



# Bulletin



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## Council Approves Shared Services Agreements with Millstone

By Sharyn Walz

At its February 15 meeting, the Roosevelt Borough Council approved two shared services agreements with the Millstone Board of Education. The first will provide the Borough with various office supplies for Borough Hall at a discounted rate; a second agreement will provide electrical, HVAC, and vehicle maintenance services at a rate of \$54/hour (\$80/hour after 2:00 pm) plus a 10% administration fee for related purchases. These agreements expand on existing contracts in place between the two municipalities that include fire protection services and an agreement through which the Roosevelt Board of Education receives business administrator, board secretary, and operations support.

The following resolutions were also addressed: Resolution 18-36, Payment of Bills: Councilmember Hamilton took two bills off the list of approvals. One was for travel expenses for a public works employee, for traveling around town with their own personal vehicle (\$316.39). The Borough Purchasing Agent will check the employee manual to look for policy or practice for this requested reimbursement. The other bill was for VITAL, who handled water and sewer and tax bills before the recent change to Edmunds.

Councilmember Middleman-Filepp referenced a bill from the Borough Engineer and requested that the Council establish a protocol to account for professionals performing work, and incurring expenses, for the Borough without prior review by Committee or Council. Mayor Malkin indicated she will have this addressed by the Finance Committee. In the meantime, the bill will be paid, on advice of the Borough Attorney.

Resolution 18-38 was amended by Councilmember Middleman-Filepp to include all members of the Finance Committee as check-signers for the Borough. Resolution 18-39 amended Resolution 18-07 to include the sub-

stitute school crossing guard. Resolution 18-40 allowed payment for an emergency repair to sludge tank pump at the wastewater treatment plant (\$7,215).

Resolution 18-41 authorized the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division to conduct aerial mosquito control operations within Roosevelt Borough, in certain areas of the municipality designated by the County as being either larval mosquito habitat or areas harboring high populations of mosquitoes.

Resolution 18-44 designated a Municipal Court Judge for the Borough. This resolution was tabled after Councilmembers Parrott and Hamilton expressed concerns about the performance of the Millstone Court Judge. The Borough Attorney will advise Council on next steps, which may include looking into alternatives for next year.

The Borough Clerk is in the process of transcribing Council meeting minutes from 2015 and 2016 and will submit them for approval as they are completed. The Borough Clerk is currently searching the Borough's online documents to determine whether a complete set of audio recordings and/or written minutes is available. It does not appear that minutes from prior meetings were routinely approved by Council.

The Council commended Roosevelt residents Dave Curtis and Greg DeFoe for emptying out the rental trailer located in the parking lot of Borough Hall, saving the Borough the monthly rental fees and opening up additional parking spaces.

The following reports were made by Chairs of the various committees:

Councilmember Hamilton reported that the Administration Committee met several times to discuss

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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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- Most submissions will also be added to the Bulletin web site. Allow up to one week for submissions to appear online after publication of the print edition.
- Please name your files with your last name, or the name of your organization, and the month.

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

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

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

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## From the Mayor

Hello Neighbors,

I hope everyone is doing well. It's been a trying winter.

In the last two months, Roosevelt has experienced a water main break on Pine Drive, another water main break on Rochedale Ave., a sewer clog on Pine Drive, and power outages.

The first water main break occurred on a bitterly cold day. I must commend our Public Works Department and various Council people. They were on site the entire time the repair was taking place, performing whatever tasks needed to be done.

The second water main break caused many other headaches. It was an eleven-hour job, from start to finish. Traffic had to be diverted from Rochedale Ave. to Homestead La. Drivers unfamiliar with Roosevelt drove down Homestead at very high unsafe speeds, and then became tripped up at the triangle.

Once again, many Council people were on site, helping to divert and calm traffic.

The sewer clog was a disgusting job, there is no other way to describe it. It was caused by grease and wipes in the system.

Lastly, a utility pole on Farm La. broke during the Nor'easter, causing a power line to come down, and creating a 26-hour power outage. JCP&L responded immediately, though the delivery of a new pole took quite some time.

Many thanks to our State Police, who parked at both ends of Farm La. the entire time the electricity was out. We opened the Borough Hall to residents once it was determined that the outage would be of a significant duration.

People could avail themselves to light, heat, and a place to charge cell phones, laptops, etc. Despite short notice, we provided coffee, water, and light snacks. Not exactly a feast, but a little filling!

Residents were informed by Code Red that the Borough Hall was open, but people should be aware that any time there is a problem where homes have no heat or other necessities, we will always open the Borough Hall to the public.

