



# Bulletin



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## Council Reorganizes Following Appointment of Three Interim Members; New Borough Website Established

By Michael Ticktin

The Council met on October 11, its membership augmented by Governor Chris Christie’s appointments of Robin Middleman Filepp, Maureen Parrott and Nick Murray to fill its three vacancies.

The reconstituted Council elected Councilwoman Peggy Malkin as the new Council President and Acting Mayor in the absence of a Mayor. Councilman Murray and Councilwoman Filepp were appointed to fill the unexpired terms of Michael Ticktin and Jill Lipoti, respectively, which have one year remaining, while Councilwoman Parrott was appointed to compete the term of Stacey Bonna.

By law, vacancies for terms with at least a year remaining are filled only until the results of the November election are certified by the Monmouth County Board of Elections, but a vacancy in a term expiring at the end of the current year is filled until the end of the year. Thus, Councilwoman Parrott will continue in office by virtue of her appointment until the end of 2017, while Council members Murray and Filepp hold office by virtue of their appointments only until shortly after this Election Day, November 7. At that time whoever is elected to the unexpired terms will take office, as will the Mayor who is elected then.

Given that half of its members are new, the reconstituted Council reorganized its committees. The committees remain as reported last month, with the first member named being the chairperson:

**Administration:**

Maureen Parrott, Michael Hamilton, Peggy Malkin

**Community Development/Code Enforcement:**

Robin Filepp, Maureen Parrott, Joe Trammell  
 Environment, Health and Safety:

Nick Murray, Robin Filepp, Peggy Malkin

**Finance:**

Peggy Malkin, Michael Hamilton, Joe Trammell

**Public Works:**

Michael Hamilton, Robin Filepp, Nick Murray

**Utilities:**

Joe Trammell, Nick Murray, Maureen Parrott

The Council appointed Ira Karasick, Esq. as municipal attorney, replacing Richard Shakley, who had resigned. Mr. Karasick had served as municipal attorney prior to the appointment of Mr. Shakley at the beginning of the Yeshiva controversy in 2005, and Acting Mayor Malkin said that the decision to hire him to serve until the end of 2017 was based, at least in part, on his being familiar with Roosevelt from his prior service.

Also at the October 11 meeting, the Council passed a resolution authorizing a contract to City Connections, LLC, a company that serves many other municipalities, for a Borough website. At the October 23 meeting, Councilwoman Parrott announced that the new website, at [www.rooseveltnj.us](http://www.rooseveltnj.us), is now in operation and anyone wishing to receive emails of any items posted on the website can sign up online to do so. Also at the October 11 meeting, the Council received the 2016 audit and approved submission of a grant application and execution of a grant contract

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 41st edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from September through July. We will not publish in January and August.

### Roosevelt Borough Bulletin Submission Process

The Bulletin welcomes submissions for news items, information of local interest, letters to the editor, poetry, and visual arts. We ask all contributors to adhere to the following submission guidelines:

- Send your submission to the email [rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com](mailto:rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com). For short messages, you can also use the contact form on our web site, which will go to the same address.
- Send your submission as a Microsoft Word attachment or as plain text within the body of your email.
- Please limit your letters to 500 words (about one page in MS Word). We will edit letters for length when necessary. Longer letters may be published in full on the Bulletin web site.
- Please include images as separate files. If you have multiple files, please put them into a zip file, if possible. Please submit only JPEG images.
- The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication (e.g., January 15 for the February issue). Submissions received after the 15th will normally be printed in the issue following the one currently in production. (So, for example, a submission received on January 16th would be printed in March.)
- Most submissions will also be added to the Bulletin web site. Allow up to one week for submissions to appear online after publication of the print edition.
- Please name your files with your last name, or the name of your organization, and the month.

It's natural that people have second thoughts about what they've written, but we want to discourage multiple submissions of the same thing, whenever possible. When this is necessary, the revised version should be clearly named as a revision.

The Bulletin board members are thrilled to see that people are utilizing the Bulletin as a forum for communicating about our community's most critical issues. And it is impressive that Roosevelt has supported this publication for so many decades by contributing both financially and intellectually. We are committed to providing you with the best publication possible—your support of our submission guidelines will enable our volunteers to most effectively meet that goal.

