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**BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS**

By Sharyn Walz

## REFERENDUM ON THE BOND ORDINANCE FOR THE EMS BUILDING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 15, 2015;

### New Ideas Emerge for EMS Building; Delegation of Experts Provide Input on Water and Sewer Utilities

Major developments at the Borough Council meetings of September 16 and 28 and October 13 included the following:

Jeb Shahn provided the following comments from the group opposed to the bond ordinance for the EMS building:

- Acknowledged problems with the current building include mold, roof, ventilation, drainage, pavement, narrow bays, and an overall inability to accommodate equipment, in addition to the requirements of the Office of Emergency Management.

- There is a need to do research about the number of fires in Roosevelt and how other similar towns might handle their EMS needs.

- Group has investigated automatic mutual aid systems, as well as engine types and annual testing requirements.

- Alternate plan development is very difficult and incomplete.

- Considering the need for a bona fide shelter.

- Suggested community volunteers could digitize documents currently being housed in the 3rd bay so that the Municipal truck could be housed there.

- Group concern is not primarily the increase in overall taxes, but rather trying to make better use of building in existence instead of new construction.

- A funding inquiry letter was sent to Councilman Ellentuck and the group has info on grants.

Councilman Ellentuck responded to the funding inquiry: The Council must calculate the amount to bond at the maximum amount possibly needed, as towns can take less than needed, but cannot usually go back for more funding. Property tax increases are caused by a combination of any number of borough expenditures: storms, salt, roads, infrastructures, pipes, etc. Tax increases may occur whether the Emergency Services Building is constructed or not, depending on future needs. The Council removed specific references to repair of the lift station and pavement to allow for maximum flexibility as the Council is open to input from the community. Councilman Ellentuck further noted that neither the building design nor location is tied to the bond ratification.

A motion was made to delay the special election in order to give the group time to come up with concrete alternative plans in the hopes of avoiding the costs of a referendum (\$6,000-10,000). It was noted that the Council has a moral obligation to allow residents who have expressed their desire to vote to do so, and that any alternative plans would be considered on equal footing with the plans that would be submitted by any engineering firms. Ultimately, it was decided that the special election on the Bond Ordinance for the EMS Building will be held on December 15, 2015.

The Council approved a motion to change the operating hours for the Code Enforcement Officer to Tuesdays from

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 39th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from September through July. We will not publish in January and August.

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

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## From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

As we reach the end of the year it seems appropriate to identify the most significant areas of concern in our town for next year's council to address.

First and foremost is the need to slow traffic in town, both on 571 and on local streets. Past councils have addressed this problem by installing speed bumps on our local roads which have some degree of success when they are built correctly. Some are too abrupt and others are too mild, but they do slow down traffic.

Another is the need for a new EMS building. Past councils have investigated repairing and enlarging the current buildings but it is similar to installing a new transmission, new belts, new brakes and new hoses in an old and decrepit car. It would cost more to do insufficient patch work than to replace the whole car and we can't simply rely on our neighbor to give us a ride when we need it. (If he's even available)!

The Water Sewer system is a big need. The search for grants or relief from state and federal agencies goes on with little results while our bills remain high as repairs and requirements for stricter effluent quality increase. One possible option being investigated is to sell the operation to a water utility provider, but not until there are guarantees that the costs of fresh water and sewer rates are regulated at a lesser cost to consumers.

With all that said, Roosevelt remains a delightful Borough. The school is one of the crown jewels of the town. The environment, the history, the safety of the neighborhood are all first rate, but most importantly the citizens are the best. The sense of community, involvement, and pride in our town make Roosevelt a wonderful place to live.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Beth

## Ellentuck Elected Mayor; Lipoti, Curry, Bonna and Impellizzeri Elected to Council; Gordon, Warner and Petrillo Elected to School Board

by Michael Ticktin

In the election held on November 3, Democratic Councilman Jeff Ellentuck, running unopposed, was elected Mayor, receiving 129 votes. He is the first mayor of Roosevelt who is also the son of a former mayor. His father, Bert Ellentuck, was mayor from 1971 to 1975.

Democratic Council members Jill Lipoti and Tom Curry were elected to three-year Council terms with 146 and 135 votes, respectively, defeating Republican Larry Cheshire, who received 39 votes. Councilman John Impellizzeri, running unopposed as an Independent with the designation of "Common Ground," received 75 votes to complete the remaining year of the term to which he was appointed following the resignation of Stuart Kaufman, while Democratic candidate Stacey Bonna, running unopposed, received 132 votes to complete the remaining two years of the unexpired term to which Councilwoman Lipoti had been appointed when Michelle Hermelee resigned from the Council. Ms. Lipoti will now be off the Council until January, when she will take the seat currently held by Michael Ticktin to which she was elected.