The inconvenience of no electricity notwithstanding, it is kind of fun in the Borough Hall. People socialize, hang out, and often get to know each other.

In other areas, we have begun taking action to address physical plant and management issues at our Water/ Sewer utility. These issues have been ignored for a long time. We are also addressing problems affecting our infrastructure in town.

On a positive note, we were informed by Senator Thompson's office that Roosevelt is the recipient of a \$350,000 grant for improvements to Nurko Road and Elm Court. There were a limited number of these grants available, many towns applied for them, and we received a sizable amount. Kudos to our Municipal Engineer and Council people who wrote the grant last September.

We are providing many more services to our residents through our fully functioning Public Works Department, and official Borough Website. If you haven't checked out the new website, you should. It shows our famous beautiful Ben Shahn mural at the top of the page. On this website you can access information about Roosevelt, download forms, and keep up with all the happenings.

Did you know that we are now able to pay our Water/ Sewer and Property taxes online, through the website? Gradually, we are putting the turmoil of the past few years behind us, moving on, and taking real action to propel the town in the right direction.

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personnel issues, which he is not free to discuss publicly.

Councilmember Middleman-Filepp, Chair of the Community Development and Code Enforcement Committee, has requested a meeting with the Borough Attorney to discuss the land swap, liquor license, and redevelopment of the gas station property.

Councilmember Shean, Chair of the Environmental, Health, and Safety Committee, reported that there will be a Community Blood Drive on March 27 and that a flyer will be in the Bulletin. It is suggested that residents schedule appointments for blood donation to help plan for space and supplies.

Councilmember Parker, Chair of the Public Works Committee, reported that a hazardous tree near the Roosevelt Memorial will need to be taken down. Meetings with Public Works employees have been taking place every other week to coordinate tasks and prevent duplication. Other recent tasks included insulating the pump shed to prevent freezing, removing a broken puncheon on the trail, and replacing parts on the garbage cans. The Committee is considering having Public Works employees mow the grass on Borough property rather than using an outside contractor.

A report from the Utilities Committee was read on behalf of Councilmember Trammell: There was a manhole on the trail that was overflowing due to grease and wipes in the system. Residents were once again reminded not to allow grease or “flushable” wipes to enter the sewer system. Repairs in February included a new grinder, a rebuilt pump, and the emergency generator.

Mayor Malkin expressed her strongly-held view that Roosevelt is “a gem of a town” and recalled when Roosevelt was on the cover of NJ Monthly magazine as the best town to live in in NJ in 2006. She stated that residents should consider themselves

temporary stewards of the community who must preserve it for the future.

Mayor Malkin also mentioned that some newer residents have been removing trees from their properties, to the detriment of the community, and she called for Council to act to maintain the trees as well as the town. To that end, she asked that the Environmental, Health, and Safety Committee study tree ordinances in other towns and consider a tree ordinance for Roosevelt as well.

Councilmember Parrott was appointed as Chair of the Finance Committee, and as a member of both the Utilities Committee and the Environmental, Health, and Safety Committee.

The Borough Attorney read details of the preliminary Administration Committee investigation of events surrounding the injection of excessive amounts of sodium hydroxide into the drinking water last year. The DEP is heavily involved in the investigation and follow-up monitoring. The Borough has been served several deficiency notices from DEP and is still not compliant with resolving the areas of deficiency. Reports, daily logs, and remedial actions are long overdue. The DEP advised that the method of communication with residents following this water emergency was “woefully poor.” The Committee will issue a final report at the next Council meeting.

**Public comment:**

Public comments included discussion regarding a letter received by the Council from residents Bob Clark and Bob Kragen suggesting three ways to improve Roosevelt’s municipal governance:

- Allow members of the public to participate in Council discussions throughout meetings by raising their hands to be recognized by the Mayor.
- Include digital copies of all invoices on the Borough’s website.
- Secure at least three quotes for all non-emergency goods or services

exceeding \$1,000 per year, including those purchased through a State contract.

Councilmember Hamilton said he would discuss the suggestions in the Administration Committee meeting. Borough Attorney Greg Cannon expressed concern that allowing the public to comment throughout Council meetings could potentially be a problem for confidentiality and general meeting management, and would not recommend each point on the agenda be opened for public discussion. He said that open floor discussions may work well for committee meetings, but not in Council meetings that have legal requirements.

Stacey Bonna encouraged all Council Members to go back and listen to the Council meeting recordings and advised that there were interviews and a report done regarding the water emergency.

