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Roosevelt Borough Council Approves Major Infrastructure Overhauls

by Hope Pressler

Infrastructure and investment took center stage during the Roosevelt Borough Council's most recent sessions. Across a Special Meeting held on August 31 and a regular session on September 8, 2026, the Council awarded primary contracts for updates to the wastewater treatment plant and road improvements.

The Council authorized a critical overhaul of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Through the adoption of Resolution 26-109 on September 8, the Council awarded a contract for the replacement of the plant's trickling filters—a vital component of the borough's treatment process. The contract was awarded to Coppola Services, Inc., with a bid of $2,074,000.00.

To fund the filtration upgrades, the Council moved to adjust its borrowing authority. Officials held the first reading of Bond Ordinance 2026-11, which amends Bond Ordinance No. 2026-05 (originally adopted in July). The new ordinance increases the project appropriation by $310,000, bringing the total authorized expenditure for the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements to $2,405,000.
The borough is using the New Jersey Water Bank program, administered by the NJDEP and funded through the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (NJIB) for the loan. This program provides municipalities with significantly lower interest rates than traditional bond markets, minimizing the long-term tax impact of these multi-million dollar utility repairs.

The Council also moved forward with its 2026 road program during the August 31 Special Meeting. Resolution 26-105 authorized a $774,013.13 contract for Earle Asphalt Company, to perform improvements on Lake Drive, Spruce Lane, and South Valley Road.

The procurement for this project was a lengthy process; bids were originally received on April 9, 2026, but the award was extended to late summer to align with municipal funding cycles. The project is heavily supported by the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) under the Municipal Aid Grant Program.

The restoration of the historic Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Amphitheater has encountered a technical setback. A Field Observation Report from ETM Associates, LLC, following an August 11 site visit, revealed significant structural issues once the monument's stone cladding was removed.

Inspectors found cracked CMU (concrete masonry unit, or cinder block) blocks and severely degraded masonry joints in the core of the monument. In a vivid illustration of the structure's fragility, contractors had to temporarily stabilize the core with lumber and ratchet straps as a precautionary measure. In response, the Council adopted Resolution 26-110, awarding the $10,700 contract to French & Parrello Associates.

The Council also completed the second reading of Ordinance 2026-10, which amends Ordinance 2026-04 to update salary ranges for three key positions. Amended municipal salary ranges (Ordinance 2026-10) included the Municipal Housing Liaison with a minimum range of $1,000 and a maximum range of $6,000, the Recycling Coordinator with a minimum range of $200 and a maximum range of $500, and the Deputy CFO with a minimum range of $10,000 and a maximum range of $25,000.

The next council meeting is scheduled for October 5th at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall.

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- Include images as separate files in jpg format.

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We reserve the right to edit in accordance with our publication standards and policies, and to include items as space permits.

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If you wish to go, you must call the S.C.A.T. bus at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and where you wish to go.

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FDR Memorial Restoration Update: Delayed but Moving Forward
Report from the Fund for Roosevelt

By Alan Mallach and Gail Hunton



For the more than a month, there hasn't been any construction activity on the FDR memorial, and rumors are floating around. We've heard rumors that the project is dead, or that the funds have run out, or….. We'd like to clear the air, explain why there hasn't been any visible activity on the project, and mainly, explain what has actually been going on.

First, two important points. The project is alive and well, although delayed. And we are not out of money. There is enough money available, between Monmouth County, the Borough, and the Fund for Roosevelt to finish the project.

So, what has been going on? The first issue was the wetlands permit. Part of the FDR memorial site is located in the wetlands buffer zone established by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), so we needed to get a permit to work in that area. The permit application was submitted in July 2025(!) and we expected to have it in plenty of time. It was delayed, and when it finally arrived in June, there was an additional condition. Since Roosevelt is documented habitat for the endangered wood turtle, a herpetologist (turtle guy) was required to do a survey to make sure we weren't endangering any turtles in the project area. He did the initial survey and gave the project the green light, and will be on site to monitor turtle activity once construction resumes. The Borough has approved the contract, which will be paid for by the Fund for Roosevelt.

In addition to the permit delays, we discovered that additional work was critically needed to the plinth (the base) of the FDR monument. Upon examination by a qualified conservator, it was discovered that the granite panels that cover the plinth (see illustration) were not securely fastened to the concrete block core inside. The Borough approved a change order to cover the cost of replacing the failed attachment and re-sealing the panels. However, when the contractor took off the panels, they discovered that the core itself was badly deteriorated, and must be repaired or replaced before anything else could happen. The project architect immediately solicited a proposal from a structural engineer to determine what needed to be done. The Borough approved the contract with the engineer at the September 8 meeting, and they will be on the site to do their assessment during the week of September 14.

