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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

by Michael Ticktin

Council Continues Investigation of Repair or Replacement of the Water Tower; Cross-Roosevelt Woodland Trail Now Complete

At its first October meeting, held on Wednesday, October 10 in deference to the Columbus Day holiday two days earlier, the Council adopted a resolution awarding a contract to evaluate the condition of the support structure of the water tower to the structural engineering firm of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates. In response to concerns expressed by Councilman Dan Hoffman as to the need for another study, Councilman Jeff Ellentuck said that it would be worth knowing whether repair, which would be considerably less costly, would be a viable option. Municipal Engineer Carmela Roberts agreed that more information would be a good thing, but she predicted, based on the study that was previously done, that the end result would be that the cost of repair would prove to be at least 40% of the cost of replacement, and that it is generally considered good engineering practice to replace a facility of this sort when the cost of repair exceeds that percentage. She pointed out that the current tank, which is over 70 years old and has a capacity of 87,000 gallons is inadequate for current needs, as evidenced by the need for summer use restrictions, and that a 200,000 gallon tank, which would be adequate, does not cost very much more than a 100,000 gallon tank

Mayor Beth Battel announced that the local Boy Scout troop had completed its project of extending the Woodland Trail along Empty Box Creek, across the former Notterman tract (now part of the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area), to the cemetery. The trail now crosses Roosevelt from east to west at its broadest point, thus enabling residents and visitors alike to enjoy the beauty of our public woodlands. She also thanked the members of the Environmental Commission and other volunteers who had participated in the semi-annual town clean-up.

Councilman Hoffman, speaking in his capacity as Council President, called upon the Council to do a better job of coordinating the work of its committees by holding regular committee meetings and using the committees to manage projects and to review all issues before they come before the full Council for action. He criticized the practice of allowing individual members to take actions without committee approval.

Councilwoman Arlene Stinson reported that the joint Council-Planning Board task force on the future of the former gas station property had had a productive meeting and was making progress in preparation of its recommen-

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

Flue shots will be available at the Borough Hall on Wednesday, November 7 between 3 and 4 P.M. Remember to bring proper medical cards.

Remember the November Senior Meeting has been cancelled.

We want to welcome a new member to our staff. She is Mary Macher who lives on Farm Lane. She replaces Karyn Grunwald as our Graphic Designer.

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

Please report any bear sightings to:
State Bureau of Wildlife Management
Kim Tinnes
Wildlife Control
609-259-7955
As well as to David Schwendeman, 443-6204



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

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,

Our Borough is constantly enhanced by the volunteer efforts of the outstanding members of our citizenry. For instance, Bob Clark has recently procured a grant for new sidewalks in Solar Village. Matt Lawson created a brand new sign for the First Aid Squad, which has been mounted over the center bay of the Municipal Building. The Boy Scouts and the

Environmental Commission have cleared a new section of trails in the woods along Empty Box Brook, east of Solar Village, completing the path from the west end of Pine Drive to the east border of town, by the cemetery. (These trails are especially lovely at this time of year with the changing colors of the leaves). Multiple good residents came out on Pick-up Day to clean up the road-sides throughout town.

The Emergency Services members, the School Board members, the RAP participants, the Borough *Bulletin*, the Planning Board and Council are other volunteers who come to mind.

We owe them our Thanks, for by stepping forward to contribute to the welfare of Roosevelt they improve their town for themselves, their families and their neighbors. ■

— Beth Battel

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dations. Since the property is a designated redevelopment area, the Council has greater flexibility than would otherwise be the case in approving the development proposal of a prospective purchaser, as well as the legal ability to obtain and enforce a commitment that an approved project be built. She also reported that smaller garbage containers, which had been requested by Ann Baker and others who complained of having difficulty in maneuvering the containers currently in use, would be made available by the garbage contractor, at no cost, to those requesting them. All such requests should be made to Borough Clerk Krystyna Olejnik.

Councilman Bob Silverstein reported that Toby Moore, the water and sewer utility operator, was checking the accuracy of the water meters of several residents who had complained to the Council, at a previous meeting, that their bills were excessive. As a follow-up to his report, Municipal Engineer Roberts reported that the pre-construction meeting for the Pine Drive project had been held and that the utility work would be done after Thanksgiving, but that permanent work on the road would be deferred until spring, since it has to be done in warmer weather.

In the public portion, Nona Sherak alerted the Council to the transformation of the public lands adjoining her property into a bog, as an apparent result of reduced flow in the stream in the property on the other side of the public lands. Councilman Ellentuck, who is the chairman of the Environment, Health and Safety committee, and also a member of the Environmental Commission, said that he would walk the area, along with other committee members, to determine the cause of the problem and what can be

done about it. She also urged the Council to make sure that the weeds that have grown around fire hydrants are removed so that firefighters will have no problem in finding the hydrants.

Also in the public portion, Bob Clark, who is the secretary of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation (RSCHC), the nonprofit community corporation that owns the Solar Village, reported that the meeting of the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders in Roosevelt that took place in August proved to be quite productive for the Solar Village. Mr. Clark had been the chairman of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) advisory committee that had recommended the use of Federal CDBG funds for the reconstruction of sidewalks at the Solar Village. That recommendation, however, was overruled by the committee that made the actual recommendations to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, a committee consisting mainly of municipal representatives who wanted to use the money to fund their own road projects. Mr. Clark used the occasion of the Freeholders' meeting here to bring the issue to their attention. . After the meeting, he and Michael Ticktin, who is also a member of the RSCHC board, took Freeholder Bob Clifton on a tour of the Solar Village. Mr. Clifton agreed that the Solar Village was a valuable public resource in western Monmouth County and was deserving of support. The end result was that, at the end of the next meeting of the CDBG advisory committee, Mr. Clark was informed that the Freeholders had approved a CDBG grant of \$123,000 to the RSCHC for the sidewalk project. ■

From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

I hope everyone had the opportunity to read the wonderful article in the October 11th Examiner regarding art education in area schools. Roosevelt Public School was in the top 10 percent in the State for arts education when compared to all other schools that participated in the survey. Our arts program is flourishing due to the hard work of our outstanding teachers and the supplemental programs that are provided by the PTA, BOE and school community. Thank you to everyone who has made the arts an integral part of our children's learning experiences.

Many new laws and regulations have been implemented which require schools to create new policies and/or procedures or revise current ones. I wanted to share with you some of the new policies and procedures that Roosevelt BOE is implementing. Gov. Jon S. Corzine signed legislation (S-993) on Aug. 6 that expands New Jersey's anti-bullying laws to include threats made by e-mail, text messages, instant messaging or with any other electronic device. Under the new law, all schools must proactively amend their anti-bullying policies to include electronic or cyber bullying. Our Conduct/Discipline Policy 5131 now includes a section on electronic bullying. The new policy imposes consequences to students who are caught sending harassing or intimidating messages via cell phone, computer or any other electronic device during school, at a school sponsored function or on school property. When I was researching cyber bullying, I read some disturbing statistics:

A 2004 i-SAFE survey of 1,500 students in fourth through eighth grade found that:

- 42 percent have been bullied while online, and one in four more than once.
- 35 percent have been threatened

online, and nearly one in five more than once.

