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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

by Michael Ticktin

Borough Faces Lawsuits Over Land Use Decisions; New Siren Installed

Despite the summer hiatus in publication of the *Bulletin*, area papers kept the community informed concerning two lawsuits being brought against the Borough because of decisions made by the Planning Board and the Council. In a State court action, Brian and Victoria Carduner have challenged the revision to the permitted uses in the R/Ag-400 district, where they live, to permit schools and religious institutions. Subsequently, and according to a statement reported in the press to have been made by an attorney for Congregation Yeshivas Me'on Hatorah, in response to the memorialization by the Planning Board at its July meeting of a resolution finding that the former zoning officer had decided incorrectly when he refused to regard the opening of the school in the synagogue building as requiring a variance, the Yeshiva filed a Federal court action alleging violation of its civil rights. The Borough will respond to the allegations made in these lawsuits when it files its answers.

At its meetings during the summer months, the Council heard complaints from residents of Homestead Lane and others concerning the effect on neighbors of the use of the street as a basketball court by Yeshiva students, including allegations of noise and traffic problems. Several called upon the Council to enforce the zoning ordinance, alleging that their quality of life was being threatened. Mayor Beth

Battel responded that, on advice of Counsel, she could not respond to the residents' statements.

At the September 10 meeting, Councilman Jeff Ellentuck said that the Council needed to find places in the budget where it could cut back on expenditures. Councilwoman Pat Moser asked if we could not cut back in legal fees, to which Mr. Ellentuck responded that the only way to do that would be to not get sued. As one alternative for saving money, Councilman Ellentuck suggested postponing until next year the reconstruction project for Pine Drive. Councilman Bob Silverstein objected to that suggestion on the grounds that doing so would mean the loss of State funds that have been committed to the project. He also questioned how we could cancel the contract that has already been awarded for the work.

On a more positive note, Councilman Dan Hoffman announced that the new siren has been installed atop a pole near the FDR Memorial and is operational. Its central location and elevation make it audible throughout the community, in contrast to the old siren, which was relocated to the water tower site, from which it was extremely audible to people in the immediate area but could not be heard at the other side of town. ■

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here we are again! With this issue, we begin the thirty-second year of publication, the 2007 to 2008 season. Please help by responding to our yearly need for funds in October for us to be able to send you the *Bulletin* each month. In return, we will do our best to give you an interesting and informative paper each month. As you may remember, we publish nine issues, leaving out January, July, and August. Happy 2007—2008!

We want to welcome a new member to our staff. She is Mary Macher who lives on Farm Lane. She replaces Karyn Grunwald as our Graphic Designer.

Remember that the LITTER PICK-UP will be on October 7th. You can participate in keeping Roosevelt clean! Assignments are given out in front of the Post Office at 10 a.m. In addition, after the morning's "pick-up," there will be lunch at the Hillis', 24 N. Rochdale Avenue. Do join in, it's not only fun, but also helpful.

NOTE! New dates and times for the Council meetings. They will be the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. Come and see what's happening!

Please report any bear sightings to:
State Bureau of Wildlife Management
Kim Tinnes
Wildlife Control
609-259-7955
As well as to David Schwendeman, 443-6204



Parents: It has come to our attention that many children as well as teenagers have been playing in the streets. Before there is an accident because of on-coming cars, please make sure that this practice is stopped.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Thoughtful neighbors pick up after their dogs. Are you a thoughtful neighbor?

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,
I hope you all enjoyed a pleasant summer. Welcome back to those who were able to travel.

Many people will be happy to learn that the emergency siren has finally been moved to its permanent location, in the woods next to the school

on South Rochdale. This location places it as close as possible to the geographical center of town, maximizing its effectiveness to alert those wonderful volunteers who serve on the First Aid Squad and the Fire Department.

Bow-hunting season will soon be upon us, and although hunting is not permitted on Borough owned

property, much of the land around the Borough is regulated by State and County laws which do allow licensed hunting. Posters to delineate No Hunting Zones around residences are available at the Borough Hall and at the Fish and Wildlife Management offices in the Assunpink. ■

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Twenty-one Seniors enjoyed a cruise on the *River Lady*, a paddle boat docked at Toms River on August 28th. Our patience was tested when the bus wouldn't start on the trip back and we waited for over an hour for a replacement. We considered it a Senior Adventure.

In September, there was a trip to the East Windsor Cinema preceded by brunch at Perkins Pancake House. Transportation was provided by volunteer drivers.

Each member contributed a delicious homemade dish for a pot luck lunch held September 28th at the Borough Hall. The food was varied and plentiful enough to feed an army.

By Clare Sacharoff

On November 3rd, several members will attend a theater production of "Beauty and the Beast" held at Kelsey Theater. This will be preceded by lunch at Scotto's in Twin Rivers.

Diana Klein hosted the September meeting and Jerri Millar hosted the October meeting.

We deeply regret the passing of long time member, Tony Wisowaty. ■

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PLEASE NOTE:

Due to postal regulations we can only ask for "donations" rather than "subscriptions" from out-of-towners who wish to receive the BULLETIN.

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

Art Show Highlights Work of Women

by Carol Watchler

Dangerous Women Two, an art show displaying the work of seventy women artists, is running from Sept 4-October 6 at the Mercer County College gallery. This multi-media show features several women with ties to Roosevelt. Viewers will be able to see the varied works of Robin Middleman, Ingrid Jordan, and Priscilla Snow Algava as well as Gail Mitchell's quilting and poetic commentary on the life and work of Bernarda Bryson Shahn.

The Gallery is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm, Friday and Saturday, from 10 am to 2 pm, Tuesday evening 6-8 pm and Thursday evening, 7-9 pm.

More information at 609-570-3589 and directions at www.mercer.edu.

Volunteers needed for Hospice Program

by Carol Watchler

Princeton HomeCare Services' Hospice Program is offering an eight-week hospice volunteer training course in Monroe Township. The Hospice Program is seeking compassionate and caring people to visit hospice patients who have chosen to die with peace and dignity and are being cared for by their families and the Hospice Program team.

At this time, the Program is seeking volunteers who will visit patients in several areas close to Roosevelt: Cranbury, East Windsor, Hightstown and Monroe Township

The training course for the Fall of 2007 is scheduled for Monday afternoons, 1:30-4:00 pm October 15 through December 3. It will be held at the University Medical Center at Princeton facility in Monroe at 11 Centre Drive, Suite 3.

More information about the program can be obtained by calling 609-497-4959.

Survivors Embrace Life by Racing Dragon Boats "Down Under"

by Carol Watchler

Rooseveltian Carol Watchler will join six of her teammates from the Machestic Dragons dragon boat racing team and more than two thousand other breast cancer survivors from around the world to celebrate life at the international breast cancer survivor Dragon Boat Regatta titled "Abreast in Australia" in Queensland, Australia, on September 28-30. Seven members of the central New Jersey team and fourteen members of the Australian Rainbow Dragons will fill a boat to race together at Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast of Queensland.

The more than 2000 year old sport of dragon boat racing which comes from Asia has been embraced by breast cancer survivors to foster physical and



emotional rehabilitation. It is a chance to prove that despite medical challenges, they are still in charge of their bodies, while promoting the message of breast cancer awareness.

The Machestic Dragons team is a non profit organization which welcomes any and all support for their cause. Membership has been expanded to include all persons interested in paddling on the team. Practices are held twice a week at Mercer County Park Lake.

More information about the group is available at <http://www.machesticdragons.org/>.

Farewell to Karyn

by Bess Tremper, Managing Editor

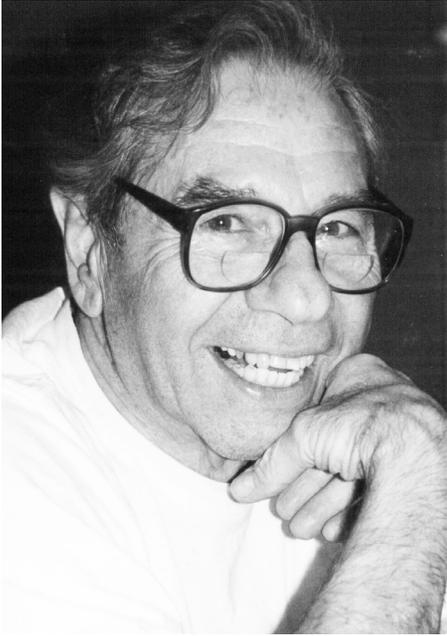
As we begin our thirty-second year of publication, we most regretfully bid farewell to Karyn Grunwald who was so ably our Graphic Designer; that is, the one who got the paper ready for the printer each month for the last five years.

She was the perfect one who not only knew exactly how to do her job, but did it easily and well. She was so co-operative to the point of being there in ass situations.

Because of her cooperative attitude in all situations, she was the perfect help mate with whom we formed a most enjoyable relationship which has turned into a most agreeable friendship. Thank you for being you, Karyn!

In Memoriam: Alex Linowitz (1917–2007)

By Judy Doyle



The Linowitz family lived in Roosevelt for many years before moving to Baltimore. Alex recently died and his family felt that people in Roosevelt who knew them would like to know about Alex. Here are memories of Alex written by his three children.

Memories of Alex by Judy

My Dad was a strong, good-natured man. One of my fondest memories is our evening ritual when he walked in the front door from his 6-day-a-week job. With shouts of “Daddy’s home!” my sister and I – in turns – took a good running start and jumped up into his outstretched arms. Even as teenagers, we sometimes greeted him this way and he still caught us – most of the time.

When I was about 6, I took apart my favorite toy, Mr. Machine. It wasn’t until I had all the brightly colored plastic gears, nuts, and bolts spread all over the floor that I realized, with

panic, that I could not understand the reassembly instructions. My Dad was not annoyed by the mess, or the chore it meant for him; I think he appreciated my curiosity, and of course, he put it back together for me without complaint.

I grew up believing my Dad was a genius. He seemed to know how to make or fix anything. He built desks and a big wardrobe with lots of drawers on each end for the bedroom my sister and I shared in Roosevelt, NJ. Before baby monitors, he rigged up his own wireless monitoring system, so that he and my Mom could visit a neighbor after we’d gone to sleep, on the rare occasion a sitter wasn’t available in our tiny town. He then tuned the neighbor’s radio to a particular frequency so they could hear any sound coming from our house. When I started taking flute lessons he created an unusual metronome from a small hi-fi speaker to help me practice to any tempo I selected. To this day, I don’t know how that metronome worked.

Our family has enjoyed sharing memories of Dad with each other over the last few days. I look forward to hearing some of your memories in the days to come.

Judy Linowitz Doyle

Memories of Alex by Delin

Four years ago I was in a head-on auto collision. When the paramedics put me on a gurney I groaned in pain and one of the EMTs wisecracked,

“we’ve got a moaner here.” Without even thinking about it, I retorted “that’s what my husband says.” They all laughed and relaxed a bit, and I realized I had learned that from my Dad... that making people smile, making them laugh made their jobs easier and more pleasant. And I was pleased to know that, at least in that sense, I am my father’s daughter.

My father was a very patient man. When we lived in Roosevelt, the family across the street had a dog named “Sir John” who routinely raided our trash cans. Dad would call up Buck and say, “your dog was in our trash again.” And Buck would respond, “I’ll talk to him about it when he gets home.” Dad was thrilled when we finally got a dog and got a call from Buck telling us that our dog was in his trash. Dad calmly told Buck, “I’ll talk to him about it when he gets home.”