Jeff Klein expressed concern that his neighbor removed several 80-year-old trees in a single day. Mr. Klein stated that trees are beautiful and add enjoyment for people walking around town, as well as habitat for the endangered turkey vultures that live in Roosevelt. Michael Ticktin advised that the League of Municipalities maintains records of tree ordinances, which the Borough can request for review and consideration.

Councilmembers Parker and Hamilton explained that orange traffic cones that have been placed around the Borough are marking manhole covers and speedbumps for the benefit of plow drivers and would be removed in the spring. The Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division (732-542-3630) is planning to spray parts of Roosevelt as part of its mosquito control program. Although residents can request that their property not be treated, this may not be an issue since primary treatment areas are the wetlands area near Empty Box Brook, most of which is publicly-owned and does not include house lots.

# Roosevelt Arts Project

## Events for 2018

### **Themes and Variations: A Piano Recital with Commentary by Alan Mallach**

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 8:00 PM

Ever since there have been musical themes, composers have written variations on them. Pianist Alan Mallach will explore how composers have played with their own themes, and themes written by others, from Mozart and Beethoven to 20th century works, including Mallach's own 1985 Chaconne for Piano. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

### **One Sock Missing: A Poetry Reading**

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 8:00 PM

The Roosevelt Poets continue their exploration of the mysteries of the universe, profound and trivial. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

### **The Roosevelt String Band in Concert—ONE NIGHT ONLY**

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 8:00 PM

This year we plan a PP&M extravaganza (that's Peter, Paul and Mary in case you missed the folk revival), with David Brahinsky, Paul Prestopino, Ed and Sam Cedar, Howie Jacobson, and Nancy Wilson. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person; \$5 for seniors and students.

All events take place at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ 08555

### SONNET 98

From you have I been absent in the spring,  
When proud-pied April dress'd in all his trim  
Hath put a spirit of youth in every thing,  
That heavy Saturn laugh'd and leap'd with him.  
Yet nor the lays of birds nor the sweet smell  
Of different flowers in odour and in hue  
Could make me any summer's story tell,  
Or from their proud lap pluck them where they grew;  
Nor did I wonder at the lily's white,  
Nor praise the deep vermilion in the rose;  
They were but sweet, but figures of delight,  
Drawn after you, you pattern of all those.  
Yet seem'd it winter still, and, you away,  
As with your shadow I with these did play.

--William Shakespeare

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**The Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation**

By Anna Johnson

The Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF) sponsored a free class trip to Liberty Science Center for two adults and all the students in Grades 5 and 6 from Roosevelt Public School, with the help of the New Jersey Education Foundation Partnership (NJEFP). The school trip took place on January 23. Photos from the trip show happily engaged students.



Roosevelt resident Stacey Bonna gives freely of her time to raise money for RPSEF. The classes are \$15 per class (\$60 for all 6 sessions).



those donors, Teresa Skelton, was randomly chosen as the lucky winner of two tickets to a New Jersey Devils hockey game. Congratulations!

Thank you very much to the many people who came out to eat at TGI Fridays in East Windsor on January 9. On that day, RPSEF earned 20% of each meal as a donation from Fridays.

On February 10, the local punk rock band, Disaster House, performed under the Roosevelt mural in the school lobby as a fundraiser for RPSEF. The band recently won first place in a talent show at Hightstown High School. Thank you to Leo Mena, Gabe Hoffman, and Andrew Abrego for entertaining our audience and adding to the RPSEF fund.

It's not too late to join the Pilates class taught each Wednesday, February 28 through April 4 at 6:45-7:30 PM at RPS. Certified Pilates instructor and



RPSEF hopes to sponsor more school activities and projects this year, and has the funding to do so because of donors' contributions and participants' support of our fundraising activities. Generous donations were made during our December Donate-a-thon. One of

**Bakery**

Into this empty space  
I project a bakery:  
Simple wooden shelves  
Angled with a stop.

The ovens exhale  
The flour-dusted bread  
Steaming and ripe.

In my imaginary morning  
The smell fills the air.  
A short walk through familiar streets  
Brings me to a sheltered corner  
Where every need is met.

In my imaginary town  
Goodness and the richness of life  
Flow like the blessed scent of bread.

--Harold Caulder



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March 14th, 28th

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February 6th & March 6th

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Thursday, March 8 7PM

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January 29th-February 23rd

Classrooms collect box tops to earn 'snowballs' to throw at other classes. Two winners will receive a Hot Cocoa Pajama party.

