on how our tax dollars are spent.

Vote "Yes" or "Yes" On Building

The Mayor and Council have acted to limit your freedom of expression by placing 2-nonbinding public questions on the ballot that only allows you to vote "yes." There is no provision for rejecting an option. This Mayor and Council fears rejection, and they do their best to prevent it. Both options on the ballot involve spending millions of dollars for new buildings. The Council decided **not** to allow you to vote "No" on either option. They want you to choose from two building options. They decided not to provide you with an alternative to spending millions of dollars of your money There are viable alternatives which were presented during the lengthy discussions and testimony on emergency services. They have chosen not to allow you to vote on those options however.

What If You Aren't In Favor Of Either Of The Two Options On The Ballot?

You aren't required to vote for either of them. Remember, these are not binding choices. In other words, think of the questions as being similar to a survey. The Mayor and Council can do as they please regardless of how you vote on these ballot questions. They have taken steps designed to ensure that you can not block them from doing what they want to do.

An Undemocratic Mayor and Council

The Mayor and Council voted to ask the Planning Board to declare the area around borough hall a Redevelopment Zone (a blighted area) so that you (the homeowner) will not be able to defeat any building proposal, no matter how costly (as we did before).

If approved by the Planning Board, under State Law (NJSA 40A: 12A-28) the voters will be PROHIBITED from going to a binding referendum

to reject excessive municipal spending as is ordinarily our right and as you did on December 15, 2015.

Councilwoman Malkin was the sole dissenter on the Council and objected to initiating a process clearly designed to disenfranchise our voters.

Under the law, the purpose of declaring an area a redevelopment zone is to grant the municipality powers allowing them to take control of a series of blighted properties that owners have neglected and allowed to become run down. What is highly unusual here is that the Borough of Roosevelt is the owner of the property the borough wants to control! So, obviously, that's not the reason for this rush to create a redevelopment zone.

The Mayor and at least 1-Councilman admitted during public meetings that **the purpose behind their scheme was to strip voters of their right to challenge their actions by taking it to a direct yes or no vote in a binding referendum.** During the October 19 Council meeting, I asked Mayor Ellentuck if was his intention to disenfranchise voters. Mayor Ellentuck's reply shocked me, he replied;

"I want to make it clear, that is exactly what I am doing!"

During prior meetings, other Council members admitted knowing that the voters would be disenfranchised by their actions however, this did not dissuade them from proceeding to request the Planning Board look into creating a redevelopment zone around borough hall in order to prevent voters from challenging their actions.

This Time Around The Bond Can't Fail

Unbelievably, the Council recently reintroduced the same bond ordi-

nance rejected by our voters in December 2015 in a binding public referendum. Their false rationale was that they need to rush to get a new building built before they are ordered to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in mounting fines. Their rationale was designed to manipulate and mislead the public. We were able to obtain copies of all the violations (we had to file a FOIA request which was approved) and discovered that most were very minor violations have already been addressed. Only 2-violations were structural and could be repaired at a nominal cost to taxpayers and to prevent the fines from being assessed. The Mayor has said that they want to have everything in place and approved (the \$571,000 bond) prior to the November 8 election to avoid the huge fines.

As of the writing of this article, the Mayor and Council have apparently been advised by the borough attorney not to proceed with the approval of the bond ordinance. It is NOT that they have seen the light and amended their ways. They thought that they could push through their bond before the election (when they are likely to lose seats and the power to pass their bond issue) and before the Planning Board declared borough hall a redevelopment zone, but they got ahead of themselves. They thought that by mentioning "*in a redevelopment zone*" (to be declared later) in the bond ordinance, they could prevent the public from being able to vote on the bond in a binding referendum. The borough attorney advised them that if they passed the bond before the planning board actually declared borough hall a redevelopment zone, the voters would be allowed vote on how their tax dollars are being used in a referendum. So, the Council decided to wait until the fix is in before acting. Is this how you want your government to operate?

