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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Advisory Council on Emergency Services Organizes; Retail Food Establishment Ordinance Adopted; Revised Redevelopment Plan Ordinance for Gas Station Property Introduced

At its January 14 meeting, the Borough Council adopted a resolution establishing an Advisory Council on Emergency Services. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to investigate all options for providing emergency services (fire, first aid, emergency management) and for facilities to house such services and to make recommendations for future action. After the resolution was adopted, Mayor Jeff Ellentuck announced the following appointments to the Advisory Council: Professional Planner Alan Mallach as chair, John Lenart (Fire Department), Jack Rindt (First Aid Squad), Bob Clark (advocate for those opposing the bond ordinance), and Council members Jill Lipoti and Michael Ticktin. In response to those who expressed the view that the appointments should have been made so that those who had supported the bond ordinance and those who had opposed it were equally represented, Mayor Ellentuck stated that the objective was to make sure that all interests were adequately represented and that all alternatives--even if supported by a minority or even by only one member--would be included in the Advisory Council's report, after objective review of all available information.

The Advisory Council held its first meeting on February 7 and formed two committees, one of which (consisting of Messrs. Lenart, Rindt, and Ticktin) is to report on the amount and type of space needed by the emergency

services and for other municipal purposes, including Public Works and record storage, and the other of which (consisting of Ms. Lipoti and Messrs. Clark and Ticktin) is to meet with representatives of the Millstone Fire District to discuss options that they might be willing to explore. Under a new law that was signed by the Governor in January, a fire district can now, upon passage of ordinances by both municipal governing bodies, have its territory extended to include territory in another municipality that is not part of an existing fire district, thus opening the possibility of Roosevelt becoming part of the Millstone Fire District.

Also at the January 14 meeting, the Borough Council approved rental of a trailer to provide a safe, healthful environment for the storage of emergency services gear and for other municipal purposes until such time as a more permanent solution is found and put into effect. The Council also approved environmental cleaning of firefighter uniforms and equipment. All of this was done in response to the concerns expressed by members of the Fire Department about having to be exposed to dampness and mold as a result of the condition of the firehouse. Mayor Ellentuck reported that, thanks to the ongoing assistance of JCP&L area representative Jerry Riccardi, electrical service would be provided to the trailer on an expedited basis.

There was no Council meeting on January 25 due

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 39th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from September through July. We will not publish in January and August.

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

We will do our best to make the Bulletin both informative and interesting with the help of our devoted writers and production people.

If you want to CONTACT THE BULLETIN, please look at our masthead to the right with our address as shown.



Please report any bear sightings to:
State Bureau of Wildlife Management
Kim Tinnes, Wildlife Control
609-259-7955

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

SENIOR CITIZENS: There is a S.C.A.T. bus provided by Monmouth County Division of Transportation that comes to Roosevelt on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and will take you shopping to ShopRite in East Windsor. The bus will pick you up at your home, you spend 1 ½ hours shopping, and the bus will take you home and leave your groceries at your door. There is no charge to you for this service.

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

Roosevelt Open Studio

Roosevelt School Art Room Tuesdays 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Open for Roosevelt Residents over 15

Contact: Ellen Silverman, Home: 609 490 0557, Cell: 609 865 7396

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to the snowstorm. At the February 8 meeting, the Council adopted an ordinance adopting Chapter XII, Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines (1993) of the New Jersey State Sanitary Code. The ordinance establishes licensing requirements and fees for retail food establishments, including educational requirements for any person who would be in charge of such an establishment. The ordinance was proposed and then adopted on the recommendation of the Monmouth County Board of Health, which provides health services for Roosevelt, in anticipation of the opening of a new restaurant at the former Roosevelt Deli property.

Also at the February 8 meeting, the Council approved on first reading (meaning that it has been proposed and can be adopted after hearing at a subsequent meeting) an ordinance amending the Redevelopment Plan Ordinance adopted in 2003 by adopting the "Redevelopment Plan for the Roosevelt Gateway Redevelopment Area" (as the gas station will henceforth be known) that was prepared by Alan Mallach and approved by the Planning Board. This redevelopment plan, which is intended to encourage proposals for commercial use beneficial to the community, will be the basis for a request for proposals that the Borough will issue once the ordinance has been adopted.

Sharyn Walz will return to covering Council meetings next month.



