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New Council Members Sworn In, More Work Needed at Sewer Utility

By Sharyn Walz

The Borough Council meeting on November 27th began with the swearing in of Mayor Malkin and Councilmembers Middleman Filepp and Sheean, all of whom were elected to fill unexpired terms. Council members Trammell and Parrott, both of whom were elected to new three-year terms, will be sworn in on January 2, 2018. Council member Trammell will also serve as Council President until that time.

Public comment was heard regarding details on the bills for fixing the auger at the sewer treatment plant. The auger has been out of service for two to three months, causing utility staff to manually rake and sort the raw sewage. Despite the bill of \$6,860, the auger is still not working properly and Council member Trammell stated that he has a meeting arranged with staff, the engineer, and representatives from DEP. Additional work on the sewer treatment plant is still needed.

The Council reviewed a bill to cover software that would enable residents to pay their tax and utility bills online with a credit card. The Borough has also hired two part-time public works employees, after advertising in the newspaper and with the League of Municipalities. Council member Hamilton stated that the Council was looking to hire employees who could ensure that the streets and municipal buildings are maintained, provide snow plowing, and specifically looked for familiarity with power equipment and safety regulations. Council member Middleman Filepp credited former Council

member Nick Murray for having contacted other towns to obtain accurate descriptions of job duties. Council member Hamilton reported that the two new employees have the appropriate certifications and licenses that the Borough was seeking, and that their salaries reflect their qualifications.

There was discussion about the cost of renting the trailer in the parking lot at Borough Hall, which costs \$409 per month. There is no stipulation in the contract that the Borough would own the trailer eventually, and Council member Trammell stated that the Borough will need to hire someone to clean out the trailer, which is being used for record storage.

Council members discussed the apparent confusion about why the Borough receives bills from both Verizon and Comcast, and possible duplication of services. An ad hoc committee of Council members Parrott, Trammell, and Hamilton will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

The Council unanimously approved renaming the Roosevelt Woodland Trail as the Ron Filepp Roosevelt Woodland trail, as recommended by the Environmental Commission. Council member Hamilton expressed that he felt this was a great gesture and real monument to Ron, who was a “quiet doer” and maintained much of the trail on his own initiative for years, without any official recognition. Council member Middleman Filepp recused herself from the vote to

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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.

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- Please name your files with your last name, or the name of your organization, and the month.

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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.

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From the Mayor

By Peggy Malkin

Hi Neighbors,

This is the Borough Bulletin's holiday issue- so I'm going to dispense with any political or official news. Instead, I'll recount how many wonderful things happen in Roosevelt.

In October we had two events at the Borough Hall. Both were indicative of the true spirit of Roosevelt. The first was a birthday party for Nancy Hamilton. It was attended by a great many people from near and far. There was delicious food, live music, and flowers donated by Mendies Farm. Everyone stayed until late at night, it was such a wonderful party.

The next day was a memorial service for Florrie Johnson. Florrie was a long-time resident who was beloved by many, from her large family to her neighbors in town. Again, people came from near and far.

All of the flowers from Nancy's party the night before, were left for the Johnsons, which was a very touching gesture. And again, there was wonderful food, music and remembrances.

Then, on November 18, RAP held their 30th Anniversary celebration at Borough Hall. There was art on display and lots of nostalgic reminiscing. And, of course, good food. I think every Roosevelt get-together has good food!

When I'm at these events I'm reminded how lucky I am to live in a town with so many caring, helpful, fun, quirky people (and good cooks!).

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Enjoy them and stay safe,

Peggy



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Board of Education Strategic Planning Process Nears Completion

The Roosevelt Public School Strategic Planning Process is near completion. The planning sessions have included volunteers for the community and staff members from the school who worked together to develop a plan for the district. The community volunteers and staff established a list of goals for RPS. The staff at the school then reviewed the list of goals and developed action plans to implement them. The entire process was facilitated by a field representative from the New Jersey School Boards Association.

The group assessed all aspects of the school's current circumstance, which included the school's mission statement, district goals, and resources. The change in the mission statement was updated to reflect the true vision of RPS. The new mission statement reads:

The mission of the Roosevelt Public School district is to educate and inspire all students to become life-long learners who value themselves, others, and their environment.