So, is it ready to go? Not quite. Since the FDR memorial is part of Roosevelt's historic district, we are required to get approval from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). When the structural engineer's report and recommendations are complete, we will request an amendment to our prior SHPO project approval. Once we have SHPO approval, we can resume work.

The remaining work has to happen step by step. The contractor can resume work on the remainder of the project only after the core of the plinth is rebuilt and the panels have been reattached, because the work on the plinth will require moving heavy machinery around the base of the monument. If the contractor did any work before the core is repaired and the panels reattached, it could be damaged or destroyed by the machinery.

We're hopeful that work will resume by October, but that will depend on how quickly SHPO acts. The good news is that once work resumes, things should move fairly quickly. In the meantime, we'll keep you informed through regular updates in the Borough Bulletin.

If you have any further questions, email us at fundforroosevelt@gmail.com.

Save our Sewers –
Don't Flush Wipes

Please do not flush wipes or paper towels down your toilet. Even the wipes that are labeled "flushable" are not treatable in our sewage treatment plant. They clog up the equipment and the repairs are costly.

Please do not pour household grease down your drain. This clogs the sewer lines and the repairs are costly.

Your water/sewer bill reflects the added maintenance costs caused by these wipes and household grease.

Please put your wipes, paper towels and household grease in the trash.

A Proposal for Updating the Meaning of the Word "Art" (which is to say: the ramblings of a vandal)

By Catarina Noronha

We are on the banks of the Tâmega River[1] sometime in the spring of 2022. That day the rain didn't wet fools[2] – how lucky I was! Armed with a yellow marker, I vandalized the city with love. On a park bench I wrote what could have been just another verse lost among houses, streets and bridges. And it would have been exactly that – just another lost verse – if a stranger, a poet, someone who, like me, sees through a filter steeped in restlessness, hadn't passed by. They must be another one of those fools who, in the spring, get wet on rainy days. So what did our unknown poet do to save those verses from the city's oblivion, you, dear readers, may ask?

Art.

They allowed themself to be inspired, hoping that this inspiration would inspire others. They took a piece of paper, a black pen, and transparent tape and left an answer – a provocation, or we wouldn't be talking about art – next to the verses found on a park bench. Of course, beyond our two poets – artists or bandits – we have to give credit to chance, that almighty god, who made two strangers living in parallel realities cross paths there, on that park bench. And it was this equation – chance, two artists, and a few spectators – that made that park bench our work of art. For about a month, I ran down the street to the riverbank, my heart racing, exchanging poems, loves, and insults with a stranger. And the audience – probably those people who go to theaters and exhibitions – followed the performance attentively, feeling part of the work because they also knew that secret, kept on the banks of the Tâmega.

When reading the (many) definitions of art, none of them quite meet my expectations. The dictionary doesn't mention exchanging poems on park benches. I decided, therefore, that it should be updated. To be an artist is also to have the audacity to rewrite what is written. But it is mainly to believe. It is to have faith – that unfounded confidence – that what we are – what we think, express, and create – matters.



Look: when I say that our unknown poet made art, I'm not referring to the written verses. "Made" is perhaps not the most appropriate verb. It's that art isn't made. Art is lived. So allow me to rewrite: our unknown poet lived art. Art is the strange way of life for those who refuse to conform. And artists – poets and vandals – are those who choose to live in art. They are the children who refused to grow up, who seek poems in the street, who listen to the songs of the rain, who admire the beauty (or magic) of everyday gestures.

Art is a strange way of life.

It's not production and it's not to be confused with works of art.

Art is a strange way of life.

I am not an artist because I produce works of art. I produce works of art because I am an artist. The works are the consequence of being an artist, not the cause. I am an artist because I choose to live in art.

Art is a strange way of life, just as poetry is a strange form of writing.

Art is the dance between two strangers who, even though they have never met, found each other in the absolute certainty that exchanging poems on a park bench matters.