The Decision-Making Process

Failure to invite Roosevelt citizen participation in government has historically resulted in poor public policy. Governing bodies can become insulated from the public and assume that only they know what is best. As a candidate, I believe that officials should reach out to bring citizens whom they represent into the decision-making process in a meaningful way.

As an elected official, I have always believed in the need for inclusive discussions. *Without respectful consideration of diverse opinions, there can be no well-balanced evaluation of any issue.* This became painfully evident during the Mayor's hand-picked Emergency Services Committee which was stacked with supporters of building a new firehouse. It is clear that neither the scale or the limited resources of our community was fully considered in the Committee's majority report.

Future Concerns

The issue of whether or not we should expand, fund and maintain our own fire department and first aid squads or contract out with the nearby, highly-trained professional emergency services in Millstone is not the only serious, multi-faceted issue we will be facing over the next few years.

The cost effective management of our utilities in order to avoid increase after increase, has also been an ongoing challenge. Recently, the Council decided to investigate the sale of our utilities to a private entity. Consideration of this matter will require careful, well-considered qualities and a truly open public process.

As a candidate for Council, I am truly committed to acting in the best interests of Roosevelt citizens, and so is Peggy. That is why I am asking that you vote for us on November 8.

Although the Mayor and Council may be able to block you from voting in a referendum on whether millions of your dollars will be used to build a new emergency services building, the Council is not legally able to declare themselves a redevelopment zone to prohibit you from voting on who will represent you in the November 8 election. That is why I strongly urge you to use your right to vote in the general election. Your vote can send an unambiguous message to the Mayor and Council that you value your right to vote.

Unlike the current Mayor and Council, Peggy and I trust your judgment.

Sincerely,

Michael Hamilton and Peggy Malkin
Democratic Candidates for Council

Statement from Write-in Candidate for Board of Education

My name is Dan Leibowitz and I am running as a write-in for the Roosevelt Board of Education. I moved to Roosevelt with my wife, mother and (now two) beautiful little girls three years ago. We moved to Roosevelt to be a part of a strong community with an exceptional school for the girls. Their educational and social growth is of utmost importance to us, and we truly feel that it takes a village to make that happen.

It's important to me to contribute to this community. The ability to participate in decision making that will move our school forward over the coming years is an awesome responsibility. Besides my desire to see the best for my daughters, I feel I have experience to provide value to the Board.

For the first 11 years of my career I worked for at-risk youth organizations in Bridgewater, Trenton, and Camden. During those years I

implemented programs, collaborated with agencies, and made lasting relationships with my youth. I've participated in boards for positive discipline, coordinated relationships between child study teams, the courts, and families, as well as managed workforce readiness programs. This experience instilled the desire to work towards change and progress. More recently my career has taken me into the tech industry and Salesforce.com, the industry leader for customer relationship management (CRM). I was instrumental in gathering requirements to implement Salesforce within the Isles YouthBuild Institute in Trenton, and trained youth in Camden to be Salesforce administrators. I am a strong component in technology to drive innovation.

I am excited for the opportunity to work for my girls, our school, and our community.

Dear Neighbors,

We are supporting the election of Mike Hamilton, Peggy Malkin and Joe Trammell for Borough Council because we are concerned about the undemocratic way the Mayor and Council, with the exception of Peggy Malkin, are making decisions that may not be fiscally responsible or affordable for residents. These candidates want to make changes so Borough government is more democratic, open, responsive to the community, accountable, and fiscally responsible.

We believe that a holistic needs assessment outlining all anticipated potential capital improvements in the Borough over a five-year period is required for fiscal responsibility and that, with full input from the community, we should separate the needs of the community from the wants, prioritize those needs, and determine what taxpayers can afford to do and

when we can afford to do it.

We support the work of the EMS volunteers. What they do at all hours of day and night for the community is commendable! But we are concerned that the Borough has spent and continues to spend significant time, energy and money aimed toward building a new firehouse we don't need. Our personnel costs and attorney fees have skyrocketed.