The group was able to build consensus around four goal areas of growth:

- student success
- community engagement
- school climate and culture
- facilities and finance

For student success, the goal is to increase student success at Roosevelt Public School. For community engagement, the goal is to increase engagement with the Roosevelt Borough community members and other stakeholders. For school culture and climate the goal is to improve the school culture and climate at Roosevelt Public School. In facilities and finance the goal is to improve the facility and financial condition of Roosevelt Public School. The will include upgrading district facilities and procedures with an emphasis on school and security.

The RPS Strategic Plan will provide a roadmap for the district for the next five years, helping to prioritize issues and concerns. Communication was a common theme of concern within all four growth areas, so it will be integrated in all aspect of the four goals. To ensure the schools continued growth and financial health, we need to continually review funding and determine allocations that will best serve the children.

Though the small size of Roosevelt Public School makes strategic planning challenging, it is the Board's responsibility to ensure that our school survives. During the upcoming weeks, the board will review all the results of the planning and develop its own action plan. Working with the Superintendent and Business Administrator, the five-year plan will be well informed by the school's current operations and will safeguard the continued success of the district.

Special congratulations to John Ord and Naylor Larane on being elected to the Board of Education and to Ken LeCompte on his re-election.

STAY CONNECTED! RPS BOE 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.

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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

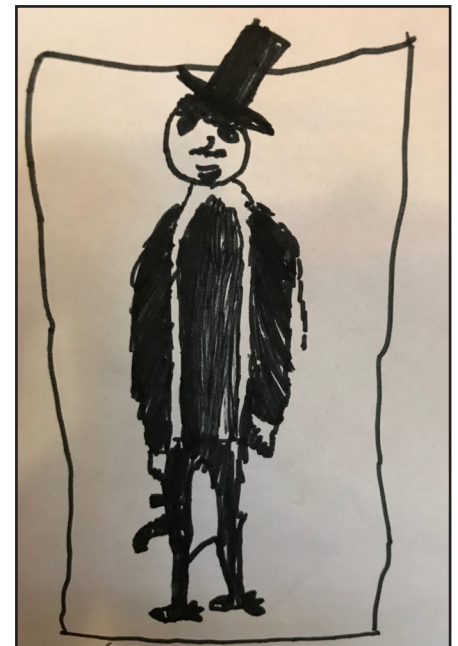
There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

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honor her late husband. Council member Hamilton discussed a meeting he had had with the Monmouth County Roads Department regarding winter snow-removal services for the municipal roads in Roosevelt. Monmouth County only charges what it costs them for brining, plowing, and salting. Brining ahead of a storm would cost \$129 for all of Roosevelt, while salting would be an additional \$539. The Borough would still need to find a private contractor for plowing, however, as the County needs to clear the county roads, including Route 571, first. Council member Hamilton is currently negotiating with the Borough landscaper, Tony Solares, regarding plowing, shoveling of walkways, entranceways, and bay doors for the municipal building, which includes the First Aid Squad garage. Council member Trammell reported that some houses do not have shutoff valves from the street to the house, and suggested preparation of a map indicating these residences. Councilmember Hamilton expressed concerns about the need to develop notification channels in the event of a water emergency. Council member Middleman Filepp reported that efforts are being made to get the deli opened and possibly develop the abandoned gas station site as well. Several Council members met with the deli owners in late October and were told that the property is ready to be leased. The remaining issues are the outstanding packaged goods liquor license and the deed restriction on the apartment above the deli. It was recommended that the Council

revisit the cost of liquor license (currently \$150K, with no takers), and consider approving use of the apartment space as a community resource for RAP or another art-based agency. The Council approved the planting of redbud trees on the Homestead-North Valley triangle, where several cherry trees are dying. The Environmental Commission will do the planting, and will develop a plan of the plantings, which would be publicly available. There was discussion of reorganizing Council meetings so that some meetings would be “agenda-only”, where potential actions would be detailed and discussed in-depth, and alternate meetings would be “action meetings,” focused on passing resolutions and ordinances. Additional work will be done to explore administrative options around expenditures for the Borough. There was a mention of possibly hiring a Borough administrator. There was discussion of having bills posted for Council members at least a week in advance of the Council meeting. This potential resolution was tabled until after the Council reorganization meeting in January. Mayor Malkin appointed Council member Sheehan to serve as Chair on the Environmental, Health, and Safety Committee and as a member of the Administration and Public Works Committees. This appointment will be for the next two meeting cycles. After public inquiry, Mayor Malkin reported that PEOSH has closed the Borough’s case on the safety issues and will not be fur-