- 53 percent admit having said something mean or hurtful to another person online.

According to an MSN/UK report, one in eight children (13 percent) feel that cyber bullying is worse than physical bullying because cyber bullying can happen any time of the day, whereas physical bullying is limited to in-person contact. Also, "cyber bullies" can remain anonymous, which children find a distressing factor. But this is also what makes it appealing to those on the giving end.

In Cyberbullying and Cyberthreats, Nancy E. Willard, a leader in issues of Internet safety and ethics, highlights the following social norms of online communities, which can be used to rationalize harmful behaviors like cyber bullying:

- "Life online is just a game."
- "It's not me. It's my online persona."
- "What happens online, stays online."

Although cyber bullying does not necessarily occur on school grounds, schools can help keep their students safe by addressing it in bullying-prevention policies and classroom lessons. Additional information may be obtained by accessing <http://www.cfchildren.org/>. Please join RPS in our efforts to education children on bullying and harassment. Talk to your children.

Other policies/ procedures that are being revised are our arrival and dismissal procedures, school safety plan, and our cell phone use policy. Additional details will be provided in the next *Bulletin*.

The week of October 14th was Violence Prevention Week and the week of October 22nd was Red Ribbon Week (drug prevention). In Roosevelt we are proactive about preventing

any kind of disrespectful behavior all year round. A variety of programs are threaded through our daily curriculum. We incorporate the Second Step program, which helps children change the attitudes and behaviors that contribute to violence. The curriculum teaches social and emotional skills to reduce impulsive and aggressive behavior in children and increase their level of social competence. The State police is facilitating a program for 5th and 6th graders entitled, "Safety Patrol in Leadership." This program teaches students conflict/resolution skills, peer mediation, how to say no to drugs and alcohol, and more. The PTA is sponsoring a variety of assembly programs on character education and we are continuing with our S.T.A.R (Super, Terrific, Awesome, Respectful) students program.

As in past years, November and December are very busy months. American Education Week is the week of November 12th. Families are invited to visit classrooms on Tuesday, November 13th to share in their child's education. The PTA planning a children's clothing sale on November 10th & 11th. Please donate your children's gently worn cloths, sports equipment, toys, costumes, pajamas, coats, shoes, etc. Hangers are needed as well. Additional details will be posted outside the post office or you may email KacieMixon@yahoo.com. Kindly deliver your clothes to RPS on:

10/26 2-6 p.m.

11/2 2-6 p.m.

11/8 9-6 p.m.

The public sale will be Saturday 11/10 from 9-6 p.m. and Sunday 11/11 from 9-11 a.m.

The PTA is also sponsoring a wreath making activity at the school on 12/8

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from 10-1 p.m. All are welcome.

Our classes are all involved with the upcoming election. This is an opportunity for students to learn to read newspapers, analyze media programs, and get involved with discussions about candidates. On Election Day, students will vote for representatives from their classrooms to participate in the student council. In this way, we hope to show them the importance of voting and the way the system works in this country. I hope everyone who can, will set an example by voting, and bring your children with you so they can see this process in action.

It's Thanksgiving Pie sale time again! The sixth graders will be selling delicious pies from A& M

Orchards. There are a large variety of pies to fit all tastes. If our sixth graders miss you, and you would like to place an order, please phone the school at 448-2798 to request a form or access the backpack link on our web site at www.rps1.org and print one out. Please place your orders prior to November 5th. Pies will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving.

The Roosevelt Public School grounds look just beautiful and quite picturesque in the autumn. I hope that everyone who considers the playground as the town park (as it is) will treat the grounds with respect. We often find litter and broken glass. Let's all work together to keep the school grounds safe and beautiful! ■

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER EVENTS

- 11/1 Bd. Of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 11/2 Pizza Day
- 11/6 Early Dismissal
- 11/8 School Closed
- 11/9 School Closed
- 11/12 American Education Week
- 11/14 PTA Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 11/16 Pizza Day
- 11/21 All School Assembly/
Early Dismissal
- 11/22 School Closed
- 11/23 School Closed
- 11/27 & 28 Holiday Gift Fair
- 11/29 Bd. Of Ed. Meeting
7:30 p.m.

- 12/07 Pizza Day
- 12/18 Winter Concert
- 12/20 Bd. Of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 12/24-12/31 School Closed

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

By Clare Sacharoff

There were fourteen members present at the October 2nd meeting. Two members celebrated a birthday in October.

On the 16th of October for our regularly scheduled monthly trip, the group voted to go to the Freehold Mall with lunch on their own. A bus provided transportation.

The group enjoyed a pizza luncheon at the Borough Hall on

October 26th, the last Friday of the month.

Beth Johnson distributed an invitation to the entire group for November 3rd to help celebrate a significant birthday.

Jeri Millar was hostess for the October meeting and Louise Prezant is hostess for the December meeting. ■

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THE ART OF TAXIDERMISTRY Review

By Frances G. Duckett

David Schwendeman's lecture on taxidermy was a welcome note of variety in RAP's somewhat predictable schedule. It took place at the Borough Hall on Saturday, October 20th at 8 P.M. The presentation was divided into three parts.

First Mr. Schwendeman described taxidermy as the art and science of taking the skin of a dead animal and placing it over an artificial body to create the illusion of life. He described his business, begun officially in 1921 when his grandfather, Arthur J., dragooned his newlywed wife into preparing a deer trophy for a client on her first Christmas with him. Their son, David J., begged for a membership at The American Museum of Natural History and received one at age eleven. He became a truly famous taxidermist, heading the department at the American Museum of Natural History for thirty years. I remember being taken into New York at around age eight and viewing his exhibit of African elephants with awe.

David himself attended Rutgers in forestry and then took a degree in parasitology and zoology at NC State before deciding to join the family business as an apprentice.

How does a taxidermist make money? It starts out, perhaps as his grandfather did, with trophies for hunters. As Bart Simpson put it "you snuff'em, we stuff 'em." Then there are sales to museums, rentals for parties, TV, movies and advertising, and there is educational lecturing,

The second part of the presentation was video, cobbled together from pieces taped for the purpose, depicting the use of taxidermy and the creepy way it is regarded by the media. In it, Jimmy Stewart is attacked by a swordfish-

wielding employee at a taxidermist's shop, Anthony Perkins in *Psycho* describes his hobby as stuffing birds, and Martha Stewart takes a field trip to the Schwendeman Studio in Milltown, NJ, where we were introduced to David J., and many interesting exhibits. Then we saw a clip from CSI with a (somewhat erroneous) rundown on how to stuff a human head, and finally the immortal moment in *Jaws* when a model of the great white shark sails past the Orca.

The final part of Mr. Schwendeman's talk dealt with the animals he had brought to show. They ranged from ordinary local animals such as the squirrels from Hightstown and the Assumpink, and some bats local residents had given him, to truly exotic species like the cassowary. This had been abandoned by a client—a traveling zoo. Many of the animals were truly beautiful as well as lifelike.

The show included a fanciful "jackelope" (a rabbit with horns) and a pair of ivory-billed woodpeckers made up from artificial parts and feathers from other birds, showcasing a bird that is close to extinction.