In our view, all we need to do to avoid fines for the firehouse is to correct the two structural code violations found by the State, i.e., repair the roof of the firehouse (which has been leaking for years) and repair the wall the firetruck hit in June (which should be covered by insurance). All the other code violations involved clutter and failure to maintain sanitation.

The ballot question asking whether voters want to spend 1.6 or 2.5 million dollars is not a referendum at all because a referendum asks voters whether or not to ratify an ordinance or resolution passed by the governing body; this is a non-binding ballot question whose outcome the council is free to simply ignore. We will not be choosing either option.

We need to make the current firehouse code compliant but we do not need to spend 1.6 million dollars building a new building to avoid being fined for these code violations which our council has failed and refused to do, and to continue to receive fire call coverage from Millstone and Roosevelt. We will not have to pay Millstone because we already have good fire response via mutual aid from Millstone at no cost.

Sincerely,
Michael Hamilton
Peggy Malkin
Joe Trammell
Bob Clark
Deirdre Sheean
Judith Mathus
Maureen Parrott

Dear Fellow Rooseveltians,

I am writing to ask your support for election to the unexpired two-year term on the Borough Council. I have been a resident of Roosevelt for more than 44 years and, for 42 of those years, I have served the community as a member of the Council, as tax assessor, and again as a member of the Council. I have also been serving for many years as editor of the Borough Bulletin and president of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation.

Like all of the other candidates for election to the Council, I am very much committed to the welfare of this community. Though we may differ on particular issues and approaches, I truly believe that our goal is the same, and I pledge to work towards that goal in whatever capacity I may be called upon to serve in the future.

It has been a particular pleasure and honor for me to serve as municipal historian, in which capacity I have had the opportunity to tell the story of Roosevelt, not only those whose who live here, and to those who have heard about us and come here to learn more, but also to people around the country who are interested in the New Deal and its accomplishments, of which this community is certainly one.

There are many ongoing issues facing the community. One that I have been particularly concerned with has been housing code enforcement. It is very important, both for maintaining property values and for maintaining our pride in the community, that code violations, particularly those that are readily apparent to the public, be promptly corrected. It has been my privilege to work with our code enforcement team of Joe McGrath and John Marini, who are doing an outstanding job of correcting conditions that were not adequately addressed in the past. In order to

have more effective code enforcement, I introduced our ordinance adopting the current edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, as well as our ordinance requiring foreclosing mortgagees to maintain properties. I was also able to identify funds that could be used to remove the derelict trailers that had been abandoned in the rear of the gas station property. Recently, I got Council approval for JCP&L to install a new street light at the intersection of Nurko Road and North Rochdale Avenue, thus making it safer at night.

In a recent letter, one of the other candidates expressed concern about the possibility of selling the municipal water and sewer utilities. I would like to assure the public that there are no current plans to sell the utilities, the no such plan would even be contemplated unless the law were changed to require privately-owned utility companies operating sewer utilities to charge the same rate, approved by the State Board of Public Utilities, to all customers (as is the case now with water, gas and electric utilities), and that there would be no sale even then unless it were approved in a municipal referendum. If the law were changed to make sewer utilities have a uniform rate like other utilities, a sale might be worth considering if it would result in substantially lower rates for Roosevelt residents.

The main issue currently before the Council and the public is the matter of what sort of facility or facilities we are to provide for emergency services. I recall the argument being made a year ago that we did not need a bond issue because the cost of repairing the existing facilities, which one opponent of the bond issue estimated at about \$300,000, could be paid out of existing tax revenues and that the work could be done over three years. That, however, would require either a surplus that does not

exist or \$100,000 in extra tax revenue for each of three years, a one-sixth increase over current municipal tax revenue, which is problematic because the municipal cap law only allows an increase of two percent a year. A bond issue is therefore necessary whether adequate facilities are provided by new construction or by rehabilitation of the existing buildings.