For more information, and the latest on PTA events follow us on Facebook!  
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Spring  
Carnival  
April 21,  
2018

## Two Scholarships Available

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey is now accepting applications for its 2018 Scholarship Program. Two scholarships are available to college students who reside in New Jersey and are pursuing a degree in environmental science, natural resource management, conservation, horticulture, park administration, or a related field. The application deadline ends April 1, 2018.

Applications can be downloaded here: [www.tlc-nj.org](http://www.tlc-nj.org) or can be obtained by calling (973) 541-1010 x14.

Potential candidates must be enrolled in a college or university, be in good standing, have at least 15 credits completed, and have an academic average equivalent to a 3.0 or higher.

“This year we are pleased to be able to provide \$7,500 to each of our two scholarship recipients,” announced Rick Simon, Trustee and Member of the Scholarship Committee for The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.

“The Land Conservancy has made a long-term commitment to help future environmental leaders in New Jersey,” said The Land Conservancy President, David Epstein. “We are excited to meet a new group of passionate students and hope that our scholarships can assist with developing their skills so that they can help New Jersey meet its future environmental challenges.”

The Russell W. Myers Scholarship was established in 1983 to honor Mr. Myers, founder of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey. An outstanding leader in the field of conservation, Mr. Myers was the first Director of the Morris County Park Commission and served for more than a quarter century. His dynamic leadership established the Morris County Park System, which remains the largest county park system in the State of New Jersey and one of the finest in the nation.

The Rogers Family Scholarship was established in 2005 by Gray and Mollie Rogers, dedicated conservationists who wanted to expand The Land Conservancy’s educational support for outstanding environmentally-oriented students. Gray Rogers is a Trustee Emeritus of the non-profit land trust.

Past recipients have hailed from nearly 40 different New Jersey towns and have used their scholarships to obtain bachelor, master’s, and doctorate degrees at institutions including Rutgers University and Richard Stockton College. Their fields of study have included environmental law, policy, chemistry, and planning; as well as wildlife ecology, geography, landscape architecture, and forestry management.

## Watching "Limelight" in a Dim Light

When Charlie Chaplin's movie "Limelight" was released in 1952, it got very little play in theaters because of what people in high political and security places thought of Chaplin's "personal issues" and Leftist politics. By the mid-fifties, J. Edgar Hoover and Attorney General James McGranery had grown suspicious of the English silent film actor's political positions and connections, and so when Chaplin traveled to London to promote his latest film, the Justice Department revoked his re-entry permit and essentially banned him from re-entering the United States.

Since its original boycotting, "Limelight," which I saw recently on the TCM channel and which is available on DVD and from other online companies that offer more movies than my Netflix, has become a classic. Produced, directed by and starring the 63-year-old Chaplin, the film, which draws heavily on autobiographical material, is the story of an aging comedian named Calvero whose act has fallen out of fashion and favor with the public. One afternoon, while drinking heavily, Calvero returns to his boarding house and smells gas, which he traces to nearby apartment from which he rescues his neighbor, Theresa (played by Claire Bloom), who has tried to commit suicide. Over time, the down-and-out comedian nurses his distraught neighbor, a classically-trained ballerina, back to life, and gradually inspires her to start dancing again; meanwhile, Calvero continues to suffer a series of on-

stage failures, eventually enjoying one last triumph before his final curtain falls.

Chaplin's left-leaning politics were well-known and they are evident in "Limelight." Like Chaplin, Calvero is a popular artist, the People's comedian. He's a Bohemian, he plays seedy bars and cabarets, and his routines have all the elements of Low Comedy. Like the Marx Brothers, Calvero moves easily between Low and High Society, but his comedy is particularly incisive, and relevant, when it is skewering the pretensions of the well-heeled. Calvero can entertain and amaze and jape without saying a word.

The dialogue in "Limelight" also allows Calvero to express his philosophy. A large part of his nursing Theresa back-to-life consists of convincing her that dancing is important to her recovery and important to other people. After seeing her dance for the first time, an enchanted Calvero tells her that she is "the true artist," as he also tells a young musical composer named Ernest Neville (played by Chaplin's real son, Sidney Chaplin), with whom Theresa becomes half-romantically involved. Calvero, on the other hand, is, by his own admittance, an anachronistic jester whose antics imaginatively poke fun at High Culture and at the pretensions of people who worship it. (The old Smothers Brothers' skits come to mind here). He is the sad clown who fumbles, recovers, parodies, and deflates.