ther pursuing the Borough’s failure to abate the fines that have been accrued. Public concern was expressed about storage of road salt where it could spill over into wetlands. Council member Trammell reported that the salt is currently on a wetlands area. A Millstone resident who is a hunter expressed concerns over pictures that were posted online on the Roosevelt Truth Facebook page. The Council clarified that Roosevelt Truth is not associated with the Borough Council, and that its views are entirely those of the individuals involved in the site, whoever they may be.



Zachary Pressler

REMINDER FOR RECYCLING:

Always leave at least 3 feet between your garbage can and recyclable container(s). The arm that lifts the garbage can needs enough room to operate so it can avoid knocking over other containers.



PTA Newsletter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

You, the members of the RPS Community, are the backbone to the PTA. Without your support none of these events would be possible. It's not too late to join the PTA! PTA Members come in all types, parents, teachers, community members, or anyone who wants to advocate for our students' education, support the school and be a part of our community. While we are always looking for volunteers, becoming a member does not mean you HAVE to volunteer at events. Every \$10 membership benefits the students financially, so please consider joining even if you don't have the spare time to help.

All money our PTA raises goes right back into the school and used for many things, from buying the folders and agendas that our children use every day, to paper products and drinks for school events like our Thanksgiving Feast and Field Day. Please consider supporting us by becoming a member today!

UPCOMING PIZZA DAYS

NOV 29TH - DEC 13TH

NEXT PTA MEETING

DEC 5TH @ 8:30AM

Join us for door prizes & light refreshments!

HOLIDAY SHOP

DEC. 12TH-15TH



PTA NEWS

As your brand new PTA Board, we hope that we've started off the year in a positive direction. We are trying some new events this year, and hope you have enjoyed them so far.

Our "Popsicles on the Playground" event was held on the first day of school to welcome students back.

We just wrapped up our September fundraiser, KidStuff Books, selling 38 books and raising an amazing \$475!

In October, we held our first trunk or treat, which was made even more successful by teaming up with the 6th Grade Spooky Walk! Thank you to the 14 families that sponsored a trunk, and to the many participants who showed up to enjoy both events. Congratulations to the Whittington Family, the McArdle Family, and the Smith family for their prize winning trunks! We look forward to continuing this event and making it even bigger next year, so any and all feedback is welcome.

Our fall Book Fair gave students three days to shop for books and win some great prizes. Congratulations to Lennon Trelvelise for winning our Big Book Basket!

While we don't make cash profits from the book fair, we do earn Scholastic Dollars. This year we earned \$751.86 which will be used to buy supplies for the school and other PTA events. On November 15th we ran our first Bounce U Night! We had 18 students in attendance and raised \$90.

In December we will be running the student Holiday Shop. In an effort to make gifts more affordable, we are working with a new vendor so that all items can be kept under \$10.

PIZZA DAY REMINDER

Parents, when purchasing a pizza card for your student, please remind them on pizza day that their pizza is pre-paid for! We have had several students with pizza cards tell their teacher they can't order because they don't have money. **We will never deny a child a slice of pizza!** Even if they decide they don't want that PB&J on pizza day, they can still order a slice. If you don't have a pizza card, and your student does not come with money, a note will be sent home. Once your pizza card is used up, it will be sent home to you with an order form so you can re-order a new one.

REMINDER: PLEASE SEND ALL PIZZA MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

BOX TOPS

**Great job clipping, RPS!
We earned \$137!**

To encourage you to keep up the great work we will be running classroom contests over the next few months, so keep clipping for a chance to win!