Once we know that we have the funds needed for whatever work is to be done--be it for a new facility for both fire and first aid or one for first aid only, depending on the outcome of the advisory referendum that is on the ballot this election-- we can then decide if new construction or rehabilitation is more feasible. The information that the advisory council, on which I was privileged to serve, received from the engineers indicated that new construction was more cost-effective. However, I would certainly support putting both new construction and rehabilitation plans providing equivalent facilities out to bid and then seeing what prices we actually get for either. If those who claim that rehabilitation would be less expensive are correct, then the bids should indicate that, and we should proceed accordingly. The Borough has had success in getting bids substantially below the original estimates for recent utilities projects and this may well be the case for this project also.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Michael L. Ticktin





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Strategic Planning Update

The Roosevelt Public School’s first community strategic planning meeting, held on October 6, was attended by over 20 participants, including Roosevelt parents and community members, parents of Choice students, staff members, board members, and facilitators from the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Lead Facilitator, Kathy Winecoff, provided a quick orientation to the strategic planning process and outlined the scheduled meetings that will take place throughout the year. She pointed out that the strategic planning effort represented some of the most important work that a community can engage in: defining a mission and vision for its public school that reflects the values of the school stakeholders and aligns with the NJ public school framework.

The next meeting is at 7:00 pm on November 14th; please rsvp to Karen Otten at Kotten@rps1.org. All stakeholders—and all who are interested—are welcome to attend any and all meetings.



STRATEGIC PLANNING CALENDAR

September 1, 2016	ORIENTATION WORKSHOP for STAFF Explanation of process and calendar Committee Structure
October 6, 2016	ORIENTATION WORKSHOP for the COMMUNITY Explanation of process and calendar Committee Structure
November 14, 2016	INFORMATION COMMITTEES Training of committee chairs State of the School Report / State of the Community Report
February 11, 2017 6:00pm – 9:30pm February 12, 2017 8:30am – 3:00pm	PLANNING COUNCIL CONFERENCE Report of the State of School/Community Committees Development of Vision, Beliefs, Mission, Goal Areas, Objectives
February 24 & 25, 2017	INCLEMENT WEATHER DATES PLANNING COUNCIL CONFERENCE
March 07, 2017	ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE Training of Action Team Leaders
March – May 5, 2017	ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS Plan development <i>Note: Committees will meet <u>independently</u> of each other</i>
May 09, 2017 7:00 p.m.	PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING Action Plans (Drafts) Cost Benefit Analysis
May 12, 2017	ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS Action Plans Finalized
May 25, 2017	STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTED TO BOARD

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

After School Enrichment Clubs at RPS

We are fortunate that at RPS we are able to provide enrichment opportunities for our students; we have staff members who are willing to design programs and our school budget allows us to provide stipends to teachers and open up the programs free of charge to students.

If you have walked around the school grounds lately, you may have noticed that our landscape has been beautifully enhanced by the addition of colored mums - they have been planted by our new gardening club!

The new club was introduced this fall by Mrs. Gazzani and is an extension of the gardening lessons which she

always integrates into her third grade curriculum. Since Miss Ilene left, Mrs. Gazzani has been spearheading Earth Day activities and her students have been responsible for coordinating the collection of composting items at lunch, planting in the school garden and harvesting flowers, herbs and tomatoes.

Now, students in all of the upper grades have an opportunity to extend that learning throughout the year. Mrs. Gazzani has plans for club members to cook with, and make crafts from, items grown in the garden. Mrs. Faunce, our new preschool teacher will be helping as a co-advisor to the club; her own sons have been active in FFA activities in Upper Freehold.

Ms. Bondy's reporters are on the prowl for news stories throughout the building—stay tuned to read their journalistic offerings in this bulletin!