Roosevelt Public School PTA Winter Carnival



Date: Saturday, March 5th

Time: 10:00 - 1:00

Where: Roosevelt Public School



Come have fun with carnival games and prizes. Enjoy the delicious food at the bake sale. Participate in the silent auction to win wonderful baskets and prizes.

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We will be pleased to continue sending them the *BULLETIN* when we receive their contributions which, of course, can be for the same amount (or more) as in the past.

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Education Foundation Hosts a Music Performance at RPS on April 23rd

We are pleased to announce that “The Neighbors,” a group of hometown musicians, will be performing a benefit concert on Saturday night, April 23rd, at 8:00 p.m. at the school. The group includes Kevin McNally (percussionist), Judith McNally (keyboard), Nancy Hamilton (vocals) and Ron Kostar (clarinet and vocals). You may have heard members of the group perform at Roosevelt Art Project (RAP) events in past years. They will be playing two sets of jazz songs including Standards, Gospel and Cabaret and Show tunes. Many of the tunes in their repertoire are from the 1930s and 40s. The evening promises to be a rousing one, and one and all are welcome to sing along! Come hear some old favorites, and enjoy the adventure of hearing some new ones. Tickets are \$10 per person. There will be an intermission with coffee and desserts provided, and some refreshments for sale. Look for a flyer in April’s Borough Bulletin with more details.

We hope that you have had a chance to see the beautiful mural created by RPS students and staff in the school lobby. If you haven’t, you will be able to see it the evening of the performance. Thanks to your generous support, we were able to make a contribution to the creation of that mural. The kiln and many of the pottery supplies used in the project were purchased through a grant that was won by the RPS Education Foundation for the school.

We have a number of enjoyable fundraising events planned to raise funds in support of school programs and facilities which could not be included within the school budget. There will be another Pilates session in the Spring, and our annual Rock Climbing event will take place in May. Please check our website, www.rpsef.org, or Facebook page, “Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation” for details.



Mary Tulloss, Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation

www.rpsef.org

Help Prevent Motor Oil Pollution

Motor oil does not dissolve in water. When motor oil runs into storm drains, either from changing your car’s oil or from leaky cars, it goes directly into our lakes, rivers, and the ocean. Oil and other petroleum products are toxic and can contaminate your drinking water, as well as kill fish, wildlife, and plants.

Did you know that one pint of oil can make a slick larger than a football field? Used motor oil is the largest single source of all oil pollution in lakes, streams, and rivers. Americans spill 180 million gallons of used oil each year into our waters.

How you can help:

- Keep your car well maintained.
- Regularly check your car for leaks and or drips, and have your car repaired if needed.
- Take your car to a service center to change the oil.
- If you do change your own oil, do it in a garage, never on the street. Use a self-contained oil pan and discard the oil at a local service center for recycling.
- Never discard oil, gas, or antifreeze into a storm drain.
- If you spill a hazardous fluid, contain it immediately with rags and cat litter. Clean up the spill and properly dispose of the waste.

For more information about keeping our waters clean, see www.cleanwaterNJ.org.

Never Comes the Spring

The wet snow steams into bright morning air.

Last night, we watched the moon rise

Above the black silhouette of winter trees,

Its opalescent disk a shadow beside the brilliantly lit crescent.

Negative space suggested into visibility

By what is missed.

And you lamented the wet, bitter breeze.

March and all its disappointments:

“The roar and decay of spring...”

Like the end of a Russian winter or novel,

The reward delayed beyond our caring.

By Leonid Tokarsky

Translated by Ziev Levin

Volunteers Needed for Environmental Projects

The 2015 Environmental Resources Inventory recommended further action in three priority areas:

- Managing the health of our forest, including consideration of fire hazards.
- Managing the control of invasive plant species.
- Managing the health of our streams, including monitoring and the possibility of restoration.

The Environmental Commission is developing projects to address each of these priority areas. If you'd like to learn more and get involved, contact Eitan Grunwald at eitan@eitangrunwald.com or (609) 426-4636.

PET WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATERS

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP PROTECT OUR WATERS

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

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

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

Visit www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rnp/hhwcps for list of county household hazardous waste disposal centers.

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

Feeding results in more pollution from their waste.