For more information, and the latest on PTA events follow us on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rpspta/>

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Rick's Latke Recipe for a Big Group

Latke recipes are often a source of heated debate, although fistfights are, in my own experience, extremely rare. This particular recipe evolved out of an annual “Latke Fest” we’ve been hosting for years; it was necessary to keep the recipe simple enough to prepare while drinking my moderately and arguing with five or six guests about the best way to make latkes.

Fried foods are traditional at Hanukkah time (reportedly inspired by the Miracle of the Oil) but does anyone really need an excuse to eat fried foods? Especially when made sufficiently salty.

These latkes are somewhat “hash-browny”—rough textured and crispy because of the rough grating and potato skins. The whipped egg whites add a bit of lightness to them, but who are we really kidding? These things are fried in about a quart of olive oil.

Ingredients

5 lbs potatoes washed, unpeeled (the skin is the best part)

1 bag onions (you’ll grate as much as you can before you’re blinded with tears)

Dozen eggs

1 box matzo meal

Salt

Pepper

Bottle of everyday virgin olive oil (canola or safflower or other vegetable oil would work—pick your favorite)

Bottle of J. Lohr Cabernet Sauvignon, opened to breathe.

1. Wash potatoes. Set aside to air dry.
2. Deactivate your smoke alarms at or above the level where you are cooking.
3. Heat about ½-inch olive oil in a large skillet or frying pan. Don’t burn it!
4. Roughly grate half the potatoes into a very large mixing bowl.
5. Pour yourself a large glass of cabernet and take a swig.
6. Roughly grate 3 onions into that same very large mixing bowl, wiping your tears on your sleeve as needed. (If you need to wipe your nose, please remember to wash hands afterwards.)
7. Separate 8 eggs—throw the yokes into the mixing bowl and set aside the whites in another smaller mixing bowl.
8. Dump about half the box of matzo meal in with the potato/onion/egg mixture, add more if needed to create the right consistency of a thick batter...not runny or liquidy, and not overly dry.
9. Add 2 teaspoons salt. (You’ll need much more when you eat them, but let’s not compromise the health of relatives with high blood pressure.)
10. Add 1 teaspoon pepper.
11. Mix with a large wooden spoon.
12. Whip the egg whites with a whisk until they are firm enough to stand up on their own.
13. Fold the egg whites into the mixture with your big spoon. Don’t overdo it! You want to keep as much air in the mixture as possible.
14. Drop a large spoonful of batter into the frying can, being careful not to get splattered. If necessary, flatten the blob of batter with a slotted spatula. Repeat, leaving a bit of space between each latke.
15. Take another nice sip of wine (or other libation as you prefer).
16. Flip the latke when bottom is golden brown and crispy. This takes about the same amount of time as a recitation of “Casey at the Bat.” Not that we miss baseball season or anything.
17. Remove finished latkes to a platter covered with paper towel. Add layers as needed. You can keep these warm in a warm oven if you can’t serve them right away (which is best), but don’t do what I did and set your oven on fire—the oil-soaked paper towel being the culinary equivalent of napalm.
18. Repeat as needed until all batter is used.
19. Replace smoke detector once you’ve cleared the air.



The Last Leaf

The air is still and holds the chill that spreads across the ground.
And in the fields Jack's frosty touch will coat the grasses 'round.

Held high above a single leaf refuses to let go.
But why it clings so tightly there, I guess I'll never know.

And down below his fallen friends are lying on the ground.
Those who once were red and gold are now all dry and brown.

All winter long, he waves at me to cheer me on my way
On days so bright with clear blue skies and days so dark and grey.

But still I fear his time above is coming to its end
With every wintry blast that blows and rips my tattered friend.

One day in spring the tree is bare, the rugged leaf is gone.
And in his place the little buds, new leaves to carry on.

They rustle in the summer wind and whisper in a breeze,
But in the fall I'll see my friend away up in the trees.

