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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

# John Impellizzeri Chosen By Council to Replace Stuart Kaufman; Utilities Committee to Investigate Possible Sale of Water and Sewer Utilities; Council Committees Reorganized

At its May 11 meeting, the Borough Council elected John Impellizzeri, a former member of both the Planning Board and the Environmental Commission, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation in April of Councilman Stuart Kaufman. Since Mr. Kaufman had been elected as a write-in candidate in the general election, his successor did not have to be chosen from a list provided by the local committee of his political party. At the previous Council meeting, on April 28, Michael Ticktin had been elected to succeed Mr. Kaufman as Council President for the remainder of 2015.

Also at the May 11 meeting, and at the recommendation of Councilman Jeff Ellentuck, the Council voted to reorganize its committees, in light of the resignations this year of both Councilwoman Michelle Hermelee and Councilman Kaufman. The Administration committee, formerly chaired by Ms. Hermelee, is now to be chaired by Mr. Ellentuck. The committee he had chaired, Environment, Health and Safety, will now be chaired by Mr. Ticktin, who had chaired the Community Development and Code Enforcement committee, which will now be chaired by Councilman Impellizzeri. Councilwoman Jill Lipoti had

previously been appointed to succeed Mr. Kaufman as chair of the Utilities committee.

In her Utilities committee report, Councilwoman Lipoti stated that she had received an expression of interest from Aqua America, a privately-owned water utility company, in acquiring Roosevelt's water and sewer utilities. She noted that, in order to be of benefit to the Borough, any such acquisition would have to relieve the municipality of its utility debt obligations and to provide satisfactory assurances regarding future rate increases. She said that transferring ownership of the systems to a utility company, which would be regulated by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, would be likely to provide better and more reliable service, with long-term assurance of qualified professional management and resources sufficient to maintain the systems properly. Before recommending that any request for proposals be sent to utility companies that might be interested in acquiring the systems, the Utilities committee, which consists of Ms. Lipoti, Mr. Ellentuck and Councilman Tom Curry, will be meeting with the Borough's financial professionals to get their input and recommendations.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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If you wish to go, you must call the S.C.A.T. bus Tuesday no later than 3:00 p.m. at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and your interest in going on Wednesday, the next day.

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## From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

As we come into summer I like to remind everyone of the importance of summer safety. The first thing that comes to mind is swimming. Learning to swim and having your children taught to swim well can be a life-saving skill. By swim well I don't mean racing or fancy strokes, but having the ability to stay afloat for a reasonable amount of time and not to panic if your head goes under water as it might if you get knocked down by a wave or fall out of a boat. Swimming is great exercise and can be an inexpensive and readily available activity, and New Jersey has some wonderful beaches and waterways. Get out and enjoy them-safely!

Fireworks are another summer danger. In New Jersey they are illegal without a properly licensed individual handling them, so leave the fireworks to the professionals.

Open fires are one more very significant danger. As appealing as the image of sitting around a campfire roasting marshmallows is, keep all fires in grills, fire-pits, hibachis, or chimineas, and be careful with the lighter fluid!

It's a fabulous time to get outside in the beautiful weather so enjoy!  
Beth

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS (CONT'D.)**

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Several owners of properties on the north side of Homestead Lane abutting the area where the new emergency management building has been proposed to be built continued to express concern about the location of the building there being unsuitable and detrimental to their properties. Nancy Warnick recommended approaching Monmouth County to ask that land at the corner of Oscar Drive and North Rochdale Avenue that is now part of the Perrineville Lake County Park be made available. Councilmen Ellentuck and Ticktin both responded by pointing out that, even if the County were to agree, the land was purchased by Monmouth County with Department

of Environmental Protection (DEP) Green Acres funds, and the Borough already knows from experience that DEP will only agree to the "diversion" of Green Acres land for other uses if several times more land is put under Green Acres restrictions in return, a condition that it would not be possible for the Borough to meet since it does not have the necessary land to exchange.

Also at the May 11 meeting, Mayor Battel appointed Ed Goetzmann to fill the vacant alternate position on the Planning Board resulting from the resignation of Lou Esakoff.

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By Natalie Warner

**MISSION**

To educate and inspire all students to excel academically\*, to become independent and creative thinkers, skillful communicators and lifelong learners. Roosevelt Public School nurtures and challenges the unique potential of each student so that our children will develop individual, social and civic responsibility as well as respect for themselves, each other, and the environment.