Art
1. Strange way of life
2. Living in poetry
3. Reality of the artist

Artist
1. One who lives in art
2. One who has faith in their work

Work of Art
1. Consequence of being an artist
2. Product or work of the artist
3. The reflection of art

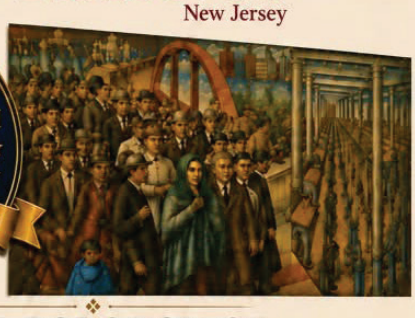
[1] River that passes by my hometown – Amarante, Portugal

[2] Portuguese expression: we call drizzle the "wet-fools rain" ("chuva molha-tolos")

ROOSEVELT MAYOR AND COUNCIL

BOROUGH OF
Roosevelt
New Jersey

CELEBRATING 90TH ANNIVERSARY



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ROOSEVELT

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JERSEY HOMESTEADS
HISTORIC DISTRICT

Organized as an agro-industrial Jewish cooperative community by the Provisional Commission for Jewish Farm Settlements in the United States, led by Benjamin Brown (1885-1939). Jersey Homesteads was one of approximately 100 communities built by the Roosevelt Administration in the 1930s. Among the other members of the Provisional Commission were Rabbi Stephen Wise and Albert Einstein. The design of the community, with interior and exterior greenbelts, reflects the influence of Sir Ebenezer Howard, planner of the English garden city/ planning concept, while the design of the buildings by Kahn incorporated central hall,s developed by Walter Gropius and the Bauhaus in Germany in the 1920s.

BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT-JERSEY HOMESTEADS HISTORIC DISTRICT
JEWISH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the 90th Anniversary Celebration is being rescheduled to

10/24/26

JOIN US AS WE COMMEMORATE THE RICH HISTORY OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT.

ROOSEVELT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Remarks from Rooseveltians past and present, music, food, and history!

RAP ART WALK



HAVE YOU BEEN INSPIRED BY NATURE?

You are invited to share your creative work at the

RAP ART WALK — OCTOBER 18, 1:00–4:00 PM

We are looking for creatives inspired by the forest and nature to showcase:

Visual Art — Poetry
Music — Video
Dance — Dramatic Readings
…and other creative expressions!

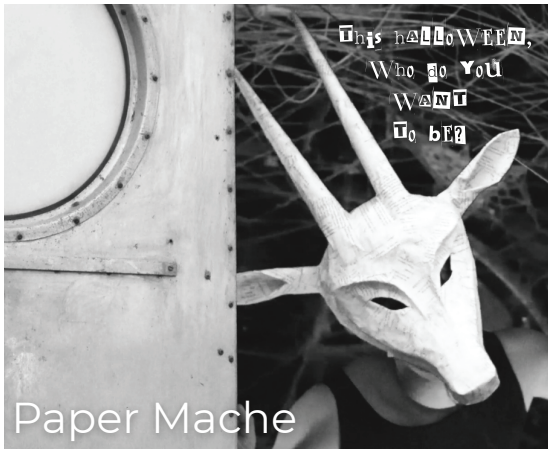
The event is open to artists and creatives in Roosevelt and the surrounding area. There are many ways to participate. You can share your art, spread the word about the day, suggest an activity, or help organize the Art Walk.

Please send a Facebook message to Ellen Silverman, or email **rooseveltborogreenteam@gmail.com**

LET THE FOREST INSPIRE YOU—AND LET YOUR CREATIVITY INSPIRE OTHERS!

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Oct the 17th & 24th
(1-4pm)

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studio

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CONTACT: catuschaos@gmail.com

**children must be able to work independently upon instruction*

sign-up's & + info:

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Road obstruction	911 / State Police 609-584-5000
Trees down	911 / State Police 609-584-5000
Health Emergency	911
Comcast outage	1-800-COMCAST
FIoS outage	(800) 837-4966
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RPS Community,

As we get ready to begin another school year at Roosevelt Public School, we are excited to welcome our students, families, and staff back for the 2026-2027 school year! The start of September always brings a special kind of energy to RPS as our classrooms fill back up, students reconnect with friends and teachers, and we settle into the routines of a brand-new year.

We have several exciting updates to look forward to this fall. Our Pre-K program has expanded to include separate classrooms for our 3- and 4-year-old students, led by Mrs. Erin Schneider and Ms. Ava Gordon, along with the implementation of the Tools of the Mind curriculum. We are also excited to welcome Mrs. Danielle Mirabal in Health and Physical Education, Ms. Lauren Brodsky as a Pre-K paraprofessional, and Mr. Matt Giannattasio to our custodial team. Several familiar faces will also be taking on expanded roles this year, including Mrs. Jackie Dawson in Art and STEAM for grades 3-5, Mrs. Kathy Faunce in K-2 STEAM and student support, and Mrs. Megan McMichael in Special Education and Gifted & Talented.