For more information please contact the following:

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Invasive Plant of The Month: Jekyll and Hyde Part 2

By Steve Taylor

Did you ever have a great idea and then find that someone else had already thought of it? Well you are not alone. In the plant world, it is called Convergent Evolution when unrelated species evolve the same characteristics. Our last article on Wintercreeper described a plant with a creeping groundcover stage, and a climbing, fruiting stage. The same description applies to the ever popular, English Ivy, *Hedera helix*, one of our most widely planted ground covers.

Like Wintercreeper, it should not be allowed to climb and fruit. A textbook example of the climbing stage in all its glory can be seen by the Roosevelt bust. Next time you visit the post office, have a look across the street. You can't miss it. Assuming it was planted when the bust was installed in 1960, the plant is now 56 years old, a youngster considering ivy's lifespan of 200 years.

Ivy's climbing not only leads to its spread by our avian friends dispersing the seeds, but the ever-green foliage collects snow adding weight to its host tree and causing branch loss. It also shades the host tree, limiting photosynthesis, leading to the decline and ultimate death of the tree. Besides these obvious issues, English ivy is also a host for Bacterial Leaf Scorch (*Xylella fastidiosa*), a plant pathogen that is harmful to elms, oaks, maples, & other native plants.

English ivy and its subspecies have been cultivated for a long time.

There are over 400 varieties in cultivation today. There is even an American Ivy Society. Like Wintercreeper, where vigilantly and perpetually controlled, it is well behaved. I recently visited my niece who just bought a house previously owned by an avid gardener, who was so proud of his ivy, grown from a cutting from historic Williamsburg. Unfortunately, with time his vigilance lapsed. The yard is now has ivy everywhere. Fortunately, severing the ivy vines can control climbing phase. Repeatedly mowing the vines to the ground or smothering them under a thick layer of mulch can eliminate ivy in its groundcover stage. To keep ivy in bounds, cutting and pulling are effective.

Additional information about English ivy and its control may be found at the links below:

References:

Invasive Species Removal - English Ivy

http://phillywatersheds.org/doc/9-Invasive%20Species_English%20Ivy.pdf

Invasive Plants in Pennsylvania - English Ivy

http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_010278.pdf

Bugwoodwiki - *Hedera helix*

http://wiki.bugwood.org/Hedera_helix

Plant Conservation Alliance, Alien Plant Working Group

<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/hehe1.htm>



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

TIPS FOR BEAR ENCOUNTERS

From NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife

If you see a bear, in particular one that does not show much fear, immediately contact the Department of Environmental Protection's hotline at (877) 927-6337, or (877) WARN-DEP.

In most cases, encounters between people and bears end without incident. However, black bears are wild animals and the Division of Fish and Wildlife reminds the public that it is very important for people who live in or visit New Jersey's bear country to be alert to their presence, especially when hiking.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife offers the following tips when hiking in bear country:

- Never feed or approach a bear.
- Make your presence on the trail known by speaking loudly, singing, clapping your hands, or making other noises.
- Remain calm if you encounter a bear. **DO NOT RUN FROM IT.** Do not make direct eye contact with the bear, as this may be perceived as a challenge. **SLOWLY BACK AWAY.**
- Make sure the bear has an escape route.
- If the bear continues to follow you or is otherwise undeterred, make loud noises by yelling, blow a whistle, bang pots and pans, or use an air horn, if available. Make yourself look as big as

possible by waving your arms. If you are with someone else, stand close together with your arms raised above your head.

- If a bear stands on its hind legs or moves closer, it may be trying to get a better view or detect scents in the air. It is usually not a threatening behavior.
- The bear may utter a series of huffs, make popping jaw sounds by snapping its jaws and swat the ground. These are warning signs that you are too close. Slowly back away, avoid direct eye contact and do not run.
- Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground, avoid direct eye contact, then slowly back away and do not run.
- Black bear attacks are extremely rare. However, if one does attack, fight back. Do not "play dead."

In addition, families who live in areas frequented by black bears should have a "Bear Plan" in place for children, with an escape route and planned use. The Division of Fish and Wildlife offers these other important rules to help minimize conflicts with black bears:

- If a bear enters your home, provide it with an escape route by propping all doors open.
- Invest in certified bear-resistant garbage containers, which offer the best protection. If not using bear-proof garbage containers, store all garbage in containers with tight fit-

ting lids in a secure area where bears are unlikely to see or smell them, such as a basement or the inside wall of a garage. Business owners should contact their sanitation company to acquire a bear resistant dumpster if they are having issues with black bears.