In the movie's final scene, Calvero is joined by another great aging silent movie star, Buster Keaton ("All these years and it's come to

this," a downtrodden Keaton says as they prepare in their dressing room). They then go on stage and pantomime a remarkable musical spoof in which they fumble and stumble and recover in ways that seem to be physically impossible. Chaplin and Keaton's physical comedic antics in the final scene are remarkable and hilarious. But they're also thought-provoking and sadly foreboding. Like the Smothers Brothers and Marx Brothers, when they finally do play their instruments Keaton and Chaplin prove they're excellent musicians. But the real thrust (for me) of their performance lies in their spoofing the high seriousness of authority, and of the class distinctions and pretensions that support it. Chaplin and Keaton's act is Popular Art (vaudeville) at its best, and it provides a spectacular finale to the film and to Calvero's career as a sad and profoundly democratic clown. When "Limelight" was re-released in 1972, the Academy of Motion Pictures invited Chaplin to Hollywood for the Awards Ceremony. Chaplin hadn't been back to the United States since his expulsion twenty years earlier, when he had said, "Whether I ever re-entered that unhappy country or not was of little consequence to me. I would like to have told them that the sooner I was rid of that hate-beleaguered atmosphere the better, that I was fed up with America's insults and moral pomposity." At the 1972 ceremony, a penitent Academy awarded Chaplin the Best Dramatic Score for his music to "Limelight," and he was given a twelve minute standing ovation, the longest in Academy history. Chap-

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lin was visibly moved, but afterwards he returned to London and never again lived in the US. The great Peoples' clown/comedian joined Orson Wells, Paul Robeson, Yip Harburg, Dalton Trumbo, and many others who were victimized in the 1950s fear-mongering, authoritarian, xenophobic atmosphere that unfortunately seems to be setting in over America once again.  
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See if you can find it.

### Spring

Sound the flute!  
Now it's mute.  
Birds delight  
Day and night.  
Nightingale  
In the dale,  
Lark in the sky,  
Merrily,  
Merrily, merrily to welcome in the year.

Little boy  
Full of joy,  
Little girl  
Sweet and small.  
Cock does crow,  
So do you.  
Merry voice,  
Infant noise,  
Merrily, merrily to welcome in the year.

Little lamb  
Here I am  
Come and lick  
My white neck.  
Let me pull  
Your soft wool.  
Let me kiss  
Your soft face,  
Merrily, merrily we welcome in the year.

--William Blake (1757-1827)

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## Camp Roosevelt

(For children entering 1st grade through 7th grade)

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The Borough of Roosevelt is proud to offer Camp Roosevelt, led daily by Larisa Bondy and Gus Vuolle. The camp is based on the motto "Community - Friendship - Respect." This program will offer traditional camp activities such as sports, games, arts and crafts, trips and special themed events, but with an additional emphasis on community based activities, outdoor skill building and exploration.

The program will run for six (6) weeks from Monday, July 9 - Friday, August 17 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The cost of the program is \$450 per child. An After Camp program also will be available from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at an additional cost of \$290 dollars per child. A few short bus trips are being planned which may require an additional fee. A camp calendar will be provided on the first day of the program.

A \$100 deposit is due for Camp Roosevelt and a \$50 deposit is due for After Camp upon registration, with the balance due by June 22. This is not an additional registration fee. The deposit simply assures us the amount of children attending for proper planning. Deposits will be refunded only if the program is canceled. We will only offer the program if enough children register. A parent/guardian packet of information will be available in June and must be completed and returned on the first day your child attends the program.

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### Planting for Pollinators

This article continues in a series to share information about beneficial native species in our area.

As you may know, the Invasive Species Committee of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission has created and maintained a butterfly garden at the corner of Route 571 and Spruce Lane. Several residents have created butterfly gardens on their own as well. While it takes time for gardens to become established and enjoyable, we turn our attention now to other pollinators and how we can encourage their presence in our community.

First, let's talk about which insects, besides butterflies, are pollinators, and why they're important. This list includes moths, bees, beetles, wasps, and flies. (Hummingbirds and bats are also pollinators, but we will save that for another article). These insect pollinators are crucial to flower reproduction by carrying pollen grains (male) to the stigma (female) on the same species of flower. While some plants can be pollinated by wind, water, or even self-pollination, almost 90% of plants rely on pollinators to get the job done. For these dependent plants, no pollinators means no flowers, no fruits, no vegetables, and no nuts.

In recent years, habitat destruction and the increased use of pesticides has led to a decline in the population of several pollinator species. We can



help by providing pollinators with a habitat where they can multiply and continue to work their magic, while we reap the benefits of extra flowers and/or crops.

