



# Bulletin



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**BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS**

By SharynWalz

## Mayor's Monarch Proclamation, Relief for Empty Box Brook, Plans for the Fourth of July Celebration

At the May 9th 2016 Council meeting, Mayor Ellentuck issued a proclamation to protect and preserve habitats for monarch butterflies. The proclamation specifically provided the following:

- Proclaim the Month of July, 2016, as Monarch Butterfly Month in the Borough.
- Appoint Dr. Jill Lipoti as the Monarch Ambassador of the Borough of Roosevelt.
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the threats to the monarch butterfly.

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The consent agenda included resolutions providing a raffle license for the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company, appointing Kelly Tyers at the Acting Deputy Clerk and Joe McGrath as the Code Enforcement Officer, as well as allocating additional funding for a Special Utility Engineer for the water and sewer utility. Going forward, it is the intention of R3M Engineering to include their engineering fees in the Borough's NJEIT grant application.

Councilman John Impellizzeri reported that the Borough's branch pick up plan went well, and that the bulk pick up is scheduled for May 16th. He also thanked Eitan Grunwald for donating a new television for Borough Hall.

Councilman Michael Ticktin reported that this is Roosevelt's third year participating in the "Weekend in Old Monmouth" event that occurred April 30th-May 1st. He volunteered his time at the school, educating visitors on the history of the mural. Councilman Ticktin recently attended a Monmouth County Community Development Block Grant meeting, in which the committee decided to set aside 15% of available grant money specifically for non-profit organizations to level the playing field between non-profits and municipalities as they compete for funding. Councilman Ticktin also reported that new signage at Solar Village was recently approved at the Planning Board meeting.

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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.

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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.

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# From the Mayor



PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR  
 OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, NEW JERSEY  
 WHEREAS, the North American monarch population has declined by more than 90 percent in the past two decades; and  
 WHEREAS, the National Wildlife Federation believes that actions by local governments and their citizens can help to save the Monarch Butterfly; and  
 WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Roosevelt have long expressed a desire to help save the Monarch Butterfly and the teachers and students at the Roosevelt Public School have led the local efforts;



NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEFF ELLENTUCK, Mayor of the Borough of Roosevelt, do hereby:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of May, 2016.

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 JEFF ELLENTUCK,  
 Mayor of the Borough of Roosevelt

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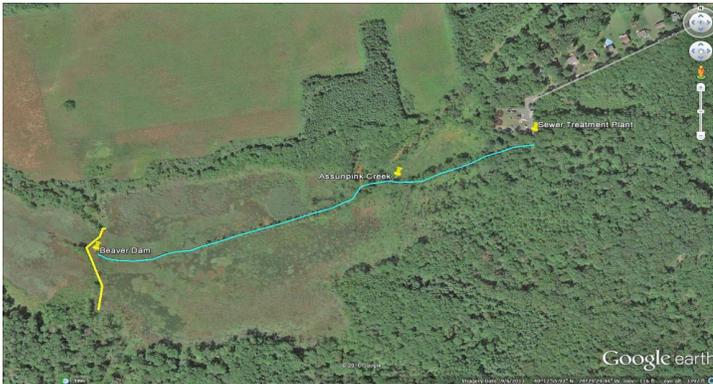
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## Beaver Deceiver Installed Possible Solution for Rising Water in Roosevelt Streams

Two years ago the Roosevelt Environmental Commission launched an Environmental Resources Inventory, a survey of current environmental conditions. Community input was solicited at the kickoff meeting, and the number one concern expressed by residents was the rising water level in our streams.



Portions of our Woodland Trail had become impassable, some private properties were becoming swampy, and mosquitoes seemed to be increasing. Most serious of all, high water from Assunpink Creek has occasionally threatened to flood our sewage treatment plant at the end of Pine Drive, a potential environmental disaster.

Although multiple factors may have contributed to rising stream levels, the prime suspect has been an enormous beaver dam in the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area, about half a mile west of the sewage treat-

ment plant.

Under ordinary circumstances beaver dams actually do a lot of good. They create wetlands that help conserve and recharge groundwater; remove excess nutrients, such as fertilizers which cause the growth of harmful algae; filter out contaminants, such as herbicides and pesticides that can endanger drinking water; prevent erosion; and increase biodiversity.

The natural succession of woodlands to wetlands caused by beaver dams is a positive process that provides many benefits to the ecosystem.

In most cases it's highly desirable to leave beaver dams alone. But when rising water threatens public health and safety, an intervention is needed. Consequently, the Environmental Commission and members of the Borough Council reached out to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to address the problem. The result was immediate action, by NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife area supervisor Peter Winkler and the staff of the Assunpink WMA, who have been exceptionally responsive.

The first thing they did was to remove enough logs from the dam to

let the water recede. But as expected, the beavers simply repaired the breach, so Peter and his staff have gone out repeatedly during the past year to lower the water again and again, sometimes in extreme conditions. Last January they came to our rescue when the stream rose dangerously high near the sewage treatment plant after heavy rains. In subfreezing temperatures the Assunpink crew waded through the marsh to tackle the dam and restore flow, and the water returned to a safe level.

Of course, dismantling a dam is just a temporary solution; the beavers always rebuild. Another approach is to remove the beavers, but eventually young individuals from neighboring groups disperse and move into the unoccupied habitat to create a new colony. To date, the most effective means for coexistence is a device that sneaks water past the beavers so they don't attempt to stop the flow.

Beavers build dams to create a pond that provides protection from predators, and the sound of running water triggers an instinctive response to repair leaks to keep the pond from draining. A flow device, or "beaver deceiver," works by running a flexible pipe through the dam so that excess water drains out instead of rising. A cage surrounds the intake end of the pipe to prevent the beavers from plugging it up, and the ends are

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Flow device before being submerged.



Assunpink crew hard at work.

## Garlic Mustard – Salad Gone Wrong

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) was brought to the US from its home in Europe, as a culinary herb in the 1860s. Unfortunately, the checks and balances that kept it in bounds in its homeland are absent here, and it has spread extensively.

Few North American insects and diseases attack the plant. Some native caterpillars have been observed to feed on this brassica because of its similarity to native cousins, but they usually die from the plant's toxins.

Like our native black walnuts and many other plants, garlic mustard contaminates the soil with chemicals that affect the germination and growth of our native species. This effect is known as allelopathy. This helps it out-compete native plants. Most importantly, these chemicals adversely affect the microorganisms in our soil that have a symbiotic relationship with our natives, including trees. Curiously, these chemicals do not have the same effect on similar microorganisms in their native range. In addition, it is very shade tolerant and deer do not eat it. Some people have suggested importing a small weevil that reportedly only feeds on Garlic Mustard. I hope they do their homework.

Controlling Garlic Mustard is a long-term project. There is an old saying

among gardeners or a saying among old gardeners, "One year's seeds make seven years weeds." Garlic Mustard is a classic example, as its seeds can survive in the ground for 5 or more years before germinating. To make matters worse, a single plant can produce up to 7000 seeds. A control strategy needs to recognize this.

May and June are great months for targeting garlic mustard. The flowers are visible, facilitating identification and the flower stalk provides a convenient point for gasping the plant. Fortunately, our soil is sandy and so the roots usually pull out rather than breaking off at the crown. Additionally, our sandy woods are fairly acidic, which is less hospitable to this invader, but not sufficient to completely prevent its spread. After pulling the plants, they need to be disposed of, since uprooted plants can continue to ripen seeds.

Identification:

- It is a biennial. It produces a rosette the first year and flowers in year two.
- Its broad heart shaped leafed rosettes and new foliage has an odor of garlic when crushed.
- Its foliage becomes more triangular and strongly toothed as the plant matures.

- It has a distinctive slight "s" curve at the top of its white root, just below the root crown.
- It blooms in early spring in the woods.
- Its white flowers have four petals.

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submerged to muffle the sound of running water.

Preparations began last fall to install a flow device in the Assunpink beaver dam. Peter and his staff mobilized personnel, training, equipment and supplies for a design intended to provide a permanent solution. Before implementation, however, 18 beavers were trapped and removed during the winter. Although new beavers will undoubtedly reoccupy the site,

chances for success are better if the population consists of "naïve" individuals who don't "remember" the dam prior to installation, and won't realize that something has changed.

In the spring of this year work shifted to high gear, and in April the beaver deceiver was installed.

We can expect some fine-tuning of this first attempt to install a flow device in the Assunpink, and I'm sure the experience will teach us all some

valuable lessons, to enable future improvements. This is a major step forward, and our best chance yet, to address a local environmental issue that has concerned our community in recent years. Many thanks to our friends from the Assunpink WMA who have worked with Roosevelt so closely and so diligently!

For more information on flow devices for beaver dams, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flow\\_device](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flow_device).

## Candidates Hamilton and Malkin Ask for Support

“Working to Make Things Better”

Peggy Malkin and I are long-time Roosevelt citizens who care deeply about the future of Roosevelt. Over the last few years, we have become concerned about the way our representative system of government now operates.

On June 7th, we are asking for you to work with us to make things better by electing us to be the Democratic candidates for the two 3-year Council seats up for election in November. Additionally, we are also asking to be elected as Democratic Committee chairpersons.

Peggy has lived in Roosevelt for almost 42-years, and I am a relative newcomer having moved here in 1989. We both have served on public bodies. Peggy Malkin is currently on the Council and has served for almost 10-years. She is running for re-election to her 3-year Council seat. I served for almost 10-years on the school board, and 4-years as Mayor from 2000-2003, and after that as a Council representative. Additionally, both of us have been Planning Board members. Peggy and I also helped coordinate many town-wide events such as the community 4th of July celebration. We were co-chairs for the Roosevelt 75th anniversary celebration. We feel that we are the most qualified candidates for the positions we are seeking.

We believe that both The Council and Democratic Party need a change in leadership. Both need to be opened up to the public so our citizens can once again be actively engaged in the characteristically robust, fully-participatory democracy that Roosevelt is known for.

From our perspectives, the Democratic Party and the Borough Council have both become increasingly closed systems which fail to encourage public participation. This was recently evidenced by the Council’s decision to borrow \$3/4 million to build a new fire station without choosing to bring the matter to the public for a vote. When our citizens successfully brought the matter to a direct vote in a public referendum, our voters rejected the Council’s proposal. When some of our citizens came to the Council to discuss an issue, the Council’s “5-minute rule” for public speaking was invoked and they were cut off from speaking. They felt closed out of the decision making process.

In order to effect meaningful change in the way the town is run, it is necessary to change representation on both the Democratic Party and the Council. This is why Peggy and I have decided to run for the two Democratic Committee Chair positions which will be determined in the June 7th primary.

Unfortunately for the registered Democrats in town, the

Democratic Party meetings are closed to the general public and are held in private residences. Citizens who are members of the Democratic Party have been left out of the decision making process of the Democratic Committee which, in the event of a resignation by a Democratic Council member, submits to the Council the names of persons, one of whom the Council can choose to replace the Council member who resigned. As a result, our citizens do not get to vote on, or even discuss, who might best represent them on the Council in that interim position. They have been closed out of the process.

Similarly, Borough Council Committee meetings are no longer held separately from the meeting itself. Consequently, the public cannot participate in discussions that previously took place during committee meetings, which were far less formal than Borough Council meetings. Additionally, the monthly Council Agenda Meetings have been eliminated. These were meetings where no action was taken and where open discussions often occurred about what might be adopted during the monthly Action Meeting. Letters to the Council from our citizens are no longer on the Council’s agenda and are generally not discussed openly at Council meetings.

As Democratic Committee Chairs we would “work to make things better” by holding open Democratic Committee meetings at Borough Hall or the Roosevelt Public School so everyone’s opinions could be heard and so meaningful discussions could be had about the issues. We would sponsor debates and open discussion forums regardless of whether or not there is a contested election so our citizens could be engaged citizens. This we believe would foster the conditions from which good candidates often arise and begin to take an interest in volunteering for public service.

That is why we are asking for your vote on June 7th, not only for Council but also for Democratic Committee. We believe that for real change to occur, both systems must be opened up and made more accessible to the public.

We are long-time Democrats running under the simple logo “working to make things better”. That is our intention. We are asking for your vote for Democratic Committee persons and to be your choice as the two Democratic candidates for the Council 3-year terms.

To vote for us please pull the individual levers beside Michael Hamilton and Peggy Malkin for each position. We are looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the polls on June 7th. Let’s work together to make things better.

Michael Hamilton and Peggy Malkin, Democrats

**Letter to Council**

*Managing Editor's Note: This letter was sent previously to the Mayor and Roosevelt Borough Council, dated May 11, 2016, and is published at the request of the signatories.*

Mayor and Council, Borough of Roosevelt

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

We write out of concern that there is an ongoing lack of transparency and accountability involving the Roosevelt Borough Council and Mayor. Briefly, we have been victims of either harassment or a hostile work environment as either members of this community or as a volunteer member of the governing body's advisory council on emergency services. Such acts by personnel ultimately supervised and managed by the borough council and mayor have been either publicly reported to, or witnessed by, leaders of our borough government. In fact, it is without doubt that the mayor and several council members are aware of detailed facts pertaining to the incidents in question. However, the intent of this letter is not to rehash the specifics of the incidents, as the gist has been duly recorded by the borough clerk in public meetings. Rather, we are writing to demand that the governing body initiate a proper investigation to determine the scope of such untoward conduct and the individuals responsible who may still function in some capacity within the borough's volunteer organizations. The process and results of that investigation, and any disciplinary action taken, should be

submitted to the public in a written report.

While we note that some sort of superficial and narrow inquiry has been conducted by the mayor, there has been no written, public report of the results of any inquiry. Although certain key facts seem irrefutable and indisputable, no sanction has been announced, not even so much as a letter of reprimand. In addition, we do not know if fact-finding went beyond the two incidents familiar to us, or whether any previous misbehavior by certain individuals was considered. We also do not know whether council members or anyone else assisted in eliciting the facts, or whether any admissions were made by wrongdoers. More important, we do not know whether any disciplinary actions, progressive or otherwise, were taken. In short, it appears as if the governing body, which has been informed of the complaints, and whose members may be aware of other incidents, has relinquished its responsibility to control properly key public officials whom it oversees.

Therefore, we consider the current responses inadequate and demand a proper investigation of misconduct by volunteers in our community who are tasked with protecting public safety.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel J. Hoffman  
Assenka Oksiloff  
Robert J. Clark

**Message from the Roosevelt Public Utilities Committee:**

Are you concerned that your water and sewer bills are high? Here is a simple thing that you can do to keep our operating costs down. **DO NOT FLUSH RAGS or WIPES.**

Flushable wipes are called "flushable" because they will go through your toilet, but they cause all kinds of problems when they go into the sewer pipes, lift stations, and the sewage treatment plant. It is a national problem. There are pictures online that show the New York City sewage treatment plants with wipes clogging them. Utility operators everywhere are telling people not to flush wipes. Now the Roosevelt officials are telling you the same thing.

Recently, Borough Hall had to close its bathroom facilities for several days while the lift station was pumped out and cleaned. The problem was that someone put wipes down the toilet. It caused a major problem which cost a lot of money for a company to come out and unwind the wipe from the pump impeller.

So, please remember: flushable wipes are not flushable!

Thanks!

As we approach the end of the school year, all sorts of fun filled activities are going on at RPS in addition to completing our studies:

The PTA sponsored talent show was second to none! Our students gave amazing performances and our gym was packed with fans!

The Spring Book Fair is currently in full swing and our lobby is filled with selections that our students want to take home to read.

All year long, we have been enjoying assemblies presented by Young Audiences of New Jersey. During

their final performance, our students learned the history of “hip hop” dance and choreographed dances themselves.

We have a major renovation planned for this summer - the classrooms will all get new flooring - so if you notice a “POD” on the school grounds, it is because teachers are packing up their entire rooms to accommodate the contractors.

Field Day activities and our annual 6th grade versus the faculty game are planned for June.

The 6th grade has voted to take their class trip to Camelback Park in the Poconos and end with a dinner at Medieval Times. The 5th grade will be taking their annual trip to visit the historic sites in Philadelphia. Our Kindergarten and First Graders went to Wemrock Farms to pick strawberries and will be going to Popcorn Park Zoo in June.

We will conclude the month with an art show and concert on May 31st and graduation on Saturday June 11th at 4 pm. We hope that the community will join us!

## New Monarch Butterfly Garden at the Borough Hall

By Kelly Tyers

Everyone is encouraged to visit the new Monarch Butterfly Garden at Roosevelt Borough Hall on Rochdale Avenue in Roosevelt. This community-based effort is designed to support the sustainability of the monarch butterfly.

And consider building a butterfly habitat: create a garden containing plants that provide food and habitat for monarchs. Seeds for Milkweed plants—essential to their survival—are available at the Borough Hall

Plants that attract butterflies:

Alyssum, Aster, Bee Balm, Butterfly Bush, Calendula, Cosmos, Daylily, Delphinium, Dianthus, Fennel, Globe Thistle, Goldenrod, Hollyhock, Lavender, Liatris, Marigold, Musk Mallow, Nasturtium, Oregano, Phlox, Purple Coneflower, Queen Anne’s Lace, Sage, Scabiosa, Shasta Daisy, Stonecrop, Verbena, Yarrow, and Zinnia

Plants that attract butterfly larvae (caterpillars):

Borage, Fennel, Grasses, Hollyhocks, Lupine, Milkweed, Nettle, Thistle, and Willow

Plants that attract hummingbirds:

Ajuga, Bee Balm, Begonia, Bleeding Heart, Butterfly Weed, Canna, Cardinal Flower, Century Plant, Columbine, Coral Bells (Heuchera), Cleome, Crapemyrtle, Dahlia, Dame’s Rocket, Delphinium, Fire Pink, Four O’ Clocks, Foxglove, Fuchsia, Gilia, Geranium, Gladiolus, Glossy Abelia, Hollyhocks, Impatiens, Iris, Lantana, Liatris, Lily, Lupine, Nasturtium, Nicotiana, Paintbrush, Penstemon, Petunia, Phlox, Sage, Salvia, Scabiosa, Scarlet Sage, Sweet William, Verbena, Yucca, and Zinnia





**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

**School Board Election Nomination Petitions Coming Due**

Roosevelt residents considering a run for a Board of Education seat, must submit nominating petitions to the Monmouth County Clerk by 4 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2016. Information regarding the nominating petition is available on the Monmouth County Board of Elections website: <http://www.monmouthcountyvotes.com/candidates/petitions-for-candidacy/>

Additionally, for recent changes in the nominating process see this helpful information on the New Jersey School Boards Association web site: <http://www.njsba.org/about/membership/school-board-candidacy/nominating-petitions/>. This site also provides a sample nominating petition, acceptable for use in Monmouth County: <http://www.njsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/njsba-november2016-petition.pdf>.

The Roosevelt School Board has three three-year terms open for the November 2016 election. The period to be served is from January 2017 to December 2019.

To become a member of a local board of education in New Jersey, you must—

- Be able to read and write
- Hold U.S. citizenship and one year’s residency in the school district
- Be registered to vote in the district before filing the nominating petition
- Have no interest in any contract with, or claim against, the board
- Not hold office as mayor or member of the municipal governing body or, in the case of county school districts, the county governing body
- Not simultaneously hold two elective offices
- Not be disqualified from membership for the conviction of certain crimes. (Within 30 days of election or appointment to the board, a member must undergo a criminal history background investigation through the state Department of Education.)

The New Jersey School Boards Association (<http://njsba.org>) is a valuable resource for individuals considering running for a school board. The organization’s new video, “Consider Serving on Your Local School Board!” is designed to encourage New Jersey citizens to join the 5,000 volunteer board of education members who govern the state’s public schools.

The video features interviews with school board members about the work they do as board members, and the reasons they serve:

“No other public officials—elected or appointed—have as great an impact on the lives of our children,” said NJSBA President Don Webster Jr., a member of the Manchester Township school board for nearly 20 years. Nearly 1.4 million students attend New Jersey’s public schools.

“I would recommend it to anybody who really has the heart and drive to be part of education for our kids,” said Carlstadt board member Bruce Young, one of those interviewed.

By Rick Pressler

“Consider Serving on Your Local School Board!” can also be viewed on NJSBA’s Youtube page (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-m3unBE73YU>) or on its website. In addition to the video, information on the responsibilities of local school boards, qualifications for membership, and the procedure for citizens to run for office is available through NJSBA’s “School Board Candidate Kit” at [www.njsba.org/candidacy](http://www.njsba.org/candidacy).

Board of Education candidates are also encouraged to attend the upcoming Board meetings—June 30, July 28, and August 25, all starting 7:30 pm at the Roosevelt Public School.

**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.

**RECYCLING DATES**  
 June 1, 15, 29  
 July 13, 27

**STATE PERMITS**  
 Wednesdays 1 – 3

**ZONING PERMITS**  
 Tuesdays 4 – 6 PM

**BOROUGH HOUSING INSPECTIONS**  
 Tuesdays 5 – 6 PM  
 Borough Hall

First and foremost, I want to take a moment to remember Jay H. Hyland, who passed away on May 16. Jay joined our Fire Department at the beginning of last year and from the beginning was a valued member of our team. His military background, life experiences and long-time residency of Millstone made him an incredible asset to our department. His sense of humor, incredible work ethic and never-quit attitude made him a beloved friend. He will be sorely missed both personally and professionally. We hang the funeral bunting on our firehouse in his honor.

Volunteer organizations are finicky things; they are completely dependent on regular people with enough enthusiasm and free time to make them successful. Much like your own personal free time and enthusiasm for things, there is a certain amount of ebb and flow that happens. If we're lucky, we survive through the really hard times so that we can enjoy the really good ones. So far this year we have been hit with some hard times, and the loss of Jay Hyland ranks the highest amongst them. Jay wasn't a quitter, and he would be greatly disappointed in the seven of us if we gave up now. It is with that in mind that we continue to keep things together and moving forward. After all, none of us joined the Fire Department because we wanted the town to build a building, we joined to help protect the community, and we feel the community continues to deserve that help.

So now for a little good news: Last year we had several air packs and bottles donated to us, which unfortunately were not compatible with the ones we are currently using. In April we were able to trade those packs in for a \$3,000 credit which we then used to purchase eight refurbished air bottles that fit our current packs. We

also submitted a \$108,000 grant to FEMA for all new bottles and packs, but the addition of the extra bottles will help get us through a few more years if the grant does not come through.

Thanks to a special budget allotment by the Borough Council, we were able to remove all of our personal protective equipment from the firehouse and have it sent for cleaning, inspection and repairs. During the inspection process, several sets of turnout gear were condemned and several were determined to be too costly to repair. Thankfully, the company we are using, Minerva Bunker Gear Cleaners, has a partnership with the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund. We donated several of the condemned and heavily damaged sets to Minerva, who will clean and repair the equipment at their own cost, and re-distribute that equipment through the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund to other struggling fire departments, including those overseas. Considering that all of the sets we donated were originally donated to us by neighboring companies, it's nice to be able to pay it forward.

We were notified by the New Jersey Forest Fire Service that we are being awarded a \$3,075 grant for 2014 which we should be receiving soon. We hope to use these funds along with the generous donations from the Community Calendar fundraiser towards a fill station for our air tanks. Currently, we have to bring the tanks out of town to get them filled after every use which limits our ability to practice with them. This will make us much more efficient and allow us to drill more effectively.

We also continue to work with the NJ Forest Fire Service as part of the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Firefighter Property Program (FPP) programs. These programs take previously owned

DoD (Department of Defense) property and donate it to the Forest Service. The Forest service then loans that equipment out to local departments to improve local fire programs. In some instances, the loaned items become the property of the department after it has been in use for a specified period of time. Recipients of this surplus equipment are also offered special grants to retrofit the vehicles for firefighting purposes.

Globe Turnout Gear recently held a photo contest, and thanks to a great photo of John Lenart and Hailey Suk taken at Fire Prevention Week by resident Gabrielle Balon, our department was chosen as one of three winners. Thanks to Gabi's great shot, John will be receiving a top of the line set of emergency responder boots valued at \$480. Thank you again Gabi, every little bit helps and you certainly helped make this small victory happen!

We are waiting to hear about our grant submission to the Globe Turnout Gear Giveaway, which if chosen, would provide three sets of new turnout gear worth \$4,500. Winners are announced every month from July through December.

We have also been contacted by the USDA, whom we submitted a grant request to last year. We were told that Roosevelt scores very low on the scale for USDA Community grants because the median household income is higher than the national average, and because of that we would only ever be eligible for 15% of any project we submit. Although we were told that it did not make the cut for the 2015 Fiscal year, they are resubmitting our grant for 2016 for funds to be awarded in August.

Kidde Fire Safety, a national manufacturer of smoke alarms and safety equipment, is sponsoring the

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'Step Up and Stand Out Contest' in which fire companies nominate a volunteer to be recognized for going above and beyond. One of our members submitted a video nomination to the contest, which will be posted on June 1st. The five videos with the most votes by July 31st will win 200 10-year sealed-battery smoke alarms for their town, a Fire Prevention Week in a box for their school, and a free membership to the Volunteer & Combination Officers Section (VCOS) of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) for the nominee. A second round of voting will take place on August 18th, and the Grand Prize winner will receive a \$1,000 training grant for their fire department. We hope that you will help us by voting for our video, which we will post links to on our Facebook page and our website, especially since the prizes will benefit the entire community.

We will continue to explore every avenue to update our equipment through contests, grants and fundraising and hope that the community will continue to support us in these endeavors. If you should hear of any grant opportunities that we may not be aware of, please let us know. Every penny we can save, we save the taxpayers.

Our main mission of course is to protect the lives and property of the residents from fire and fire related

dangers; as such, the fire department has responded to 13 calls so far this year; five fire/smoke calls, three gas/CO calls, two electrical/wires calls and three requests for aid. Our busiest months are typically June and July due to the thunderstorms that roll in. As we enter June, it is important to remember with severe storms come downed wires. If you see downed wires, call 911 right away, even if you think it is a communication or cable wire. All downed wires are potentially energized and pose significant danger. Also, should we lose power please follow proper generator safety procedures and make sure it is running outside, in a well ventilated area away from windows and vents.

If you are looking to give back to your community, the Fire Department is always looking for volunteers. The hours are crazy, the pay stinks, but the training is free and the comradery lasts a lifetime. While new members are required to go through formal training within three years of joining the department, there are several volunteer opportunities that don't involve running into burning buildings if that's not your thing. Our business meeting is the fourth Thursday of the month, and we encourage anyone who is interested to stop by or reach out to us at info@rooseveltfire.org or (609) 832-3473.



## Jay H. Hyland Remembered

Jay H. Hyland, 61, passed away on Sunday, May 15. Jay was a dedicated member of the Roosevelt Fire Department, an Air Force Major, father, husband and friend.

### Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God  
whenever flames may rage,  
give me the strength to save some life  
Whatever be its age.

Help me to embrace a little child  
before it's too late,  
or some older person  
from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert  
and hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently  
to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling  
and give the best in me,  
to guard my neighbor  
and protect his property.  
and if according to my fate  
I am to lose my life,  
Please bless with your protecting hand  
my children and my wife.

--Alvin William "Smokey" Linn



## Fourth of July Celebration Update

Members of the Fire Company, along with First Aid and the PTA, will be helping with some of the Fourth of July festivities this year. The Fire Company will be holding a Tricky Tray raffle and a 50/50; First Aid will be on the BBQ grill; and the PTA will be bringing back the dunk tank! There will also be a free petting zoo and free pony rides for the kids.

All of our local organizations are encouraged to lend a hand. This event takes a lot of work to pull off, so if you are interested in volunteering please call the Borough Hall; they will put you in touch with the event organizer and head of our Recreation Department, Eric Schubiger.



## Free Food Distribution

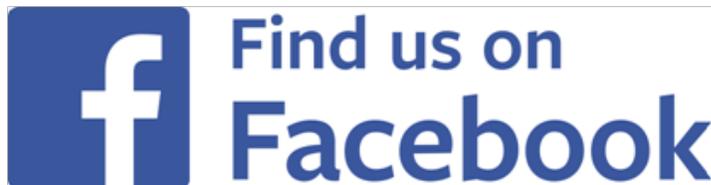
To All Roosevelt Residents:

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



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If you would like your organization's event posted to the Borough's Facebook page, please send event details to [aprilsuk@gmail.com](mailto:aprilsuk@gmail.com)

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Councilwoman Stacey Bonna provided a report on the installation of a “Beaver Deceiver” designed to alleviate the situation at Empty Box Brook and increase the rate of water flow. Eitan Grunwald provided the backstory: When the Roosevelt Environmental Commission completed its Environmental Resource Inventory, one of the main areas of concern was the rising water level in Empty Box Brook. Trees were dying off and the area was becoming more of a swampland than a forest. Just to put it in perspective, the dam in question is 200 yards long!

After collaborating with the Assunpink Wildlife Management Center, a plan was created that involved removing the resident beavers and installing a pipe that allows water to flow right through the dam without the beavers realizing that their dam is not working, hence the name. As new beavers move in, they are “naïve” to the work that was done. The Beaver Deceiver is considered to be a permanent solution to the problem and is much more efficient than dismantling the dam, only to have the beavers rebuild it.

Councilwoman Peggy Malkin, on behalf of the Finance Committee, opened a discussion of the budget for the Borough’s Fourth of July celebration. The event has always been free for residents to attend but the cost of having activities available has increased over the years. With Council approval, the budget for the Fourth of July celebration was increased to \$2000-\$2500 pending the approval of the CFO. These funds will be used to purchase a new grill, food, and for activities such as pony rides and a dunk tank that would be free for children under age 15. Other activities that may be taking place at the celebration include the dedication of a Jewish-American historical marker at the roadside and an open house at the water plant. The Borough’s web site will provide additional details as they develop: <http://www.rooseveltnj.org/>

Councilwoman Jill Lipoti has placed advertisements in

several industry-specific media for part-time work at the water and sewer treatment plants. She has also met with East Windsor utility authorities to discuss a plan for a shared services agreement for preventative and emergency back-up. While the Borough currently has a shared services agreement with Hightstown, limited equipment is available. In addition, East Windsor can offer the Borough regular valve-turning and pipe-flushing, which would likely decrease the need for emergency repairs over time. East Windsor representatives also recommended that the Borough join the Association of Environmental Authorities (AEA) next year so that we can save money through the pooled purchasing cooperative for supplies. In addition, membership in the AEA would provide shared networking opportunities, annual conferences, technical assistance, monthly publications and opportunities to join forces with other utilities as relevant issues are raised in the Legislature.

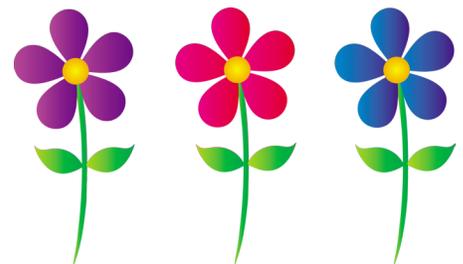
Councilwoman Lipoti also reported that the Roosevelt Elementary School and the Roosevelt Arts Project each received a \$500 award for participating in the litter pick-up that happened on May 1st. Councilwoman Lipoti expressed a desire to work with local artists to have a graffiti-type mural added to the water plant.

Public Comments

Bert Ellentuck inquired if the dunk tank required a stand-by lifeguard. It was decided that it was sufficient to have waivers signed by those volunteering to be dunked.

Mary Tulloss inquired about the helicopters using searchlights and flying low over the Borough. The Borough had contacted the New Jersey State Police for additional information, but none was provided. Discussion was had regarding an escaped convict and a missing woman, both of whom have since been recovered.

April Suk requested clarification on the number of fire trucks that could participate in the Fourth of July Celebration parade. Approval was given for the Roosevelt Fire Company to invite the fire companies who participate in shared services with Roosevelt, with the stipulation that each company be limited to one apparatus.



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| 1 Wed.    | Recycling Pickup  |                     |
| 4 Sat.    | 12:00 – 5:00 pm   | Nature Art Show,<br>Assifa Space<br>Roosevelt Arts Project   |
| 7 Tues.   | 12:30 pm          | Senior Citizens Meeting,<br>Borough Hall.  |
| 7 Tues.   | 6:00 am – 8:00 pm | Election, Borough Hall   |
| 7 Tues.   | 7:00 pm           | Planning Board,<br>Borough Hall  |
| 9 Thurs.  | 7:00 pm           | Fire Company Business Meeting,<br>Borough Hall<br>Chris Suk, President 490-0931                      |
| 12 Sun.   | 10:00 am          | Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training<br>Jack Rindt, Training Officer                                  |
| 13 Mon.   | 7:00 pm           | Council Meeting,<br>Borough Hall<br>Jeff Ellentuck, Mayor  |
| 15 Wed.   | 7:00 pm           | Environmental Comm. Mtg.,<br>Borough Hall,<br>Eitan Grunwald, Chair.                                 |
| 15 Wed.   |                   | Recycling Pickup  |
| 16 Thurs. |                   | Roosevelt Public School<br>Early Dismissal   |
| 17 Fri.   |                   | Roosevelt Public School<br>Early Dismissal   |
| 20 Mon.   |                   | Roosevelt Public School<br>Early Dismissal Last Day of School  |
| 21 Tues.  | 7:00 pm           | Roosevelt First Aid Squad,<br>Business Meeting,<br>Jeff Klein, President                             |
| 27 Mon.   | 7:00 pm           | Council Meeting, Borough Hall<br>Jeff Ellentuck, Mayor   |
| 29 Wed.   |                   | Recycling Pickup  |
| 30 Thurs. | 7:30 pm           | RPS Board of Education,<br>Natalie Warner, President,<br>609-903-1061                                |

JULY

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| 4 Mon.    |          | Roosevelt Fourth of July Celebration   |
| 5 Tues.   | 12:30 pm | Senior Citizens Meeting,<br>Borough Hall.  |
| 5 Tues.   | 7:00 pm  | Planning Board,<br>Borough Hall  |
| 11 Mon.   | 7:00 pm  | Council Meeting,<br>Borough Hall<br>Jeff Ellentuck, Mayor  |
| 13 Weds.  |          | Recycling Pickup    |
| 14 Thurs. | 7:00 pm  | Fire Company Business Meeting,<br>Borough Hall<br>Chris Suk, President 490-0931                        |
| 17 Sun.   | 10:00 am | Roosevelt First Aid Squad,<br>Training Jack Rindt,<br>Training Officer                                 |
| 20 Wed.   | 7:00 pm  | Environmental Comm. Mtg.,<br>Borough Hall,<br>Eitan Grunwald, Chair.                                   |
| 19 Tues.  | 7:00 pm  | Roosevelt First Aid Squad,<br>Business Meeting,<br>Jeff Klein, President                               |
| 25 Mon.   | 7:00 pm  | Council Meeting,<br>Borough Hall<br>Jeff Ellentuck, Mayor  |
| 27 Weds.  |          | Recycling Pickup  |
| 28 Thurs. | 7:30 pm  | RPS Board of Education,<br>Natalie Warner, President,<br>609-903-1061                                  |

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