We know the first few weeks will be filled with new routines, relationship-building, and plenty of opportunities to learn and grow. We are also looking forward to welcoming families back into the building in late September for back to school night. In addition, we are excited to begin our new school lunch partnership this fall and continue building on the programs, traditions, and community events that make Roosevelt such a special place.

As we begin the year, we are also excited to continue building on our Dragon HEART culture at RPS. Dragon HEART is at the center of how we support our students in making positive choices, showing kindness, and taking pride in themselves and our school community. We look forward to celebrating the many ways our students demonstrate Dragon HEART throughout the year and continuing to make RPS a place where every child feels known, supported, and proud to belong.

Here's to a happy and successful 2026-2027 school year. We can't wait to see everyone soon!

Lindsay Perine
Principal, Roosevelt Public School

Substitute Teacher Job Posting

Roosevelt Public School
Grades Pre-K through 5
Roosevelt, NJ

Seeking reliable and caring Substitute Teachers to support our classrooms on an as-needed basis. Our small, close-knit school community values inclusion, collaboration, and creating a positive learning environment for all students.

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- It's better for your health because fresh food contains more nutrients.
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- It's better for the community because it supports and creates a connection with local farm families.
- It's better for the climate because it reduces carbon emissions from long-haul transport of food.
- It's fun!

In Roosevelt, Lawrence and Heidi Mendies offer locally grown food at their farmstand and through their CSA.

Local farms & farmstands selling fruits & vegetables

Mendies Family Farm	65 N Rochdale Ave, Roosevelt
Produce Paradise	Clarksburg-Robbinsville Rd, Assunpink WMA
Hyland Farm	1042 Windsor Rd, Millstone Twp
Rising Sun Farm & Country Store	26 Rising Sun Tavern Rd, Millstone Twp
Krackerjack Farm Market	619 Rt 33 East, Millstone Twp
Kyle Family Farm	831 Windsor-Perrineville Rd, East Windsor
Lee Turkey Farm	201 Hickory Corner Rd, East Windsor
Stults Farm	146 Cranbury Neck Rd, East Windsor
Emery's Farm	346 Long Swamp Rd, New Egypt
Westhaven Farm Inc.	725 Rt 524, Allentown
Battleview Orchards	91 Wemrock Rd, Freehold
This Must be The Farm	36 Georgia Rd, Freehold
Cedarville Farms	Trenton Farmers Market-960 Spruce St, Lawrence Twp
Corner-Copia	Trenton Farmers Market-960 Spruce St, Lawrence Twp
Farmer Al's Market & Greenhouses	387 Buckelew Ave, Monroe Twp
Pop's Farm Market & Garden Center	238 Cranbury Station Rd, Monroe
Red Wagon Farm Market (autumn)	437 Rt 33, Manalapan and 136 Applegarth Rd, Monroe Twp
Indyks Farm	595 Spotswood-Englistown Rd, Monroe Twp
KJD Farm, LLC	1510 Old York Rd, Robbinsville
Indigo Valley Farms	283 Rt 539, Cream Ridge
Stone Tavern Orchards (autumn)	73 Rues Rd, Cream Ridge
Lasky Farm	80 S Main St, Windsor
Carchesio Farms	565 Tennent Rd, Manalapan Twp

Wineries & Breweries

Working Dog Winery	610 Windsor-Perrineville Rd, Robbinsville
Cream Ridge Winery	145 Rt 539, Cream Ridge
Screamin Hill Brewery & Farm	83 Emley's Hill Rd, Cream Ridge
Laurita Winery	35 Archertown Rd, New Egypt

Farmers Markets

Robbinsville	Miry Run Rec. Area, 66 Sharon Rd
West Windsor	877 Alexander Rd
Monroe	4 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp
Freehold	Hall of Records, 1 East Main St
Princeton	55 Witherspoon St
Trenton	960 Spruce St, Lawrence Twp
Tri-County Co-op	619 Mercer St, Hightstown
Jackson	Jackson Justice Complex, 2 Jackson Dr

Farms selling flowers, mushrooms, etc

Moonshot Farms	415 Imlaystown Rd, East Windsor
Appelget Farm	135 Conover Rd, West Windsor
Two Rivers Mushrooms	145 Stillhouse Rd, Millstone