The MEALS ON WHEELS program delivers prepared meals to Roosevelt seniors who need this assistance. Though meals are provided free of charge to recipients, the cost to the program is \$2.50 per meal. Donations to help cover these costs may be sent to Interfaith Neighbors, 810 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

**SENIOR CITIZENS:** There is a S.C.A.T. bus provided by Monmouth County Division of Transportation that comes to Roosevelt and will take you shopping to ShopRite in East Windsor. There is no charge to you for this service.

If you wish to go, you must call the S.C.A.T. bus at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and where you wish to go.

An archive of all past issues of the Bulletin can be found online at [www.mazicmusic.com/rbb.htm](http://www.mazicmusic.com/rbb.htm), courtesy of Mark Zuckerman. Current and recent issues can also be found online at [www.rooseveltboroughbulletin.org](http://www.rooseveltboroughbulletin.org), the official website of the Borough Bulletin. To have the Bulletin sent to you by email, please send your request to [rpessler32@gmail.com](mailto:rpessler32@gmail.com).

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with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for improvements to Nurko Road and the Elm Court project.

Councilman Michael Hamilton, chairman of the Public Works committee, reported on October 11 that the Council was seeking a public works maintenance employee. The job pays up to \$25/hour for up to 24 hours a week. He encouraged local residents to apply. As of the October 23 meeting, several applications had been received.

At the October 23 meeting, the Council passed resolutions renewing the agreement with Monmouth County for transportation services for seniors (SCAT), authorizing a shared services agreement with Monmouth County for the cleaning of storm drain inlets and authorizing an agreement with Jan Bilyk, doing business as Whisper Acres, for animal control services.

Councilman Michael Hamilton reported that the new roof on the Borough Hall was almost completed. He also stated that Roosevelt residents could now dispose of computers and televisions by dropping them off in Hightstown at a dumpster at 156 Bank Street between 7:00 AM and 2:30 PM, Monday through Friday. No one is

there to assist in putting the items into the dumpster, however. Computers and televisions are the only electronic items that can be dropped off.

Councilman Joe Trammell, Utilities committee chair, reported that new equipment, including chlorine and pH measuring devices and new valves, had been received and were being installed in the water plant. He also reported that generators at the plants had been repaired and would be checked four times a year.

Councilman Nick Murray, Environment, Health and Safety chair, reported that there was a need to appoint a new Office of Emergency Management (OEM) director. The OEM director is required to be a resident of the municipality, to have at least a high school diploma and to have completed, or to complete within a year of taking office, courses providing the knowledge needed for the position. Councilman Murray also reported that the Environmental Commission, of which he is a member, had voted to recommend renaming the Roosevelt Woodland Trail in memory of Ron Filepp, the late husband of Councilwoman Robin Filepp, who quietly devoted great effort for many years to the ongoing maintenance

of the Woodland Trail, walking it regularly and doing whatever work needed to be done to keep it safe, passable and attractive. Municipal attorney Karasick is going to prepare a resolution renaming the trail as recommended. Mr. Murray further reported that Roosevelt had received Bronze Level certification from Sustainable Jersey for meeting a long list of environmental and cultural goals and would be among the municipalities recognized for its accomplishments at the November conference of the State League of Municipalities.

Acting Mayor Malkin and CFO George Lang reported that Roosevelt had scored 88% on a Best Practices Worksheet prepared for municipalities by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs. Of 25 questions, Roosevelt was found to be in compliance with 17 and not in compliance with three, with five being inapplicable. (The three with which Roosevelt was not in compliance were as follows: timely receipt of the audit--because certain potential litigation settlement issues were not resolved soon enough;

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Contributions are tax deductible

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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.

In order to save on postage, we would encourage non-residents who have computers to subscribe to the *Bulletin* online at [www.boroughbulletin.org](http://www.boroughbulletin.org) in lieu of receiving a paper copy. Donations from readers, wherever they may be, and regardless of the medium in which they read the *Bulletin*, are still very much welcome, since we could not publish without your support.