- Use electric fencing to protect livestock and beehives. It is the most effective and efficient way to prevent bear damage. A properly installed and baited electric fence not only deters bears, but teaches them to keep away.
- Put garbage out on collection day, not the evening before.
- Wash garbage and recycling containers with a disinfectant at least once a week to reduce odors. Draping an ammonia- or bleach-soaked cloth over containers will help to eliminate odors.
- Do not place meat or sweet food scraps in compost piles.
- Feed birds only from December 1 to April 1, when bears are least active.
- Feed outdoor pets during daylight hours only. Immediately remove all food scraps and bowls after feeding.
- Clean outdoor grills thoroughly after each use. Grease and food residue can attract bears.
- Do not leave food unattended while camping or picnicking.

For more information on black bear behavior, biology and tips, visit: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/bear-facts.htm>

Free Food Distribution

To All Roosevelt Residents:

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

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

The Saturdays do vary, so when I find out which Saturday, I will put a notice on the bulletin board at the Roosevelt Post Office. Call me if you have questions. Geraldine Millar 609.448.0351

Dear Community:

Recently I sent a letter to all of our recent graduates who are currently in Grades 7 to 12 inviting them to contact me (mcohen@rps1.org) to let me know what kinds of activities they would like to participate in here at RPS. I did this because I think that RPS is a special place and I don't see many of our grads coming back to visit and maintaining connections with the school. Our alumni are really important to keeping the traditions alive and the school at the center of the community. Please pass along this request to any new graduates that you know.

I would like to highlight two presentations that we had at RPS recently:

On January 28th one of our 5th Grade students, Trevor Niebo, presented his report on tornadoes to our Board of Education. Trevor's report

was part of a unit on natural disasters that Mr. Gershman teaches; the Board was delighted to hear what Trevor learned and to activate the model that Trevor built.

On February 11th, our entire student body attended an assembly here at RPS presented by Charlotte Blake Alston of Young Audiences Arts for Learning: "Stories and Songs in the African Oral Tradition." Ms. Alston used folktales, song and traditional instruments to teach our children about the oral traditions in Africa.

Our music teacher, Ms. Reynolds recommended this assembly and led follow-up activities with our students. Classroom teachers used this time to meet as a professional learning community.



This morning I went to a school assembly about African folktales. There was a story teller named Ms. Charlotte. Ms. Charlotte played an old instrument called a Kora. She also played the Jimbany. The is a hollow drum. Ms. Charlotte told me African folktales like Anansi the Spider, Why Dogs Chase Cats, The Hole in the Bottom of the Sea and The Life of Louie Armstrong. The school assembly this morning was so amazing!

ame Theo February 11, 2016

~~The~~ school went to an assembly where they were telling African Folktales. One folktale was called The Hole in The Sea. The person who was telling the stories is named Miss Charlotte. My favorite story was Why Dogs Chase cats! I think all of the assembly was awesome!

Garbage and Recycling Reminder

Please make sure all garbage cans and recycle bins are out to the curb before 7:30 am on collection days. Thank you!

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.



MISSION

To educate and inspire all students to excel academically*, to become independent and creative thinkers, skillful communicators and lifelong learners. Roosevelt Public School nurtures and challenges the unique potential of each student so that our children will develop individual, social and civic responsibility as well as respect for themselves, each other, and the environment.

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

The Roosevelt Board of Education is always looking for new people interested in the work of the Board. We encourage anyone interested to contact us at rpsboe@gmail.com for more information, or to attend any of our meetings.

This month we focus on New Jersey School Boards Association and the training and services it provides to our Board of Education. All school boards in New Jersey are supported by the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA; njsba.org). NJSBA provides support in all areas of board membership, including representation and advocacy, training, and information and publications. They also provide video resources through the NJSBA YouTube channel and Parent Connections web portal.

Among the many services provided by the NJSBA is the training mandated by the State of New Jersey for all school board mem-

By Cornelia Spoor

bers in the first, second, and third years of their first term, and in the first year of any subsequent terms. These training programs can be completed online or in-person at various times throughout the year.

Newly elected board members in their first year take “Governance I: New Board Member Orientation,” which focuses on the basic structure and responsibilities of school board members, and includes the State-mandated ethics training component. The second year training is “Governance II: Finance,” followed by “Governance III: Student Achievement.”