In the election for seats on the Board of Education, incumbents Leo Gordon and Natalie Warner won with 124 votes and 134 votes respectively, while write-in candidate John Petrillo won the third seat, for which there were no candidates on the ballot, with 14 votes.

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4 to 5 PM. While there have been new warnings issued for property maintenance, it was noted that residents seem to be making a greater effort to maintain their properties to community standards. The Monmouth County Parks Department notified Councilman Impellizzeri that the weeds encroaching on Oscar Road will have to be taken care of by the Borough. Final inspections of the Deli property are imminent, and an opening is expected in the coming weeks.

Councilman Ticktin, on behalf of the Committee for Environment, Health, and Safety, advised that the Environmental Commission is soliciting quotes for a Forestry Management Plan, as has been recommended by the Environmental Resources Inventory Report. The requirements for partner agencies are quite stringent and only one agency appears to be qualified. Counsel advised that the specific requirements be outlined in the bid for partnering agencies to assist in the development of the Forest Management Plan, which would address the excess brush in the area which is a fire hazard. Councilman Ticktin advised that the renovations to Solar Village are ahead of schedule and may be finished by the end of October.

Kathleen John-Alder, a Roosevelt resident and Professor of Landscape Architecture at Rutgers, received the 2015 American Society of Landscape Architects Award for "Collective Visions: Exploring the Design Potential of Landscape History" in which one of her case studies was in reference to Roosevelt. For more information, see <http://www.asla.org/2015awards/95796.html>

Councilwoman Malkin, on behalf of the Finance Committee, continues to work towards uncovering more information regarding "Zombie" foreclosures in town and is attempting to get a verified list of who is responsible for the maintenance of bank-owned houses, particularly when the mort-

gages have been sold and re-sold in succession. Councilwoman Malkin also encouraged residents of any age to attend the monthly Senior Citizens meeting as they offer a variety of speakers and often have useful health information available for everyone.

Councilman Curry, on behalf of Public Works, stated that the construction on South Valley Road is now complete. The bollards will be padlocked and there are four trees on site that will be planted. There are issues with the current firehouse, as it will need to be insulated for winter and there is currently no place to house one of the trucks.

Councilwoman Lipoti, on behalf of the Utilities Committee, reported on September 28th that the alarm system at the water treatment facility is ancient and relies on telephone lines. The cost of a new "smart" system would be \$7,075, but it is imperative to alert staff in the event of an emergency. On October 3rd, there was a storm that caused a breaker to trip at the sewer plant, and the water tower was depleted. The alarm system is now on order. Councilwoman Lipoti requested and received Council input on potential applications to fund additional projects. The Council voted to apply for funds to excavate and replace cast iron pipes subject to breakage (at the intersections of Empty Box Brook and Tamara, and EBB and Rochdale). It was noted that planned replacements are significantly more cost-effective than emergency repairs. The Council also chose to apply for funds to replace the current outdated secondary water treatment system that uses trickling filters with newer technology, based on engineer recommendations.

The Borough's utilities were recently visited by a delegation of experts knowledgeable about water treatment and delivery. While some of the suggestions they offered are already in place, they were able to provide feedback and input on pending plans.

Councilwoman Lipoti advised that there is a resident who will paint the outside of the water plant as part of a community service project. An Open House event at the Water plant will be scheduled in the future once the painting has been completed.

Councilwoman Lipoti shared that she recently toured the East Windsor water utility and discussed the possibility of a shared services agreement as East Windsor has extra capacity. East Windsor's sewer line currently extends to the area of the Conair plant on Milford Road, approximately 4.5 miles from town. A continuation of the sewer line into Roosevelt would be approximately \$1 million/mile, and would be weighed against the cost of repairing Roosevelt's system. Recent repairs at Solar Village caused an unexpected water shutoff to portions of Lake Drive, and Councilwoman Lipoti expressed her apology that residents lost water usage without advance notice.

Councilman Ellentuck reported that the First Aid Squad helped cut up a tree that fell on a resident's property as the resident has significant health issues. Parking ordinances are not always followed, and with winter coming, the Council is considering contracting with a towing company to ensure the roads can be cleared as needed. The Council voted to send a notice to the Fire Department as a reminder of the ordinance that states all officers of the Fire Department must also be Firefighters, as they are currently in violation. Concerns about dumpsters and PODS that sit indefinitely will be referred to the Planning Board, as the regulations for these items are currently vague. Councilman Ellentuck also offered his own designs for the EMS Building, which reduce the footprint of the building. The original designs have the building at 75' x 60', and by moving the offices to the 2nd story, the new design makes the building approximately 50' x 60', with a height of 24'. The new design would

Working with Roosevelt Public School (RPS), the Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF) learned of a need for a kiln to support both the school Art program and the well-attended Studio Art After-School Program. RPSEF applied for a Toby Tyler Grant, and in March of 2014 was informed by New Jersey Education Foundation Partnership that we had won the grant to purchase a kiln and ceramic and pottery supplies. The materials were then ordered. When a referendum for exterior renovations for RPS was passed in 2014, construction work went ahead on the roof. The completed roof this past summer made it possible for the kiln to be connected and for its safe use via roof ventilation.