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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

**Welcome a New BOE Member**

At its October meeting, the Board of Education appointed Nikki Weise to fulfill the term of resigned Board member Jessica Hanley through December 2018. We appreciate the time that Jessica gave and are thankful that Nikki is starting with us. Here is Nikki's introduction:

Hi, my name is Nikki Wiese and I am the newest member of the Board of Education. I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology, with concentrations also in Biology and Criminal Justice. I currently work full time for one of the leading medical device companies in NJ as a Quality Trainer IV and Project Coordinator under the Project Management Organization. I also hold certifications in Biotechnology and Medical Assisting.

I grew up in Bergen County, NJ and married my high school sweetheart, Scott. We moved to Roosevelt two years ago and have three children together Brandon 4, Nico 2, and Gianna 1. I look forward to a suc-

cessful year ahead on the Board of Education.

**Voting**

The Board will have three positions on the ballot for November 7th. Ken LeCompte and John Ord are incumbents running for re-election. That leaves one open ballot space. We understand that RPS parent Naylor Larane is interested in being a write-in candidate.

**Strategic Plan**

Copies of the Strategic Plan Executive Summary were delivered to the BOE on September 28, 2017. We'd like to thank all the community members that helped write the new Mission Statement, State of the School Report, and State of the Community Report. In addition, district goals for the next five years were determined based on the Strategic Plan. The BOE will be reviewing and voting on each piece in the next month.

**2017-2018 Board of Education Goals**

Through the BOE self-evaluation process the following were developed:

**Goal 1: Review, adopt and implement the Strategic Plan through board oversight.**

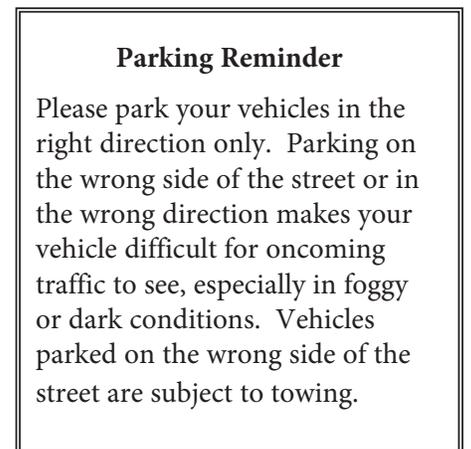
**Goal 2: Continue to refine the Committee of the Whole governance structure.**

**Goal 3: Investigate how to improve governance of the Board.**

This Action Plan for this will include

investigating the following:

- Succession planning
- Adding a non-voting member on the board to include an Interdistrict Choice parent. Education need the young families to start participating in the enjoyment the small town life in Roosevelt has to offer. I look forward to another year of picking up a pre-schooler and watching happy children play around the school. I wish everyone a happy new school year and encourage the staff and parents to keep up the good work.



**STAY CONNECTED!**

Roosevelt Public School Board Of Education is creating an email distribution list for meeting agendas and information. If you would like to be added to this list, which will be used in a BCC format, please email: [RPSBOE@gmail.com](mailto:RPSBOE@gmail.com).



**FOR:** Ron Filepp

**DATE:** Saturday, November 11, 2017

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Tabernacle Elementary School  
141 New Road  
Tabernacle, NJ 08088



**Please join family, friends and co-workers  
in this solemn ride to celebrate the life of  
Ron Filepp**

**Helmets must be worn.  
Route will be approximately 10 miles  
We will be riding 10-12 mph**

**“Alone we are but a whisper, together we shall  
speak loudly through a Silence that will resonate  
around the world.”**

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RPS students pumpkin picking at Windsor and Westhaven Farms.



**Free Health Services Available from the Monmouth County Health Department;  
State-funded Lead Safe Home Remediation Grants also Available**

by Michael Ticktin

The Borough of Roosevelt is one of the 26 municipalities in which health services are provided by the Monmouth County Health Department. Free or low-cost services provided by the Health Department to residents of the 26 municipalities include the following:

- \* free eye screenings and testing for body-mass index, diabetes, cholesterol and bone density
- \* healthy travel vaccinations
- \* hypertension screening
- \* child immunizations
- \* adult immunizations
- \* well child physicals
- \* STDI clinics
- \* tuberculosis program
- \* women’s health, including mammography and pap testing
- \* health education

Make an appointment, call the Health Department at (732) 431-7456.