\*to achieve or exceed N.J. CCCS at all grade levels

**Roosevelt Board of Education Update on School Choice**

RPS is now one of 134 school districts that accept out of district students through the School Choice program. RPS was originally approved for approximately 42 seats of the statewide total of over 5,000 seats. After the state capped funding to the program in 2013, we were allowed to accept only 29 students and have not been allowed to increase that (some districts get 5% increase per year). The goal of Choice for RPS was to increase our class sizes to increase social opportunities for our students; increase diversity in our student population; increase the number of families at the school to support

PTA and other programs; increase our school size so that our ratio of administrative costs per student decreases; and expand our state funding. This cap has limited all the goals.

We now have a waiting list for Choice students. In many districts, younger siblings are being forced to attend school in their home districts instead of the whole family attending the Choice district.

The state is not offering any solutions to the cap. They have requested that the districts work together for a solution. A committee has been arranged and Mrs. Cohen, RPS Superintendent/Principal, is a member. RPS will host the committee in June. The BOE will continue to do everything we can to expand the School Choice program at RPS.

**BOE Candidates**

The Roosevelt Board of Education would like to invite you to become a member. To qualify, a school board member must be a registered voter who has lived in the Roosevelt Borough for at least one year, he/she must be able to read and write, and he/she cannot hold a contract with or claim against the school district.

Three positions for 3- year terms will become available at the end of 2015. All of these positions will be on the November election ballot. The term for newly elected members starts

in January 2016.

The link to download the petition needed to qualify as a candidate is located on NJSBA.ORG under "Get Involved" and is due July 27, 2015, at the Monmouth County Elections Office, 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold, NJ. Petitions also may be obtained from the RPS business office.

Current Board of Education members are more than willing to answer questions and discuss what this commitment involves. Or, you can email your questions and concerns to RPSBOE@gmail.com and someone will respond promptly.

**RPS 6th Grade Graduation**

Please join us for Graduation on Saturday, June 13, at 4 pm at the Roosevelt Monument (school gymnasium if raining). Cake reception follows in the school lobby.

**REMINDER FOR RECYCLING:**



Always leave at least 3 feet between your garbage can and recyclable container(s). The arm that lifts the garbage can needs enough room to operate so it can avoid knocking over other containers.



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

## SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES, LICHEN

By Lew Welch

All these years I overlooked them in the racket of the rest, this symbiotic splash of plant and fungus feeding on rock, on sun, a little moisture, air — tiny acid-factories dissolving salt from living rocks and eating them.

Here they are, blooming!  
Trail rock, talus and scree, all dusted with it: rust, ivory, brilliant yellow-green, and cliffs like murals!  
Huge panels streaked and patched, quietly with shooting-stars and lupine at the base.

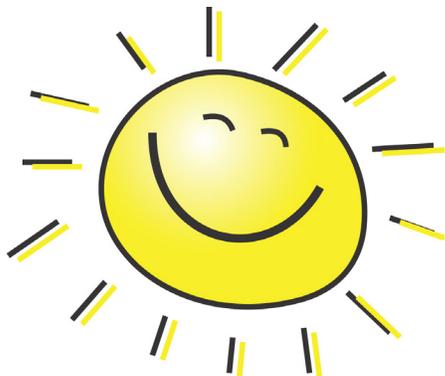
Closer, with the glass, a city of cups!  
Clumps of mushrooms and where do the plants begin? Why are they doing this?  
In this big sky and all around me peaks & the melting glaciers, why am I made to kneel and peer at Tiny?

These are the stamps of the final envelope.  
How can the poisons reach them?  
In such thin air, how can they care for the loss of a million breaths?  
What, possibly, could make their ground more bare?

Let it all die.  
The hushed globe will wait and wait for what is now so small and slow to open it again.

As now, indeed, it opens it again, this scentless velvet,  
crumbler-of-the-rocks,  
this Lichen!

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## June Light

Your voice, with clear location of June days,  
Called me outside the window. You were there,  
Light yet composed, as in the just soft stare  
Of uncontested summer all things raise  
Plainly their seeming into seamless air.

Then your love looked as simple and entire  
As that picked pear you tossed me, and your face  
As legible as pearskin's fleck and trace,  
Which promise always wine, by mottled fire  
More fatal fleshed than ever human grace.

And your gay gift—Oh when I saw it fall  
Into my hands, through all that naïve light,  
It seemed as blessed with truth and new delight  
As must have been the first great gift of all.

---By Richard Wilbur

## Bible Study

There is a nondenominational Bible Study on Monday nights at 7:30pm. It is held in the Solar Village Community Room at 9 North Valley Road. Everyone is welcome. For additional information call Bill Counterman at 609-448-3182 or Bill Henderson at 609-462-0279.

Our Teachers are the experts here at RPS in helping our students to achieve; we need and welcome parents as our partners on this journey. This month our tips to help parents support their children throughout their educational experiences come from our Third Grade Teacher, Mrs. Donna Gazzani:

“It is my professional opinion, as well as my experience as a parent of two children who have practiced the strategies below, that strong readers are ones who practice. This year, I find that my students are not reading enough on their own. They do not have the endurance, or will, to be actively involved in text for an extended period of time. Here are some suggestions to help them become better readers:

1. Have your child read for 20 minutes each day
2. Ask your child what they are reading and thinking to stay connected within their learning process. Help them to see that you care about what they think and that you are engaged in this endeavor.
3. Find sites, apps, e-books, etc., to motivate your student who enjoys using technology.
4. Expose them to a variety of genres.
5. Have your child see that you, too, are a reader.
6. Read with your child.

As we close the school year, Mrs. Gazzani is offering additional tips for the summer that will help students maintain the levels that they have mastered in school this year:

“Ways to Avoid the Summer Slide”

1. Keep your child engaged in the learning process by visiting the library often.

This special place keeps your child’s brain cells “literally” turned on. It allows your child to venture into

different realms of genres and ignite a connection between the known and unknown. Many libraries host summer initiative reading programs, workshops and plays. It also offers them a quiet place that is needed in our over- stimulating world of video games. Let us not forget how reading aloud together offers us the way to be intimate with our children and open a path of new ways to communicate with each other.

2. Visit a zoo or museum.

Museums and zoos are a great way to keep children’s thirst for knowledge in science, art and history alive. Museums and zoos allow children the chance to get up close and personal with the material they read about in school. This first-hand experience is another way to cement knowledge into place and offer new pathways into what a big and exciting world is out there for them to explore.

3. Give your child chores and take them shopping with you.

Responsibility and accountability are crucial in becoming a productive member of our society. Allowing your child the chance to show he/she can and should take part in the family’s workload creates a sense of worth and independence. It will also help them see how crucial time management and organization skills can be.

4. Have your child begin writing in a journal.

At the store, allow your child to buy a special notebook where they can write down, draw and express their thoughts. The more a person writes, the more natural the writing process will become to him/her. You could also begin a responsive journal where you write down thoughts, letters and notes to each other. Writing down thoughts gives your child a time to think, and allows time for him or her to “speak” without interruption. In this interactive journal you could promote questions which have them develop their ability to make inferences. It will also help you have insight into what makes your child “tick.”

Remember:

Students will become strong readers if they do the following every day:

- listen to reading,
- read to someone,
- read to themselves,
- write about reading,
- and work with words.

Teachers do their best to help each child become an active reader in school, but every little bit done at home, helps!

### **Free Eye Clinic**

On the second Monday of each month beginning at 2:00 p.m., the Monmouth County Health Department hosts a free eye clinic in cooperation with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind, Meridian Health, and navigators from the Community Resource Center. The clinic is held at the headquarters of the Health Department, located at 3435 Rt. 9, corner of Campbell Court, Freehold, New Jersey.

The Commission for the Blind provides free screening for glaucoma, visual acuity and overall eye health; Meridian provides free screening for osteoporosis, cholesterol, diabetes, BMI and general health counseling; and the navigators provide information on the Affordable Care Act and can determine eligibility and sign patients up for insurance. The Monmouth County Health Department provides scheduling of patients, blood pressure screening, lead screening and health counseling, as well as referrals and assistance in obtaining prescription glasses for eligible patients.

## Full Moon Names and Their Meanings

The Full Moon Names used in The Old Farmer’s Almanac come from the Algonquin tribes who lived in regions from New England to Lake Superior. They are the names the Colonial Americans adapted most. Each full Moon name was applied to the entire lunar month in which it occurred.