Here are some tips on how to create a pollinator garden:

- It is not necessary to have a large space; container gardens work well.
- Find a space that receives at least 6 hours of sunshine throughout the day.
- Different shapes and sizes of flowers will lure in a variety of pollinators. Pollinators will be attracted by the nectar and pollen in your garden, so a variety of plants will ensure that something is always blooming.
- Have a source of water readily available, such as a puddler or bird-bath. Pollinating is hard work!
- Use as many native plants as possible. Native pollinators are well-matched with native plants, and may even be dependent on them.
- Include foliage and grasses that can provide shelter from early spring throughout winter.
- A variety of colors, fragrances, and flower shapes (flat vs. tubular) will attract a variety of pollinators.
- Pesticides, even organic pesticides,



should not be used anywhere near your pollinator garden!

- Some products to encourage native pollinators can be purchased from online garden supply retailers.

Please visit <http://pollinator.org/guides> for a planting guide specific for our region.

As always, the Invasive Species Committee is here to help answer any questions you may have regarding the use of native plants in your garden. Please send your inquiries to [Rooseveltinvasive@outlook.com](mailto:Rooseveltinvasive@outlook.com)

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## LETTERS

Dear Friends and (former) Neighbors,

As many of you know, I resigned as Chair of the Environmental Commission due to my relocation in January. Karyn and I very much loved living in Roosevelt for the past 32 years, and none of those feelings have changed. In recent years, however, our children moved from the area, plus many of our closest friends and family live farther north in New Jersey, and so we decided to move.

I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for the fine people who served on the Environmental Commission and volunteered for its activities during my tenure. Thanks to their involvement, the EC was able to make tangible improvements, such as reopening part of the Ron Filepp Roosevelt Woodland Trail, and creating a new pocket park at the eastern entrance to town. I like to think our

EC volunteers also made intangible contributions to the community by accomplishing something positive, such as the actions which resulted in Roosevelt being certified by Sustainable Jersey.

Perhaps more important, steps were taken to help protect the future environment of Roosevelt. The updated Environmental Resources Inventory and first-time Community Forest Management Plan point the way for further actions. It is my hope that the current Environmental Commission will advance the work that was begun during the past three years, and will continue to receive the support of residents, the Borough Council, and Mayor.

On that note, I confess to being baffled by the refusal to reappoint Sharyn Walz and Beth Battel to the Environmental Commission, as well as the decision to ignore the unanimous recommendation

of EC members to appoint Nick Murray as Chair. Sharyn was the driving force behind many EC activities, a real worker who gets things done in a positive, productive way. Beth, with her many years of public service and commitment to the environment, was always a valuable resource. And Nick, who volunteered to be Chair when no one else did, had the full support and confidence of his fellow EC Members.

These comments are no reflection on those who were appointed instead, and I hope they are successful in their respective roles on the Environmental Commission. Nevertheless, I find it troubling that those who were already contributing to the success of the EC were effectively removed or bypassed without cause, notice, or any explanation. They, and Roosevelt, deserve better. Eitan Grunwald

Spring is here

Some say the snowdrop's milk white blooms will bring the start of Spring.  
Perhaps the golden daffodils will end the Winter's sting.  
Red robin's bright and cheery chirp may chase away the gray.  
In March the Ides may herald the Spring or that's what some may say.  
Nothing can end the Winter chill like the Spring Peepers' song,  
Gusty peeps of one small frog, a voice so loud and strong.

In time his friends will join in too, and back and forth they sing.  
Simple songs; Their dialogs will make the forest ring.

How their chorus fills the air with little peepers' peeps.  
Evening woods that come alive until at last it sleeps.  
Remember when you hear their song, that Spring is on its way,  
Every little tiny voice has something great to say.

-- Steve Taylor



Spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*) is a small chorus frog widespread throughout the eastern United States and Canada. They are so called because of their chirping call that marks the beginning of spring. - from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spring\\_peeper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spring_peeper)

# A Brief History of Roosevelt Street Names

*This article originally appeared in the Bulletin over 28 years ago; a lot of current Roosevelt residents were not yet living here. We thought the subject might interest them, as well as those who might remember reading it in 1989.*

In any reasonably well-ordered society, street names serve the useful purpose of helping people know where they are and helping them to locate others. In an otherwise changing world, they tend to provide a fixed frame of reference. So fixed can this frame of reference be that people often ignore official changes in street names and continued not only to use the names that are familiar, but to pass them on to those who never knew the old names as official. A case in point, familiar to anyone who has ever lived or worked in New York City, is Manhattan's Sixth Avenue, which is legally been Avenue of the Americas for decades, that which is, as far as I know, still called Sixth Avenue by virtually everyone who isn't a first time visitor, and has a subway running beneath it that is still designated as the Sixth Avenue IND line.