Any owner of a house built before 1978 who is concerned about the possible presence of lead paint, and whose household income does not exceed 80% of the median for Monmouth County, adjusted for household size, can apply for assistance under the Department of Community Affairs Lead-Safe Home Remediation Pilot Grant Program by contacting the Community Affairs and Resource Center at (732) 774-3282. 80% of median household income for Monmouth County ranges from \$46,300 for a single- person household to \$87,300 for an eight-person household.

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the need for a written policy not to compensate non-union employees for accumulated sick leave after a certain date; and proposing the annual budget no later than February 10 and adopting it no later than March 20.) A municipality that receives a score below 80% can be penalized by a reduction in State aid, but that has never been a problem for Roosevelt.

Environmental Commission chairman Eitan Grunwald told the Council that he and his wife would soon be moving from Roosevelt and that he would therefore soon have to resign from the Commission. He expressed his appreciation for having had the

opportunity to serve the community for many years and urged that a suitable replacement be named. He noted that, in conjunction with the forest management grant that the Borough had received, he and Councilman Murray had attended classes to meet the requirement that two residents of the community, at least one of whom is an official, must receive appropriate training, and that another person will now have to receive that training as well. Acting Mayor Malkin and others expressed appreciation for all the fine work that Mr. Grunwald has done for the community for so many years and expressed the views of all that he will be greatly missed.

**Senior Group Meetings**

The Senior Citizen Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Borough Hall.

At 1:30 pm we frequently have guests who speak about a variety of topics, generally applicable to everyone. Finances, health, and safety in the home are a few examples. Notices will be on the bulletin board at the P.O. All residents are welcome to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

Thank you.  
Geraldine Millar  
President, Seniors

**LOSS**

I was stretched out on my couch,  
When the line came to me.  
It was a good line. I almost  
Got up to write it down,  
But I was too comfortable.  
The evening progressed.  
Count Basie's band on the radio.  
A slice of pizza, some e-mail.  
A bite of rice pudding.  
I settle into my recliner,  
Christian McBride's "Jazz Night  
In America", on the radio.  
I've forgotten the line.

Judith McNally 2017

**County Division of Transportation Expands Hours**

The Monmouth County Division of Transportation is pleased to announce that beginning Monday, October 2, 2017, SCAT transportation services will be expanding its hours of operation. For further information, please call 732.431.6480 ext.1. This change may be able to accommodate your transportation needs, including:

- Medical
- Share-Ride
- Dialysis
- College Classes
- Disabled Work
- And much more,,,



**Free Rabies Clinic at  
Borough Hall**

**There will be a free rabies  
clinic at Borough Hall on  
Thursday, November 16,  
between 6 and 7 pm.**

**NJ Department of Environmental Protection**

**24-Hour Hotline**

**1-877-WARNDEP or**

**1-877-927-6337**

**For reporting spills, hazardous discharges, and other  
environmental emergencies.**

## Thanksgiving Turkeys

They're gathered on the tower, a few are in a tree.  
They say that "This Thanksgiving thing is really not for me".

They yanked out all the feathers that grew upon their neck.  
They'd really like a place to hide; they're just a nervous wreck.

They dine awhile on road kill They wallow in the dust.  
Perhaps their gross behaviors will fill us with disgust.

They hope with their deception, that we won't realize.  
That every turkey vulture is just a turkey in disguise.

Steve Taylor

## RECYCLING DATES

November 1, 15, 29  
December 13, 27

## STATE PERMITS

Wednesdays 1 - 3

## ZONING PERMITS

Tuesdays 4 - 6 PM

## BOROUGH HOUSING INSPECTIONS

Tuesdays 5 - 6 PM  
Borough Hall

## 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 Friday and Saturday a month between 12:00 and 1:00 pm 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

## Property Maintenance Reminder

This is a reminder to the residents and property owners in town that it is their responsibility to maintain their property according to community standards. These are some examples of property maintenance issues that are becoming all too common in Roosevelt.

- Please mow your lawns. Grass height must not exceed 10 inches.
- Do not store excessive amounts of clutter in your yards. The front yard should not be used for permanent storage of equipment or debris.
- Excessive visual damage to the exterior of your home. Things such as broken or boarded up windows or hanging gutters need to be repaired

Failure to maintain your property detracts from the beauty of the community, it is disrespectful to your neighbors, and it is against the law.