Pick your own

Stargazer Fields	17 Olde Noah Hunt Rd, Millstone
Holland Ridge Farms	108 Rues Rd, Cream Ridge
Happy Day Farm	106 Iron Ore Rd, Manalapan
Tindall Farms	1201 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor Twp
Hallock's U-Pick Farm	38 Fischer Rd, New Egypt
Lee Turkey Farm	201 Hickory Corner Rd, East Windsor

I Love the Friendly Internet

By Albert Hepner

There isn't a moment when it doesn't remind you that it is here for you, to help you be more yourself, to help you in all your endeavors, and especially to keep all you want kept secret. But first, you must tell it what you want kept secret because how else could it keep your secrets?

I'm still struggling with the idea of how I managed all these years to keep my life a secret. It must be that I'm an Internet. I must have babbled away all my secrets before the Internet even showed up. As I'm babbling away right now, an uninvited line above these complaining paragraphs says: Office Updates: To keep up to date with security updates, fixes, and improvements, choose Check for Updates. One simply has to follow the yellow brick line and click on Check for Updates. I'd never do that, but I wanted to let you know what I am to look forward to.

Note that now I've been told that 5 apps are requiring attention. It feels like my elementary school teacher just scolded me for not keeping Microsoft apps up to date. Note the audacity of those people: I have to keep their apps up to date. With all their alleged savvy, they can't even keep them up to date. What might irk one even more is that the apps in question were available on November 10, 2020, five months before I downloaded Microsoft. How is it that they didn't include the download then? No wonder I'm always busy; I'm working for the Internet. Oh! I just noticed an option to have them update automatically. Some rest finally!

One of the most infuriating daily events is when one turns one's computer on and moves to one's various email addresses, and the one bold sentence that faces one from each email is: You have no events scheduled today. This is a one-way ticket to instant depression. How on earth does it know that I don't have any events scheduled today? Perhaps programmers are the ones without interesting, exciting, or revealing events, for they're always doing the same thing: setting computers up to make us all feel as inactive and uninterested as they are telling us we have nothing to do. I often wonder which friendly genius came up with that sentence. How did computer promoters devise that we'd have nothing to do; ergo, we'd want to stay on the computer to search out their apps? Am I an ungrateful consumer?

Having been raised with a different language than English, it took me several months, perhaps years, before I discovered what apps stood for. As we write and read these astonishing remarks, I've never knowingly pursued an app by design. After seeing the word several times, I asked a born American what an app was. At first, she asked, "What?" I said, "What's an app?" "What's an app?" She asked. "What do you mean, what's an app?" She repeated. I reluctantly repeated, "Yeah, what's an app?" Stupefied, she asked again, "Do you mean what's an app on the computer?" "Yes, that's it," I joyfully exclaimed. She said, "You're kidding me, right?"

Part of what renders foreigners ignorant when they don't know for sure what a word means, such as app, is that when you check it out on the infamous Internet, you might get charged something. Being extremely parsimonious, I rarely venture into unknown territory just to find out what it means if I think it will cost me something. But while I explain how I feel, I'm going to take a chance with you readers watching. I'm going to look for an app the way a mouse looks for some cheese in your kitchen, quietly. I wish I could enlist your cooperation while I look and get your promise that if I hit the wrong key and have to pay for some app, that you'll help me pay. Well, technology isn't that advanced. Here I go.

I went online and typed "apps." The first sentence that came up told me I'd been right all along not to trust that it's free. It says: Top Delivery Apps- See a Free Delivery of Apps. This implies that Apps are not always free. It's enough to frighten any newcomer. The next paragraph suggests downloading Google Play Apps. There's no doubt that this will be costly.