This being the case, I was interested to learn that, in the 52 years in which this Borough has been in existence, it changed street names not once, but twice. The first set of names, found, among other places, on a map of the water distribution system dated June 4, 1940, reflects either the total lack of

imagination of the development staff or their nostalgia for the designation system of parts of Brooklyn and of the Lower East Side of Manhattan (see table, lower left, Ed.)

Note that there is no road C (and no Road H, I or O either, for that matter), and that there is no name for what is now called Nurko Road. Inasmuch as the map is of the water system, it shows only the southern part of the Borough, so neither Nurko Road nor Windsor-Perrineville Road is shown. However, it is unlikely that either of them is Road C, the other pre-existing roads (Robbinsville/Rochdale, Perrineville/Oscar and Clarksburg), all of which like Nurko and Windsor-Prineville, appear on the 19th-century maps, are named, and the lettered roads are only those mapped for the Jersey Homestead development. While one can speculate that H was left out in order to leave a space between through streets and cul-de-sac, and that I and O were left out in order to avoid confusion with numerals, I can think of no plausible explanation for the absence of C. Any suggestions any readers may have will be appreciated.

### Informal Names In Use Early On

At some time prior to the incorporation of the Borough of Jersey Homesteads on May 29, 1937, a parallel system of names had come into common use. The Borough Council minutes

for January 1, 1938, in the context of a report on streetlight placement, make it clear that roads A, B, D, E and Robbinsville Road had been given names by the community organizers that were more appropriate to Jersey Homesteads' concept of itself as a rural cooperative community. Road D west of the triangle had become Homestead Lane and Road

E had become Farm Lane—the latter, according to original residents Leo and Faye Libove, because the community's farmers were assigned homes along it. Roads A and B became Cooperative Circle and Corporate Extension, respectively. (According to the Liboves, Cooperative Extension, where they had their first residence here, was originally called "Sewage Extension." For some reason, "Cooperative Extension" struck most people as having a better ring to it.) Robbinsville Road was redesignated as Rochdale Avenue, the name being taken from Rochdale, England, a town near Manchester, where, in 1844, a group of flannel weavers founded the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers, the world's first successful consumers cooperative. (For those who may be interested, the Rochdale Society's store was on Toad Lane, a name that might have been picked up by our street renamers but wasn't.)

At the same time, Factory Road, Road D south of the triangle and Road P were renamed Valley Road, apparently because they lead down to the valley formed by Empty Box Creek. These names are shown on the 1944 Government subdivision map that is referenced in the deeds to all houses in the original Jersey Homestead development.

In 1946, Jersey Homestead became Roosevelt. In 1947, the Federal Government started selling the properties to private owners. As Ed Roskam pointed out in his book on Roosevelt, the prevailing desire at the time was to stop being viewed as a failed cooperative experiment and, instead, to be excepted as a normal New Jersey town.

### Council Adopts "Normal" Street Names

Perhaps it was for this reason that, in 1952, the Borough Council formed a committee on street naming, headed by Boris Drasin. On September 14, 1952, Councilman Drasin announced that a letter had been prepared to poll residents for suggestions as to new street names. I'm December 12, 1952, the sug-

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Current Name	1940 Map Name
Rochdale Avenue	Robbinsville Rd.
Oscar Drive	Perrineville Rd.
Clarksburg Road	Clarksburg Rd.
N. Valley Rd. (N. of the triangle)	Factory Rd.
Pine Dr. (N. of the triangle) and Tamara Drive	Road A
Pine Drive (SW of triangle)	Road B
Homestead Ln. and N. Valley Rd. (S. of triangle)	Road D
Farm Lane	Road E
Lake Drive	Road F
Brown Street	Road G
Elm Court	Road J
School Lane (N.)	Road K
School Lane (S.)	Road L
Cedar Court	Road M
Maple Court	Road N
S. Valley Rd.	Road P
Spruce Lane	Road Q

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gestions apparently having been received, the committee recommended that Cooperative Circle, north of the triangle and Cooperative Extension be renamed West Homestead Lane, that Homestead Lane be renamed East Homestead Lane, that Cooperative Circle, south of the triangle be named Tamara Drive (after Tamara Drasin, Boris's daughter, who had been lost at sea during the War while on a mission to entertain serviceman for the USO), that the streets shown on the 1940 map as Road F be named Oscar Drive (after Oscar Nisnevitz, the town's first municipal engineer, who had been captured at Bataan and had died while a prisoner-of-war of the Japanese), that Perrineville Road be named Factory Street, that "School Street" include the cul-de-sac to the north of Cooperative Circle as well as the cul-de-sac to the south, and that the courts shown on the 1940 map as Roads J, M and N be renamed Pine, Cedar and Maple courts, respectively. (The letter designations for the roads were apparently forgotten by 1952 and the roads are described, not lettered, in both the Council committee report and in subsequent resolution and ordinance.)