Mr. Schwendeman showed some techniques such as the use of ivory soap and borax to cure skins, the kinds of soft and hard bodies he inserts, and how wires are used to achieve natural poses. Glass eyes are available for purchase, the German ones being the best. Next, Mr. Schwendeman fielded questions from the audience.

Although he didn't mention it, David Schwendeman's work was on display in Athens during the Olympic Games. It was a privilege to see some of this work and to hear about how it was done.

David's latest challenge is preserving the world's largest stuffed animal—a thirty-one foot whale shark. He welcomes donations of wild animals and collects books on taxidermy,

We were invited to visit the

Schwendeman studio at 119 s. Main St., Milltown, NJ, 08850, but if you plan to go, please call first. (732)828-0249. ■

Borough Administrator/ Zoning Officer/Housing Officer Hours

Borough Administrator/Zoning Officer/Housing Officer Bill Schmeling will have office hours at the Borough Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9–12. Beginning October 29th, he will ordinarily be in the office from 2:30–5:30 on Monday, 8–1 on Tuesday, 2:30–5:30 on Wednesday and 8–12 on Thursdays. ■

Solar Village on Smoother Path: Prospective New Managing Agent and \$122,896 Grant

By Bob Clark

After an uphill struggle, Roosevelt's Solar Village has tilted toward improved facilities and management. The nonprofit Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey is scheduled to take over managing agent duties on January 1, 2008. On September 27, 2007, the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders reprogrammed \$122,896 of federally funded Community Development Block Grant Funds to Roosevelt Senior Housing (known locally as the "Solar Village") to be used for a long-standing walkway and handicapped-access project.

The 21-unit facility enables Roosevelt to satisfy the lion's share of its state-imposed affordable housing obligation. It also provides safe, comfortable, attractive housing, in nearly all cases with substantial federal rent subsidies, to qualified elderly and disabled persons. Although people from all over the country can get on

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the complex's waiting list, its residents include downsizing Rooseveltians and many others desiring to live near their Roosevelt relatives and friends.

Although the Zoning Board granted a variance that permitted the Solar Village to squeeze nine buildings onto two acres of land, the project won architectural plaudits when it was first constructed. Soon, however, gas-powered furnaces and water heaters had to be installed in apartment attics to supplement or replace solar-based features. Also, the facility was built in 1982, before modern accessibility standards were imposed. Meanwhile, volunteer trustees, representing the nonprofit Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corp., the owner of the property, were disappointed in the performance of their for-profit managing agent. Gradually, physical facilities deteriorated and resident complaints increased. The Board stopped recruiting new members for the Corporation, holding annual meetings, and anticipating that the managing agent would propose enough workable solutions in the best interests of the residents. Inspectors from the New Jersey Bureau of Housing Inspection cited walkway violations and, after several extensions, imposed a \$350 penalty that was negotiated down to \$175. Nonetheless, a potential additional \$10,000 penalty loomed if walkway work continued to be delayed by more federal foot-dragging on expenditure approvals.

In late 2004, the Borough Council asked Councilwoman Patricia Moser to look into the situation. She soon became President of the Board of Trustees and recruited Robert Clark to join the Board in January 2005 and to become its Secretary in April 2005, the same month he began his year-long service as the Borough's part-time Administrator. William Counterman remained as Treasurer. Solar Village residents were invited to join the Board for the first time

and were encouraged to attend all of the Board meetings. Residents Edna Patterson, Bess Tremper and Louise Baranowitz have served on the Board, and Ms. Baranowitz remains a member. The current Board also includes Louis Esakoff, Michael Ticktin and Susan Schwartz.

The new Board members were recruited from a revitalized corporate membership of 43 Roosevelt residents, who agreed to serve when asked by Ms. Moser and Mr. Clark. Corporate members attended a May 5, 2005 annual meeting organized by Mr. Clark and Mr. Counterman, the first one held by the Corporation in many years. Once the Board was officially elected by the membership according to the corporate by-laws, it set about replacing the managing agent and aggressively seeking grants and expenditure approvals.

Although the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Development, which holds the mortgage and must approve expenditures of funds, was quick to insist on facility improvements, it was slow to approve a change in the managing agent so that the volunteer Board could obtain more reliable professional assistance. Rural Development also failed to authorize expeditiously the use of capital reserve funds for the walkway and accessibility project and a water heater replacement project. Ms. Moser and Mr. Clark explained the dilemma to an aide for Congressman Christopher Smith, and the resulting Congressional inquiry broke through the logjam of unnecessary delays. Rural Development approved the award of contracts to Black Point Landscape Associates for walkway work and to Tom Orlando Plumbing & Heating for the replacement of 17 water heaters.

Meanwhile, then-Borough Administrator Clark was appointed to represent Roosevelt on Monmouth County's Community Development Block Grant Committee. He agreed to continue in the unpaid position after leaving the post of Borough Administrator in March 2006. With

site assessment assistance from Mr. Esakoff; architectural help from Bertram Ellentuck; video, photographic and presentation assistance from Robert Francis; and cost estimates from Arthur Stinson and Alan Shuster, Mr. Clark prepared a 25-page application seeking block grant funds. All these volunteers' efforts cost the Solar Village and the Borough nothing. In his verbal and visual presentation of the application to the Block Grant Committee on August 16, 2006, Mr. Clark pointed out that for more than a decade Roosevelt had not applied for any block grant funds.

Despite all these efforts, and despite the ranking of the Solar Village project at 7th highest priority among 26 applications by a Citizen Participation Group of nonprofit representatives, the municipal representatives' vote in September 2006 (the official recommendation sent to the Freeholders) ranked the Solar Village project 22nd out of 26, too low to receive any of the \$122,896 allocated to the project from the pool of funds provided to the County by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Mr. Clark concluded that something must be wrong with a system that ignores the priorities expressed by an advisory group attuned to the needs of the target population intended to be served by the HUD program. At the Block Grant Committee's reorganization meeting in February 2007, the County Planning Director nominated Mr. Clark to be the Vice Chair of the Committee, and he was unanimously elected. Mr. Clark asked the Committee to change the ranking system so that nonprofits would have a greater chance to obtain funding. Nonetheless, the Committee voted unanimously, except for one no vote (guess who) to retain the status quo. Mr. Clark found out that several of the advisory group's members also felt frustrated by the current County system. A couple expressed a willingness to join Mr. Clark in expressing these concerns to the Freeholders.

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Home

“Annaleh, voss host du?” My grandmother was asking me what I had in my hands. We were leaving the Weequahic section of Newark, New Jersey, where we lived, and were walking to a neighborhood a good number of blocks away to do our shopping. My grandmother, Sophie Treister, was speaking to me in Yiddish, the language of the Jews of Eastern Europe, which she still spoke after years of living in America.

I showed her my treasure, an adult book, an object I found on top of a trash can we had just passed. Though I could not yet read the title, I was intrigued by the pages edged in gilt and the few colored illustrations, each covered by a thin layer of tissue paper. She glanced at it but made no further comment, continuing to walk in the direction of the supermarket

My parents' deli/restaurant was located in the same neighborhood as our supermarket destination. We were not going there but I knew that if we did, we'd find my mother and father hard at work. It seemed to me my parents were always at work, coming home late in the evening, exhausted but still giving me a moment or two to tell them about my day. I knew that if I showed them this found book when they got home, their reaction would be the same as my grandmother's. My interest in stories and books was a puzzle to them all.

The Weequahic section of Newark was perhaps 80% Jewish at the time we lived there. Our block consisted of two- and three-family homes. Around the corner were small family-owned stores, a grocery, a bakery, a hardware store. To these local stores I was sent on errands. I enjoyed wandering around the neighborhood, riding my bike, having “adventures.” Like many other parents in the community, mine wanted their children to have a better

life than they had. How they could help my sister and me in this new country they were not sure, but working hard was related to success in their minds. How the books they constantly saw me reading related to being a success, they could not fathom.

My father Abraham Kirschenbluth was the first born son of a family of nine children. He had left his shtetl (small



village) in Poland to come to America to seek his fortune and to bring over other members of his family. Starting as a dishwasher and then later becoming a short order cook in a diner, he managed to save the money that would begin to allow him to have his family join him in America. The Holocaust and World War II, in which he served in the US Navy, intervened, however, and despite his many attempts after the war to locate his parents and brothers and sisters, he never saw them again. The village where they had lived no longer existed.

My mother, Lillian, was born in the Ukraine. She described to me and my sister the pogroms she and my grandmother had experienced in their homeland. When she and my grandmother heard the Cossacks coming, they left their house through a back window and hid in the nearby woods until it was safe to return, because they knew the purpose of the Cossacks' attacks was to kill the Jews and destroy their homes. My mother's father, Jacob Treister, had immigrated

to America, to Newark, working there as a skilled carpenter to make enough money to bring his wife and daughter to safety in America. He had found good work in Newark and was active in the Workmen's Circle, a fraternal organization for Jewish Workers. It was a very happy day for them when he was reunited in Newark with my grandmother and my mother, but, like my father, they

were sadly never to see their homeland again.

As a first generation American, I took heed of the message of my immigrant family: “Work hard to get ahead.” My family did live to see me turn my love of books, including that first treasured book, into a career, for when I grew up

and left Newark I became a teacher and then a teacher/librarian. However, we were all destined to never see our Newark home again. Our home and the city block where I was raised, no longer exists—but for a very different reason than the ones that eliminated my parents' childhood homes. My old neighborhood in Newark was leveled when Interstate Highway 78 was constructed through Newark to satisfy the need for rapid transit. I can't return to the house of my childhood, but now I've discovered my new home is Roosevelt. ■

About Two Square Miles Of Stories

Everyone in our two-square mile town has old family photographs and memories of the people in them. These pictures and your memories are narratives waiting to enrich us all. So, join us in a Roosevelt Show and Tell project - find an old picture or two and tell us a story in a few paragraphs.

For information telephone:

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Bess Tremper 448-2701

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Coincidentally, the current Borough Administrator, William Schmeling, had invited the County Freeholders to hold their August 24, 2007 meeting at the Roosevelt Municipal Building. At the public portion of the meeting, Mr. Clark related his concerns about the Block Grant Program's administration, noted his own and the advisory group's frustration. He indicated his opinion that HUD probably would not approve of wealthy municipalities using its funds to support road projects while deserving nonprofits languished without financial assistance. Freeholder Director William Barham, Deputy Director Lillian Burry and Freeholder Robert Clifton individually expressed interest in looking into the situation. After the meeting, Mr. Ticktin and Mr. Clark gave Freeholder Clifton a tour of Roosevelt, including the Solar Village with its deteriorated walkways. At the Block Grant Committee's last meeting in 2007, a Community Development staff member told Mr. Clark that within a week the Freeholders would vote on a resolution providing the full amount of the Solar Village's allocated funds: \$122,896. When the Freeholders unanimously passed the resolution on September 27, 2007, Freeholder Clifton placed on the record how much he had enjoyed his tour of Roosevelt and how pleased the Freeholders were to recognize, with their reprogramming of funds, how much the Solar Village deserved such assistance to help with its great need.

After complying with the complicated administrative and competitive bidding requirements for the expenditure of block grant funds, the Solar Village probably will be able to proceed with the actual work during the 2008 building season for concrete work. Meanwhile, it is proceeding with capital reserve funds to accomplish the most pressing walkway work, as well as the water heater replacements, this year. ■

So, You Think You Cannot Be Buried Here?

By Nancy L. Warnick

Many of my friends, with whom I grew up in Roosevelt, have shared regrets that they cannot be buried in our Roosevelt Cemetery. W-E-L-L...

The sixth amendment of our "cemetery ordinance", #52-6, changed that in 1993.

Are you one of those who still think they cannot be buried here? Read below—you may find it interesting. The residency requirement – the minimum number of years having lived here, was decreased to 20 years by the 1993 amendment. The length of residency was 25 years prior to this date. The right of burial may be established with filing a sworn statement (affidavit) as to dates of residence. Many of us thought that once we left for school, we were no longer residents. Not true.

Those of us who grew up here, even if we went to college or traveled, are entitled to be buried here in a free plot, as long as we can document a total of 20 years of residence. If born here, we can rest in peace in our hometown soil, so long as we **did not establish residency outside of "the 'Velt"—through marriage or otherwise—prior to age 20.** We are considered to have remained residents as long as we maintained our primary legal residence, meaning the address from which we voted and which was on our driver's licenses, with our parents who were still living here at that time.

If you qualify and want to be buried in Roosevelt, it is not too soon to fill out that affidavit! Better that it be kept on file in the Borough Hall for many years than that your heirs not be able to quickly establish your right to burial when the occasion arises.

CHECK IT OUT. There are other circumstances within the ordinance that may qualify someone's eligibility. The above happens to be the one point that I have often been asked about.

A portion of Ordinance #52-6 refer-

encing the above:

Section 7, is amended to include the following:

All residents or former residents who have been elected to the public office of the Borough of Roosevelt and have served in the aforesaid office or offices for a period of at least three (3) years. This provision shall also include the spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21 of the former office holder.

All persons who have maintained residency within the Borough of Roosevelt for a period of time which totals no less than twenty (20) years. This provision shall also include such person's spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21.

The ordinance goes on to inform you about the affidavit that is needed to authenticate your right to interment here.

There are many interesting and entertaining sections of this ordinance, originally adopted in 1957. At least, I find them so. Even though I am a current resident, I have joined the ranks of those who know more people "up there" than "in town." I'm much older now and have reached an *age of consideration* on this topic.

The ordinance and all the other 5 amendments are worth a look at. ■

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our neighbors.



Greenbelt Gossip

By Manuela & Mark McCusker

Let's talk turkey! This seems like the right *Bulletin* issue to do just that. Although once extirpated in New Jersey, the eastern wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo sylvestris*) is back and becoming increasingly common, often seen by Roosevelt's residents in their back yards in the early mornings and at dusk.

The eastern wild turkey, native to North America, was widespread when the Europeans arrived and pre-dated the earliest human inhabitants. But, by the mid-1800s, New Jersey's wild turkey population was gone, a victim of habitat loss and hunting for subsistence and market. In 1977, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and the National Wild Turkey Federation reintroduced wild turkeys with a release of just 22 birds. By 1981, the state's turkey population was sufficient to support the first New Jersey turkey hunting season to be held in many years. In the fall of 2006, New Jersey's wild turkey population was estimated at 22,000 birds.