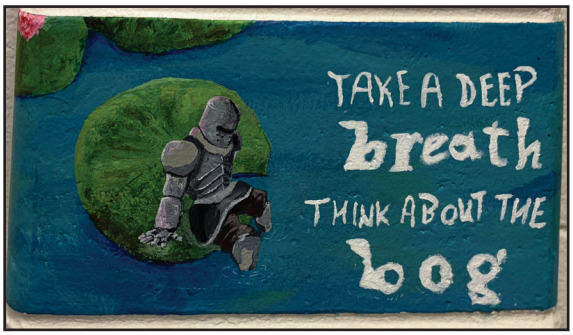
Another likely infuriating conundrum is the cautionary letters about one's privacy. We've all been told to carefully read all company privacy notices. It seems as if sometimes the only thing one gets from banks and vendors is privacy notices that explain in detail how many years each banker will spend in jail if s/he reveals any of our private information. I know that if I were working for a bank, I'd quit right away for fear of getting incarcerated when I speak to my neighbor about our customers. Yet a couple of years before the pandemic, when it was safe to fly, I ordered two (2) airline tickets from a renowned company. The next morning, a hotel chain on the island we were flying to invited me to stay at their wonderful resort. Later that day, one of the major auto rental companies offered to provide a car for us when we landed. These repeated occurrences simply negate all the ink spilled by our illustrious suppliers. This also exacerbates our distrust of anything else they suggest, which complicates our lives. It makes it clear that they are a laughingstock, but they feel free to insult our intelligence repeatedly, which ridicules us. Why shouldn't they keep offering us a private agenda they don't intend to keep private when we simply insist on returning for more? It categorically invites an ethos that echoes so strongly in our society that our children

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knowingly smile when we repeatedly invoke honesty while we brag to our mates about skimming our tax debts.

Recently, a radio program discussed IP addresses. To better understand why our honorable suppliers hesitated to share information with other suppliers, I looked up the meaning: Every computer, smartphone, and mobile device that accesses the internet is assigned an IP address for tracking purposes. It may be a permanently assigned IP address, or the IP address may change occasionally, but it is always a unique identifier. Rest assured, the Internet is anything but private. It's a telephone book without reservations.



Painting by Zachary Pressler

Power Outages

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To Binge - or not to Binge - a TV show ~

That is the question - I do not know ~

How many ways are there to watch the TV ~

Do we stream - or do we not and pay the fee ~

Is it live or is it pre-recorded ~

Some people put it on demand - so they have said ~

I have never been a huge TV person ~

I do like a good movie - all said and done ~

I am not too sure bout these long series - do I dare ~

How many weeks are there - I am never aware ~

Also - there are some good sporting events ~

If its live - I do enjoy - that's what I meant ~

Now is the time for March Madness - its here ~

Our entire family tries to pick who is going to win ~

Do I pick a top seed - or go out on a limb ~

There are so many contests you can enter - and win ~

They say a million dollars - you could win ~

Are they kidding - I be glad if I can win and advance a single game ~

Now its play time - and we are in it for fun - just the same ~

Going back to the TV - Binge or not ~

Sometimes I do - and like it a lot !!!

— Adrienne Cheshier

The Roosevelt Arts Project

The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) is a collaborative venture of friends and neighbors in and around Roosevelt, New Jersey. Bringing together artists in a variety of media, our mission is to foster collaboration and present their work to the public. Founded in 1986 by the nationally known artists, Bernarda Bryson Shahn and Jacob Landau, and others including writers and musicians, the Roosevelt Arts Project presents a series of annual programs. This varied series premieres new works by Roosevelt playwrights, painters and potters, folk singers, poets, and composers, as well as experimental collaborations.

DATE/TIME	VENUE	EVENT
Sat, Sept. 19 and Sun, Sept. 20 10 AM-4 PM	135 W. Ward Street, Hightstown, NJ	**Hightstown Art Pop-up** This pop-up exhibition brings together artists from West Windsor Arts, the Hightstown Cultural Arts Commission, and the Roosevelt Arts Project to celebrate creativity and strengthen regional ties through art. This exhibition will transform a vacant downtown Hightstown storefront into a gallery celebrating the creativity and talent of our regional arts community.
Sunday, Oct. 18 1:00-4:00 PM	2 School Lane, Roosevelt, NJ Trailhead at Roosevelt Public School	**Art in the Woods** A walk in the woods has inspired artists for generations. On October 18th, the Roosevelt Woodland Trail will become a gallery in nature as artists, writers, musicians, and creators of all sorts will share their work along the trail Songs, words, and images will mingle with the beauty of the woodland landscape, creating a unique afternoon of art and nature Please join us for a walk on the trail and enjoy the creativity of our community.
Saturday, Nov. 7 2:00PM	Meet at the Roosevelt Post Office, 1 Farm Ln, and stroll through town and the trails.	**Chasing Shadows: A Photography Event** Chasing Shadows invites photographers of all experience levels to slow down and see Roosevelt in a new way. Together we'll explore how light shadow, texture, and perspective can turn ordinary streets and landscapes into compelling images. Just bring your camera or smartphone comfortable walking shoes, and your curiosity.
Saturday, Dec. 5 12:00-4:00 PM	Roosevelt Public School 2 School Lane, Roosevelt, NJ	**Holiday Craft and Art Sale** Local area artisans will showcase their one-of-a- kind crafts and artwork. Live music and food will be offered throughout the afternoon.
Sunday, Jan. 24 3:00 PM	Borough Hall	**The Knockabouts and Friends: Roosevelt Musicians in Concert** Come warm up at a winter concert featuring some of Roosevelt's most talented performers, hosted by Cherie Chelst & George Marinich.
Saturday, Feb. 20 3:00 PM	Borough Hall	**Holding Together, Coming Apart** **The art of Jay and Naomi Goldman** Through collage, assemblage, sculpture, photography, and reclaimed materials, Jay Goldman explores the hidden relationships between history, memory, ritual, and the human experience.Through drawing, collage, mixed media, and watercolor, Naomi Goldman combines careful observation with intuitive experimentation to create works that invite multiple readings while quietly investigating how things hold together-and what happens when they begin to come apart hold together-and what happens when they begin to come apart.
Saturday, Mar. 20 7:30 PM	Borough Hall	**Plano Stories and Pictures: Aredal by Alan Mallach** For centuries, composers have used the piano to paint pictures and tell stories Pianist Alan Mallach will play storytelling and picture-painting music from the Baroque to the 20th century, enlivened with his insightful and enjoyable commentary on the composers and their works.