Steve Taylor

Please join us for the Roosevelt Public School Winter Concert December 19th at 7pm



Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,

When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is strange with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns

And many a failure comes about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;

So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Poet uncertain, possibly John Greenleaf Whittier
Submitted by Bob Francis

For a mind-boggling introduction into the world of those who claim to have written this poem, see the web site <http://www.all-creatures.org/discuss/dontquit.html>. Although the poem probably dates to the late nineteenth century, and was widely published at least as far back as 1939 (and attributed to Anonymous in "Verses I Like," a poetry anthology edited by Major Edward Bowes and published by Garden City Publishing Co.) there are many living people who claim to have written the poem in the 1950s, 60s, 70s, 80s, and even 90s.

"Donate-A-Thon" for RPS Education Foundation -win NJ Devil's Tickets!!

With your help, Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF) has been able to provide many items for RPS students including a kiln that is used in the arts program and was used to produce the tiles for the mural, a raised bed garden and plants and a "Little Free Library".

To provide items like these, we depend on donations from individuals as well as grants. Your end-of-year donation would be greatly appreciated.

Checks may be sent to:

RPSEF, P.O. Box 22, Roosevelt, NJ 08555

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Donors making a contribution by December 31st will be entered into a drawing for two tickets to a New Jersey Devil's hockey game.

Thank you for your support,

Mary Tulloss

Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation

Disney World Made Real “The Florida Project”

In the movie “The Florida Project,” Indie director Sean Baker (“Tangerine”) captures all the magic and tenuosness of a child growing up in an environment and among people we don’t usually see in the movies. “TFP” is an unusual film, one that differs from typical Hollywood movies in several ways.

First of all, almost all of the characters in the movie are played by non- or first-time actors; additionally, except the last striking scene, the entire movie was shot on 35 mm film, which gives it the authentic look and feel of a well-crafted home movie. And this movie was produced on a remarkably low budget of \$2 million—peanuts by today’s standards.

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“The Florida Project” focuses on an unemployed single mother living in a budget motel (The Magic Castle), who tries to pay her rent and expenses by selling perfumes to tourists in Kissimmee, a tourist haven near Disney World, and on her daughter Moonee, a precocious and fearless six-year-old who explores and charms and precipitates.

Moonee, played in remarkable fashion by first-timer Brooklyn Prince, is an adorable, ebullient force of nature. She’s adventuresome and mischievous and sometimes bad (she lies, steals and disrespects adults). But that figures because her mother Halley (Bria Vinaite) is irresponsible, impulsive and immature, but still somehow like-

able, and sometimes even admirable; she is a testament to the truism that “children should probably not have children.”

Though it is a good thing – a very good thing – that she has had Moonee.

Moonee is pure child. She roams their seedy budget motel complex like more affluent suburban peers roam the woods and fields. She and her two friends – Jancey and Scooty – burst from their apartments every morning and race outside – moving around and through the motel complex and out to an abandoned planned community (this after all is post-Recession Florida), pestering adults and inventing games out of whatever they can find. Moonee is the leader, and she is also the product of her environment, and so much of their fun is not so innocent.

In fact, the movie begins with Moonee and her friends leaning over a balcony railing and spitting on a neighbor’s car while peppering the female owner with insults and expletives. And later, the story turns more serious and even sinister when the kids mischievously, though unintentionally, set fire to an abandoned house.

But the wonder and charm of “The Florida Project” (which was the original name of Walt Disney World) is a product of Director Baker’s ability to convey Moonee and her friends’ magical childhood in an environment that is chaotic and occasionally violent, but also human and very alive as it wavers

By Ron Kostar

on the verge of caving in or spiraling out of control.

The motel’s superintendent, played with believable warmth and compassion by the experienced actor Willem DaFoe, works overtime to keep his tenants safe (at one point Bobby chases a pedophile from the premises) and secure (once going so far as paying Halley’s rent), but his kind hand has a limited reach. And ultimately, despite Bobby’s interventions, after the fire sets off a series of events that result in Halley “falling” and drawing the attention of the authorities, DYFS shows up at The Magic Castle and threatens to break up Moonee’s happy chaotic home.

And if DYFS has its way, what will become of Moonee?

At one point in their daily wanderings, Moonee and her friend Jancey are playing on a “magical” moss-covered tree that has fallen down but is still alive. Moonee tells her friend that this is her favorite tree, because though it’s tipped over it’s still growing.