The code enforcement officer has the authority to issue warnings and summonses for property owners who do not comply with the statute. Receiving a summons means a court appearance and, if found guilty, fines range from \$250 up to or greater than \$1000.

If you have any questions regarding property maintenance, please contact the code enforcement officer John Marini. He is at the Borough Hall Tuesday evenings from 5 to 7 pm.

## **PET WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATERS**

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP PROTECT OUR WATERS**

**Pick up after your pets. Properly dispose of pet waste into the trash. Animal waste contains coliform bacteria, which is harmful to our health.**

**Carry a newspaper or plastic bag to pick up the waste while walking your pet**

**When treating your pet and yard for fleas or ticks, check with your veterinarian for safe substitutes. Never dispose of flea dip liquid on the ground or in the storm drain. It should be disposed of as a household hazardous waste.**

**Visit [www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rnp/hhwcp](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rnp/hhwcp) for list of county household hazardous waste disposal centers.**

**Do not feed wildlife such as geese, pigeons, ducks and deer.**

**Feeding results in more pollution from their waste.**

**For more information please contact the following:**

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY**

**BUREAU OF NONPOINT POLLUTION CONTROL**

**MUNICIPAL STORMWATER REGULATION PROGRAM**

**(609)633-7021**

**[WWW.NJSTORMWATER.ORG](http://WWW.NJSTORMWATER.ORG)**

## **Roosevelt Arts Project**

**Sing-Along with Instrumental Interludes**

**Come join a Sing-Along celebrating the Great American Songbook including some timeless holiday songs! This is an event for all ages with Alan Mallach, pianist, and David Brahinsky as guitarist and MC. But you and your voice will make it memorable. Lyrics provided.**

**Saturday, December 16, 2017, 8:00 PM**

**Borough Hall**

**33 North Rochdale Avenue**

**Roosevelt, NJ 08555**

**There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.**

## **Calling All Democrats**

For all Democrats who would like to get involved in a local Democratic Party organization, you are welcome to attend any and all meetings of these local groups:

- 4th Congressional District: [indivisiblenj4.com](http://indivisiblenj4.com)
- Upper Freehold: [facebook.com/UpperFreeholdDems](https://facebook.com/UpperFreeholdDems)
- Millstone: [millstonedems.org](http://millstonedems.org)
- Monmouth County: [monmouthdems.org](http://monmouthdems.org)

For more information, contact David G. Brown, the Chair of the Monmouth County Democratic Club at (732) 739-8888 or [info@monmouthdems.org](mailto:info@monmouthdems.org).

<b>Issue/ Problem</b>	<b>Call</b>
Power outage	JCP&L - 1-888-544-4877
Telephone outage	Your telephone provider (phone # is on your bill)
Loose or lost dog	Animal Ctrl: 609-234-4862 or State Police 609-584-5000
Road obstruction	911 /State Police 609-584-5000
Trees down	911 /State Police 609-584-5000
Health Emergency	911
Comcast outage	1-800-COMCAST
FioS outage	(800) 837-4966
Wildlife Issues	877-927-6337

# The Roosevelt First Aid Squad needs you!

We pay for training and uniform. Neighbors helping neighbors. Without volunteers, the ambulance cannot drive itself and residents might be forced to wait for an ambulance from another town. Time matters when you need help.

If interested, please email [rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com](mailto:rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your support.



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### Ten Reasons to Buy Local Food

**Reason #7: Locally grown food helps genetic diversity.** Local farms producing fresh food grow a wider variety of crops, many of them heirlooms, compared to the relatively few hybrid varieties that can survive the packing, shipping, and storage of commercial distribution.

For a list of where locally grown food is available near Roosevelt, go to <http://roosevelt.nj.us/boards-commissions/environmental-commission>.



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3-bedroom Roosevelt house for rent.

\$1,875/month plus utilities.

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609-731-9039.

## CODE RED for Emergency Notification

Please sign up to receive emergency notification from the Borough's CODE RED system. Stay informed, stay safe!

You can register by calling Borough Hall or by visiting:

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**Calendar Editor** – Prepare monthly calendar. Takes about 2 hours if you do it carefully. We have an MS Word template you can just fill in for the routine stuff, and we can steer you towards reliable sources for the other stuff. A great way to find out what's going on in the Borough!