Visit our website: www.rooseveltartsproject

Suggested donation of $10 for all events (unless indicated) to support RAP, the Roosevelt Arts Program

OFFICE VISIT (a micrologue)

A Now let me get this straight. You saw one specialist for the eyelashes on your left eye, and another specialist for the lashes on your right eye.

B Yes.

A And you had to fill out separate medical histories for each doctor.

B Yes.

A And in each case the nurse said, 'The doctor will be with you shortly.'

B Yes.

A Well, what was the diagnosis?

B None, yet.

A Oh?

B The left eye specialist said I should see a specialist who treats both eyes, and the right eye specialist said I should see a specialist about my eyebrows.

A Have you scheduled the appointments?

B Not yet.

A What are you waiting for?

B Test results.

A For what?

B A test ordered by the specialist who thinks I wink too much.

A Blinking?

B Not blinking. Winking.

A There's a quota for winking?

B Apparently.

A Is there co-pay for that?

B It depends.

A On what?

B Whether the receptionist winks back.

Judith McNally

WORLD OF SUCH

I am inheritor of stillness
an insistent tree trunk
of nervous light residing deeply

within my outward eyes
let me say again out loud
I discover myself

among the crowd of mobius-strippers
moments of calm embrace
winsome ever winning within me

as if inherited
parade from some world outside
persisting while spaces in life

mock my crossings of inside border
reveal my inner loner
who reigns by his determined luck

hear Buchanan's Wayfaring
blues beyond his finger brain
of determined exploration

not answering just being steel
reporting war of will
and chance that reigns the end of all
yet when the now begins
light reaching right through trees
and touching me as child

of tapestry's lovely woven meanings
I understand as wise
weaving worlds of here with there

until I touch the earth
my life below the chopper
walking sky as if

living Buchanan's wire cry
out of finger brain
not answering but being steel

says survival be
more determined luck than be
what tuneful arm can be

of light's own way through trees
tenderly touching me as if
the monarch ruling woods

yet early did I learn
that peeling an orange was wondrous
way of being in this world

— David Herrstrom

Storm

Jessie's been standing outside in a yellow flowing sundress as a hurricane shoots rain sideways and lobs telephone poles in her direction, exploding on impact.

She holds a military grade, teflon umbrella in her right hand and an Owala water bottle in her left, which she periodically takes sips from.

Aside from her sips of water, she has not shifted a centimeter. Feet planted, blinks and breaths unseen.

The hurricane intensifies, flooding the area, and sending rapids her way. As the surge approaches, she plants the top of her open umbrella onto the sidewalk, steps onto the reinforced underside, holds the handle firm, and begins to ride the swell.

Body steady, she takes a moment to hydrate.

Now the storm really rages! Lighting crashes only a few feet away, falling cars collide with the water's surface and send riptides in every direction, the Sun completely unable to pierce the storm clouds' curtain, and every light within 5 miles now dead.

Nothing.

The storm loses steam and frisbees one last stop sign directly at her. She takes a slight step to avoid it.

The clouds disperse, rays of light paint the street, the vast destruction is settled.

Jessie steps gingerly off of the umbrella, her ankle swollen, her right hand bleeding, a few tears amongst the rain drops.

She closes her umbrella.

And takes a sip of water.

— Jonathan Irling Hade

Unbeknownst Self Portrait of an Artist as a Young Woman

Iris Brody

in still life

I have your life

painted & pen

no fruit

no flowers

brocaded

stems

and holders

and a mass

of some

alienated

lampshade

which I assume

to be you

if not

forgive

my dilettante

appraisal

I am

only

a passerby

— Stephen Ring

SENIOR CORNER

August Together Again ~

Oh the seniors were out and about again ~

But to follow the Big July 4th - oh no - where and when ~

We did it - a small group was the deal ~

Just "8" of us for a special meal ~

It's a new place to eat and talk ~

A fine cuisine - it was a good hawk ~

Italian food sooooo good - it made my lips pucker up ~

Linguine with lots of garlic and broccoli - enuf for later - for my sup ~

Then off to the movies - at the library it is ~

Only "3" of us went - and there was a bonus not to be missed ~

It was "closed captions " and so I did not miss even one word ~

I did not know this really was to be - but then I heard ~

Everything they said on that big and wide screen ~

Enjoy we did - thanks Ellen is what I really mean !!!

— Adrienne Cheshier







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October 7 & 21

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Place bulk at curb no sooner than Saturday, 10/10/26, and no later than Sunday night, 10/18/26.

Acceptable Items:

- Major appliances and large bulky metal items, including stoves, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters can be placed curbside for collection. Doors from refrigerators, freezers, stoves must be removed from the hinges.
- In accordance with DEP regulations, all Freon must be removed from refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers & air conditioners. Licensed refrigeration persons' stickers must be attached.
- Furniture
- Carpeting must be cut to 36" widths, rolled and tied into bundles not heavier than 45 pounds.
- All small items must be placed in containers (other than cardboard boxes) – not heavier than 45 pounds.

Separate metal from all othe bulk

Prohibited items:

- Computer equipment
- Construction/demolition materials
- Small machines with oil or gasoline
- Small machines (ex: lawn mowers) can be picked up if gasoline and oil are removed
- Large items must be broken down in size to equal no more than 45 pounds
- Lawn debris, grass, leaves, tree branches, etc
- Stone or concrete products
- Batteries of any kind
- Hazardous waste materials
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Recyclable materials
- Propane bottles or gas cans
- Tv sets
- Tires
- Car batteries
- Paint cans
- Chain link fence
- Car parts

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3	Thur.		1st Day of School -RPS, MHK, HHS
7	Mon		School Closed - RPS, MHK, HHS
8	Tues.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall, Peggy Malkin, Mayor
9	Weds.		Recycling Pickup ♻
15	Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board Meeting Borough Hall
16	Weds.	7:00 pm	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall
16	Weds.		Back to School Night - RPS, MHK
19	Sat.	7:00 pm	George Washington's Sense of Humor Hightstown Historical Society 164 N. Main St., Hightstown Email us at hightsewhs@gmail.com to reserve your seats! Free event
21	Mon		School Closed - RPS, MHK, HHS
23	Weds.		Recycling Pickup ♻
24	Thur.	6:00 pm	Back to School Night - HHS
24	Thurs.	6:00 pm	RPS Board of Education Ken LeCompte, President

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OCTOBER

3	Sat.	11:00 - 4:00 pm	Hightstown Harvest Festival Downtown Hightstown
5	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
7	Weds.		Recycling Pickup ♻
12	Mon.		Indigenous People / Columbus Day
12	Mon		School Closed - RPS, MHK, HHS
18	Sat.	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Forest Influences - RAP Art Walk Roosevelt Woodland Trail
19	Mon.		Bulk Trash Pick-Up
19	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
20	Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall
20	Tues.		Parent/Teacher Conferences - RPS
21	Weds.	7:00 pm	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall
21	Weds.		Recycling Pickup ♻
22	Thur.		Early Dismissal - RPS
22	Thur.		Parent/Teacher Conferences - RPS
23	Fri.		Early Dismissal - RPS
24	Sat.	1:00 - 4:00 pm	7th annual Trunk or Treat N. Valley Road -music, games, treats, costume parade at 2:00, trunk and costume decorating contests
24	Sat.	12:00 - 3:00 pm	90th Anniversary Celebration Roosevelt Public School Join the community as Roosevelt celebrates 90 years of history, pride, and community spirit.
29	Thurs.	6:00 pm	RPS Board of Education Ken LeCompte, President

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