Similarly, Moonee and her mother and the people who share the Magic Castle are “tipped over,” but they are also still very much alive. And it’s that liveliness, especially Moonee’s, that shines through and graces this wonderful, unusual movie.

Five Stars *****

Ron Kostar

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: <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/E317CFCBE3FD>

Coreopsis - Gold for the Garden

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

Many people shy away from including natives in their plantings because they do not match the style of a typical flowerbed. However, all our traditional garden plants were all natives somewhere. They have been selected and reselected and hybridized for years to produce the plants we know today. The key is to start with species that have great qualities. Of the 30-plus coreopsis species native to North America, the Lance-leaved Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*), aka Tickseed Coreopsis, and the closely related Large-flowered tickseed (*Coreopsis grandiflora*) fit the bill.

The deer resistant, sunshine-yellow Coreopsis have large daisy-like flowers with broad petals. These clump-forming perennial plants are

native to most of the lower 48, except the Rockies. They grow 1 to 2 feet tall and bloom from May to August depending on the variety. Coreopsis are also good plants for areas with poor, dry soils. They are very effective in a border. Their self-seeding tendencies must be kept in check, so cut off the spent seed heads or, better still, cut the flowers to cheer up your breakfast table. Since the seeds are fairly large, they don't travel far. In a curious twist of fate, they were introduced to Asia where they have become an invasive species. They attract butterflies, numerous pollinators and birds. My father had a rock garden filled with coreopsis. Every year late in the summer, goldfinches would arrive. They covered the power lines for a few days while they feasted until all the seeds were gone, and then they left.

Coreopsis are great flowers. Maybe if van Gogh lived in North America, he would have painted

coreopsis instead of sunflowers. If you need some fancier flowers, there are selections and hybrids with double flowers, with dark centered flowers, with fluted petals, with serrated petals, etc. Check the online nurseries for Tickseed or Coreopsis seeds and plants. Next Spring you'll undoubtedly find them at local nurseries and garden centers.

References:

Lance-leaved Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*)

<http://www.jerseyyards.org/plant/coreopsis-lanceolata/>

Coreopsis: A Great All-American Genus

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/resources/pdfs/Coreopsisagreatall-Americanusgenus.pdf>

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.

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Roosevelt Achieves Sustainable Jersey Certification

By Eitan Grunwald

Roosevelt has been awarded Bronze Certification by Sustainable Jersey in recognition of our community's efforts to protect natural resources, advance the arts, and promote activities for the well-being of our residents. Of the 565 municipalities in New Jersey, only 208 have attained Certification.



Sustainable Jersey provides tools, training and financial incentives to support municipalities as they pursue sustainability programs. To become certified, a community must complete a number of defined actions over a specified period of time.

To achieve Bronze Certification, Roosevelt completed 14 actions during the past three years. These included an Environmental Resources Inventory; programs to address invasive plant species and monitor our streams; community outreach and education about planting native species, mulching leaves, creating butterfly gardens, and buying local food; producing and supporting the creative arts; public engagement in municipal government; collecting expired and unused prescription medications; municipal use of green cleaning product; and maintaining an active Environmental Commission.

During the next three years, Roosevelt will need to continue these or other actions in order to renew Bronze Certification, which expires in December 2020. Anyone interested in learning more and becoming involved in Environmental Commission activities is welcome to attend a meeting (every third Wednesday of the month, 7 pm at the Borough Hall) or contact the Environmental Commission at environmental@rooseveltnj.us.

INVASIVE SPECIES

Walking the center
of a road, I raise
my eyes to the eyes
of a deer standing
some paces ahead
and flicker away from
self. More curious
than light, he takes
two steps forward,
determines that I
am not a tree
walking but can't
say why I am
in his country. He turns,
and steps, received
by the woods. I
remain at the center
of emptied road,
all mine, alone
with my whole self
on a strange pavement.

David Sten Herrstrom

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

New Borough Web Site

The Borough of Roosevelt has a new official web site:
www.rooseveltnj.us

The site contains extensive information about the Borough, including scheduled meetings, Council activities, contact information, and information about Borough finances.

Forest Management Plan Approved

Roosevelt's Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP) has been approved by the New Jersey State Forest Service. This approval is one of the requirements for Roosevelt to become eligible for grants to help implement the plan.

Creation of a forest management plan was a recommendation from the 2015 Environmental Resources Inventory, which found that our forest has been changing, primarily from the effects of invasive species and the potential risk of wildfire. The plan was developed by a professional forester working with the Environmental Commission and other Roosevelt residents who provided community input.

The mission of the CFMP is "To improve the health and safety of municipal trees and woodlands in the Borough of Roosevelt, for the benefit of our residents, resilience of our community, and protection of our environment." The goals of the plan are to: (1) Reduce the risk of wildfire, (2) Control the spread of invasive plant species, (3) Reduce the risk of damage and injury from municipal trees, (4) Improve forest sustainabil-

ity for all natural resources, and (5) Develop community awareness and involvement.

A copy of Roosevelt's Community Forest Management Plan is available online, from the Environmental Commission page of the Borough's new website, at <http://rooseveltnj.us/boards-commissions/environmental-commission>. Roosevelt Achieves Sustainable Jersey Certification
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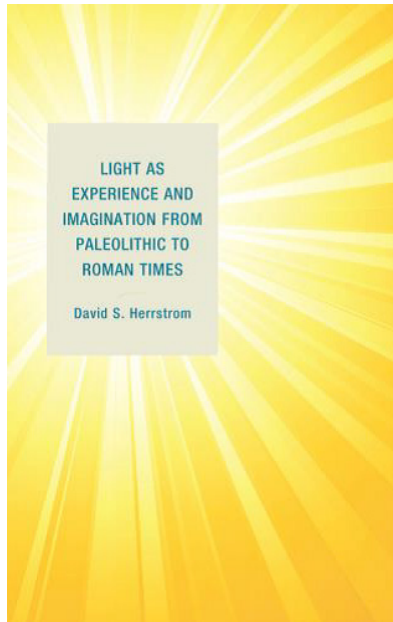

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A New Book from Local Author David Herrstrom: Light as Experience and Imagination from Paleolithic to Roman Times

(Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, Co-published with Rowman & Littlefield)

This book is an interdisciplinary synthesis and interpretation about the



experience of light as revealed in a wide range of art and literature from Paleolithic to Roman times. Humanistic in spirit and in its handling of facts, it marshals a substantial body of scholarship to develop an explication of light as a central, even dramatic, reality of human existence and experience in diverse cultural settings. David S. Herrstrom underscores our intimacy with light—not only its constant presence in our life but its insinuating character. Focusing on our encounters with light and ways of making sense of these, this book is concerned with the personal and cultural impact of light, exploring our resistance to and acceptance of light. Its approach is unique. The book's true subject is the individual's relationship with light, rather than the investigation of light's essential nature. It tells the story of light seducing individuals down through the ages. Consequently, it is not concerned with the "progress" of scientific inquiries into the physical properties and behavior of light (opti-

cal science), but rather with subjective reactions to it as reflected in art (Paleolithic through Roman), architecture (Egyptian, Grecian, Roman), mythology and religion (Paleolithic, Egyptian), and literature (e.g., Akhenaten, Plato, Aeschylus, Lucretius, John the Evangelist, Plotinus, and Augustine). This book celebrates the complexity of our relation to light's character. No individual experience of light is "truer" than any other; none improves on any previous experience of light's "tidal pull" on us. And the wondrous variety of these encounters has yielded a richly layered tapestry of human experience. By its broad scope and interdisciplinary approach, this pioneering book is without precedent. The book is available online at www.rowmanlittlefield.com or by phone: 800-462-6420 in both hardcover (ISBN 978-1-68393-094-5) and electronic format (ISBN 978-1-68393-095-2). A discount code is available through for use through December: UP30AUTH18*.

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David S. Herrstrom, a Roosevelt resident and poet, is an independent scholar who has taught and lectured at various universities and museums, including Queens College (City University of New York), Monmouth University, and Drew University, as well as the Woodmere Art Museum (Philadelphia).

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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 
16 Sat.	8:00 pm		Roosevelt Arts Project, Sing-Along with Instrumental Interludes Borough Hall
19	Tues.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, John Vo, President
19	Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall CANCELED
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
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