Month	Name	Description
January	Full Wolf Moon	This full Moon appeared when wolves howled in hunger outside the villages. It is also known as the Old Moon. To some First Nations tribes, this was the Snow Moon, but most applied that name to the next full Moon, in February.
February	Full Sow Moon	Usually the heaviest snows fall in February. Hunting becomes very difficult, and hence to some First Nations tribes this was the Hunger Moon.
March	Full Worm Moon	At the time of this spring Moon, the ground begins to soften and earthworm casts reappear, inviting the return of robins. This is also known as the Sap Moon, as it marks the time when maple sap begins to flow and the annual tapping of maple trees begins.
April	Full Pink Moon	This full Moon heralded the appearance of the moss pink, or wild ground phlox—one of the first spring flowers. It is also known as the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Egg Moon, and the Fish Moon.
May	Full Flower Moon	Flowers spring forth in abundance this month. Some Algonquin tribes knew this full Moon as the Corn Planting Moon or the Milk Moon.
June	Full Strawberry Moon	The Algonquin tribes knew this Moon as a time to gather ripening strawberries. It is also known as the Rose Moon and the Hot Moon.
July	Full Buck Moon	Bucks begin to grow new antlers at this time. This full Moon was also known as the Thunder Moon, because thunderstorms are so frequent during this month.
August	Full Sturgeon Moon	Some First Nations tribes knew that the sturgeon of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain were most readily caught during this full Moon. Others called it the Green Corn Moon.
September	Full Corn Moon	This full Moon corresponds with the time of harvesting corn. It is also called the Barley Moon, because it is the time to harvest and thresh the ripened barley. The Harvest Moon is the full Moon nearest the autumnal equinox, which can occur in September or October and is bright enough to allow finishing all the harvest chores.
October	Full Hunter’s Moon	This is the month when the leaves are falling and the game is fattened. Now is the time for hunting and laying in a store of provisions for the long winter ahead. October’s Moon is also known as the Travel Moon and the Dying Moon.
November	Full Beaver Moon	For both the colonists and the Algonquin tribes, this was the time to set beaver traps before the swamps froze, to ensure a supply of warm winter furs. This full Moon was also called the Frost Moon.
December	Full Cold Moon	This is the month when the winter cold fastens its grip and the nights become long and dark. This full Moon is also called the Long Nights Moon by some First Nations tribes. The Harvest Moon is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumnal equinox. It can occur in either September or October. At this time, crops such as corn, pumpkins, squash, and wild rice are ready for gathering.

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The Roosevelt Volunteer Fire company has been hard at work planning the festivities for this year's Fourth of July celebration.

We will be holding the annual Pet Show at the Roosevelt Public School, and in addition to giving out awards to our participants, each pet parent will have a chance to win a special prize at our Pet Show Raffle, so bring your cat, your dog, or your pet rock and join us!

In an effort to continually improve our parade, we have invited several neighboring fire departments and first aid squads to participate in this year's parade. We will also be presenting our two new fire trucks, our E-One Engine donated by Tinton Falls Fire Company #1, and our Pierce Mini-Pumper donated by Morganville Independent Fire Company. In addition, the Future Farmers of America will be participating in the parade this year with their own float. We encourage all local organizations, scouting groups and individuals to participate in the parade as well! The parade pace will be slowed down to marching speed this year, and as always we encourage bikes, wagons and walkers to participate. If you are a member of a local organization and would like to participate either with a float, decorated car, classic car, etc., please contact us prior to the parade so we know you're coming.

We will be setting up our giant bounce house obstacle course for the kids and the FFA will be setting up a petting zoo as well as running a hayride. In addition, we will have quoits, horseshoes and cornhole set up for the adults. Don't forget about the dunk tank, which will also be coming back this year. If you'd like to volunteer to get dunked, please let us know!

We will be raffling off thousands of

dollars in prizes at this year's event. We will once again be running a 50/50 for those who prefer to win cash prizes. We will also be hosting a Tricky Tray and will be raffling off tickets to local amusement and water parks, golf outings, restaurant gift cards, sporting event tickets, and NFL merchandise.

Starting June 4th, we will be selling raffle tickets for a Vacation Getaway. First prize is a trip to Orlando including four Park Hopper Passes to Disney, \$200 in Marriott accommodations, and two Ultimate Combo passes to Wonderworks Orlando, a prize package valued at \$1,000! Second place is a trip for a family of four for five days and three nights to Cancun, Mexico valued at \$600 and third prize is a trip for two to the Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa in Reno, Nevada, valued at \$200. The grand prize drawing will be held at 4:00 pm on July 4th. The tickets are \$20 each, and the number of available tickets is limited, so we suggest you buy them in advance. If there are any tickets remaining we will be selling them up until 3:30 pm on July 4th.

We will be posting all of the specifics for the raffles on our website in June, so if you would like more information or if you would like to see the list of prizes at the Tricky Tray, please visit [www.rooseveltfire.org](http://www.rooseveltfire.org).

We will also be running a series of games; we will have Cheeto Head and a Balloon Toss for the kids (3-7 and 8-12), as well as a sack race for ages 13 and up. No pre-registration is necessary this year and we have some great prizes in store for the winners.

Last but not least, come on out for free hamburgers, hot dogs, and boca burgers. We will be serving them hot off the grill along with the traditional pot-luck sides and desserts. Also, Herr's has donated potato chips for

our participants to snack on. We will have birch beer and bottled water available.

If you have any questions or comments about this year's festivities, or would like to help out or participate in an event, please let us know by sending us an email at [info@rooseveltfire.org](mailto:info@rooseveltfire.org). We look forward to a great celebration!



### THE ECCHOING GREEN

The sun does arise,  
And make happy the skies.  
The merry bells ring  
To welcome the Spring.  
The sky-lark and thrush,  
The birds of the bush,  
Sing louder around,  
To the bells' cheerful sound.  
While our sports shall be seen  
On the Ecchoing Green.

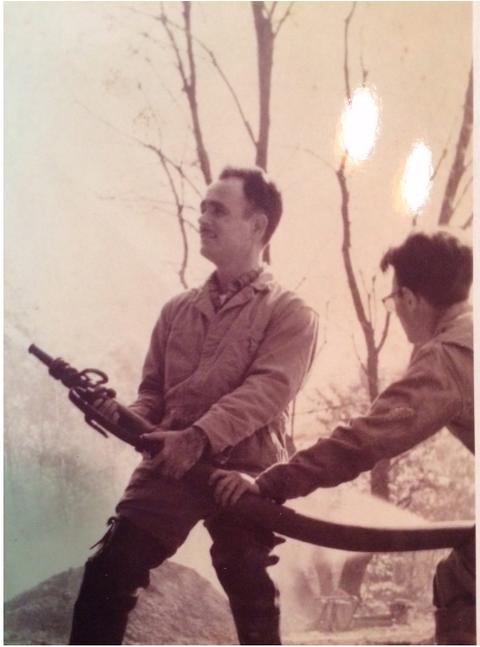
Old John, with white hair  
Does laugh away care,  
Sitting under the oak,  
Among the old folk,  
They laugh at our play,  
And soon they all say,  
'Such, such were the joys.  
When we all girls & boys,  
In our youth-time were seen,  
On the Ecchoing Green.'

Till the little ones weary  
No more can be merry  
The sun does descend,  
And our sports have an end:  
Round the laps of their mothers,  
Many sisters and brothers,  
Like birds in their nest,  
Are ready for rest;  
And sport no more seen,  
On the darkening Green.

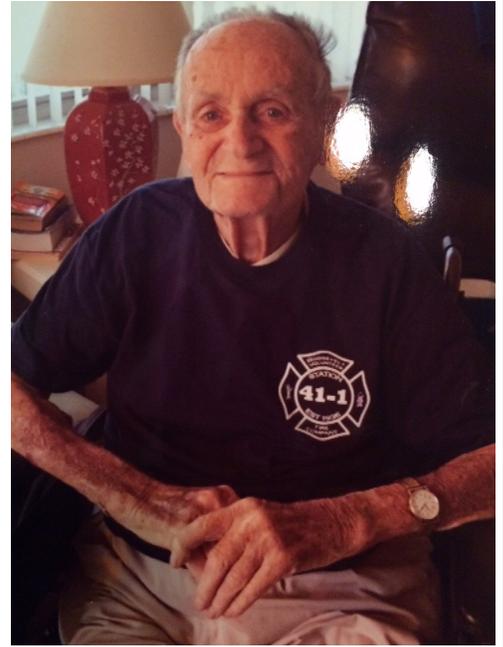
By William Blake

## Milestone: Jack Yudin

By Judith Goetzmann



Jack Yudin, long time Roosevelt resident, now a Floridian, celebrated his 100th birthday on March 24th in West Palm Beach. The photo on the left, which hangs in Borough Hall, shows Jack as a member of the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Co, circa 1950. Fire Chief Dan Archer sent Jack a company tee shirt to thank him for his service and to wish him a happy day.



According to daughter Iona

Rebh, Jack is thrilled with the shirt and sends warm regards to all his Roosevelt friends. The Yudins, Jack, Rose, Iona & Mitchell lived at 12 School Lane.

## BREAKING BREAD

### Sugar Cookies

Submitted by  
Hope Pressler

Approx. 5 dozen

1 1/2 cups butter  
2 cups sugar  
4 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla extract

5 cups flour  
2 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp salt

This is the perfect recipe for using cookie cutters. Make it ahead of time and keep it in the refridgerator.

#### Preparation Instructions

Cream butter and sugar until smooth. Add eggs and vanilla. Add baking powder, salt, and flour.

Cover and chill for at least 1 hour. This dough can also be kept in the refridgerator for a few weeks if you want to make smaller batches of cookies at a time.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Roll out dough onto a floured surface about 1/4 inch thick.

Cut into shapes with cookie cutters. Place cookies on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 6-8 mintues .

**Environmental Resources Inventory Findings To Be Presented On June 17**

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission is pleased to announce the completion of the updated Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI). Rutgers professor Dr. JeanMarie Hartman, who led the ERI, will present her findings and recommendations at the next Environmental Commission meeting on June 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Borough Hall. The meeting is open to the public and all interested residents are encouraged to attend.

An ERI is a survey of current environmental conditions. It helps identify existing or potential issues, and provides the factual basis for municipal policies and planning designed to protect the environment. The first ERI in Roosevelt was completed in 1993, and the purpose of this update was to assess any significant environmental changes since then.

Based on community input and site visits, the study focused primarily the condition of woodlands in Roosevelt and on a stream assessment of Empty Box Brook.

Key findings and recommendations include:

- The forest is changing. The density and frequency of invasive plant species is rising. The forest edges have increased trash and piles of plant debris, and fallen trees have created a high amount of woody debris. A forest management plan that includes consideration of fire hazards is needed.
- Part of the change in the forest is the increase of distribution and number of invasive plants. If there are areas that have not been invaded they should be monitored with a plan for removal if establishment is noticed. Patches with minimal invasives could

be managed for removal; however, full removal from heavily invaded areas is unlikely and would probably be short lived. Training and guidance is readily available from the New Jersey Invasive Strike Team ([www.njisst.org/](http://www.njisst.org/)).

- There is evidence of significant erosion in the upper stretches of Empty Box Brook, east of the Borough boundary. No evidence was found that this was caused by the beaver dam. Rather, it seems possible that sediments and a substantial increase of in storm water input is coming from an area in Millstone Township. This requires on-site investigation and the cooperation of property owners in the neighborhood. If additional construction occurs, the erosion could worsen if this is the cause of the pattern that was observed. Either way, it might be productive to look into stream restoration grants that could address the erosion, sedimentation, and invasive species dominance that characterized the eastern portion of Empty Box Brook.
- A study of Roosevelt's storm water system is needed. This study should include a map of the current points of storm water collection, areas of collection, outflow points and projected outflows for a standard storm. This information is needed before any stream bank restoration work can be considered, because it is necessary for estimating hydrology of the stream systems during precipitation events.

A copy of the entire ERI report is available at the Borough Hall or online at <http://tinyurl.com/RooseveltERI2015>.

Come join us on June 17 to learn more about the results of the updated Environmental Resources Inventory!

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

State law now prohibits disposal of computers and TVs with trash. Free drop-off. Program open to all Monmouth County residents, small businesses, and institutions. Limited to one pick-up truckload.

Items accepted:

- Computer cases, CPUs
- Keyboards, Mice
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Beekeeping is a business that requires the greatest amount of attention to small details....The good beekeeper is generally more or less cranky.

--C.P. Dadant

## The Plight of the Honey Bee

Fair weather greetings from the Environmental Commission to our friends and neighbors! Spring has finally arrived and with it the flowers have begun to bloom, and the planting season for our local farms and gardens has arrived. Another welcomed indicator of spring will be sightings of honeybees dutifully buzzing around our yards and gardens in search of nectar. Unfortunately, the sounds of their buzzing have become disconcertingly quieter in recent years.

You may have heard of some of the challenges the honeybee population has faced across the country in recent years:

- Harsh winters
- Certain parasites, such as the varroa parasite
- Pesticides used in local farms and gardens
- A phenomenon known as colony collapse disorder

As we have all endured the rather severe winters the past few years, it should not be surprising that some colonies have simply starved to death as the bees huddled to find warmth instead of wandering throughout their honey rich hives to eat.

The eight legged mite, known as the varroa parasite, is no larger than a pinhead but has been known to decimate a colony within just a few years of its introduction to a hive. The mite will feed off the fluids and larva of the honeybees, and as a result, normally dormant viruses present within the hive are able to impact the weakened bees, affecting both their behavior (such as making drones less likely to mate) and their lifespan, sometimes cutting their lifespans in half. Affected hives must be treated via medicines or natural remedies as soon as possible to limit the parasite's

damage.

Another huge and potentially more preventable threat to the honeybees are the pesticides that are used in home gardens and farms, which can be carried back to, and impact, the home hives of honeybees. A common class of pesticide used on our crops is neonicotinoids (most corn crops are affected) to which the bee is exposed when gathering nectar.

Colony collapse disorder was first observed in 2006, when colony losses ranging from 30 to 90% were reported from beekeepers due to complete disappearance from the hives, or in New Jersey's case, the discovery of the adult bees dead in their hives.

### Why should we care?

Up to a third of the foods we produce and the clothes we wear are dependent on the survival of the very plants that honeybees pollinate along with bumble bees, butterflies and some beetles. Trees and gardens require the help of such pollinators, as well, to ensure continued production.

### What can we do?

We can plant perennial plants and trees that offer steady supplies of both pollen and nectar to the travelling honeybees. Be sure to plant different flowers that bloom at different times so that bees have access to plants that bloom during the leaner months of late summer and early fall to ensure a consistent source of nectar. One interesting fact is that honeybees cannot see the color red so opt for other bloom colors to complement your garden. Plant groupings of similar colored flowers as these are more attractive to the bees than a single blossom.

Try not to use pesticides in your home gardens or lawns and opt for more natural methods of insect control. Some pesticides to avoid completely are: Orthene (Acephate), Seven (Carbaryl), Diazinon

(Spectracide, others), Bayer systemic (Imidacloprid), Ambush, Pounce (Permethrin), Crossfire, Raid Flying Insect Killer (Resmethrin). The following pesticides can be considered "bee-safe" if you only use them at dawn or dusk when the bees are not active: Spinosad (insecticide), Pyrethrum (insecticide), Neem oil (fungicide, insecticide). Considered Honeybee-safe pesticides: Sulfur (fungicide), Serenade (biological fungicide), Insecticidal soap, Petroleum-based oils, B.T. or Bacillus thuringiensis (biological control for caterpillars), Herbicides like Roundup and 2,4-D

Support your local organic farmers and beekeepers! Some local residents outside of Roosevelt have begun to operate their own hives and have purchased wooden hive boxes and a starter colony of bees for \$300 - \$500. This is certainly an investment and long term commitment but it is these local beekeepers that can help supplement the dwindling population of honeybees. There are veteran beekeepers out there who would be happy to link up with those new to the hobby and more information can be found at The New Jersey Beekeepers Association. A course for beginner apiarists (beekeepers) is now offered at Rutgers' Agricultural Experiment Station to help New Jersey's beekeeping community grow.

We would love to hear your ideas or questions regarding the plight of the honeybees and other pollinating insects in our area! Please send us a message at: [RooseveltEC@gmail.com](mailto:RooseveltEC@gmail.com) or come join us at our public meetings at the Borough Hall. Happy planting!



## The Summer Solstice

From Wikipedia

The summer solstice occurs when the tilt of a planet's semi-axis, in either the northern or the southern hemisphere, is most inclined toward the star (sun) that it orbits. Earth's maximum axial tilt toward the sun is 23° 26'. This happens twice each year, at which times the sun reaches its highest position in the sky as seen from the north or the south pole.

The summer solstice occurs during a hemisphere's summer. This is the northern solstice in the northern hemisphere and the southern solstice in the southern hemisphere. Depending on the shift of the calendar, the summer solstice occurs some time between June 20 and June 22 in the northern hemisphere and between December 20 and December 23 each year in the southern hemisphere.

When on a geographic pole, the sun reaches its greatest height, the moment of solstice, it can be noon only along that longitude which at that moment lies in the direction of the sun from the pole. For other longitudes, it is not noon. Noon has either passed or has yet to come. Hence the notion of a solstice day is useful. The term is colloquially used like midsummer to refer to the day on which solstice occurs. The summer solstice day has the longest period of daylight – except in the polar regions, where daylight is continuous, from a few days to six months around the summer solstice.

Worldwide, interpretation of the event has varied among cultures, but most recognize the event in some way with holidays, festivals, and rituals around that time with themes of religion or fertility.

Solstice is derived from the Latin words sol (sun) and sistere (to stand still).

## New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team

Excerpted from <http://www.njisst.org/>

The Strike Team is a statewide cooperative effort to prevent the spread of emerging invasive species across the state of New Jersey. Started in 2008 as the Central Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team, the project has now expanded statewide and consists of private individuals and over 100 public and private partner organizations representing all levels of government from federal to municipal, non-profit conservation groups and consulting foresters.

New Jersey is home to 2,000 native plants, 327 migrant & resident birds, 90 mammals, 44 reptiles, 35 amphibians, 421 marine & freshwater fish, 180 damselflies & dragonflies and 151 butterflies. This list includes 424 threatened and endangered species, some which are imperiled worldwide. This abundant biodiversity is a result of extremely diverse habitats, stretching from the Highlands through the Piedmont, into the Pinelands, a globally unique ecosystem, and through the shore regions.

Invasive species threaten the future of our natural heritage as well as our economy. The Strike Team is working to address these threats and protect the future of our precious state.

What is an invasive species?

An invasive species is a non-native organism which is causing harm to the environment, human health or the economy. They are shown to interrupt the natural functions of an ecosystem by impacting native plants and animals.

Overall, invasive species place a tremendous burden on natural resources and are considered to be the greatest threat to global biodiversity, second only to outright habitat destruction.

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By Anna Johnson

## Roosevelt Public School Herb Garden

“Some leaves you can actually eat.”

So concludes the acrostic poem titled “Leaves,” by a student in Donna Gazzani’s third grade class at Roosevelt Public School. It was a conclusion reached after the class recently created an herb garden within the larger Roosevelt Public School garden tended by the student body. The student’s conclusion, that plants’ leaves can be eaten, is based on the plants in the herb garden, which were chosen for their flowers, their medicinal value, their scents and, importantly, for their flavors.

Mrs. Gazzani is the first teacher in the school to win a grant from the Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF) for her proposal of an herb garden for the school and the larger community. The herb garden was envisioned by her as an extension of the third grade classroom and curriculum, which includes math work in measuring volume; a Social Studies unit on the Lenni-Lenape, for whom plants were important medicinally and as a food source; a Science unit on plants (focusing on their physical parts, their needs for survival, and their value to humans); as well as Language Arts, reading literature and writing poetry.

During recent class work in the garden, Mrs. Gazzani could be heard stressing, “That’s cooperative thinking. Thank you.” She repeatedly emphasized that responsibility for the

garden belonged to all of the students. Cooperation is a class objective, as well as a school objective. For the garden to be a success and flourish, cooperative teamwork is a necessity.

Cooperative effort has been a key element in the garden’s realization from the beginning. Attendance at fundraising events and generous contributions to RPSEF made funding for the project possible. Among other necessities, the RPSEF grant paid for the plants and for stepping stones for the garden. Setting up the space, leveling the ground and placing a border around the raised bed for the herb garden were the contributions of the school’s custodian, Manuel Perez. Donations of soil and compost came from the Mendies Family Farm, and mulch came from the Stanley family’s Timberwolf Tree Service. The garden has involved the students actively and cooperatively in the work of weeding, mulching, and planting the herbs.

In mid-June, the herb plants should be mature and ready for tasting. The larger Roosevelt community is invited to enjoy the results of the students’ labor and learning.

as a fundraiser for RPSEF. The class was enjoyed very much by the participants, and another 6-week session is planned for the fall. It will be held on Thursday evenings, 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm from October 1 through November 5. The cost for all six classes is \$60, and \$15 is the charge for an individual class. Checks may be sent to Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation, PO Box 22, Roosevelt, NJ 08555 to reserve a space.

RPSEF hosted its first Parents Night Out at Roosevelt Public School on Friday, April 17. The children who participated enjoyed supervised outdoor games, pizza, an art activity and a movie. Thanks for making this event possible go to Natalie and Mick Warner, Vindhia Gordon, Rachel Warner, Caitlin Yang, Iain Lowrie, Gabe Hoffman and Mary Tulloss.

The RPSEF second annual Rock Climbing event on Friday, May 1, was held at Rockville Climbing Center in Hamilton. Both climbers from our previous event and those new to rock climbing enjoyed the evening. Thank you to Maria Del Piano and her experienced team of belayers for securing the climbers so well.

Donations are welcome and upcoming events will be announced on the RPSEF website: [www.rpsef.org](http://www.rpsef.org)



### Updates on RPSEF’s Fundraisers

Nineteen people participated in the recent Pilates classes held at Roosevelt Public School from March 26 to April 30. Roosevelt resident Stacey Bonna generously donated her time to teach the class



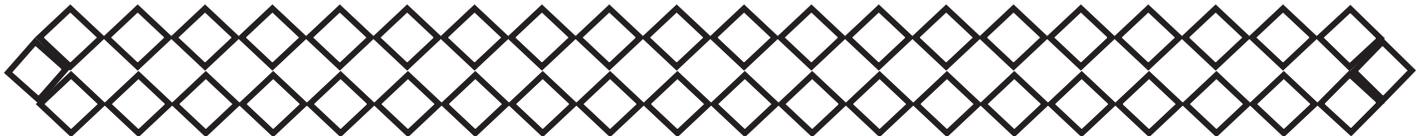
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3 Wed.	Recycling Pickup 
4 Thurs. 7:00 pm	Roosevelt Arts Project, Bringing a Mural to Life, Roosevelt Public School
8 Mon. 7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
11 Thurs. 7:00 pm	Fire Company Business Meeting, Borough Hall Chris Suk, President 490-0931
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