Related to the grouse, quail and pheasant, the eastern wild turkey is the largest game bird in North America. With an average adult male weight of 18 pounds, a wingspan of up to 6 feet, and a maximum height of 4 feet, the eastern wild turkey is by far the largest bird of any kind inhabiting the New Jersey woodlands. The largest eastern wild turkey on record was 38 pounds.

The males are called gobblers or toms, the females, hens, and the young, poults. The adult male has a larger and bald head while the female has a few feathers on her head. Males also have spurs, sharp, bony spikes on the backs of their legs, used when fighting for territory and mates. These spurs can grow up to 1.5 inches in length.

Wild turkeys have keen eyesight and

hearing, and can swim, run and fly. Their flights have been clocked at 40-55 mph for short distances. They typically fly close to the ground, and for no more than a quarter mile. Turkeys can run for short distances at speeds up to 12 mph.

Nightly, they fly into trees to roost. Six to forty birds can be found roosting in the same or adjacent trees. Early in the morning, the flock will glide to the ground, call to one another and gather together for feeding. They feed on the buds, leaves, stems and roots of plants. They also eat seeds, corn, grains, nuts, wild fruits, berries, insects and spiders. The whole nuts that they ingest help their gizzards grind food.

Wild turkeys can be heard to make an array of sounds, including gobbles, yelps, clucks and whistles. A tom tries to attract hens by fanning his tail, puffing up his feathers and then strutting back and forth, hissing and dragging his wings on the ground. The males will fight each other for a female by grasping the other's head or neck with his bill and then trying to knock the other off balance.

When this happens, the successful tom will hit the loser with his wings and spurs. Turkeys are polygamous-- an adult gobbler mates with several different hens during the breeding season.

In late April, the females leave the flock to find nesting spots in wooded areas located near a clearing and preferably near water. The nest is made with leaves, twigs and grass. The hen will lay an egg almost daily until a total of 8-15 eggs are laid. It will take approximately 28 days for the eggs to hatch. As soon as the eggs are laid, they are in danger from many predators

seeking a meal. Skunks, crows, ravens, snakes, opossums, raccoons, rodents, dogs, and coyotes are prime patrons of the nest while the hen is off feeding. Only a little more than half of wild turkey nests produce a successful hatch. While the poults are young, the mother hen will lead them from the nest to feed. When any danger is sensed, the mother will yelp a warning call which makes the young turkeys hide and freeze. A mother hen will also pretend to be injured in



order to lure a predator away from her young. Because of predators and other factors, such as weather and straying, only about half of all poults live beyond three weeks. Cool, wet weather causes many young poults to die of hypothermia. Poults develop their wings after two weeks, at which time they can leave the nest and roost in trees. Within 3 weeks, they join a flock, and by 6 weeks of age, they are good fliers. Hens are taken by predators while nesting, but, in New Jersey, humans are the primary predator of adult wild turkeys.

As to the domesticated turkeys... the Broad-breasted White is virtually the only commercial breed raised on the predominating large-scale industrial turkey factory-farms, and is consequently the most consumed variety of the bird, the one sold in almost every American supermarket. Unfortunately, this breed was developed to be a misshapen, crippled and short-lived abomination...

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THE ROOSEVELT WOODLAND TRAIL SECTION REPORT

By Abbie Schwendeman

In mid September, Chyenne Dermody and I walked this new section of the Roosevelt Woodland Trail with our Dads. The day was warm and sunny. I forgot sneakers and wore flip-flops. The trail was clear and dry and I had no problem walking in them.

We saw lots of neat trees and plants and birds plus a few dead animals. One was a woodchuck and a white-footed mouse and then we found some woodpecker feathers. There were ripe wild grapes to eat and the scouts made neat little seats out of wood for sitting and resting.

The walk from the bike path near Solar Village to the cemetery and back took about 40 minutes. It was fun.

HUNTING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING

Just an alert for all residents that the fall hunting seasons started on September 8

Most of us know what that means. Be cautious while walking or hiking in the green acre areas surrounding Roosevelt and wear easily visible clothing (i.e. Hunter orange). Strangers wondering around may be visiting hunters and they should be wearing easily visible back tags with prominent hunting license numbers. They have a right to access hunting areas but must follow all state, federal and local laws or they can be reported to local authorities or the State Police. For more information, visit the NJ Central District. Headquarters of the Division of Fish, Game, and Wildlife in Assunpink.

FALL LITTER PICK-UP OCTOBER 7TH

Another successful Fall town-wide litter pick-up was coordinated by Ron Koster and John Minton, liaison to the county drove the truck. About 45 grown-ups and children of all ages participated in this event held on Sunday October 7th 2007. Most public areas were covered but we could always use more volun-

teers. The total pick-up was about the same as recent past pick-ups.

A delicious brunch was hosted by Lenny and Michelle Guye-Hillis and many attended for the post pick-up conversation. Ron will have T-shirts available for all participants and a big thank you to all who came out for the event.

OUR NEXT 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 PO Box 203. Please watch for future pleas for help from the Roosevelt Environmental Commission for future projects and activities. Thank you for reading this column.

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm on November 28, 2007, which is the week after Thanksgiving. Everyone is welcomed to attend. ■

GREENBELT GOSSIP

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a meat machine. Bred to produce the maximum amount of white breast meat in the shortest possible amount of time, Broad-breasted Whites grow too large, too fast and too heavy to carry their own weight after their first year... but they're not bred to live over one year, anyway (-whereas the lifespan for a wild turkey can reach 10-12 years). They're far too heavy to fly, and the males usually get so large that their legs can't support their own weight. Broad-breasted White turkeys are incapable of mating without human intervention. -deformed monstrosities that bear almost no resemblance to their

admirable progenitors. Alternatives do exist, though, if families are desirous of serving a more natural and humanely bred and raised turkey as the centerpiece of a holiday dinner. Heritage or Heirloom breeds of turkeys, a group of genetically diversified and more natural varieties that were commonly raised years ago, are also available. Heritage turkeys are raised humanely, outdoors, freely roaming on pasture and eating the varied diet nature intended, unlike the Broad-breasted Whites which are typically raised indoors in confinement and are fed grains, fillers, and supplements like antibiotics and dyes. Heritage birds, by definition, must breed naturally, live seven to nine years, and grow slowly. Heritage turkey

breeds include: Narragansett, Standard Bronze, Black, Beltsville Small White, Blue Slate, Bourbon Red, Jersey Buff and White Holland. A brief internet search will reveal several New Jersey sources for these wholesome and ethically bred and raised birds. The best mankind can ever do is to approximate the perfection of Nature or better yet, leave nature as it is.

"I celebrated Thanksgiving in an old-fashioned way. I invited everyone in my neighborhood to my house, we had an enormous feast, and then I killed them and took their land." —Jon Steward

-Comments and/or Future topic requests? -write the McCuskers at PO Box 131 or 3artists@comcast.net ■

An Open Letter to Farmer Dave & Family:

Dear Dave, Tara & Dave's mom,

THANKYOU for a wonderful season of delicious and nutritious vegetables at the Roosevelt CSA Farm! Your hard work makes it a little bit easier to feed healthy food to my family. The kids love to come to the farm and help pick tomatoes, flowers, herbs, etc.... what a great way for them to learn that food doesn't just come from the store. It's also a great community builder to catch up with neighbors on pick-up day and know that so many families from Roosevelt & Millstone are helping to support local agriculture and keep our state green.

We are already looking forward to next season and wish you a restful winter!

Meredith Murray & family

A FINE MESS

To the Editor:

As Oliver Hardy would say, a majority of the Borough Council has put Roosevelt's taxpayers into "a fine mess" with its exclusionary reaction to Yeshiva Me'On Hatorah's revitalization of the town's only house of worship. Instead of seeking an agreement regarding the proper scope of the Yeshiva's activities, including sleeping arrangements for its students, the Council has blocked its right to exist in town in any reasonable form. Now, Roosevelt faces two lawsuits. In state court, residents object to a hastily considered ordinance ghettoizing religious endeavors on farmland that lacks sidewalks and water and sewer facilities (not to mention willing sellers). In federal court, the Yeshiva and Congregation Anshei Roosevelt assert that their constitutional, statutory and common law rights have been violated by Roosevelt's zoning restrictions.

Even before the lawsuits were filed,

Roosevelt's municipal budget had collapsed under the weight of attorney's fees: \$500 per hour for one special counsel, \$275 per hour for another special counsel, \$150 per hour for the Planning Board Attorney, and for the regular Borough Attorney \$150 per hour. So far, we have hired a third special counsel to represent individual public official defendants, at another \$150 per hour. Taxpayers already have faced budgetary raids on important non-legal accounts, emergency appropriations, expenditures leaping over state CAP limitations and a shrinking surplus. The Council's intransigence quite likely will lead to hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of dollars of unnecessary taxes on the residents of our little community, as well as the prospect that a court might permit the Yeshiva to have a grander operation than it would have settled for under a pre-litigation compromise.

What might Roosevelt gain for all this strife and expense? Will we win in court? What would happen if we lose? I say "we" in the sense of "all of us" only because those of us who are not Yeshiva antagonists, or who want a reasonable settlement, are being dragged behind the Council's all-or-nothing chariot.

To gauge the Council's likelihood of success, let's review a sample of some legal principles our \$500-per-hour special counsel and \$275-per-hour local special counsel will have to overcome. By the way, I trust they have not guaranteed the Council a victory in the U.S. Supreme Court or in any other court. If ours is a so-called "test case," then we need either a large private donation or thick skins enabling us to watch our less financially able neighbors suffer and perhaps disappear from town. Like in an open-government advocate's nightmare, after many secret Council and Planning Board meetings, we have yet to learn why Monmouth County's Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) is not representing and indemnifying

Roosevelt in this litigation. Could it be that the JIF would want to settle rather than to saddle other municipalities with the cost of our adventuresome resistance to a reasonable outcome? Meanwhile, what happens if the other shoe, the federal Justice Department, drops on us? And what about those apparent conflicts that might cause a couple of Council members to put their own personal interests above our collective interests?

The New Jersey Supreme Court has said that a religious institution in a residential neighborhood is an "inherently beneficial use." Such a use may be thwarted only if it is outweighed by substantial detriment to the public good that cannot be sufficiently alleviated by imposing reasonable conditions on the use. Currently, the Yeshiva seems headed toward having about 60 students. A residential neighborhood has surrounded the Synagogue for more than half a century. There might be some detriment to that neighborhood if the Yeshiva's students were to all travel to school in cars. Instead, they walk, unlike the students of the nonsectarian preschool, who for years were dropped off and picked up at the Synagogue by cars every school day. This pretty much decides the matter, because any other problems either already have been well tolerated by the community during other eras of Synagogue use or can be mitigated into insignificance by reasonable ordinances and conditions regarding noise, light, hours of operation, off-street parking for the rabbis, and the like.

The federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), which tracks First Amendment principles somewhat, requires similar balancing of the Yeshiva's and other residents' concerns. The stakes, however, are higher because attorney fees (perhaps at the \$500-per-hour rate the Borough is

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paying to its star attorney) and damages can be awarded to successful plaintiffs. Remember, the Council seems insistent that no Yeshiva, of any size and regardless of sleeping arrangements for its students, may operate at the existing Synagogue. The chance the Council will win all that in court, especially after protracted appeals, likely is nil.

I think it is clear that we have much to lose financially if the Yeshiva wins even a small victory after a lengthy and costly court battle. Meanwhile, much fear mongering has occurred regarding quality-of-life changes resulting from demographic changes in town. Some of this will rise to the status of evidence of Roosevelt's unreasonable opposition to the Yeshiva. However, whether we compromise or lose in court expensively, a Yeshiva of 60 or so students would

not unduly disrupt the lives of those of us who rarely or never take part in its activities, and it would greatly enrich the lives of those of us who do.

I have not noticed any hoard of Orthodox Jews buying up houses in Roosevelt. Those few who have are teachers at the Yeshiva. They, their families, and the Yeshiva students have shown themselves to be gentle, loving, disciplined people, who have not disrupted anything in Roosevelt. Most towns set up neighborhood watches to ensure the wellbeing of their children and residents. The one on Homestead Lane seems to be an operation to spy on the Yeshiva and its students. Rooseveltians have coexisted with crowing roosters, basketball backboards, cat packs, baying dogs, blaring music at residential parties, household floodlights, people who think their dogs' excrement belongs in their neighbors' yards rather than their own, loud motorcycles and muscle cars, big commercial

vehicles parked or operating on residential streets, unsightly and noisy home occupations, loud leaf blowers, haphazardly located sirens, relatively huge traffic flows down School Lane on RPS school days, a secular nursery school's playground at the Synagogue, increasing traffic on Route 571, low-flying McGuire Air Base planes, growing commercial farming operations (need I go on?). But let one Yeshiva student give a hoot or call out to a pal or bounce one basketball and we label it a major desecration of our way of life. And the biggest worriers and would-be enforcers are those who couldn't be bothered with codes or enforcement for transgressions by anyone other than Yeshiva students.

Yes, the character of Roosevelt is changing, and a court likely will help the Yeshiva bring it back to where it belongs.

Bob Clark ■

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YOGA

The Recreation Department is continuing its very popular Yoga program this Fall at the Roosevelt School. Classes will be instructed by Kym Kulp, a certified Yoga Instructor who teaches at The Peddie School and throughout the area. While yoga mats will be provided, participants are welcomed to bring their own. Classes are offered on Monday nights from 6:30pm–7:30pm. Please contact 609-448-0539, x3 for an updated schedule.

MOVIE NIGHTS

The Recreation Department invites all area residents to the Roosevelt Public School gymnasium to enjoy free movies on the “big screen” on select Saturday nights. Movie titles are subject to change. Please contact (609) 448-0539, x3 for updated information and movie titles.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 7:00pm – “SURF’S UP”

A surfing penguin currently riding the wave of success enters his first professional competition in this computer animated family-oriented comedy. Cody Maverick may be a relative amateur when it comes to hanging ten, but he’s sure he has what it takes

to surf his way to superstardom. With a little help from his cantankerous King Penguin mentor, ex-surfing legend Big Z, and a little encouragement from star Pen Gu Island lifeguard Lani, there may be hope for this tuxedo-clad wave twister after all. A funny and inspirational tale that proves anything is possible when you put your heart and mind to it.

YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY

The Roosevelt Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth Indoor Floor Hockey program at the Roosevelt Public School on Monday nights from 8:00pm–9:30pm beginning on December 3rd. Program will not run on days that school is not in session. The program is open to students in 1st–8th Grades.

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

COMMUNITY DANCE – “DANCING WITH THE STARS”

Residents are invited to a Community Dance Night on November 17th at the Roosevelt School, from 7pm–10pm. This special event will be led and

By Eric Schubiger

DJ ‘d by Candace Woodward-Clough. Candace has extensive training in Ballroom Dance, Jazz, Tap, Acting and Singing. She has acted, danced in or choreographed several Off-Broadway and summer stock productions, as well as movies, soap operas and videos.

The night will start with an hour of brief instruction of various types of dances, based upon the interest of those in attendance. The remaining two hours will be devoted to an open dance party! No dance experience is required—adults and children are welcomed. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

TEEN DANCE NIGHTS

The Recreation Department will be sponsoring Teen Dance Nights at the Roosevelt School for students in Grades 7–10 on select Friday nights throughout the school year. These are free events that include a DJ and refreshments. Please contact the office at 609-448-0539, x3 for updated scheduling information. ■

Reunion

By Art Shapiro

On September 29, the Hightstown High School Class of 1957 held its 50th year reunion at Foresgate Country Club in Cranbury. Among the attendees were 7 graduates of the Roosevelt Public School Class of 1953:



(From left to right) Carl Lowenthal, Myra (Fisher) Peskowitz, Willa (Novek) Holtzer, Art Shapiro, Harriet (Frank) Gleason, Judy (Libove) Weinberg and Sheldon Golub. ■

I'm told that babies like liver. That may be so, but I think children develop a pronounced preference for hot dogs early on and avoid eating liver again until they're several years out of college – if ever. There are actually websites that counsel parents on how to get their kids to eat liver. That tells you something, doesn't it?

I hated liver when I was a kid. I loathed it. It made me gag. It made me turn pale and weepy and whiny. Because I tended to be anemic, however, and liver is rich in iron, my doctor father insisted that I eat it.

In our house it was always prepared the same way: A thin slab of calf's liver was broiled until it was leathery brown all the way through. It took forever to chew, and each bite was tougher than the last. When I saw Charlie Chaplin in his famous shoe-eating scene in 'The Gold Rush', I knew precisely what he was going through.

Thirty years or so later, I was invited by my Italian teacher to lunch at her house. She served wine and delicious olives and melon wrapped in prosciutto, and then announced that the main course was 'fegato alla veneziana' – liver Venetian style.

I was too old to turn pale and weepy and whiny, and too cowardly to claim life-threatening allergies, so I simply prayed that I wouldn't gag out loud.

The plate set in front of me had a mound of golden polenta topped with intertwined curls of buttery onion and dark walnut-brown strands of meat. Lordy, lordy, lordy, was that ever delicious! It taught me once and for all that if I didn't like a dish that everyone else raved about, it was simply because I'd never had it made the right way.

Now, *this* is the right way to make liver:



Liver Venetian Style

Serves 3 to 4

3 tablespoons of butter	1 pound of calf's liver, veins removed
3 tablespoons of olive oil	Salt, fresh pepper
1 pound of onions (2 large), halved and sliced very thin	1/3 cup of red wine
	Splash of good balsamic vinegar

- o Heat 1 tablespoon each of butter and olive oil in a large frying pan. Add the onion and cook over medium low heat, stirring occasionally, until soft and lightly browned – 20 to 40 minutes.
- o Meanwhile, slice the liver into narrow strips no more than ¼" wide.
- o Move the cooked onions to a platter or wide bowl and cover.
- o In the same pan, heat half the remaining butter and oil. Sauté half the liver, stirring constantly until brown on the surface but still red inside – only about two minutes. (It will cook a little more after you remove it from the heat.) Pile the cooked liver on top of the onions.
- o Heat the last of the butter and oil and sauté the remaining liver as before, adding it to the onions.
- o Deglaze the pan before taking it off the heat by adding the wine and scraping up the browned bits on the bottom of the pan. The wine will cook down by about half in just a minute or so.
- o Pour the wine-and-browned-bits mixture over the liver and onions. Add a splash of balsamic vinegar and salt and pepper to taste.
- o Serve the liver and onions over polenta, mashed potatoes, or rice – or just by itself with vegetables or a salad. ■

No warmth,
 no cheerfulness,
 no healthful ease,
 No comfortable feel
 in any member,
 No shade, no shine,
 no butterflies, no bees,
 No fruits, no flowers,
 no leaves, no birds—
 No-venber.

Thomas Hood (1799-1845)

The outlook for the winter of 2007-2008 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration calls for an above average chance of warmer than normal temperatures and equal chances of normal, below normal or above normal precipitation.

Temperatures in our region are expected to be above average in response to the long-term warming trend, global warming. NOAA says snowfall for the region will depend on other climate factors, which are difficult to anticipate more than one-to-two weeks in advance.

Much of the country will likely experience warmer than normal winter temperatures. The reason for the anticipated warm conditions outside our region is the effect of the La Niña. See Weather Words below for a brief explanation of El Niño and La Niña. So much for NOAA, you might want to check your onion skins instead as the old proverb suggests:

“Onion skins very thin, mild winter coming in; Onion skins thick and tough, coming winter cold and rough.”

In Roosevelt, the first month of fall was very dry. Total precipitation for September was 1.32 inches. That’s nearly three inches below normal. The

average temperature for September is 2.6 degrees above normal. The number of heating degree-days also reflected the higher than normal temperatures. Normally, there are 57 degree-days in September. This year, there were only forty-five. October started out warmer and much more humid than normal. The foggy mornings and sweltering afternoons continued for over a week and were more uncomfortable than any 2007 summer day that I can recall. For all the humidity, there was no rainfall from September 14 through October 9.