Re-elected or reappointed board members take “Governance IV: Legal Update and HIB,” which covers legal issues that school boards may encounter, and an in-depth examination of the HIB (Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying) statutes and policies.

NJSBA also provides school boards with onsite assistance and consultation through their field services, labor relations, legal, and policy resources departments. NJSBA also assigns a Field Service Representative to each school board. NJSBA says that “Field Service Representatives provide direct, on-site services at no cost

to boards of education across the state. Our highly skilled team has experience in school board governance and responsibilities and can provide information and workshops on topics ranging from superintendent evaluations, board self-evaluation, goal-setting, community engagement, school finance and student achievement.”

The Roosevelt Board of Education has received valuable assistance and guidance from our representative, Kathy Winecoff, for superintendent searches, goal setting, and stakeholder meetings. We anticipate working with Kathy Winecoff in the near future on development of a new five-year strategic plan, and on community planning so that RPS can continue to effectively meet the needs of our community.

A special note: the January Board meeting had the pleasure of a special presentation by fifth-grader Trevor Niebo. Trevor presented his science project on tornadoes, complete with charts, maps, and a model spinning cyclone demonstrating the action of a tornado, which Board members were able to try out. Kudos to Trevor, and thanks to Mr. Gershman for bringing the presentation to the meeting.

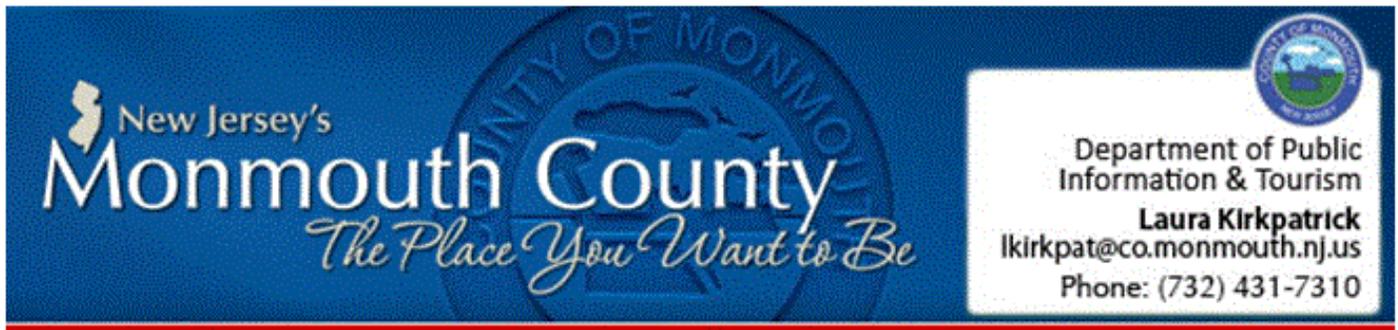
NJ Department of Environmental Protection

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1-877-WARNDEP or

1-877-927-6337

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



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

February 9, 2016

County health officials monitoring flu

County offering free influenza vaccines

Cover your cough, wash your hands, stay home if sick, get a vaccine

FREEHOLD, NJ – Health officials throughout New Jersey and the United States are seeing increased influenza illness. Locally, the staff of the Monmouth County Health Department is also seeing increased flu activity reporting and they are closely monitoring this year's flu activity at Monmouth County schools, hospitals and nursing homes.

"There are three basic everyday actions that we can all use to protect ourselves and our loved ones from getting the flu," said Freeholder John P. Curley, liaison to the Monmouth County Health Department. "Cover your cough, wash your hands and stay home if you are sick are best ways to avoid getting and spreading the flu and many other illnesses."

An extra step in the flu protection arsenal is getting a seasonal influenza shot. The County Health Department will offer free flu vaccines at their office located at 3435 Highway 9 in Freehold. To receive a vaccine, call the Health Department at 732-431-7456 to make an appointment.

Participants will be screened by a registered nurse regarding risk factors and educated about the vaccine. A parent or guardian must sign a consent form for children six months to 18 years of age.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone six months of age and older be vaccinated against the flu annually. Flu shots are approved for use in pregnant women and people with chronic health conditions.

"If you haven't already done so, you should get this season's flu shot," said Christopher Merkel, Monmouth County's Public Health Coordinator. "This year there are several different strains of influenza circulating in our region. The flu shot is a way to be protected from some of the strains."

When a circulating influenza virus is different from vaccine viruses, it is still recommended that persons get a flu shot. Even if the vaccine might not provide complete protection against one of the strains, it still offers protection against the

other influenza viruses that are present in the vaccine.

Influenza symptoms are cough, sore throat, headache, muscle pain, chills and fatigue. A fever may or may not be a symptom of the flu. Residents who have one or more of these symptoms are urged to stay home from work or school to avoid spreading the illness to others.

"Residents need to be vigilant in protecting themselves and reducing the spread of the seasonal influenza," said Curley. "We are in the usual peak of influenza season right now."

According to the CDC, most people with the flu have mild illness and do not need medical care or antiviral drugs. If, however, you have symptoms of flu and are in a high risk group, or are very sick or worried about your illness, contact your health care provider. For information about high risk groups, visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov.

The Monmouth County Health Department recommends that all residents avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, too, and stay home when you are sick. Most importantly, wash your hands to protect yourself from germs and cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.

For additional information, call the Monmouth County Health Department at 732-431-7456, or log onto www.visitmonmouth.com.

The Monmouth County Health Department provides public health services for residents of the following towns: Aberdeen, Allentown, Asbury Park, Atlantic Highlands, Avon, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Englishtown, Eatontown, Farmingdale, Hazlet, Holmdel, Howell, Keyport, Lake Como, Manasquan, Marlboro, Matawan, Millstone, Neptune Township, Neptune City, Oceanport, Ocean Grove, Roosevelt, Shrewsbury Township and Union Beach.



The Roosevelt Arts Project

The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) is a collaborative venture of friends and neighbors in and around Roosevelt, New Jersey. Bringing together artists in a variety of media, our mission is to foster collaboration and present their work to the public.

Founded in 1986 by the nationally known artists, Bernarda Bryson Shahn and Jacob Landau, and others including writers and musicians, the Roosevelt Arts Project presents a series of annual programs. This varied series premieres new works by Roosevelt playwrights, painters and potters, folk singers, poets, and composers, as well as experimental collaborations.

DATE	VENUE	EVENT
Saturday, March 26 8:00 PM	Borough Hall	Soundings Brad Garton will read excerpts from three of his “book-apps”, personal multimedia meditations with integrated sound, graphics and text. Part performance, part concert, and part story-telling, these excerpts will include tales taken from life in Roosevelt.
Saturday, April 16 8:00 PM	Borough Hall	A Leap in the Dark Join the Roosevelt Poets As they explore the ordinary Mysteries around (and within) us.
Friday, May 8 & Saturday, May 9 8:00 PM \$10 suggested contribution (\$5 students and seniors)	Borough Hall	“The Roosevelt String Band in Concert” David, Paul, Ed, Sam, Kai, Joe and Howie will present an evening of folk music guaranteed to stimulate great thoughts, mighty feelings, sweet sensations and a whole lot of fun
Saturday June 4 12:00-5:00 PM	Assifa Space	Nature Art Show Photographs, paintings and drawings of nature will be displayed. Sounds of nature fill the environment as the viewer contemplates the theme.

The Roosevelt Mural

The mural shown in the header was created by Ben Shahn in 1937-38 to commemorate the New Deal resettlement community of Jersey Homesteads, now called Roosevelt, N.J. The mural can still be seen in the Roosevelt Public School. As one of the first and finest art works in the town, it is only appropriate that it should serve as the header for the RAP site.

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://www.rooseveltartsproject.org>

Be sure to join our mailing list at http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org/mail_form.php so that you get the brochure sent to you via email each season and timely reminders of each upcoming event.

For further information call Robin Gould at (609) 448-4616.

JUST A COMMON SOLDIER

(A Soldier Died Today)

by A. Lawrence Vaincourt

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,
And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land
A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago,
That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom that our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,
Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?
Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend
His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,
Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today.

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Submitted by Bob Francis



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There are frequently guests who speak about a variety of topics, generally applicable to everyone. Finances, health, and safety in the home, are a few examples.

I encourage all residents to look for upcoming notices in the Bulletin and at the Post Office and take advantage of this worthwhile program.

Thank you! Peggy Malkin



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16 Wed.	7:00 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall, Eitan Grunwald, Chair.
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