**Roving Reporter** – 4 hours a month – Write short features that focus on Roosevelt-specific themes.

**The Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation FAQ**

By Katherine Hamilton

The school year has begun and we have many new families to welcome into Roosevelt! It is a good time to explain the Roosevelt Education Foundation's (RPSEF) role in our community.

Who are we?

The RPSEF is a non-profit organization that provides resources to help the school continue to be innovative and creative beyond what the budget pays for. We are a 501 (C)(3) charity.

How is that different from the PTA?

The RPSEF and the RPS PTA share many common goals and interests. Both the RPSEF and the PTA work to support the students, the staff, and the RPS community through fundraisers. The RPSEF also funds programs, equipment, training, and other resources through the approval of grant requests. The RPSEF only funds what is supportive of the curriculum and the goals of the school.

How do you get grants?

The RPSEF researches grants that are available and that the school may be eligible for. Teachers at RPS also may submit a request and we help see if

there is a grant available for their request, or if we can help fund it.

Where do the donations/grant money go?

Funds are used to support projects that are requested by the staff of RPS and that couldn't be provided within the school budget.

What has the RPSEF done so far?

The RPSEF's impact can be seen all over the school. A kiln funded by the RPSEF fired up the tiles to help the students and staff create the beautiful Mosaic near the entrance of the school. Right next to the Mosaic you can see the Little Free Library (a give and take book exchange) which was also funded by the Foundation. If you visit the back of the school grounds and see the beautiful garden that was created and maintained by RPS students and their families, you will see some new additions that the Foundation also helped with.

How can I help?

Be sure to visit us on the web at rpsef.org and check out the "how you can help" pull down at the top of the web

page. We are always in need of volunteers and are looking for assistance with grant writing, legal assistance, computer work, baking, new fundraising ideas, donations of auction items, accounting, photography, and enthusiasm! You can support the foundation by participating in one of our fundraisers. Look for our flyers sent home in your children's backpacks, read about us in the Bulletin, or visit us/donate on the web. Lastly, we are always looking for help on our board. If you are interested, please let us know.

Thanks for taking the time to read this information! We hope you will join us in supporting RPS.



**Room Available at Solar Village**

The efficiency apartment above the community room is currently available for rental by a tenant of low or moderate income (not more than 80% of median income), without regard to age or disability.

Join other good neighbors at  
**ROOSEVELT SOLAR VILLAGE**  
 North Valley Road, Roosevelt, NJ 08555

- One and Two Bedroom Units for Adults Age 62+ Years Old
- Some Units Available for Disabled Individuals 18+ Years Old
  - Rent is Based on Income & Eligibility Requirements
  - Parking available • On-site Maintenance

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 609.371.1350**

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**Native Hollies - Deck the Halls**

Continuing our series of articles highlighting the native species that we need to encourage, this month we spotlight Hollies.

Most people know about our American Holly (*Ilex opaca*). It is the evergreen Yuletide holly of Christmas cards and kitchen towels. Although a native throughout the eastern US, there are many commercial varieties, some resulting from work at Rutgers. If you're up for a trip, visit the Rutgers Holly Garden in New Brunswick; one of the largest holly collections in the country. 'Dan Fenton', 'Jersey Princess', 'Jersey Delight', and 'Jersey Knight', 'Cumberland', 'Judge Brown', and 'Old Heavy Berry' are notable selections. Hollies thrive in full sun and tolerate shade and like acidic soil. They provide cover and winter food for birds, and they are rarely damaged by deer. Typically they are landscaping specimen plants 30 - 60 feet tall, but they can be used for large hedges. It is impressive to look through any window and see hollies.

If your landscaping needs run more toward shrubbery, the evergreen Inkberry Holly (*Ilex glabra*) might be a good choice. Even though its leaves don't have the thorns of its big cousin, this pine barrens native is

seldom damaged by deer. It grows 3 - 8 feet tall, depending on the variety. As the name suggests, the berries are black and particularly attractive, except to the birds. It needs moisture, which could be a pro or con depending on your situation, but it will do well in sun or part shade.

Another shrub holly is the Winterberry Holly (*Ilex verticillata*). This Roosevelt native is seldom damaged by deer. Unlike the previous two, this holly is deciduous. The lack of winter foliage reveals the bright red or yellow berries. The wild plants tend to be on the large size and a bit leggy. Commercially available varieties are more restrained. Drive around town this winter, you'll see some.

And now for the technical stuff. Some plants like apples and tomatoes have 'perfect' flowers that have both male (pollen producing stamens) and female (seed producing carpels) parts. Other plants like corn, sweet gum trees and zucchini have separate male and female flowers on the same plant.

Still others, like dates, persimmons and hollies have plants with either male or female flowers, dioecious. So why does this matter? The commercial varieties of American hollies and Winterberries are female, selected for their colorful berries and other desirable traits. In order to have berries, hollies need a pollinator plant. Outside of their native range,



Winterberry Holly (*Ilex verticillata*)

photo: S. Taylor

this means planting a pollinator. Some Winterberry sources actually put male and female plants in the same pot. Luckily there are enough native plants around here to do the job. If you should attempt to grow hollies from seed, you can count on many to be berryless. Also holly seed can take 2-3 years to germinate, but it can be a fun project.

So plant natives, plant hollies, they will pay you back with interest.

References:

Rutgers Holly Garden

<http://rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu/hollies.html>

American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)

<http://www.hort.uconn.edu/plants/detail.php?pid=219>

Inkberry Holly (*Ilex glabra*)

<http://hort.uconn.edu/detail.php?pid=218>

Winterberry Holly (*Ilex verticillata*)

<http://www.hort.uconn.edu/plants/detail.php?pid=221>



Inkberry Holly (*Ilex glabra*)

photo: S. Taylor

## 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	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8.20</b>	<b>\$11.20</b>



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.

## County Clerk Hanlon Launches Free Fraud Protection Service

Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is launching a new service to combat property fraud.

The new Property Fraud Alert system, launched today, is a free subscription service that allows Monmouth County property owners to have their name/property monitored within the Recording Division of the County Clerk’s Office, in order to track possibly fraudulent activity.

“Property fraud is considered a growing trend,” Hanlon said. “The new Property Fraud Alert will enable users in Monmouth County to proactively respond to potentially fraudulent activity involving their property.”

Monmouth County property owners can subscribe to the free alert system by visiting the Property Fraud Alert system online at [PropertyFraudAlert.com](http://PropertyFraudAlert.com), or on the phone by calling 800-728-3858. In order to subscribe, property owners must choose “Monmouth County, NJ” from the dropdown menu and provide their name or business name. Property owners may register additional names free of charge to cover common misspellings.

A subscriber can easily verify the information received via an alert and view the actual document that was recorded by visiting the Monmouth County Open Public Record Search website at [opr.s.co.monmouth.nj.us](http://opr.s.co.monmouth.nj.us), or by calling the Property Fraud Alert call center at 800-728-3858. The call center is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you have any questions about the Property Fraud Alert service, please call the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office at 732-431-7324, ext. 8909 or e-mail [CountyClerk@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:CountyClerk@co.monmouth.nj.us).

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13	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Acting Mayor
14	Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
15	Weds.	7:00 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall, Eitan Grunwald, Chair.
15	Weds.	Recycling Pickup	
<b>18</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Roosevelt Arts Project, 30 Years, Roosevelt 80 and Counting: A Celebration, Borough Hall</b>
21	Tues.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, John Vo, President
22	Weds.		Roosevelt Public School, Early Dismissal
23	Thurs.		Roosevelt Public School Closed Thanksgiving
24	Fri.		Roosevelt Public School Closed Thanksgiving
27	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Acting Mayor
29	Weds.	Recycling Pickup	
30	Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, Natalie Warner, President, 609-903-1061

## DECEMBER

5	Tues.	12:30 pm	Senior Citizens Meeting, Borough Hall
5	Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
11	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Acting Mayor
13	Weds.	Recycling Pickup	
<b>16</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Roosevelt Arts Project, Sing-Along with Instrumental Interludes Borough Hall</b>
19	Tues.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, John Vo, President
19	Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
21	Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, Natalie Warner, President, 609-903-1061
22	Fri.		Roosevelt Public School, Early Dismissal
23 - Jan 2			Roosevelt Public School Closed, Winter Break
27	Weds.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Acting Mayor
27	Weds.	Recycling Pickup	

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