Weather Words

El Niño and **La Niña** are extreme phases of a naturally occurring climate cycle. Both terms refer to large-scale changes in sea-surface temperature across the eastern tropical Pacific. This region of warm water expands to cover the tropics during El Niño. During La Niña a cold upwelling of water intensifies lowering sea-surface temperatures along the equator as much as 7 degrees F below normal. ■

Sept 15 - Oct 15, 2007

Day	High	Low	Avg	Degree	
				Precip	Days
15	70.3	53.4	61.9	0.26	3.2
16	65.8	43.3	54.6	0.10	10.5
17	69.6	43.3	56.5	0.00	8.6
18	68.5	45.5	57.0	0.00	8.0
19	73.4	48.0	60.7	0.00	4.3
20	76.3	50.5	63.4	0.00	1.6
21	79.7	55.6	67.7	0.00	0.0
22	78.1	63.0	70.6	0.00	0.0
23	76.1	59.0	67.6	0.15	0.0
24	77.7	49.3	63.5	0.00	1.5
25	81.9	56.3	69.1	0.00	0.0
26	85.5	62.8	74.2	0.00	0.0
27	83.5	66.9	75.2	0.00	0.0
28	76.8	61.3	69.1	0.00	0.0
29	73.2	52.7	63.0	0.00	2.1
30	74.5	48.0	61.3	0.00	3.8
1	73.0	52.9	63.0	0.00	2.1
2	75.4	51.8	63.6	0.00	1.4
3	80.2	61.7	71.0	0.00	0.0
4	81.3	66.9	74.1	0.00	0.0
5	80.4	66.4	73.4	0.00	0.0
6	81.1	61.9	71.5	0.00	0.0
7	82.6	64.6	73.6	0.00	0.0
8	83.8	65.5	74.7	0.00	0.0
9	81.5	62.2	71.9	0.00	0.0
10	73.6	61.2	67.4	0.75	0.0
11	70.5	55.9	63.2	0.00	1.8
12	63.0	45.3	54.2	2.32	10.9
13	63.5	38.8	51.2	0.10	13.9
14	64.8	41.4	53.1	0.00	11.9
15	64.6	42.3	53.5	0.00	11.6
Total Precipitation				3.68	
Total Degree-Days					96.8

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

2007 - 2008 Season

Saturday, November 10, 2007, 1-5 p.m. Open Studios:

N. Brahinsky - 1 Clarksburg Road, Hand-thrown functional pottery

F. Duckett - 10 Homestead Lane, Paint and acrylics: Impressionist

J. Hayden - Eleanor Gallery on N. Valley Rd. Acrylics on canvas and multi-media

5-8 p.m. Landau exhibit and reception at the Landau Studio, 30 Lake Drive.

8 p.m. David Brahinsky Concert - Landau Studio, 30 Lake Drive.

OPEN ARTISTS' STUDIOS, LANDAU ART EXHIBIT, AND DAVID BRAHINSKY CONCERT

Saturday, December 8, 2007, Opening, at 1-5 p.m. reception at the Eleanor Gallery on N. Valley Road
Sunday, December 9, 2007, art exhibit continues, 1-5 p.m., also December 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd

SELECTIONS OF ROBERT MUELLER'S ART

Saturday, January 19, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall

OPEN MIC CAFE

If you wish to perform, please call Judy Nahmias, 443-5290 or Deirdre Sheean, 443-4179.

Saturday, February 9, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

THE ROOSEVELT POETS

Saturday, March 15, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

ALAN MALLACH PERFORMS PIANO MUSIC OF THE FRENCH ROMANTIC ERA

Saturday, April 12, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

JERSEY HOMESTEADS: IN THE ARCHITECTURAL VANGUARD **A documentary/video made by Ben Johnson and Fletcher Grayson.** **Presented by Ben Johnson**

Friday, April 25, 2008, 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

Saturday, April 26, 2008, 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND

Saturday, May 17, 2008, 2-5 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

DIGITAL ART IN UNEXPECTED PLACES **with Brad Garton and Wiska Radkiewicz**

Voluntary Contribution:

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

Visit RAP's webpage at <http://music.columbia.edu/roosevelt>. Use the link at the top of the page to sign up for our e-mail list. For further information call Robin Gould at (609) 448-4616. ■

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**Saturday, January 19, 2008
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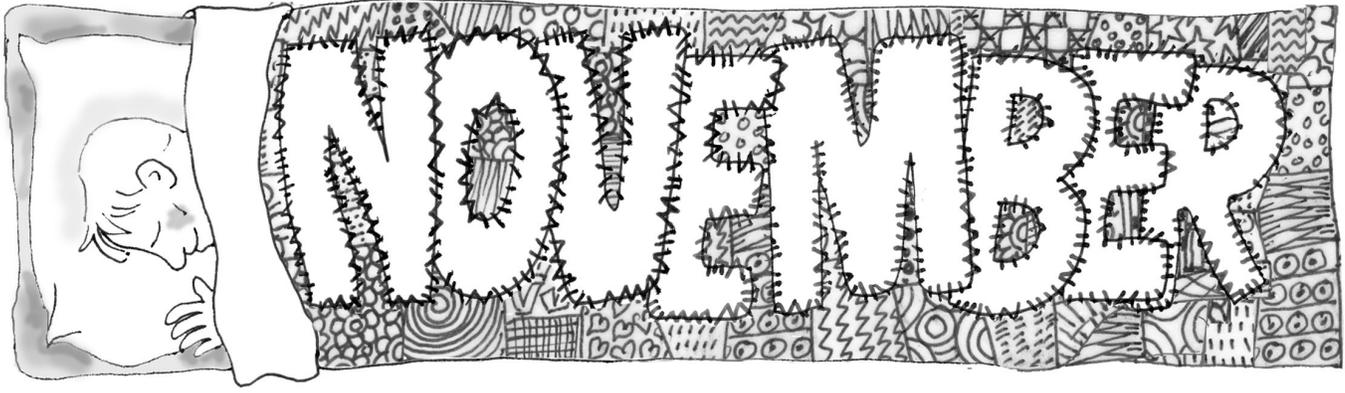
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November

2 Fri – RPS Pizza Day

4 Sun – Daylight Savings Time ends

5 Mon – 7:00 PM Council Action Meeting,
Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701

6 Tues – 6 :00 AM – 8:00 PM Election Day, Voting at
Borough Hall

SENIOR MEETING CANCELLED

8 Thur – RPS Closed

9 Fri – RPS Closed

PTA Clothing Sale, RPS,
Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325

10 Sat – PTA Clothing Sale, RPS,
Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325

RAP Program – Jacob Landau Exhibit 5-8 PM plus
8PM Concert, David Brahinsky and Friends,
Landau Studio, 30 Lake Drive,
Robin Gould 448-4616

11 Sun – PTA Clothing Sale, RPS,
Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325

10 AM – First Aid Squad Training, Borough Hall,
Jack Rindt, 448-9475

1-3 PM RAP Program– Jacob Landau Exhibit
Robin Gould 448-4616

13 Tues – 7:30 PM – Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall,
Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713

14 Wed – **RECYCLE** ♻️

7:30 PM PTA Meeting, RPS,
Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325

16 Fri – RPS Pizza Day

19 Mon – 7:00 PM Council Action Meeting,
Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701

20 Tues – 7:30 PM – First Aid Squad Business Meeting,
Borough Hall, Jack Rindt, 448-9475

21 Wed – RPS Early Dismissal

7:30 PM Environmental Commission Mtg,
Dave Schwendeman, Chair, 443-6204

22 Thur – RPS Closed - Thanksgiving

23 Fri – RPS Closed

28 Wed– **RECYCLE** ♻️

December Preview

3 Mon – 7:00 PM Council Action Meeting,
Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701

4 Tues – 12:00 Senior Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall

1 PM - Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall,
Gerry Millar, President, 448-0351

5 Wed – PTA Holiday Gift Fair , RPS during school hours,
Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325

7:30 PM PTA Meeting, RPS,
Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325

6 Thur – PTA Holiday Gift Fair , RPS,
Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325

7 Fri – RPS Pizza Day

8 Sat – RAP Program, Robert Mueller Selections
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