The kiln will be used in the school Art program to meet the standards for student achievement in Art. Under the guidance of the Art teacher, who is also a private studio instructor, the students will be creating hand-built clay and glass pieces. Students in Grades 1-6 were informed by the Art teacher that they would have an additional opportunity to work on sculpture and pottery that would make use of the kiln in the Studio Art After-School Program. So far, over half of the school's student population in those grades has signed up for the program.

There is yet another use for the kiln this year. Larisa Bondy, the Kindergarten teacher, requested and won a grant of \$500 from the Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation. She requested similar amounts from various other town organizations, including RAP and the RPS PTA. Her project is to construct a mosaic mural using clay tiles created by the school's students, its staff, and various community organizations that would depict town landmarks and themes and would be hung in the school's entryway. Working with BucksAIR (an artist-in-residence program) and using the RPSEF kiln to offset the \$1,000 cost of firing the tiles, the participants in the school-wide project will create a permanent mural representing important aspects of the town

By Anna Johnson

of Roosevelt. The project would integrate curriculum-area objectives including community awareness and history, in Social Studies, the elements of Art and the principles of design, in Art, and school-wide character education and anti-bullying, in the process of creating common experiences and opportunities for teamwork. The students' parents and Roosevelt community members will be involved as adult volunteers, needed for mosaic integration and installation of the final mural.

As the school staff and students become more skilled in the use of the kiln, more projects benefitting Roosevelt Public School will follow.

It is through community participation and donations to RPSEF that projects such as this one become possible. We appreciate your generous contributions and attendance at RPSEF-sponsored events.

November's event is a Bowling Night, later in the month.

New program for December: Yoga classes taught by Maria Del Piano at RPS (December 3, 10, and 17). Watch for sign-up information.

We thank you for your support!



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allow the building to be moved up adjacent to the current Borough Hall, without involving DEP. For a detailed description of this plan, please see <http://www.web2sons.org/government/council/ESB%20Concept%20for%20Comments%20Ver%201%202010-14-15.pdf>

The other engineering proposals for the EMS building have been received and will be reviewed by Council within a 48 hour period, after which they will be made available for public viewing (one proposal at a time). It was noted that these plans are engineering costs only, not building layout plans.

## INVASIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH – PART 3: REDS GONE ROGUE

For thousands of years people have been moving plants around the earth. Corn, beans and potatoes were taken to Europe. Rice, wheat and sweet potatoes were brought to North America. Our native azaleas went to Belgium and their genes came back in some of the hybrids we plant in our yards.

Over years, plant species and unique varieties have been selected and reselected and crossbred for their desirable qualities. As a result many of these plants have special cultural requirements and only thrive in the garden; however, people are only human and some plants that seemed like great landscaping plants have turned out to have a dark side. They are invasive.

In cities and sprawling suburbia where there is little of the natural environment remaining, invasive species are less of an issue, since there is very little to invade. In rural areas and greenbelt towns like Roosevelt, where residential areas are interspersed with open space, invasives can quickly escape.

Two such garden plants are Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) and burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*). They are both on the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team - 2015 Do Not Plant List.

Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) is native to Japan, and was introduced to the United States in the 1875 as an ornamental plant. It is easily recognized by its bright red berries dangling from the

thorny stems in the Fall. Colorful red and purple-leaved varieties are widely used as landscape material, due in part to their resistance to deer browsing.

Some people have asked what is so bad about alien invasive species. Barberry is an excellent example of what happens when an alien species escapes and supplants native species in the wild. Since deer eat most other plants, deer help create free space for barberry to colonize and run rampant. In addition, the germination rate for barberry seeds distributed by birds and small animals is also very high. I once saw a wooded hillside near the Delaware Water Gap that was completely covered in barberry. Japanese barberry is so invasive that importation and sale is prohibited in 'live free or die' New Hampshire, and its sale is illegal in Canada.

Recently, barberry has been implicated in the spread of Lyme disease. Researchers have noted higher densities of adult deer ticks and white-footed deer mice under barberry than under native shrubs. These mice, the host of larval ticks, have higher levels of larval tick infestation and more of the adult ticks are infected with Lyme disease. The high humidity provided by the dense foliage protects the young ticks and allows them to remain active for longer periods. According to these studies by scientists Jeffrey Ward and Scott Williams at the Connecticut Agriculture and Experiment Station (CAES), eliminating stands of Japanese barberry from forested areas can reduce the number of

By Steve Taylor

Lyme disease-infected ticks on the property by 80%.

If that is not bad enough, barberry increases the nitrogen content of the soil, which increases the number of earthworms (another invasive species, but that is another story). Worms in turn consume the leaf litter that seedling native plants depend on, further reducing the barberry's competition.

Barberry is relatively easy to identify, especially in the Fall when the berries stand out. The roots are bright yellow. Since the pictures below (Fig. 1) may not be very clear in the printed version of the Bulletin, you may wish to look online.

Burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*), known variously as winged spindle or winged euonymus, is a native to central and northern China, Japan, and Korea. It was introduced into the United States during the 1860s. It has corky-winged stems, autumn leaves of brilliant red color, and attractive fruits. Its prolific seeds are eaten and spread by birds and other wildlife. It has since become an invasive species in woodlands in eastern North America, even though deer eat it. Its importation and sale is prohibited in the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire.

Burning bush is relatively easy to identify, especially in the Fall when the bright red leaves stand out. Since the pictures (Fig. 2 and 3) below may not be very clear in the printed version of the Bulletin, you may wish to look online.

If you have used these plants in your landscaping, you might con-

sider replacing them with non-invasive species or native plants. If you our avian friends have ‘planted’ either of these in your yard, they can be cut off at ground level to prevent further seed dispersal, or simply dug out.

**Alternatives for Burning Bush**  
(*Euonymus alatus*)

American Cranberrybush *Viburnum*  
(*Viburnum trilobum*)

Highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium cor-  
ymbosum*)

Redvein enkianthus (*Enkianthus cam-  
panulatus*)

Fothergilla (*Fothergilla gardenii* or  
*Fothergilla major*)

Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*)

Black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocar-  
pa*)

**Alternatives for Japanese  
barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)**

Weigela (*Weigela florida*)

Slender Deutzia (*Deutzia gracilis*)

Common Ninebark (*Physocarpus opu-  
lifolius*)

Shrub roses (*Rosa* species and hybrids)

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Alternatives:

[https://extension.unh.edu/resources/  
files/Resource001358\\_Rep1815.pdf](https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001358_Rep1815.pdf)



Fig. 1 Barberry leaves, thorns and fruit  
(photo - Alpsdake)



Fig. 2 Euonymus leaves and ‘wings on the twigs’  
(photo - El Grafo)



Fig. 3 Euonymus fruit (photo – Wildfeuer)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Opinions expressed here are those of the writers.*

Dear Rooseveltians,

Please do support our first responders by voting in the referendum on December 15. Either way you vote, it will be in support of the first responders. Here's the difference between a YES vote and a NO vote.

A Yes vote will enable the Council to go forward with a plan to tear down a substantial block building and replace it with an oversized, less substantial metal building. It will allow the fire company to have luxuries: three fire engines, additional offices and meeting rooms, a ready room (whatever that is), etc. There is good reason to believe that such a building will in the end cost more than the \$600,000.00 designated in the ordinance, and will commit the community to significant ongoing expenses for the operation and maintenance of a large building and an additional fire engine.

A No vote will send a strong message to the Council to fully consider the needs of the community, and the option of renovating the existing buildings. There is no valid justification for a third fire engine, for a community that has had so few fires, approximately three in the 35 years I have lived here. To qualify for free mutual aid we do not have to have a fire company

with capabilities beyond what is needed for our town, and mutual aid will be available for any particularly difficult fires, such as a fire on Eleanor Lane, where there are no hydrants. Retaining the third, newly acquired, and very high fire engine would require a very high roof, whereas the large and adequate engine we have would only necessitate a simple forward extension. Without the third engine, there would be an extra garage bay that could be utilized for office and storage or for the municipal truck. There is also a third bay in the ambulance garage available for similar uses.

Both buildings need renovation, which could be done in stages, and paid for in a combination of ways-inclusion in the borough budget, and grants. A number of FEMA grants, and others, are designated for projects such as ours. Let's slow down and do the essential repairs first, and plan carefully for the remaining work, an approach much more suitable to the circumstances of our community.

Please vote NO in the referendum.

Sincerely, Jeb Shahn

### Grilled Charred Sugar Cured Salmon

By Jill Lipoti

People really seem to like the recipe I use for grilled salmon. So many people have asked what I put on the salmon that I decided to put it in the Borough Bulletin.

4 salmon fillets about 6-8 ounces each

olive oil

sugar cure:

- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup chili powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons Kosher salt

1. Preheat grill. Mix ingredients for sugar cure.
2. Lightly oil salmon on both sides.
3. Cover each side with 1-2 tablespoons of the sugar cure, pressing it into the salmon.
4. Place salmon on a well-oiled grill, but not directly on the hottest part of the grill. Grill until done, turning once. Because of the sugar, the coating will char. But it tastes delicious with a little char.

A Call for Sensible Consistency on December 15

By Michael Ticktin

The great American writer and philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson is often misquoted as having said that “consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.” What he actually characterized in that manner was “a foolish consistency.” He certainly approved of sensible consistency, which is quite necessary if we are to have any guiding principles in our lives.

That having been said, I am calling upon you, my fellow citizens of Roosevelt, to exercise sensible consistency when you go to the polls in our special election on December 15, when we will be asked to either ratify or not ratify the decision by the Borough Council to issue bonds to pay the cost of providing emergency service facilities meeting current health and safety standards and otherwise addressing the needs of a properly equipped fire department and first aid squad capable of serving the needs of Roosevelt citizens and assisting nearby towns on a mutual aid basis. I ask that you vote “yes.”

On November 3, we, the voters of Roosevelt, elected as our new mayor Councilman Jeff Ellentuck, a untiring advocate for safe, healthful, adequate EMS facilities and, at the same time, re-elected Council members Tom Curry, Jill Lipoti and John Impellizzeri, all of whom also voted to approve a bond ordinance which the Council, after careful consideration, determined to be necessary if our emergency service volunteers are to have such facilities. As a result of a petition filed by a group of citizens who expressed disapproval of the Council’s plans, that ordinance is inoperative unless and until it is ratified by the voters--hence the special election on December 15, since the petition was submitted in a corrected form too late for inclusion on the ballot in the general election, at a cost of many thousands of dollars to the Borough.

The question of whether or not to issue the bonds needed in order to fund either a new building or, should it prove feasible and financeable, the repair and renovation of the existing facilities, is the only subject that has of late given rise to any controversy within the community, and the positions of all of the incumbents were clear from their votes in support of the ordinance. (The only other candidate who was on the ballot contesting any of the seats these incumbents were running for did not, to my knowledge, take any public position on this issue.) Given that we have re-elected, or elected to higher office, the four incumbent Council members who were on the ballot, and who did not face any organized opposition to their re-election based on their support for the bond issue, the voters of Roosevelt would do well to exercise sensible consistency and ratify the bond ordinance, thereby allow-

ing those whom they have just elected, without any evidence of organized opposition from any candidates—write-in or otherwise-- opposed to the bond issue, the opportunity to carry out the platform to which they had publicly committed themselves before the election.

It is important to understand that the \$600,000 authorized by the ordinance for the proposed bond issue is a maximum amount. If the necessary work can be done for less, the Council has made it clear that it certainly will be done for less, since no member of the Council has any more desire than anyone else in the community to spend money unnecessarily. No “edifice complex” lies behind this proposal. In last month’s Bulletin, Councilman Ellentuck clearly stated the reasons why it is necessary for the community that this bond ordinance be ratified. I fully endorse both his analysis and his conclusion.

Opponents of the proposal, though I am sure are acting in good faith and in accordance with their own best judgment, have yet to come forward with a plan that would save money, meet the needs of our emergency services and provide a realistic means of financing that would either not include bonding or be bondable if it did. The only alternatives to bonding in order to secure necessary funding, regardless of the amount, would be to obtain a grant or to raise property taxes. The Council would certainly be happy to accept any grant for construction or extensive renovation of emergency service facilities that might be, available. So far, however, no such grants have been identified by the Council or its professionals. (Anyone who has contact with any wealthy donor or corporation willing to provide funding, perhaps in exchange for naming rights to the EMS building, should certainly let the Council know, but I doubt anyone is holding his or her breath waiting for that to happen.)

Absent a bond issue or grant, increased taxation is therefore the only remaining alternative, assuming that we go ahead with the project. The annual municipal tax levy (exclusive of money raised for the county and the school district) is about \$600,000. Levying hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional property taxes in one year, or even in two or three years, would require us to greatly exceed the 2% statutory cap, and it is highly unlikely that voters who would oppose long-term bonding at historically low interest rates, and with minimal impact on the tax levy, to fund a needed capital improvement would then turn around and vote in a referendum to exceed the cap on the tax levy to permit the far greater short-term tax increases that funding capital improvements, whether new construction or extensive renovation, out of current year tax revenue would involve. In other words, without a bond issue, it is most unlikely that there will be either a new EMS building or, if it

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were practicable, any extensive renovation of our existing facilities that could possibly meet both health and safety and operational requirements.

A major problem with deciding important community issues through a referendum of this sort, rather than through an election in which opponents of the action taken by the Council present a slate of candidates and contest the election, whether on the ballot or by an organized write-in campaign (as has been done successfully in Roosevelt in the past) is that, should the ordinance not be ratified, the opponents of the ordinance would have no responsibility for implementing any alternative, thus leaving the solution in the very hands of the Council whose judgment the voters would have chosen to disregard.

The Council has proposed the ordinance because it believes that the community is best protected by having its own emergency services that are able to respond quickly when needed, and having those services supported by mutual aid that is truly mutual. The fire and first aid volunteers, who are ready at all times to come to our assistance when needed to protect our personal safety and our property, are entitled, under both federal and state occupational health and safety and environmental laws, to have a safe and healthful working environment, something that antiquated facilities with deficiencies including inadequate space for vehicles and mold and ventilation problems do not provide. The Council recognizes that volunteers can easily lose enthusiasm if they

feel that the community does not value the time and effort that they expend, and they may very well opt in such case to devote that time and effort to other communities that are more appreciative. Though opponents of the ordinance have stated that they support our fire and first aid volunteers, I think it would be contrary to human nature for the volunteers to interpret a “no” vote in the coming referendum as recognition of the value of their services.

Though opponents of the bond issue may well believe what they say when they assure us of their support for our emergency services, and I believe that, as good citizens, they do, I am nonetheless reminded of a 1936 campaign speech by the President for whom our municipality was re-named 70 years ago this month in which he responded to similar claims by his opponent in the election (though at least the Republicans did run a candidate in that election, Governor Alf Landon, who would have had the responsibility for implementing any alternative to the New Deal had he won) in which he stated as follows:

“Let me warn you, and let me warn the nation, against the smooth evasion that says: ‘Of course we believe these things. We believe in social security. We believe in work for the unemployed. We believe in saving homes. Cross our hearts and hope to die! We believe in all these things. But we do not like the way that the present administration is doing them. Just turn them over to us. We will do all of them, we will do more of them, we will do them better and, most important of all, the doing of them will not cost anybody anything.’”

### Couch Removed from Roosevelt Woodland Trail

Conscientious community members anonymously removed a very heavy upholstered couch from the Roosevelt Woodland Trail last month in conjunction with Big Garbage Pickup Day. The couch had appeared mysteriously alongside the wetlands just off the trail last year, and was marring the natural beauty of the setting as it moldered. Many thanks to our hardworking and resourceful guardians of the bog!



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# The Roosevelt Arts Project

The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) is a collaborative venture of friends and neighbors in and around Roosevelt, New Jersey. Bringing together artists in a variety of media, our mission is to foster collaboration and present their work to the public.

Founded in 1986 by the nationally known artists, Bernarda Bryson Shahn and Jacob Landau, and others including writers and musicians, the Roosevelt Arts Project presents a series of annual programs. This varied series premieres new works by Roosevelt playwrights, painters and potters, folk singers, poets, and composers, as well as experimental collaborations.

DATE	VENUE	EVENT
Saturday, November 21 8:00 PM	Borough Hall	<b>The Art of the Suite</b> Piano Recital by Alan Mallach Bach may have perfected the Baroque suite of dances, but that has not kept composers like Mozart, Grieg, Debussy and many others from taking off from Bach, playing with the idea of the suite and adapting it to their own times and styles. Starting in the 1600s and running up to the 1980s, Alan Mallach will play suites by Buxtehude, Bach, Mozart, Suk, Enesco and Donald Martino, and will talk about what makes a suite a suite, and how each of these composers made it their own.
Saturday, December 12 8:00 PM	Borough Hall	<b>Electronic Presentation Portfolio</b> Although many of us focus on traditional media, much of the working talent now focuses on electronic media. Even those working in traditional media turn to the web and interactive delivery to market and sell their work with online portfolios and interactive delivery systems, using computers, tablets and phones as their tools. We will do a brief overview and demonstrate some of the most effective and user-friendly ways to put your work into an electronic form for viewing and marketing.
Saturday, January 30 8:00 PM	Borough Hall	<b>Funny Stories &amp; Tales</b> Members of our community will read stories and tales from various traditions (including Jewish, Islamic, Celtic and American) to make us smile and make us laugh (and perhaps even shed a tear or two as well?).
Fri, May 8 and Sat, May 9 8PM	Boro Hall	<b>"The Roosevelt String Band in Concert"</b> David, Paul, Ed, Sam, Kai, Joe and Howie will present an evening of folk music guaranteed to stimulate great thoughts, mighty feelings, sweet sensations and a whole lot of fun
Thursday June 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM	Roosevelt Public School	<b>Bringing a Mural to Life</b> Culminating a year-long collaboration between the school and the community, the Roosevelt Public School will present a theatrical piece bringing the Ben Shahn mural to life.

Voluntary Contribution: For most events \$5 per adult, for the String Band \$10 per adult, \$5 for seniors and children. Visit RAP's webpage at <http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org>

Be sure to join our mailing list at [http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org/mail\\_form.php](http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org/mail_form.php) so that you get the brochure sent to you via email each season and timely reminders of each upcoming event.

For further information call Robin Gould at (609) 448-4616.

## The Roosevelt Mural

The mural shown in the header was created by Ben Shahn in 1937-38 to commemorate the New Deal resettlement community of Jersey Homesteads, now called Roosevelt, N.J. The mural can still be seen in the Roosevelt Public School. As one of the first and finest art works in the town, it is only appropriate that it should serve as the header for the RAP site.



**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

**RPS BOE News**

We have 1 immediate opening on the Board that will be placed at the November 19, 2015 meeting. This vacancy is a 1 year position. If you are interested in learning more, please email RPSBOE@gmail.com.

We thank Gabrielle Balon for her 2 years of service, and Stacy O'Donnell for her 3 years of service.

**Recent Updates on PARCC Testing**

Since the first round of PARCC (Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) testing last spring, the New

Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has issued several memos with updated information on PARCC, and recently released the first report on state-wide results on the Spring 2015 tests.

Here are updates:

Reduced Testing Time: Next spring, the PARCC testing will be shorter by about 90 minutes overall (60 minutes less in mathematics; 30 minutes less in English language arts), down from from 11 hours in high school and 10 hours in elementary school. In addition, the two test periods used

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**Statewide PARCC Results**

The NJ Department of Education has released preliminary statewide results for the PARCC assessments administered last spring. The assessments were scored on 5 levels:

- Level 1 is Not Yet Meeting Expectations
- Level 2 Partially Meeting Expectations
- Level 3 Approaching Expectations
- Level 4 Meeting Expectations
- Level 5 Exceeding Expectations

where only scores of 4 and 5 indicate students achieving expectations.

For grades 3-6 in English Language Arts, the state-wide scores are:

	Not Yet Meeting Expectations Level 1	Partially Meeting Expectations Level 2	Approaching Meeting Expectations Level 3	Meeting Expectations Level 4	Exceeding Expectations Level 5
Grade 3	15%	18%	24%	39%	5%
Grade 4	8%	15%	27%	39%	12%
Grade 5	7%	15%	26%	45%	6%
Grade 6	8%	16%	28%	40%	9%

For Grades 3-6 in Mathematics, the state-wide scores are:

	Not Yet Meeting Expectations Level 1	Partially Meeting Expectations Level 2	Approaching Meeting Expectations Level 3	Meeting Expectations Level 4	Exceeding Expectations Level 5
Grade 3	8%	19%	28%	37%	8%
Grade 4	7%	22%	30%	36%	4%
Grade 5	6%	21%	32%	35%	6%
Grade 6	8%	21%	30%	35%	6%

The Department of Education says that more extensive results, including district, school and individual student data, will be released later in the fall.

(Information and data from the New Jersey School Boards Association Newsletter.)

Our First, Second and Third Graders have been busy studying butterflies!

Ms. Shaw describes the lessons learned in her class:

The second graders raised caterpillars in their classroom as part of their science unit on animal and plant life cycles. The children got ready for the arrival of the caterpillars by reading non-fiction stories about the basic needs of caterpillars. They helped set up the butterfly cages in the classroom and made sure we had plenty of milkweed to feed the hungry caterpillars when they arrived from the butterfly farm.

When the caterpillars arrived in their classroom, the children observed how the tiny caterpillars ate the milkweed leaves and grew. They made observations daily about how the caterpillars were growing and changing so quickly. The children observed how the caterpillars shed their skin several times as they grew bigger. They used new vocabulary to describe

By Mary Cohen

each stage of the life cycle as they read stories and watched videos about the life cycle of butterflies.

The children watched in amazement as almost all of the caterpillars formed their chrysalis. After patiently waiting about 10 days for their butterflies to emerge from their chrysalis, the children wrote about their observations of the life cycle of a butterfly. The children became experts at predicting when each butterfly would hatch from their chrysalis based on what they learned about the changing color of the chrysalis before a butterfly emerges. The children were lucky enough to witness many of their butterflies emerge. The butterflies were released in our RPS garden where they would find plenty of flowers to rest on and nectar to eat.

Mrs. Gazzani's class wrote and drew pictures of their own personal heroes!

### 2015 Rabies Clinic

The 2015 Rabies Clinic will be held on November 21 at the Borough Hall, 33 N. Rochdale Ave. from 10:00 am to Noon. Dr. Petranto, of Plumsted Animal Hospital, will again graciously donate his time to perform the vaccinations. Clinic is free to residents. Dogs must have proof of rabies vaccination which are valid through 10/31/16 in order to be licensed in January 2016. All resident dogs over the age of 7 months must be licensed each year in accordance with state regulations.

### 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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last year will be combined into a single test “window” or period.

#### Changed Graduation

Requirements for the Class of 2019: The NJDOE extended to the class of 2019 – this year’s incoming high school freshmen – the same testing graduation requirements that the classes of 2016, 2017 and 2018 must meet. This means that these students can meet high school graduation requirements by achieving a passing score on the PARCC testing, or can meet it by scoring 400 or higher on the

SAT reading and the SAT math tests, or by scoring a 16 or higher on the ACT math and reading tests, or by demonstrating graduation readiness with other college entrance exams. Special education students will continue to follow the graduation requirements set forth in their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). Thus the high school class of 2019 is allowed the same alternatives to PARCC testing as a graduation requirement as the 3 previous high school classes.

#### Exemptions from Grade 11

English Language Arts Test: The NJDOE also announced in that school districts may exempt students from taking the PARCC English Language Arts Grade 11 exam if they have participated in another validated assessment program such as Advanced Placement (AP) English Language and Composition; AP English Literature and Composition, and the International Baccalaureate (IB) English exams. To be eligible for the exemption, students must take the assessments during their 11th grade school year.

The First Aid Squad has responded to 160 emergency calls from January 1 to September 30.

In the month of September the Squad responded to 13 medical emergencies.

In September the Squad had 4 emergencies in Roosevelt. 2 fall, 1 medical alarm, 1 unresponsive.

Mutual aid into Millstone Twp., 3 falls, 1 cardiac, 2 crisis transport, 2 MVA's trauma's (two med-a-vac out to a trauma center, one pronounced dead), and 1 pediatric respiratory

The Squad's yearly fund drive is in full swing. We mail out in the letter a new My Personal Medication Records. Some residents have mail this form back to the Squad, please keep this form and place it somewhere, where we can find it quickly.

The Squad would like to thank everyone that has donated to us so far. With your donations the Squad has purchase new oxygen cylinders, medical supplies, safety glasses for all members and new Bio-Thane patient restraints for the cots.

As the Squad sent out our donation letters we included "My Personal Medication Record" form. When you have time please fill the form out and place it on your refrigerator. Only put your current medication on it. This would be a great help to the Squad members if we had to come to your home in an emergency. If you miss place it the form contact any Squad member for a new one or if you need more than one.

We would like to thank all the residents of Roosevelt in their generous donations to the Squad. Without your support we could not operate. Thank You!!!

If any one wishes to make a donation, you can send it to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad at P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Remember,

all donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for new members. We will pay for the basic training that is needed. If anyone is interested please contact any Squad member or stop in during our training for an application. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT please e-mail rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com and now we are on facebook.

#### Health Notes: The Dangers of Prescription Drug Overdose

Prescription drug overdoses occur when a person takes large amounts of a drug, past the point where the prescription medicine can be safely handled by the person's body. A prescription drug overdose can be extremely serious, and doctors try to take special precautions to avoid these situations by educating their patients about the various drugs that they prescribe. Unfortunately, patients still overdose for various reasons, and during an overdose they can face dangers like:

- Coma and death
- Brain damage
- Intense pain and nausea
- Permanent physical effects

The effect of a prescription drug overdose will be different depending on which drug was taken and the amount of the drug that was consumed. If you have reason to believe that you or someone you know has overdosed, it's important to call Poison Control quickly.

#### Symptoms of an Overdose with Prescription Medications

It can be very difficult to recognize the symptoms of a prescription drug overdose without knowing what the drug user has been taking. Signs of nausea, dizziness, confusion, vomiting, and an irregular heartbeat can

all be symptoms of prescription drug overdose, but they won't necessarily occur with every drug. Serious overdoses often lead to coma and eventually death for the user.

Prescription drug overdoses are classified as either accidental or intentional. Intentional overdoses occur when a drug user is attempting suicide or when a person is trying to get a "high" from misuse of a prescription drug. If you believe that a family member might overdose on a certain medication or prescription drug, look online to find the symptoms of an overdose and make sure to memorize them. Seek treatment for addicts as soon as you can to stop an overdose from ever occurring.

Accidental overdoses usually occur due to accidentally misreading the labels on drugs or taking larger and larger amounts of a drug in order to increase its effects. In these cases, the patient is often unaware that he or she has overdosed. