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T H E P O E T R Y I S S U E

Emergency Services Contract Signed, Update on Sewer Needs

At the May 15th Borough Council meeting, a 5-year agreement with the Millstone Township Fire Company was approved. The cost of Millstone covering Roosevelt is \$30,000/year for the first three years, \$45,000 for year 4 and, for year 5, an amount determined by dividing the amount of the Fire District budget by the combined assessed valuations of Millstone and Roosevelt, as if Roosevelt were part of the District.

There are several pending issues with our sewer utilities. A resolution was passed in order to pay for the replacement of several large tanks that are leaking into a large container at the sewer treatment plant. In addition, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has notified the Borough that it is subject to new regulations that require closer scrutiny of our treatment system and the quantity of water discharged post-treatment. The inflow and outflow from the plant will need to be carefully measured and tracked and with additional reports required if our sewer plant exceeds the maximum flow rates or has excessive inflow and infiltration due to cracks in the sewer pipes.

. Another issue is that up until now, our water/sewer utilities have been exempt from regulation by the Toxic Catastrophic Prevention Act (TCPA), which is designed to protect residents and the environment from an accidental release of hazardous substances. Roosevelt has been exempt as the utility staff work hard to ensure we consistent-

Why We Make Poems

Think ... when did the need for a poem last well up in you? You might say, "Are you kidding!" but remember your wedding or your friend's wedding? Or the funeral of a loved one? Somehow you felt the need to have words spoken. And not just any words, but a particular arrangement of words that marked the event as special, lingering in the memory forever you hope.

But this need to memorialize, to cling to a moment in our life is not confined to threshold events. Driving the ramp down onto Rt. 33 the other day, I saw a lone man slowly walking along the busy highway. With a gentleness I can feel as I pass, he carries in his hands a small pot with a single flower growing from it. An ordinary day, a mundane sight, but I can't shake it.

I want to preserve this solitary tenderness seen from a distance. I don't want to lose it. We've all experienced something similar, whether it's a scene or phrase overheard or snatch of music that moves us. I don't know why but I have a longing to preserve this ordinary experience. And as a poet I want to find words so alive with music and precise emotion that what I make from these will do the same for you, the reader-listener.

Which is the reason for this month's *Bulletin*. This poetry issue includes a kaleidoscope of Roosevelt poets who capture in memorable language ordinary (and some extraordinary) experiences, whether light breaking in a certain way one morning, or a chance encounter on a walk

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 40th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from September through July. We will not publish in January and August.

Roosevelt Borough Bulletin Submission Process

The Bulletin welcomes submissions for news items, information of local interest, letters to the editor, poetry, and visual arts. We ask all contributors to adhere to the following submission guidelines:

- Send your submission to the email rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com. For short messages, you can also use the contact form on our web site, which will go to the same address.
- Send your submission as a Microsoft Word attachment or as plain text within the body of your email.
- Please limit your letters to 500 words (about one page in MS Word). We will edit letters for length when necessary. Longer letters may be published in full on the Bulletin web site.
- Please include images as separate files. If you have multiple files, please put them into a zip file, if possible. Please submit only JPEG images.
- The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication (e.g., January 15 for the February issue). Submissions received after the 15th will normally be printed in the issue following the one currently in production. (So, for example, a submission received on January 16th would be printed in March.)
- 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

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.

An archive of all past issues of the Bulletin can be found online at www.mazicmusic.com/rbb.htm, courtesy of Mark Zuckerman. Current and recent issues can also be found online at www.roosevelt.boroughbulletin.org, the official website of the Borough Bulletin. To have the Bulletin sent to you by email, please send your request to rpressler32@gmail.com.

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in the woods. And these poets are your neighbors, having read in annual Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) events for the last decade or so.

Roosevelt is home to more poets than speak in this issue, whom I'm sure you'll hear from in future ones, and has been home to a number of poets who have moved on. But here's a sampling of current poets who have in common only one thing: their poems can't be translated into prose, music replaced by a single meaning. Their vowels and consonants must be heard, rhythms felt, images seen, as their emotion-thought rises in your consciousness.



Roosevelt Poets at a reading in April. L to R: Wes, Dave, Ron, Jim, Judith

Then meaning insinuates itself in your life, meanings inseparable from the poet's choice and arrangement of words. Such is the poet's art. Here is the music of our common life, the naming of a few minute particulars.

So let the images of these poems wash over you, their music move your lips and limbs. Enjoy.

David Sten Herrstrom
May 2017

At Crosswicks Creek

You'd think that I'd be too old to follow deer paths
Yet here I am tunneling in a half-crouch through thickets & briar
Like a man who's lost something only beasts dream of

The way back to that calm oblivion
When memory was an arrow pointing elsewhere
Towards some garden buried in Anatolia for twelve thousand years

Wes Czyzewski

GARBANZO

I am just sitting here, enjoying
The fact that I am just sitting here.
There is dinner to make – spinach pie
With feta and dill – but not now.
Now there is only the sun setting gently,
An unidentifiable hum in the ether,
And the leftover taste of Chinese lunch.
There is a tired, wistfulness about the end
Of March, still biting chilly, for so long.
I reach into my pockets and find
A string of joy in reserve, in case April
Never gets here...and in another pocket,
A single chick pea gone bad (no idea
How it got there), while I go on
Just sitting here, sitting enjoying
the fact that I am enjoying
just sitting

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Come one, come all!!! Roosevelt Public School is celebrating its 80th Anniversary on June 10th, 2017.

There will be an Alumni Gathering at the school from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Come see old friends and share some memories. A light lunch will be served. All are welcome to stay for graduation at 4:00 p.m.

Please let us know if you can make it by emailing RPSALUM@gmail.com. By emailing your RSVP you will automatically be registered for some great door prizes.

In honor of this milestone, Perrin Ireland, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's great granddaughter will be joining us at the alumni gathering and speaking to the graduates.

Event chaired by Sheri Suk Sexton and Kate Murphy 'Class of 86.'

In the Badlands

The skinny waitress at the Cedar Pass Lodge
Recommended hiking the Notch Trail
Which started out as they all do
With "Beware Rattlesnakes" signs
At the edge of the parking lot
But soon the terrain changed
And we were clinging to the edges
Of eroding cliffs and climbing log ladders
Through outcrops of jagged rock
Finally reaching a canyon of uplifted ancient sea beds
Carved into hoodoos a thousand miles from any shore

Wes Czychewski

THE PROMISE

World at rest
after bearing all night the weight of dark.

Deer bound
across a meadow—their gust of sunlight savoring
swiftness like joy.

Now hurtling
after, the whitest cur.

David Herrstrom

The Roosevelt First Aid squad needs you.

We pay for training and uniform. Neighbors helping neighbors. Without volunteers, the ambulance cannot drive itself and residents might be forced to wait for an ambulance from another town. Time matters when you need help. If interested, please email rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your support.



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

From the Desk of:

Ginette Bell, BSN, RN, CSN-NJ School Nurse

On May 10, 2017 we recognized school nurses by celebrating National School Nurse Day as a way to foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting. The theme this year is, Healthy Nurse, Healthy Students.

Parents should be able to send their children to school with the peace of mind that they will remain healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Given that

today's children face more chronic health illnesses (e.g. asthma, diabetes, food allergies, mental health, etc.) than ever before, I take my role as a licensed, professional school nurse very seriously. I am grateful for the teachers, administrators, and professional support staff with whom I work each day – which helps to create a healthy learning environment for every child in Roosevelt Public School. My knowledge, assessment skills, and judgment help ensure I can provide quality health care to children.

As a school nurse at Roosevelt Public School, I take on a variety of roles every day. For some children, I am the only health professional they may have access to, except in emergencies. This becomes even more important as the prevalence of chronic social, emotional, and other health problems keep increasing. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), asthma is the leading chronic illness among children and adolescents in the United States. Further, childhood obesity has more than doubled in children and quadrupled in adolescents in the past 30 years.

Today, approximately one in every 400 children and adolescents has type 1 or type 2 diabetes. According to a study released in 2013 by the CDC, food allergies among children increased approximately 50 percent between 1997 and 2011. The CDC reports that food allergies are a growing food safety and public health concern that affect an estimated 4 to 6 percent of children in the United States. I help develop, implement, and monitor Individualized Healthcare Plans for these students.

It seems like common sense that healthier students are better learners. But evidence-based research in fields ranging from neuroscience and child development to epidemiology and public health support this argument. Our elected officials must invest in programs and services that seek to improve the health and well-being outcomes of all children.

As our local stakeholders make funding decisions for next year, I hope their budget reflects the right priorities – ensuring our children have a successful, productive, and healthy future.



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Is Mercury Really in Retrograde?

(The Cranbury Bookworm Blues)

After I left Shoprite I drove toward Cranbury
Where all the houses are shiny and white
I hoped to find three One Act plays by Tennessee Williams
Some solace for the soul in this Darkening trump Light

I parked my car on Main Street
Crossed over and looked through the front glass door
A sign read "Closed on Wednesdays"
Which, since it was Thursday, seemed kind of weird

So I stepped sideways crablike and peered through the front window
But what I saw pained my eyes!
The large front room was dusty and barren
Where sagging book shelves used to be!

Let it go, man, let it go, God bless the Cranbury Bookworm!
Has it moved down the street again?
Or is this part of a more sinister story
Is Mercury in retrograde?

I sat down on a bench in front of what used to be the Bookworm
And involuntarily reminisced
For years I've come here to buy CD's and old paperbacks
Some which I've read and others ended up on my shelves gathering dust

A fine young man used to work behind the counter
Who enjoyed telling me eclectic stuff
And when we'd finish talking
He'd go back to his business and I'd disappear in rooms full of books

Let it go, man, let it go! God bless the Cranbury Bookworm!
And others like it in Hopewell and in Trenton and in Lambertville too
Where I spent many Sunday afternoons hanging and reading
From books I would have otherwise never known

Now as I crossed Main Street I remembered walking slowly
Through the Bookworm's beehive of crooked Victorian rooms
Starting with the shelf behind the front door marked "New Arrivals"
And gradually passing in other rooms filled with classics plays, new and old fiction,
poetry, psychology, history, and maps of New Jersey's hiking trails

Ahhh, as I drove by the Bookworm's window and looked in one last time
I chided myself for buying books for 99 cents online
As I recalled the feeling which stilled and softened me many Saturday mornings
When I sat on a floor stool and sometimes read for hours

Let it go, man, let it go
God Bless the late Cranbury Bookworm!
And others like it that now are no more
Am I becoming just another crotchety nearsighted nostalgic old Luddite codger
Or is there a bigger issue here
Is planet Mercury really moving in reverse??

Ron Kostar

Borough Council Report

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ly maintain <1000 lbs. of chlorine on site at any given time, keeping us under the threshold of the TCPA requirement. The DEP has notified the Borough that they are planning to do an inspection to ensure compliance. A resolution was passed to utilize the engineering firm who has been evaluating our water/sewer utilities (R3M) to assess the utility's procedures and evaluate if there is an alternative system to better ensure compliance with DEP regulations, or if there is an alternative to the chemicals being used. It is important that the utilities remain exempt from the TCPA, as there are associated fees for municipalities who are not exempt, which can be \$8000/year or higher, along with extensive regulatory requirements. An additional resolution that would fund the replacement of the roof at Borough Hall is also being discussed. The roof has been leaking badly for several weeks now and needs to be replaced.

The abandoned gas station site on N. Rochdale continues to be the topic of conversation between the Borough and a medical marijuana distribution company. The company is interested in using the northern end of the property for a greenhouse and the southern end as a dispensary. The existing gas station would be demolished, and the company would need to extend water and sewer lines, as well as provide full-time security on-site.

Upcoming events:

A branch pick up is scheduled. Please have your branches out by June 5th.

Roosevelt Environmental Commission will be hosting a stream monitoring training, followed by field work near on June 17th, from 9AM-4PM. Volunteers are needed.

The Wildest Place I Know

The wildest place I know

Is a green traffic island

Circumscribed by an entrance ramp to the New Jersey Turnpike.

Maple and sassafras,

Chicory and Queen Anne's Lace,

Liberated wrappers from a fast food array.

I imagine the squirrels

And feral cats.

The mice and butterflies.

The homeless encampment of not-so-young men,

Their trash arranged in a simulacrum of possession.

And what we possess:

A wildness bounded by traffic,

A comfort born of an obstructed view.

I bury my face in the nap of your sweater

And feel your fingers in my hair.

There were sounds from the yard--

Wind or rain,

The distant voices of children at play.

I glance quickly as I drive by,

My eyes reflect the echoed light of towers.

Soren Haas

Senior Group Meetings

The Senior Citizen Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Borough Hall.

At 1:30 pm we frequently have guests who speak about a variety of topics, generally applicable to everyone. Finances, health, and safety in the home are a few examples. Notices will be on the bulletin board at the P.O. All residents are welcome to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

Thank you.

Geraldine Millar

President, Seniors

Calling All Democrats

For all Democrats who would like to get involved in a local Democratic Party organization, you are welcome to attend any and all meetings of these local groups:

- 4th Congressional District: indivisiblenj4.com
- Upper Freehold: facebook.com/UpperFreeholdDems
- Millstone: millstonedems.org
- Monmouth County: monmouthdems.org

For more information, contact David G. Brown, the Chair of the Monmouth County Democratic Club at (732) 739-8888 or info@monmouthdems.org.



BUY FRESH, BUY LOCAL

Ten Reasons to Buy Local Food

Reason #3: Locally grown food is better for the environment. Fresh foods come from small farms that typically use sustainable agriculture practices, such as soil conservation, nutrient replacement, and protection of water sources.

For a list of where locally grown food is available near Roosevelt, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Roosevelt-Buy-Fresh>.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

24-Hour Hotline

1-877-WARNDEP or 1-877-927-6337

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

A Note of Thanks

For the April 25th Referendum Election, the staff of the Borough Hall and a few other kind residents provided the election workers with wonderful homemade food!.

There was sweets for breakfast and delicious food for lunch and dinner, as well as drinks and yummy deserts!

What a wonderful welcoming staff we have working for us !

Thanks on behalf of the other people who worked with us: Ann K and Kathleen, and my husband Larry C and myself we say THANKS!

Adrienne & Larry Cheshier

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am writing to endorse Maureen Parrott for Borough Council in the upcoming Democratic primary. I believe her 20 years as a lawyer for the US District Court as well as her consistency and commitment to the future well-being of Roosevelt make her uniquely qualified for this position.

Maureen's interests and activism have led her to apply her skills in many different areas. Since retiring, she has volunteered her services as a lawyer by traveling two days a week to help the Newark International Airport Legal Team, an organization created by the International Refugee Assistance Project and the American Friends Service Committee. She is an enthusiastic supporter of the arts (both her husband John and daughter Lilly are accomplished musicians) and, most recently, she was active in the Arts in the Street project—a group of townspeople that met regularly to come up with ideas for making our town more attractive and reflective of Roosevelt's unique history--a project she hopes to reinvigate.

Another important issue for Maureen is that of safer streets in the borough.

Last fall, in an effort to slow down traffic, Maureen successfully asked Monmouth County to paint narrower side lines on Rte. 571. She is an avid reader and movie-goer (although she's quick to add that she prefers to watch movies on Netflix or Hulu) and is a dedicated pet owner—at last count--two dogs, an old cat, and a 20-year-old parrot. She is also a tireless walker, an activity that puts her in contact with other Rooseveltians on a daily basis.

Maureen Parrot is compassionate, intelligent and informed, and though she is opinionated and passionate, she is a good listener and someone who is open to the opinions and positions of others.

I believe her keen mind and generous spirit, if elected to the Borough Council, would serve the best interests of all the people of Roosevelt.

Deirdre Sheean

18 Pine Drive



Free Food Distribution

To All Roosevelt Residents:

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

Food is distributed, free of charge, by volunteers one Friday and Saturday a month between 12:00 and 1:00 pm at the Clarksburg Community Center, Route 571, next to the Clarksburg Fire House. You have to pick it up yourself since there is no delivery. No questions as to eligibility will be asked.

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

tremulous water

my friend e-mails to tell me her doctor did an MRI and found a lump behind her spine and they will go in next Tuesday and operate. in the woods along Route 571 traveling West there are too many trees and not enough water or sunlight to sustain all the green growing there, many trees are bare and in the process of dying natural deaths. as i read earlier a shiver moved over my usually unwavering friend's e-mail like tremulous water, so I got into my car and drove to the ocean and listened to waves lap the beach and watched the water advance and recede, recede and advance. nothing changes and nothing stays the same. the ocean is nothing. i am nothing. death is nothing. but if i get perfectly still will my friend be ok?

Ron Kostar

The Sermon

He expected the worst, in other words Boredom, and why not?
All those Sunday mornings squirming in hard wooden pews,
fidgeting and shuffling, trying to bring Dead Time back to life by looking for smooth
faces or escaping through the magnificent anterior stained glass window.

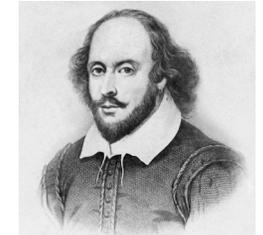
And then there were the mandatory readings sandwiched among
the droning Northern hymns that had all the
vivaciousness and vigor of soggy English food.
And then there was the sermon.

And now a man dressed in obligatory black appeared from a side door and walked
toward
the spring pulpit, and as he bowed his head and closed his eyes people every where
braced for the worst. The minister, a man not known for his brevity,
paused and cleared his throat, and after a while he finally said,
“Breathe. The true test of a man, my friends, is a bunt.” Yes, one young man said to
himself, and “Amen to that!” “The true test of a man is a definitely bunt.” And then
the youth waited, and everybody else who was sitting in the congregational
pews waited.
Everybody waited for the preacher’s sermon.

And they waited, and waited, and waited in a silence broken only
by huff-huffing and squirming and coughing, and occasional squeals from
colicky infants. But the man standing at the pulpit remained steadfast,
and silent - he looked up and not down, but he didn’t say a word.
Just silence, and more silence. A broad silence broken only by occasional huff-huffing
and hacking, coughing and squealing.

And after a while the young man opened his eyes and watched incredulously
as the preacher closed his book and stepped down from the pulpit and walked
briskly down the aisle at the end of which he disappeared through an open door that
led into the sun light. And after a time the youth and the rest of the startled
congregation stood up, and the young man loosened his tie as he joined everybody else
in walking down the aisle and out the front door, where all parties converged
and melted into the splendid morning sun light.

Ron Kostar



3 Haiku

dealdefenders.com - U.S. billions gone - turkey vultures circling
four million old sewer debt - tax payers wept - turkey vultures circling
water meters old - can make false bills I’m told - turkey vultures circling
Four million old bonds
Council out of control
Turkey vultures circling

Robert Kragen

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.

My Roots

Inspired by G. E. Lyon's *Where I'm From*

I am from red leaves
From pumpkins on the porch
From chocolate on my cheek
The running on damp cold sidewalk
Leading up to the terrifying goblin
My brother pushing me
Shaking knees

I am from gasoline
From the smell of the garage
Yells over the rumbling
Popcorn falling on the race track
From the pickup truck
And the lemon
With the smell of leather
Sunlines on my shoulders

I am from summer labor
From scorching asphalt and grinding concrete
Sweltering days spent gouging the earth
Grinding the dirty air between my teeth
Stinging sweat in my eyes
Laughing in the chilly break room
Picking rough concrete clumps off my leather boots

I am from track and field
Hoagies wrapped in soggy paper
Screams from crowds to sprint
Grunts from power to throw
Slamming from feet to jump

I am from cold
Seeping through my window
My favorite way to sleep
Blankets piled on me
Morse code tapped on the wall next to mine
My sibling's bruised fingers in the morning

By Lorna Drexler

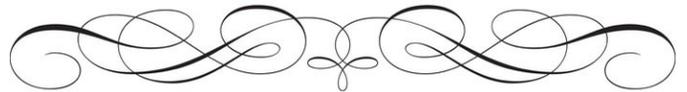
Vigil

I notice how the back porch lights
Only reach as far as the red maple
And everything beyond its lit trunk
Might as well be made from dark matter

I hear crackling and deep soughs
Then sharp metallic clicks like
Ghosts of lost machinery

While all around us the world keeps turning
Into another one that also knew less than it imagined

Wes Czyzewski



Property Maintenance Reminder

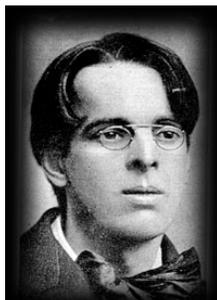
This is a reminder to the residents and property owners in town that it is their responsibility to maintain their property according to community standards. These are some examples of property maintenance issues that are becoming all too common in Roosevelt.

- Please mow your lawns. Grass height must not exceed 10 inches.
- Do not store excessive amounts of clutter in your yards. The front yard should not be used for permanent storage of equipment or debris.
- Excessive visual damage to the exterior of your home. Things such as broken or boarded up windows or hanging gutters need to be repaired

Failure to maintain your property detracts from the beauty of the community, it is disrespectful to your neighbors, and it is against the law.

The code enforcement officer has the authority to issue warnings and summonses for property owners who do not comply with the statute. Receiving a summons means a court appearance and, if found guilty, fines range from \$250 up to or greater than \$1000.

If you have any questions regarding property maintenance, please contact the code enforcement officer John Marini. He is at the Borough Hall Tuesday evenings from 5 to 7 pm.



THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

- A There's an elephant in the room!
- B I don't want to talk about it.
- A There's barely room to squeeze on by.
- B But I don't want to talk about it.
- A Some things you cannot just ignore.
- B I still don't want to talk about it.
- A It's not just going to go away.
- B I just don't want to talk about it.
- A What do you want to talk about?
- B Many things that free my soul.
- A Oh?
- B I saw a blue heron on the lake.
- A A blue heron, at a time like this?
- B Yes, standing calm and full of grace.
- A I don't get it.
- B And did you see the moon last night?
- A I was busy reading the news.
- B The moonlight lit my way as I walked til dawn.
- A I didn't notice the moon, to tell you the truth.
- B Calm and grace and full, and blue.
- A I haven't had a moment of calm, not since—
- B A person off-balance is an easy mark.
- A Calm and grace, and full, and blue?
- B That's what I want to talk about.
- A & B Calm and grace, and full, and blue.

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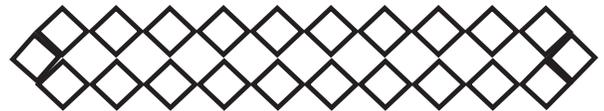
Seniors at the Americana Diner

They seat us facing south
Our phones have the same ring tone
Nat King Cole drifts from the ceiling
If there are any women around
They're in booths beyond ours
Far from the bar

We eat our meals slowly
Some read
Some have read enough

Younger men sit face-to-face
Talking shop and golf
But eavesdropping's not an option
When the language is commerce
& they laugh at incomprehensible details
Drunk with their own significance

Wes Czyzewski



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Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation Says "Thank You"

To Stacey Bonna: For six sessions over the last two years, each with six weeks of classes, of Pilates training at Roosevelt Public School with all proceeds going to Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF), we say "thank you!" You have been generous with your time and your expertise. Thank you for saying you will run another session starting this coming October on Tuesday evenings to accommodate students' schedules!

To the Delta Noir Jazz Quartet



(Ron Kostar, Bob Thorn, Ron Villegas, Henry Dale) with special guests Nancy Hamilton and Patsy Monteleone: For a moving evening (we had difficulty sitting still in our chairs) of jazz, swing, gospel and blues music, under the mural in the RPS lobby, again with all proceeds going to RPSEF, we say "thank you!" Your talent and enthusiasm benefited the Foundation and thereby benefited the children of the school.

To Debbie Visconti: For helping to put RPSEF on a firm financial footing, overseeing all money matters since our founding in 2013, and working to secure our 501(c)(3) status from the IRS, for your support and your energy, we say "thank you!" (Debbie has moved out of Roosevelt, but is continuing to be our Treasurer until the end of the school year.)

By Anna Johnson, Secretary, RPSEF

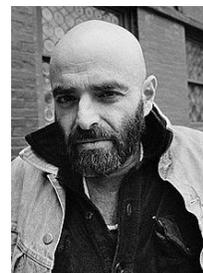
To the financial donors, event participants, event helpers, and donors of items to our silent auctions, we say "thank you" for making it possible for us to continue funding needed school projects and events at RPS, requested of us through grants for finances beyond what the school budget can provide.

(The Foundation is actively seeking new members who can support our efforts. Please contact us at foundation@rpsef.org or drop us a note at RPSEF, PO Box 22, Roosevelt, NJ 08555.)

(Photos: Pictured are Stacey Bonna instructing a Pilates class and RPS students working in the Raised Garden Bed built by teacher Donna Gazzani with an RPSEF grant to support the science and math curriculum at the school.)



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Trail Improvements Continue

If you've ever walked the Roosevelt Woodland trail between Rochdale Avenue and North Valley Road, you may have noticed numbered posts, which were installed by the Boy Scouts when they built that trail section about 17 years ago. The posts were meant to mark features of interest, described in an interpretive guide, but with the passage of time that printed pamphlet disappeared.

In the meantime, RPS teacher Larisa Bondy devised her own educational use of those marked locations. In each season of the school year she takes her students for a nature walk on the trail, stopping at the signposts, where the children make observations

and answer questions from worksheets designed by Larisa.

Unfortunately, over the years, many of the old markers disappeared or deteriorated, making it harder for Larisa's class to find the spots she was using for educational environmental experiences. This came to the attention of the Environmental Commission, and new markers have now been installed. The next step will be development of an updated interpretive guide that will be made available to the general public.

In addition to the signposts, new wooden platforms on that same trail section have replaced old ones which had fallen apart. Platforms in

need of repair on the Tamara-Pine Drive trail section are also scheduled to be fixed.

Many thanks to EC Member Nick Murray, who is leading our trail improvement efforts. Thanks also to EC Member Mary Tulloss, who brought the problem of the missing markers to our attention, and to EC volunteer Steve Taylor who worked with Nick to replace them. And special thanks to the Roosevelt Woodland Trail Memorial Fund, which covered the cost of materials. The Fund was established in memory of Ron Filepp, who was devoted to maintaining the trail for the benefit of our entire community.

Sweetbay Magnolia

For me, thinking of a Magnolia tree conjures up images of the US South. However, I was surprised to discover that the Sweetbay magnolia, or *Magnolia virginiana* is actually native to New Jersey. Its native range is from Long Island, NY south to Florida. It is hardy in zones 5-9.

The Sweetbay can be both an evergreen or deciduous tree that typically grows from 10-20 feet tall. Whether it is deciduous or evergreen depends on climate. It is evergreen in areas with milder winters in the south of its range (zone 7 southward), and is semi-evergreen or deciduous further north.

The bark is smooth and gray, with the inner bark mildly scented, reminiscent of bay laurel spice hence its name. Although not as showy as many of its relatives, the Sweetbay has its own wonderful qualities. The creamy white flowers nestled within

By Kimberly Feelong

its leaves carry a strong vanilla scent that can be noticed from some distance away.

This tree blooms in late May and its flowers are safe from spring frost. It grows best in evenly moist, acidic soil. In its native environment you will usually find it growing along stream banks and swamps. Although it does well in moist soil, it tolerates average backyard soil and will endure moderate drought. Blooming is best in full sun, but they will tolerate partial shade. Its growth form is more like a multi-stem shrub than a single trunk tree. Normally pest free, it can suffer from scale when stressed or growing in excessively dry areas. After flowering, it produces reddish-orange fruits that are loved by a variety of songbirds. Sweetbay is also a host plant for larvae (cat-



Sweetbay seed pods

(photo courtesy of Pat Chadwick; Piedmont master gardeners)

erpillars) of the beautiful Sweetbay Silkmoth (*Callosamia securifera*). Another benefit is that this tree tends to be resistant to deer browsing. Throughout the year this magnolia enhances the landscape with its many beautiful features. Take a look at our own Roosevelt Sweetbay magnolias growing along the woodland Trail between Rochdale and N Valley.

Parking Reminder

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Review:

“Paterson,” the Movie

By Ron Kostar

Every once and a while a movie comes out of Hollywood that is not emotionally manipulative and doesn't fit one of the familiar models. “Moonglow” broke the mold

last year, and this year “Paterson” does the same.

“Paterson” depicts five days in the life of an unassuming young man named Paterson and his excitable wife, Laura. Paterson, played superbly by an understated Adam Driver, is a bus driver who also writes poetry that is grounded in his observations and the encounters in his daily life. Laura, his love and Muse, is extroverted and mercurial, and she dreams and makes modest strides towards becoming a country western singer and opening a business specializing in cupcakes. She also paints; in fact she paints everything. The couple lives in a little house in the gray city of post-industrial Paterson, New Jersey.

The couple's life is routine and repetitive, but it's not without its small triumphs and pleasures. Every day starts the same way—Paterson wakes up and turns off the alarm clock and goes downstairs where he savors the sugar-milk left on the bottom of his cereal bowl while Laura stays in bed. Then Paterson walks to the bus terminal where he steals a few minutes behind the wheel of his bus massaging his latest poem. While driving through the city, Paterson eavesdrops on his passengers' conversations; and he occasionally has short meaningful exchanges with other Patersonians he encounters on the bus and while walking home from work. And every night when Paterson walks Marvin, his little bulldog, he stops into a neighborhood bar and talks to Doc, the bartender, and watches and participates in the everyday drama of the working class bar.

Paterson is happiest and most at ease when he returns home from

work to Laura (played by Golshifteh Farahani). Laura is lovely, colorful, eccentric, energetic and, most of all, surprising. She fills her days practicing her new guitar and painting, but her painting is not limited to canvas. Laura paints everything – the walls, the tables, kitchen counters, cupcakes, and even her clothes – in vibrant black and white swirls that, like Paterson's poems, draw life and color out of the drab, the grey and the mundane. Laura is also the perfect partner and Muse – she sincerely admires Paterson's poems (and the poems of Williams Carlos Williams), and she encourages him to collect his poems and collate them into a book.

The pace of “Paterson” is deliberate and the events of the couple's life unfold with a regularity that is more like real life than fiction. For Paterson, every day starts the same and every work day is more or less the same, though with striking variations. But the repetition within the couple's life isn't tedious. Laura's exuberant black and white paintings fill their bungalow with color, and Paterson's imaginative reveries produce some fine and surprising poems seemingly out of nothing, or very little. (See the two below—written, in reality, by the well published New York poet, Ron Padgett). The couple's life is quietly dynamic and it's not without drama, some of which takes place in Doc's bar, and some of which is caused by the subversive shenanigans of an unlikely source – Marvin the Bulldog.

Paterson, New Jersey, has a rich and diverse history. In 1791, then Secretary of State Alexander Hamilton eyed the seventy-five-foot-high Great Falls that is at the center of Paterson and saw potential. Hamilton established a company called the Society for the Establishment of Useful Manufacturers, and it embarked on the ambitious project of making Paterson the future industrial capitol

of the young country. Canals were dug and dozens of textile factories sprang up around the Great Falls. Immigrants from Ireland, Eastern Europe and especially Italy migrated to Paterson and worked in the factories for low wages. Paterson was transformed into an industrial city peopled by a diverse mosaic of characters. The city thrived, or at least the owners of the factories did; and by 1900 Paterson swelled to more than 100,000 residents, and its textile factories produced such vast quantities of silk fabrics that Paterson was called the “Silk City;” not just of New Jersey and the US, but the “Silk City” of the world.

The poet William Carlos Williams, who was a doctor first (Doc the bartender?) and a poet second, wrote short, objective poems that are much like Paterson's (and vice versa); Williams also wrote a long epic poem called “Paterson” which finds joy and despair in the lives of the working people of the city. The content of Williams' poem resonates throughout the movie.

Other luminaries are from Paterson: Boxer Ruben (Hurricane) Carter, Major League Baseball player Larry Doby, Nelson Algren, Lou Duva, Frank Lautenberg and many others have their roots in the city. Beat poet Allen Ginsberg was born in nearby Newark and had deep connections to the city. But perhaps Paterson's most famous native son is Lou Costello, the comedian who found humor in the details of everyday life, who was born and raised in Paterson and is honored with a statue in Cianci Park, a couple blocks from the Great Falls.

Today Paterson is another north-eastern city that has been forced to change or die by the desertion of its industries. Paterson's once-bustling factories are boarded-up and falling apart, and while the water of the Great Falls still crashes on the rocks below, the water is polluted and

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Love Poem

We have plenty of matches in our house
We keep them on hand always
Currently our favourite brand
Is Ohio Blue Tip
Though we used to prefer Diamond Brand
That was before we discovered
Ohio Blue Tip matches
They are excellently packaged
Sturdy little boxes
With dark and light blue and white labels
With words lettered
In the shape of a megaphone
As if to say even louder to the world
Here is the most beautiful match in the world
It's one-and-a-half-inch soft pine stem
Capped by a grainy dark purple head
So sober and furious and stubbornly ready
To burst into flame
Lighting, perhaps the cigarette of the woman you love
For the first time
And it was never really the same after that

All this will we give you
That is what you gave me
I become the cigarette and you the match
Or I the match and you the cigarette
Blazing with kisses that smoulder towards heaven

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its power goes unharnessed. Paterson continues to receive new immigrants but the city is struggling. On the day I wrote this a local newspaper reported that 85 public school teachers had been laid off and headlines described drug busts and homicides. Paterson, the city, is not shiny and artificial like Hollywood, but neither is "Paterson," the movie.

And that's a good thing.

"Paterson," the movie, like William Carlos Williams' long poem and Allen Ginsberg's poem "Sunflower Sutra," doesn't sugar-coat the city or romanticize living there. It doesn't take us on a semi-believable, specially-effected wild carpet ride or lead us by the nose to some predictable, saccharine end. Director Jim Jarmusch has taken what reality Paterson has given him – and given his characters – and his characters find and make small things that are valuable and lasting within that reality. In their limited, unassuming way, Paterson and Laurel absorb the power and magnificence of the Great Falls and convert it into something life-sustaining and enduring.

Another One

When you're a child you learn there are three dimensions
Height, width and depth
Like a shoebox
Then later you hear there's a fourth dimension
Time
Hmm
Then some say there can be five, six, seven...
I knock off work
Have a beer at the bar
I look down at the glass and feel glad

(Poems written by Ron Padgett for the movie "Paterson")

The *Bulletin* Lives!

By Kevin McNally

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin in response to the fundraising appeals in the last two issues. Thanks to you, we now have enough funds to publish the paper in June and July, with enough left over to start up again when our new publishing year starts in September.

While we are in good financial shape at this moment, the Bulletin is in need of and welcomes contributions on an on-going basis to assure that we are able to continue to provide you with the news of Roosevelt. If everyone reading this paper contributed at least \$10, we'd have enough to meet our expenses for the year.

AN ALPHABET OF LIGHT

Agate light guided me in childhood. After six decades on earth, I stand before the Alhambra, having found the shape of light.

Being the body of light, better than seeing light.

Claro is the only word for California sky over orchards. The boy is lodged in clarity with braceros reaching for fruit far from their pueblos, far from wives and niños, tied only by *claro*.

Dawn and coyote trotting through sage; light is the shape of her tooth. Light is the shape of desire.

Even if my name were Luz, still the treacheries of light.

Force without force, one name of light.

Glass, the liquid light of wine takes its shape.

Hold light in your hand. Yet it is not the shape of your hand, but of a doe leaping through morning.

If light is the object's rejection, as that arresting yellow shed by a lemon among smooth limbs at noon, then what is air but light.

Just because the sun is not God does not mean that light is not. Windows of the quartz crystal's hex house light the way to ourselves in the dark wood.

Keep the shattered glass, the light of many. My name is shimmer, glitter, glister, gleam and glow. Vowels are lights; consonants are shadows.

Light is the shape of a coronet's note. The cello's velvet note of darkness is light's sister.

Many are called by light, few are able. All refuse to be disciples; for light is the trickster, a shape-shifter—there sky, here water, there star.

Now is the time to let light love us as does music. Flashes from car windows—the pizzicato of light. Let it change your life.

Only appearing to us, light in the shape of the soul. It takes us to the before-sun. It demands we start with the ABCs of photons.

Please crack the darkness on the border, let the light through. Enemy of autocrats, it is named the Great Border Eraser.

Question the light, do not quest for it. Is light the coming-forth? Is light the shape of space, of contemplation, or is it pretending? Light, the shape of pain?

Remember the tremble of light through leaves.

Snow-light. Have you noticed after a nightfall of flakes, the morning under a brilliant sun, the cold ground resurrected by snow-light?

Trust the light, not the window.

Under the sun is our fate, but light massages the land, reminding us that requiems are not the end.

Vivaldi who in death lights the cathedral.

Whole worlds, the entire world and everything in it the vibrato of light.

Xenon, I call you laser-writer. Is your name in the Book of Light, each of its inscribed wings opening up the world's Yes?

Yellow, yes, the abundance of a daffodil field in noonday sun, the sulfur of our glowing soul.

Zig-zags of light, let's name them lightning. Or letters of an alien language that remake the body. What is the shape of light? What letters could spell the 1001 names of light? Rune-cut rays?

Liquid Arabic shining from tiled pools? Or the pure, black gestures of Chinese?

David Herrstrom

WHITMAN

you should be living now. Our country is a circus,
The donkeys braying to empty air, the elephants trumpeting like a runaway train,
While the Clown—Master of Ceremoneys—takes a piss
On the newspapers under a cowering lioness and empties his brain-drain
Of words, his hand on the starlet's fur.

We are a feckless people

Giving our brain to the confidence-man's stump-speech
And cheering the clown's gassy rump-preach
That fouls confidence in our neighbors like bull fecal.

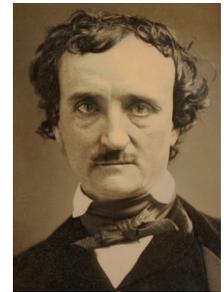
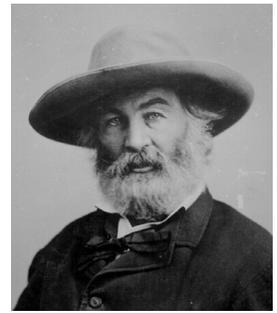
Walt, take us from this candy-striped tent onto the open, public road
Where we stumble on angular facts because some rocks are true, even dear,
Take us from where the elephants bow low as a toad,

this Saddest Show on Earth

To join the brown and black, and pink invasive species in our square
Where we gulp promiscuously the air of everyone a la mode
And we, in the days of your 'lesson of reception,' adhere.

January 2017
Roosevelt, NJ

David Herrstrom



Free Health Services Available from the Monmouth County Health Department; State-funded Lead Safe Home Remediation Grants also Available

by Michael Ticktin

The Borough of Roosevelt is one of the 26 municipalities in which health services are provided by the Monmouth County Health Department. Free or low-cost services provided by the Health Department to residents of the 26 municipalities include the following:

- * free eye screenings and testing for body-mass index, diabetes, cholesterol and bone density
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For more information or to make an appointment, call the Health Department at (732) 431-7456.

Any owner of a house built before 1978 who is concerned about the possible presence of lead paint, and whose household income does not exceed 80% of the median for Monmouth County, adjusted for household size, can apply for assistance under the Department of Community Affairs Lead-Safe Home Remediation Pilot Grant Program by contacting the Community Affairs and Resource Center at (732) 774-3282. 80% of median household income for Monmouth County ranges from \$46,300 for a single- person household to \$87,300 for an eight-person household.

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22 Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, Natalie Warner, President, 609-903-1061
24 Sat.	8:00 pm	Documentary Film: Generations of Artists: Roosevelt, NJ Roosevelt Arts Project, Borough Hall
26 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Borough Hall Jeff Ellentuck, Mayor
28 Weds.		Recycling Pickup 

JULY

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11 Tues.	12:30 pm	Senior Citizens Meeting, Borough Hall.
11 Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
12 Weds.		Recycling Pickup 
13 Thurs.	7:00 pm	Fire Company Business Meeting, Borough Hall Chris Suk, President 490-0931
18 Tues.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, John Vo, President
19 Wed.	7:00 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall, Eitan Grunwald, Chair.
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RECYCLING DATES

JUNE 14, 28

JULY 12, 26

ZONING PERMITS

Tuesdays 4 – 6 PM

STATE PERMITS

Wednesdays 1 – 3

BOROUGH

HOUSING

INSPECTIONS

Tuesdays 5 – 6 PM

Borough Hall

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