He used his sense of humor to deflect discomfort, sorrow, anger and to ease the burden of others. Dad was a problem solver and shared his knowledge freely. He taught me the 5th grade over a summer, so I could skip from 4th to 6th. He was the best teacher I ever had.

Dad was spontaneous and uninhibited and loved to dance. Once, listening to a dramatic piece of classical music, he improvised a dance symbolic of the evolution of man. We laughed until tears spilled down our cheeks.

His love and loyalty for others was more than apparent. He always put others before himself. His abiding sense of justice made him a very fair man. He never felt he was better than anyone else and he treated others the way he wanted to be treated.

From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

The 2007-08 school year promises to be filled with fun and exciting learning experiences for our Roosevelt students, parents and staff. It began on a festive note with a wonderful luncheon for the staff and a continental breakfast on the first day of school for RPS families and staff, both sponsored by the PTA. Thanks to the teachers, staff, Board of Education, PTA, families, students and the community, we had a wonderful school opening.

It was a very busy summer for our district staff and much has been accomplished. Our building and maintenance staff have ensured that our students will return to clean, safe, and welcoming schools. District teachers Donna Gazzani and Scot Gershman have been updating and revising the language arts curriculum so that we continue to be aligned with the New Jersey Core Content Standards and Susan Goldfond and Ronnie Levine facilitated our summer enrichment program. Additionally, new practices this year will be seen in our World Language Program, which has been expanded to include pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.

RPS welcomed three new staff members this year. Michele Galpern is teaching Spanish to all students in pre-k through 6th grades. Two new aides have joined the pre-k, Corrine Apostolico and Holly Pappas.

A number of new programs will be implemented this year. We are going to publish our first art and lit-

erature magazine and implement an after school Lego/Robotics Club for 5th-7th graders. During health class, the State police will be presenting a 6-8 week course for 5th and 6th graders entitled, "Safety Patrol in Leadership." Students will learn conflict resolution, peer mediation, how to say no to drugs, etc. Details will be shared at a later date.

In August, the Board of Education held a retreat during which time the district goals were created. The Roosevelt mission statement and district goals, together with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, drive the educational program of our school. Goals for the 2007-2008 school year include:

- Continuing to enhance student achievement by providing a learning environment that challenges students to reach their full potential.
- Negotiating a new three-year teacher's contract.
- Continuing to increase community involvement and to develop and expand partnerships with businesses, government and community groups.
- Continuing to research/implement ways to create an environmentally sound school.
- Expanding the website.
- Aligning the 6th grade curriculum with Kreps.

State code mandates that each school district have an affirmative action officer. Ilene Levine serves in that capacity, along with our affirmative action team. The purpose of this team is to assure equal access of all programs to all of our students, and to

assure that our working environment is free of discrimination. In addition, the Board of Education regularly updates policy that supports affirmative action.

The PTA Book Fair is scheduled for October 23 & 24. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy books for children of all ages while supporting the Roosevelt PTA. Please visit.

Just a reminder that when you use your Target Redcard, they will donate 1% of your purchases to the school. Please access the following website for further details <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001825>.

Our school building and grounds serve the community on a regular basis. I hope that everyone will be involved in helping us preserve the school. We can do this by teaching our graduates, neighbors and friends to treat the school and the grounds with respect.

We are always looking for volunteers during school hours to read to the students, to share your talents, facilitate a program and/or to assist the teachers. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer.

It promises to be an exciting, productive school year.

Sincerely,

Shari Payson ■

September/October 2007 School Dates

June 1 School Dance

September 25..... Back to School Night

September 27..... Board of Ed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 10 Early Dismissal - Teacher In-Service

October 16 School Pictures

October 17 PTA Meeting 7:30 p.m.

October 23-24..... PTA Book Fair

October 23 & 25.... Early Dismissal

Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 25 Board of Ed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 31 Halloween Trick or Treat

Environments for Purposeful Learning

Last school year, I coordinated the implementation of a grant for a unit called "Environments for Purposeful Learning." We received the grant from the New Jersey Education Association Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence in Education. Scot Gershman, last year's fifth grade teacher, Barbara Atwood, our art teacher, and I, the fifth grade science teacher, worked together with the fifth graders to create an environment in school for "purposeful learning." As I was writing the final report for the grant, I thought that I would like to share the highlights of the unit with the Roosevelt community. What follows is the final report (with a few adjustments for this article.)

"Environments for Purposeful Learning" (Elementary Science)

In the project "Environments for Purposeful Learning," fifth graders investigated the effects of environments on the growth and development of living things by creating and caring for their own vivariums (terrariums with



Students (Sage Duchai and Victoria Pizzarelli) are using Craypaz to draw pictures of their vivariums.

animals in them). First the students investigated the needs of living plants and animals by creating and conducting experiments that tested how living

and nonliving environmental factors, such as moisture, light, and food, affected various plants and pillbugs. Then the students researched potential "pets" and their environments. Next they created and maintained specific habitats in their own glass aquariums, placing soil, plants and small reptiles and amphibians in them. This project became a labor of love, knowledge, and empowerment for the students, for they were solely responsible for the lives of their plants and "pets."

The students wrote traditional research papers, comparing and contrasting their habitats in the classroom with corresponding habitats in nature, painted beautiful watercolors of their vivariums, and created "Keynote" presentations about their projects. As a culminating activity, they presented their vivariums and related work to the school community and their families in an exciting, evening presentation (filmed by NJN in partnership with NJEA).

The learning outcomes of the project were numerous. Students showed understanding of important environmental and life science concepts. They learned that there are many different kinds of environments on Earth, and living organisms have adapted to conditions in their specific habitats; environmental factors in a habitat affect the growth and development of the living organisms there; a successful environment meets the needs of the organisms that share the habitat; and organisms in a specific environment are interdependent, and therefore, disturbance to the balance of nature causes disequilibrium in the system.

The students were fully engaged in

this project because they had a purpose. They practiced responsibility by taking care of their vivariums and keeping their animals and plants alive. They learned about the real world by creating models of it, the way scientists do. The combination of language arts, technology, art, science, and field experience gave the opportunity to the students to learn on various levels in many different ways: intellectually,



Students are investigating a stream environment at Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed.

physically, and socially/emotionally. In addition, the students began to adopt an attitude of responsibility towards conserving our environment.

The twelve students in the fifth grade took part in the project, meeting for a 45-minute science period each day. Fifth grade was ideal because the children were ready and able to take on by themselves the responsibility of caring for small pets. The level of achievement throughout the unit was very high in all written and oral work, and the high standard for creating and maintaining the vivariums was intrinsic to the project itself. The children exhibited tremendous growth.

The students created and housed their science experiments and vivariums in the science room. They had different-sized tanks, depending on the needs of their plants and animals. They used soil/ substrate mixtures and plants that were specific to the habi-

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tats that they had created, hygrometers to measure humidity in the tanks, misters to keep humidity levels high, thermometers to measure temperature, and grow-bulbs, heat lamps, and warming pads to maintain correct temperatures. The students that had Green Anoles in their rain forest vivariums, for example, had to be certain that their vivariums were misted enough to maintain proper moisture levels. The students with Uromastyx Geckos in desert vivariums had to keep lights over the tanks to maintain correct temperatures. They all had to make sure that their plants had the proper light and water and that their animals ate. The students consulted many internet sites, books, and experts to learn as much as they could! They also used the computer lab, each having his/her own computer for accessing the internet, writing, importing photographs, and creating "Keynote" presentations.

The success of the project was due in large part to the contributions of many adults. The adults involved were the science teacher, language arts teacher, art teacher, parents, community members, and naturalists at field trip sites. The science teacher oversaw the proj-

ect, coordinating the various aspects but focusing on the science of the unit. The language arts teacher helped with the writing dimension of the program. The art teacher facilitated the watercolor painting of the vivariums. The manager of the local pet shop advised the students about the care of their animals. The parents of the students took active roles, becoming involved in positive ways in their children's learning.

Guest speakers came to the classroom to extend the students' learning. One parent, Monica Togna, gave two informative and interesting lessons on "Darwin's Evolution and Natural Selection" and "Energy and the Food Chain," and one community member, Henry John-Alder, gave a captivating lesson on the "Evolution of Lizards." In addition, Jeff Hoagland, the education director of our partner outdoor education center, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed, led the children in writing inspiring nature poetry. The project's multidimensionality added to its scope, and the energy of the team effort enhanced the children's learning.

In addition to the exciting project in the classroom, the students took outdoor field trips to learn about various habitats in New Jersey. They studied their own school "backyard," the fields and woods in an orienteering lesson, the stream, and the shore environments. They followed these trips with a study of environments on other planets and a space "mission" to "Rendezvous with Comet Halley."

What could be more exciting to children than to take care of living things in the classroom! In "Environments for Purposeful Learning," students were immersed in real science where learning served a purpose and had personal meaning. They were engaged in



Student (Anthony Ibrarra) is misting his tropical rain forest vivarium.



Student (Luke Dermody) is feeding lettuce to Phil, his vegetarian (Uromastyx) Gecko.



Student (Sage Duchai) is explaining her beach vivarium to first grader (Carson Donnelly-Fine) and sixth grader (Amber Nolan).

the project on many levels, motivation was high, and the children learned a great deal while having a tremendous amount of fun.

The fourth graders along with the fifth graders will be participating in the project. ■



Student (Luke Voulle) is showing Oscar, his Uromastyx Geckco, to kindergarner (Colin Harvey).





Greenbelt Gossip

By Manuela & Mark McCusker

Whitetail Deer: Too Much of a Good Thing?

Many residents have asked why there seem to be fewer deer in and around Roosevelt than previously. Is this really the case? True or not, environmentalists believe that the current size of the whitetail deer herd is having a decidedly negative impact on many aspects of life in this region.

For ten thousand years, New Jersey's prolific whitetail deer population has been, until relatively recently, successfully bal-



anced and sustained by three factors:

- Suitable habitat: deer prefer and thrive in areas of edge habitat. Edge habitat is that which occurs at the boundary between two different habitat types, as where forested areas border on fields, gardens or lawns. This environment, historically, has been scarce. But woodland fragmentation, an expanded small parks system and suburban development have resulted in unprecedented amounts of this favored ecological niche.

- Hunting pressure: humans have always hunted New Jersey's deer. The resulting herd population control was always significant, albeit varied. With each passing year, however, fewer New Jerseyans hunt. Throughout the state, as suburban development continues to sprawl, there are fewer areas in which any hunting is permitted.

- Predation: eastern mountain lions and gray wolves were the predators that kept the North American whitetail deer population in good health and in balance with their shared environment. In New Jersey, these animals were hunted to virtual extinction over one hundred years ago. Fawns are

occasionally taken today in New Jersey by bobcats, black bears and eastern coyotes, but this predation has been observed to be insignificant in terms of deer herd reduction (-their current and continuing population explosion may make eastern coyotes much larger players in the system of whitetail checks and balances).

At the beginning of the twentieth century, after years of excessive hunting pressure, the New Jersey whitetail deer population had been reduced to (-believe it or not) a few individuals. Between then and 2000, deer-promoting wildlife management and protective hunting regulations, an almost complete absence of significant predators and favorable habitat changes brought the state's deer numbers to a peak of 200,000 animals. Over the last ten years, a New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife effort to thin the whitetail herd through increases in allowed annual hunting "harvests" has apparently resulted in a population reduction. The 2006-2007 hunting season's NJ D F & W-documented deer-kill tally was 56,673. The state's estimate of its current deer population now stands at approximately 150,000 animals.

What is the damage inflicted by an out-of-balance and artificially large whitetail deer herd? • Deer-related automobile accidents and fatalities.

- An excessive deer population contributes to the spread of Lyme disease by serving as very mobile hosts to the black-legged tick, whose bite transmits the disease to humans.

- Abnormally large deer herds are generally stressed, malnourished,

parasitically afflicted and more than usually diseased.

- Most importantly, large deer herds are eliminating the woodland understory and mid-story layers in the New Jersey ecosystem. As these disappear, so go also many species of plants and animals. Wildflowers, herbs and young trees are removed, leaving a sterile zone beneath the upper tree canopy. All of the living things relying on these plants as food sources or as nesting sites are increasingly threatened. Birds such as the meadowlark, field sparrow and bobwhite are in serious decline due to deer-induced habitat loss.

If the New Jersey deer population is really decreasing, or even leveling out, that can only be very good news! In an Audubon Society July 2007 article, Ted Williams wrote that "deer are being allowed to overpopulate to the point of destroying the ecosystems they're part of and depend on". The Audubon Society's controversial report on deer management, released in 2005, supports increased hunting as the only viable control of large, free-ranging whitetail deer populations, describing the deer-related environmental damage as a "serious ecological blight". Balance is the key to preserving the total varied beauty and functioning of Nature.

"The least movement is of importance to all nature. The entire ocean is affected by a pebble."—Blaise Pascal

Future topic requests? —write the McCuskers at PO Box 131. ■



EMPTY BOX BROOK RESTORATION PROJECT CONTINUES

Luke Vuolle was among the “under 21” volunteers for the Empty Box Brook Siltation Abatement Grant project (whew, what a title! Now to be called the EBBSAG project). He participated and worked with about 20 volunteers June 9-10, 2007 in the field at the restoration site. His name should have been included in the last *Bulletin*.

During the project it was truly rewarding to see families and different generations working, learning and sharing together for the benefit of the town. Altruism is alive and well in Roosevelt!

Volunteers again turned out August 18-19, 2007 to continue protecting newly planted trees for the EBBSAG project. Like “workers in the vineyard” parable (The Bible’s New Testament) some worked many hours and both days and some less but all deserve our thanks and appreciation for their concern for the environment and their commitment towards civic duty and pride in our town. In no particular order the adult volunteers included Herb and Leslie Johnson, Robert Silverstein, Ed and Pat Moser, Eric Vuolle, Kirk Rothfuss, Deirdre Sheean, Lou and Irma Esakoff, Marl Aakus, Carol Watchler, Peggy Ring, Ron Koster, Tim Hartley, and Dave Schwendeman. Admit it, we all like to see our names in print for good things!

Please watch for future pleas for help from the Roosevelt Environmental Commission for future projects and activities.

EXCITING NEWS! NEW SECTION OF ROOSEVELT WOODLAND TRAIL OPENED!

Tim Collins and Millstone Troop #116 of the Boy Scouts of America once again helped us with our environmental endeavors. Tim began working toward his Eagle Scout badge last year. He drew up plans, including methods and materials, to continue the Roosevelt Woodland Trail from the bike path near Solar village to the Roosevelt cemetery. He then directed and supervised members of his troop to implement his plans and construct the actual trail.

Complete with resting benches, this section of the Roosevelt Woodland Trail is open for use. This easily walked portion of the trail winds through the woods and field edge for about two thirds of a mile and ends among the headstones at the Roosevelt cemetery. Experience the changing seasons and visit this different view of our town and its varied ecology. Let us know what you think.

ILLEGAL USE OF THE GREEN ACRES

I guess it needs to be repeated that damage to the vegetation or massive dumping of yard waste into the green acres land adjacent to most of our properties is illegal. Even a cave man shouldn’t do it! However there are still some people (perhaps Neanderthals?) in town who don’t know the rules, don’t read the *Bulletin* or just don’t care. Well, we know who you are, so stop doing it!

Dumping of landscape debris and lawn clippings, especially by those in the business, is illegal. Penalties for

such actions are being discussed and will be served on those committing the crimes soon. Homeowners and tenants can keep small quantities of yard vegetation waste in their own yards as mulch piles for plants and gardening. Professional landscapers and contractors must find legal dump sites and facilities to handle their waste. Welcome to the twenty-first century and thanks for your compliance.

HUNTING SEASON STARTS

Just an alert for all residents that the fall hunting seasons started on September 8. Most of us know what that means. Be cautious while walking or hiking in the green acre areas surrounding Roosevelt and wear easily visible clothing (i.e. Hunter orange). Strangers wondering around may be visiting hunters and they should be wearing easily visible back tags with prominent hunting license numbers. They have a right to access hunting areas but must follow all state, federal and local laws or they can be reported to local authorities or the State Police. For more information, visit the NJ Central District. Headquarters of the Division of Fish, Game, and Wildlife in Assunpink.

FALL LITTER PICK-UP OCTOBER 7TH

Don’t be shy! This is a wonderful way to meet new people and to show you care about the environment on October 7th. Perfect for families, ladies,

From Inside The Green House

Where does the story of the young lady living in the green house begin? Truly, the tale starts in Roosevelt, South River, Poland, Pangea, the oceans, deep space, and long before governments, religions, time, civilization, wind, the light and any other commonly thought of beginnings. However, for this purpose of unraveling some of my values through family history, I will start by telling the story of my ancestors from Lipnica Murowana, a village near Krakow in Poland.

Both of my great grandparents on my mother's side of the family, Piotr Zagata and Katrzyna Kulas, came into this world in the small hamlet of Lipnica Murowana, in 1895. They knew of each other as children because they both attended the same grammar school. However, it was not until they would later meet again as teenagers in America that they would better acquaint themselves with one another and eventually get married. In the village, their poor, farming families lived in primitive dwellings where the hard ground served as the floor and corn stalks were used as mattresses. The families worked the land for food and survival as the village, at that time, had little other opportunities available.

When word of the world's largest brickyard offering living quarters and jobs to those in need started spreading throughout the village, Piotr left his family at the age of 16 and traveled alone to America. When Katrzyna's mother passed away, her father forced her to leave the village in hopes of

her finding a better life in the United States. She came to America alone in the belly of an old, filthy, lice-infested ship and was sick at sea during the weeks it took her to get to Ellis Island.

Many of the village's people settled



in Sayreville, N.J. because of the brickyard and it was there that Katrzyna reunited with and married Piotr. The couple had four sons and one daughter, Cecelia, who is my grandmother. Piotr would eventually learn enough English to get a job operating a steam shovel and then enough to get a license to operate the locomotives in the brickyard.

During the Depression, the brickyards closed and Piotr temporarily lost his job. Katrzyna helped support the family by rolling cigars by hand in

a local factory for \$7 per week. The family was also lucky to have farm animals, fruit trees and large vegetable gardens, which kept Katrzyna and Piotr off the relief lines. Piotr helped neighbors slaughter their pigs, keeping meat on the table. He also built a small smokehouse out of wood scraps for making kielbasa and kishka. A thrifty family, Katrzyna made down comforters with feather from the family's geese and sold freshly cut flowers and canned goods. The children would often load their toy wagons up with bottled milk from the family's cow, Bessy, to sell to families throughout the neighborhood. Without toilet paper, the family used the 3-inch thick Sears and Roebuck catalog in the outhouse. All of Katrzyna's and Piotr's sons served in World War II. All returned safely home with honorable discharges. After the war, Cecelia met Edward Pasterick, my grandfather, who had served in the army for 11 years as an infantryman under General Eisenhower. Eddie had also

been through Europe during World War II and received an honorable discharge. After they were married, Eddie, a carpenter, built a Cape Cod-style home on a lot in Sayreville where Cecelia could stand in the backyard and see her parents' home on the next street over.

Piotr worked in the brickyard until 1950, when it finally closed, and then got an easier job supervising boilers in the copper works. He would later have a toe amputated because of poor

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circulation due to mild diabetes. Pain in his leg worsened until he asked his doctor to amputate his leg at the knee. Piotr died four years after the amputation at the age of 72. Kaczyna passed away in 1976, a few months before I was born. On my mother's wedding day, my great-grandmother stood by the front door as my mother was leaving for church and sang a song called "12 Angels" in Polish. Piotr and Kaczyna had 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grand children including my younger brother and me.

This is a mere morsel of the setting that my life on this earth was placed into but still revealing of the inherent and learned forces upon my trajectory here. My story in its continuation proves to be a mystical one – a quest to touch upon as many things, places, ideas and people as I can in hopes of learning a language that conveys to all beings that alone we must free our minds and realize our unique beauty and potential so that together we can achieve acceptance, unity and peace and the paradise for everyone that is possible here and now. So, until next time, stay tuned in. ■

About Two Square Miles Of Stories

Everyone in our two-square mile town has old family photographs and memories of the people in them. These pictures and your memories are narratives waiting to enrich us all. So, join us in a Roosevelt Show and Tell project - find an old picture or two and tell us a story in a few paragraphs.

For information telephone:

Pearl Seligman 448-2340
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gentlemen and children of all ages. The work is easy and good exercise.

Usually everyone meets at 10 am at the post office to sign up. Litter pick-up areas are assigned or negotiated with Ron Koster. Safety vests, gloves, pokers and bags are handed out to participants. Most people are done in about an hour and return to the post office to turn in equipment and sign out. All participants are then invited to a delicious Sunday brunch hosted by Lenny and Michelle Hillis at 24 North Rochdale. This can take a few minutes or last up to several hours depending on the weather and conversations that ensue.

Please join in the camaraderie on Sunday, October 7, 2007.

TAXIDERM MY TALK OCTOBER 20TH

Personal plug for: RAP's Taxidermy Talk - October 20, 2007 to include Bats and Rats and Sting Ray tails! It will be similar to a presentation enjoyed by 125 seventh graders and their teachers last spring. Guaranteed to shock, awe and entertain.

OUR NEXT MEETING

If anyone has a newsworthy nature note of interest or comment of environmental concern, please give me a call at 609-443-6204 or drop a note to PO Box 203. Thank you for reading this column.

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on October 17, 2007. Everyone is welcomed to attend. ■

IN MEMORIAM: ALEX LINOWITZ

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His creativity was evident even in his dreams. One night, my mother woke up to the sound of Dad laughing in his sleep. When she asked him what was so funny, he said, "it's a weird circuit board...you wouldn't understand."

He couldn't even coldly turn down a sales pitch. He had to demonstrate the logic of his stance. Once, a psychic on Charles St. stood in her doorway as my father passed to go to lunch. She said, "Let me tell your fortune or read your past." Dad replied, "Well, I already know my past and there's no point to the future if it's not a surprise."

It's not uncommon for the living to lionize the deceased – to say that a man was a great son, husband, father, friend, uncle. But in my father's case, it's no exaggeration. He was the quintessential "good man".

Delin Colón

Things about My Daddy:

Daddy used to make pancakes in the letters of our names: like J for Judy, D for Debby and R for Rick.

Daddy loved to play with us. He was a funny man. I mean he loved to joke around with us kids.

Daddy would give us, when we were little, a piggy-back ride to bed at night, in Roosevelt, NJ., and a good-night kiss, too.

On one birthday he took me to ride in a small plane with only us and the pilot, in NJ.

He took me to a play in NY to see "Do Re Mi" with Phil Silvers and Nancy Walker; and another time we saw Jackie Gleason in "Take me Along".

We saw Mary Martin fly in "Peter Pan".

He taught me to ride a two-wheeler and many other things, too.

I loved him very much.

Son Rick

By Eric Schubiger

YOGA

The Recreation Department is continuing its very popular Yoga program this Fall at the Roosevelt School. Classes will be instructed by Kym Kulp, a certified Yoga Instructor who teaches at The Peddie School and throughout the area. While yoga mats will be provided, participants are welcomed to bring their own. Classes will be offered on Monday nights from **6:30pm – 7:30pm** beginning September 24th. Cost is **\$75.00**. Please contact 609-448-0539, x3 for an updated schedule.

MOVIE NIGHTS

The Recreation Department invites all area residents to the Roosevelt Public School gymnasium to enjoy free movies on the “big screen” on select Saturday nights. Movie titles are subject to change. Please contact (609) 448-0539, x3 for updated information and movie titles.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 7:00 pm – *SHREDDERMAN RULES*

A kid discovers a unique way to stand up for himself and his friends in this family-friendly comedy-drama. Nolan Byrd is a bright fifth grader who

has a knack for creating electronic gizmos and a fondness for remote-control model planes. Nolan is also skinny and shy, which makes him a constant target for thick-headed bully Bubba Bixby, the son of local sewage magnate Bob Bixby. Bubba makes life miserable for most of the students at Nolan’s school, including Isabel, the girl Nolan worships from afar, but no one is sure what to say about him. An assignment from his teacher Mr. Green gives Nolan the idea to secretly videotape Bubba as he tortures his classmates and posts the results online, where parents, teachers and others can see him in action. Needing an alter ego, Nolan creates the online identity “Shredderman,” and soon “Shredderman’s” website is the talk of the school as he exposes Bubba’s misdeeds to the world.

COMMUNITY DANCE “DANCING WITH THE STARS”

Residents are invited to a Community Dance Night on **November 17th** at the **Roosevelt School**, from **7 pm–10 pm**. This special event will be led and DJ’d by Candace Woodward-Clough. Candace has extensive training in

Ballroom Dance, Jazz, Tap, Acting and Singing. She has acted, danced in or choreographed several Off-Broadway and summer stock productions, as well as movies, soap operas and videos.

The night will start with an hour of brief instruction of various types of dances, based upon the interest of those in attendance. The remaining two hours will be devoted to an open dance party! No dance experience is required—adults and children are welcomed. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

TEEN DANCE PARTY

The Recreation Department invites student in grades 7–10 to a night of fun and

LETTERS

To the Editor,

What is being done to increase the safety of walkers and bikers in Roosevelt? Like many Roosevelt residents, I enjoy walking and biking throughout our town. Week after week I have witnessed aggressive drivers ignoring the speed limit and honking and cursing at the pedestrians attempting to cross the road. What

recently worried me were two young adults safely crossing the road, when a car driving over 60 MPH screamed at them to get out of the way. In defense of the pedestrians, I have read the laws. And pedestrians always have the right of way in a cross walk. But there is a part of me that gets scared as I see a child, teenager, or neighbor about to cross the road. It shouldn’t have to

be this way. There are projects, grants, and funds in New Jersey to promote safe biking and pedestrian use. And I just want to know what is Roosevelt doing to protect the walkers and bikers in our town?

Sincerely,
A concerned
Roosevelt resident



Herewith one of the recipes I enjoy from among the thousands I've accumulated from the cookbooks I've collected in the last twenty years.

Turkish Eggplant Salad

1 large eggplant	1 tsp. oregano
2 tomatoes	1 tsp. lemon juice
1 cucumber	olive oil to taste
1 small onion	
1 tsp. dill	

Bake eggplant 45 minutes in 350 degree oven. Peel and mash. Dice tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, and add spices and lemon juice. Olive oil to taste.

Like most of the recent summers, this year we had a warmer and wetter than normal period from June 1 through August 31. The season was 1.2 degrees warmer than normal in Roosevelt. That was in keeping with the area of the 48-contiguous states of the United States which was 1.7 degrees above normal, according to preliminary data. The summer of 2007 was the sixth warmest summer on record for the nation.

The highest temperature last summer in Roosevelt occurred on August 8. The high that day reached 94.5 degrees. There were only twelve 90 degree plus days and two short heat waves. A heat wave is a period of at least three days with high temperatures of 90 degrees or higher. Both of Roosevelt's heat waves were three days in duration. One ran from July 9 through July 11 and the other from August 2 through August 4.

Four days had high temperatures that didn't get out of the 60's. It's not strange to have days in early June that are that cool. This year, only one of the very cool days was in June. The other three were August 20 through 22.

There was nothing extraordinary about the amount of rainfall in Roosevelt last summer. A little over one inch more than normal precipitation

occurred. The day with the most rain was July 24. An inch-and-a-half of rain fell. There were five summer days that had one inch or more of rain. Although there were no extended periods of dry or wet weather during the three months, there was a period of 17 days from late August through early September when there was no precipitation.

The outlook for fall 2007 calls for above normal chances for a warmer and wetter than average season.

Weather Word

The *Residential Energy Demand Temperature Index* (REDTI) is an index based on population weighted heating and cooling degree-days. It is a valuable tool for explaining year-to-year fluctuations in energy demand for residential heating and cooling. Residential energy consumption closely relates to heating and cooling degree-days. Energy consumption increases as the number of heating and cooling degree-days increases and falls as the number of heating and cooling degree-days falls. ■

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	87.3	60.1	73.7	0.00
16	85.8	70.9	78.4	0.00
17	88.7	67.3	78.0	0.00
18	74.7	57.0	65.9	0.18
19	77.5	56.8	67.2	0.00
20	66.9	60.8	63.9	1.00
21	63.5	58.5	61.0	0.58
22	65.7	56.5	61.1	0.65
23	75.0	61.0	68.0	0.24
24	82.8	62.6	72.7	0.08
25	88.0	71.0	79.5	0.00
26	83.5	70.2	76.9	0.00
27	82.8	62.2	72.5	0.00
28	83.8	60.1	72.0	0.00
29	84.4	58.5	71.5	0.00
30	86.4	60.4	73.4	0.00
31	81.3	63.0	72.2	0.00
1	79.9	57.9	68.9	0.00
2	77.5	51.6	64.6	0.00
3	81.3	58.5	69.9	0.00
4	82.4	62.6	72.5	0.00
5	79.9	57.9	68.9	0.00
6	83.3	58.8	71.1	0.00
7	86.2	65.7	76.0	0.00
8	86.7	66.6	76.7	0.00
9	85.6	66.0	75.8	0.00
10	88.5	71.6	80.1	0.00
11	78.4	68.4	73.4	0.10
12	73.8	58.3	66.1	0.71
13	77.0	50.7	63.9	0.00
14	77.9	59.7	68.8	0.00
15	70.3	53.4	61.9	0.26
Total Precipitation			3.80	

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

2007 - 2008 Season

Saturday, October 20, 2007, 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

THE ART OF TAXIDERMY with David Schwendeman

Angel Cloughy and David Schwendeman will present an up-close and personal retrospective on the art and science of taxidermy accentuated with audio/visual aids, real props, and maybe even verse.

Saturday, November 10, 2007, 1-5 p.m. Open Studios: N. Brahinsky, F. Duckett, and J. Hayden
5-8 p.m. Landau exhibit and reception at the Landau Studio, 30 Lake Drive.
8 p.m. David Brahinsky Concert at the Dome.

OPEN ARTISTS' STUDIOS, LANDAU ART EXHIBIT, AND DAVID BRAHINSKY CONCERT

Saturday, December 8, 2007, Opening, at 1-5 p.m. reception at the Eleanor Gallery on N. Valley Road
Sunday, December 9, 2007, art exhibit continues, 1-5 p.m., also December 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd

SELECTIONS OF ROBERT MUELLER'S ART

Saturday, January 19, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall

OPEN MIC CAFE

If you wish to perform, please call Judy Namias, 443-5290 or Deirdre Sheean, 443-4179.

Saturday, February 9, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

THE ROOSEVELT POETS

Saturday, March 15, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

ALAN MALLACH PERFORMS PIANO MUSIC OF THE FRENCH ROMANTIC ERA

Saturday, April 12, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

JERSEY HOMESTEADS: IN THE ARCHITECTURAL VANGUARD **A documentary/video made by Ben Johnson and Fletcher Grayson.** **Presented by Ben Johnson**

Friday, April 25, 2008, 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

Saturday, April 26, 2008, 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND

Saturday, May 17, 2008, at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

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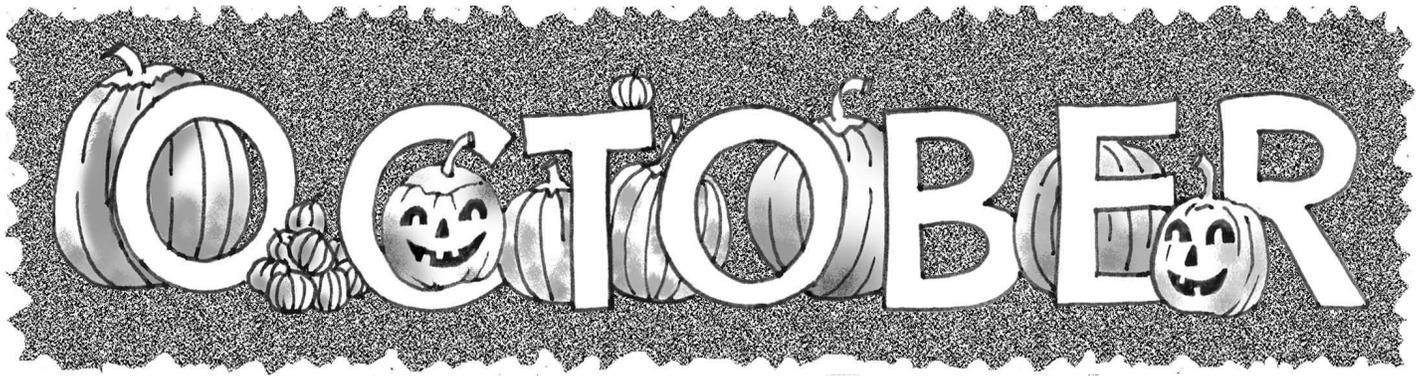
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October

2	Tues	12:30 PM	Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall
		1 PM	Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall, Gerry Millar, President, 448-0351
3	Wed		RECYCLE
5	Fri		RPS Pizza Day
8	Mon	7:00 PM	Council Meeting, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
14	Sun	10 AM	First Aid Squad Training, Borough Hall, Jack Rindt, 448-9475
16	Tues		School Pictures, RPS, Kacie Mixon, PTA President, 443-9325
		7:30 PM	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
		7:30 PM	First Aid Squad Business Meeting, Borough Hall, Jack Rindt, 448-9475
17	Wed		RECYCLE
		7:30 PM	Environmental Commission Mtg, Borough Hall, Dave Schwendeman, Chair, 443-6204
		7:30	PTA Meeting, RPS, Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325

19	Fri		RPS Pizza Day
20	Sat	8 PM	RAP Program – The Art of Taxidermy, Angel Clough and David Schwendeman, Borough Hall, Robin Gould, 448-4616
22	Mon	7:00 PM	Council Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
23	Tues		PTA Book Fair, RPS, Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325
24	Wed -		PTA Book Fair, RPS, Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325
31	Wed		RECYCLE
			Halloween – PTA Trick or Treat Night at RPS, Kacie Mixon, President, 443-9325

November Preview

2	Fri -	RPS Pizza Day
8	Thurs –	RPS Closed, Teacher Conference
9	Fri –	RPS Closed, Teacher Conference

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