When a resolution concerning renaming of streets was introduced on January 14, 1953, West Homestead Lane had become Pine Drive, East Homestead Lane was plain Homestead Lane again, and Pine Court had become Elm Court. On April 8, 1953, an ordinance was introduced that provided for these changes and also designated the road previously known as Road G as Brown Street, after Benjamin Brown, founder of the community. Further changes were made in the ordinance as adopted on May 13, 1953, which transferred the name Oscar Drive to Perrineville Road and may the erstwhile Road F the Lake Drive instead (although the location of the lake in question remains a mystery.)

Eleanor Lane was so designated after it the rezoning of the land north of it for residential development in 1981. The road had previously been designated as the right-of-way to the cemetery and had informally been known as "Cemetery Road." The subdivider of the lots in the new R-100 zone expressed concern that

a less ominous name might prove more attractive to potential buyers. The council solicited recommendations from the community and decided to honor Eleanor Roosevelt, who had taken a special interest in the subsistence homesteads program in general and in Jersey Homesteads in particular, had been a guest of honor at the Borough's 25th anniversary celebration, and was considered to be a worthy model for women who seek to participate actively in public life.

The Nurko Road Enigma  
Then there's the enigma of what is now Nurko Road. This road had, from at least the early 1940s (According to the Liboves, who lived in the farmhouse nearest the corner for many years), been known as Robbinsville Road. This is curious because that was the name originally given to Rochdale Avenue, which Nurko Road intersects. It is most irregular to have intersecting roads with the same name. Rochdale Avenue leads to an area directly south of town, at the top of Paradise Hill, that is designated on old maps as "Robbinsville." Nurko Road leads in the general direction of the Robbinsville in Washington Township (and the houses along it get their mail from the Robbinsville post office). What is the connection? Could a street sign at the intersection have been shifted by 90° at some point? If anyone has another explanation, please send it in.

In any event, the road was redesignated as Nurko Road in the 1980s by an informal change of street signs, thereby making its name the same on both sides of the Millstone-Roosevelt border. This presumably pleased the Nurko family, who owns farmland along the road in both municipalities and who played a major role in maintaining the continued existence of commercial agriculture in Roosevelt.

### **Spruce Lane: Ghost Road**

There remains one street name change that I have not yet discussed: that of road Q to Spruce Lane. This is easily the least noticeable street in Roosevelt since it is not marked by any street sign, the portion of it between Lake

Drive and Clarksburg Road is unpaved, and a portion of it south of Clarksburg Road is a paper street. There does not appear to be any record of it ever being formally renamed. Inasmuch as the Fifties was the period in which Lake Drive, East of South Valley Road and the Roosevelt Estates development were built, as well as the period in which the pines, elms, maples and cedars were given an appropriate recognition, we may reasonably infer that the naming was occasioned by the road becoming the rear exit of Roosevelt Estates instead of only the driveway to the horse farm. In any event, the name appears on the 1961 tax map.

### **Unnamed Roads Remain**

Despite all the naming and renaming that has occurred, there remain two segments of road that are not accounted for. These are the south side of the Pine-Tamara triangle and one side of the Homestead-Valley triangle. (It is unclear which side since 37 Homestead Lane is on the southwest side and North Valley Road follows a straight course to the east, but the street sign shows the northwest and southwest sides as Valley Road and Homestead Lane.) Perhaps we can have a contest to name them.

While we're at it, we can name the triangles. My own suggestion for the triangles would be to name them for Milburn L. Wilson and Rexford Tugwell who, as a heads of the Bureau of Subsistence Homesteads and of the Resettlement Administration, were the public officials most responsible for the conception and development of the community.

Another idea, considering the cavalier approach to geometry that has historically been taken with Roosevelt street names (notably by calling a road "Cooperative Circle" when it is clearly a semicircle) would be to call the Homestead-Valley triangle Britton House Square. (Having started out by catching the attention of my fellow ex-New Yorkers, and perhaps boring the rest of you, I feel compelled to close with a reference that ex-Philadelphians are most likely to appreciate. Explanations will be provided upon request.)

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