Studio Art is a long standing club and Mrs. Witlieb continues to offer sessions throughout the year. It is such a popular club that she has to offer two fully subscribed sessions each week; our new kiln, provided by the Roosevelt Education Foundation, is getting a lot of use.

We introduced homework club last year and it continues to meet twice a week—this time the registration was so big that we needed to add an additional teacher to help. Students are guided by Ms. Wolf, Ms. Lawson and Mrs. Eppinger.

It is my hope that we will continue to offer RPS students these amazing opportunities. In addition to providing a model of whole school enrichment, the clubs connect students and staff in settings outside the classroom and allow students to explore extra curricular areas that may spark lifelong interests.

the City of Insufferable Poetry

Spanish explorers soon found the area, built a mission and named the settlement Ciudad de la Poesía Insufrible, which means City of Insufferable Poetry.

That name was later changed to San Francisco in honor of Francis Almonte, a particularly horrible poet known for giving annual, 12-hour recitations of his epic work, "O' Syphilis, We Have So Much of You."

As the Spanish settlement grew, the Native Americans were quickly priced out of San Francisco and moved to nearby Oakland, a smart decision in retrospect as all residents of San Francisco soon died of syphilis.

silent lotus

RPS Education Foundation Awards Grant and Upcoming Fundraisers

By Mary Tulloss
RPSEF President

The Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF) is pleased to announce that we have awarded a grant to teachers Katheryn Lawson and Stacey Wolf to establish a “Little Free Library” which will be placed in the Roosevelt Public School lobby. Many communities across the country have implemented small free libraries where adults and children can take a book and leave a book. The purpose of the libraries is “To promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide and to build a sense of community as we

share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations. There are nearly 40,000 Little Free Library book exchanges around the world, bringing curbside literacy home and sharing millions of books annually.” The student council at RPS will be responsible for establishing and operating the library which will serve as a learning experience in planning, cooperation, and in carrying out a school and community wide project. The library will be available to community members during school hours, and also on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Summer availability will be Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Upcoming fundraisers include Pilates and building a graham cracker house. Stacey Bonna has again generously donated her time to

teach a six week session of Pilates. The sessions remaining in November are on November 2nd, 7th and 9th. Classes are held in the gym at RPS from 6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Get your heart pumping in support of RPSEF!

Check our website, www.rpsef.org, for details on the upcoming graham cracker house activity which we expect to take place in early December. Visit our website also to make a donation or volunteer to help with an upcoming event. Thank you for everyone’s continued support and making our organization a success!



Roosevelt Rocks

With so many negative things happening, here’s something we can do to have a little fun. Paint some rocks and place them around town for folks to find. People can collect them, trade with their friends, or hide them again for someone else. Take some, leave some. They don’t need to be fancy, but all will be unique!



POST photos of your discoveries on the Rocking it in Roosevelt! page



Spread a little love today!

Free Rabies Clinic

All dogs in the state of NJ who over the age of 7 months are required to be licensed on a yearly basis. Licenses for 2017 will be issued beginning January 2017. Licenses can only be issued upon presentation of a valid rabies certificate. In order to be licensed, the dog must have a rabies certificate that is current through Oct 31 of the license year (example: in order to receive a 2017 license, the rabies certificate must not expire before 10/31/2017).

The Borough will hold a free rabies clinic at the Borough Hall 33 N. Rochdale Ave., Roosevelt, NJ on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016 from 11am until 12 noon. Rabies shots are required by law for all dogs and are highly recommended for cats.

Free Food Distribution

To All Roosevelt Residents:

Do we have any needy families in Roosevelt? I'm sure we must; there is nothing to be embarrassed about. Times are hard, people are out of work or on a fixed income.

Food is distributed, free of charge, by volunteers one Saturday a month between 10:00 am and noon at the Clarksburg Community Center, Route 571, next to the Clarksburg Fire House. You have to pick it up yourself since there is no delivery. No questions as to eligibility will be asked.

The Saturdays do vary, so when I find out which Saturday, I will put a notice on the bulletin board at the Roosevelt Post Office. Call me if you have questions.

Geraldine Millar 609.448.0351

Dog License Period January 2017

Hi! This is "Rover", Roosevelt's official pooch, with a reminder that the 2017 licensing period for dogs will begin on January 2, 2017. In NJ all dogs over the age of 7 mos. are required to be licensed on a yearly basis. Dogs licensed from Jan. 2 thru Jan. 31 will not incur a late fee. Thereafter, a late fee of \$1.00 per dog for each outstanding month will be charged.

In order to license your dog for 2017, you will need to present a rabies certificate that **will not** expire before **Oct 31, 2017**; as an example, if the rabies certificate expires on Oct. 30, 2017, you will still need a new certificate in order to license your dog. The only exception to this NJ state requirement is for those dogs who have a verified medical condition and/or reaction to the rabies vaccines; in this case, the owner must present a signed, current statement (2017) from the treating veterinarian indicating that the dog cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. If you want to get a free rabies shot for your pooch, the borough is having a free clinic on Sat. Nov 5th 2016 from 11 am to 12 noon at the Borough Hall. Dr. Petranto, of Plumstead Animal Hospital, will again perform the vet services.

The fees for the initial licensing period (Jan 2 - Jan 31, 2017) are as follows:

	Neutered/Spayed Dogs	Non-Neutered Dogs
License fee:	\$7.00	\$7.00
NJ Registration fee:	1.00	1.00
Clinic fee	.20	.20
NJ Pet Population Control	--	3.00
Late fee	-----	-----
Total	\$8.20	\$11.20



Payment should be in exact cash or by check as the office most likely will not have change available. Sorry, credit or debit cards are not accepted. Best days for licenses are Tues - Thurs from 10 am - 3:30 pm. If you would like your license(s) mailed to you, you will need to send us a copy of the current rabies certificate, check or money order and you will need to supply a stamped self-addressed envelope - postage: .47 for 1 - 2 licenses, .68 for 3 - 4 licenses; over 4 licenses needed, please come into the office. Once again, dependent on weather and road conditions, we will try to schedule two evenings during the month of January for license issuance for those who are not available during the day but wish to license their dogs at the office.

This is Rover signing out and saying thanks for your help, understanding, cooperation and dog biscuits.

Woof!!! 

Bittersweet Vines – Kissing Cousins



Bittersweet is a deciduous vine with bright red-orange berries in the Fall. There are two species in the North America: the native American Bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*) and the alien Oriental Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*). At first glance, they look about the same: sturdy perennial vines with twining, woody stems that wind around other vegetation, often killing trees by restricting further growth. The easiest way to distinguish between the two is that American Bittersweet bears its fruit at the end of the smooth vine, whereas Oriental Bittersweet bears its fruit on short stems along the somewhat thorny vine. Unfortunately, there are also interspecies hybrids that make identification difficult, and threaten the survival of the American Bittersweet as a distinct species.

So why is a species that is similar to a native species an invasive? According

to Executive Order 13112 of February 3, 1999, Invasive Species, “Invasive species means an alien species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.” So a native, regardless of how aggressive it is, cannot be an invasive species. No matter how much we dislike them: poison ivy, goldenrod, milkweed, ragweed, etc. are not “invasive”. That said, Oriental Bittersweet is like American Bittersweet on steroids. Oriental Bittersweet grows to 60 feet while our native bittersweet only grows 20-30 feet. Oriental Bittersweet is also more successful than its cousin, because it is much more tolerant of low light conditions and it has a more effective association with symbiotic soil fungi. Oriental Bittersweet also increases the soil alkalinity making it less hospitable to the indigenous species which prefer more acidic soils.

Oriental Bittersweet is sold at nurseries as an ornamental vine, because it has lots of colorful berries. Please do not plant them. It is also used in decorative arrangements. Please don't dispose of them outside.

Oriental Bittersweet is difficult to eliminate. The roots must be dug out. I spent a rainy Saturday a few years ago at Manasquan Park, as a Monmouth Park Volunteer, digging it out. It is not that bad. Short of digging it out, it can be prevented from spreading and seeding by cutting it down to the ground each year. Whichever approach you take, any action against this invader would be worthwhile.

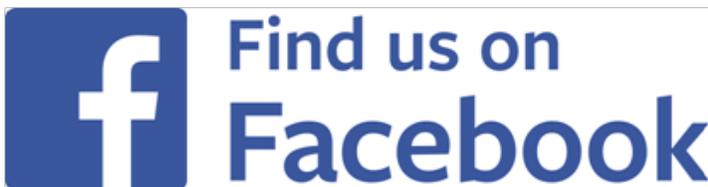
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Wednesdays 1 - 3

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Tuesdays 4 - 6 PM

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Tuesdays 5 - 6 PM
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Health Insurance Assistance Meeting

The Senior Club of Roosevelt is inviting all interested residents of Roosevelt, Millstone, and Clarksburg, regardless of age, to attend an informative presentation from the New Jersey State Health Insurance Assistance Program on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, at 1:30 pm at the Borough Hall, 33 N. Rochdale Ave., Roosevelt, NJ 08555.

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free help to New Jersey Medicare beneficiaries who have problems with, or questions about, their health insurance. SHIP is a statewide program administered by the New Jersey Department of Human Services.

Medicare beneficiaries frequently have questions about benefits, claims, and supplemental policies (known as Medigaps). Volunteer counselors, trained in areas of health insurance coverage and benefits that affect Medicare beneficiaries, provide information and assistance for dealing with claims and evaluating health insurance options. Counselors do not provide legal advice, sell, recommend, or endorse any specific insurance product, agent, insurance company or plan. They provide information and assistance so that you can make your own decisions. Counseling is free of charge.

This is not a "seniors" only issue. If you are a senior, are assisting a senior, or if you or a friend or relative is about to become eligible for Medicare or are already receiving Medicare, choices about supplemental insurances are crucial and sometimes confusing. Come to this important presentation to learn more about your choices. All are welcome to attend. There will be a brief Q&A period after the presentation.

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1 Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
2 Weds.	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Candidates' Forum, Sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Roosevelt Public School
2 Weds.	Recycling Pickup 	
5 Sat.	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Town Hall Meeting , Borough Hall
7 Mon.	7:00 pm	RPS Board of Education Committee Meeting
8 Tues	6:00am - 8:00pm	General Election Voting Borough Hall
13 Sun.	11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Art and Artifact Show and Sale Mural Talk (11:00 am) Roosevelt Public School
14 Mon.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt Public School, Strategic Planning Meeting All welcome.
14 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Borough Hall, Jeff Ellentuck, Mayor
10 Thurs.	7:00 pm	Fire Company Business Meeting, Borough Hal
16 Wed.	7:00 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall
16 Weds.	Recycling Pickup 	
17 Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education Meeting, Natalie Warner, President,
20 Tues.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting
23 Weds.	RPS Early Dismissal	
24 Thurs.	Thanksgiving RPS Closed	
25 Fri.	RPS Closed	
28 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Borough Hall Jeff Ellentuck, Mayor
30 Weds.	Recycling Pickup 	

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6 Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
8 Thurs.	7:00 pm	Fire Company Business Meeting, Borough Hall Chris Suk, President 490-0931
10 Sat.	8:00 pm	Film “Trumbo”, Roosevelt Arts Project Borough Hall
12 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Borough Hall Jeff Ellentuck, Mayor
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20 Tues.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education Meeting, Natalie Warner, President, 609-903-1061
20 Tues.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, John Vo, President
21 Wed.	7:00 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall, Eitan Grunwald, Chair.
22 Thurs.	RPS Early Dismissal	
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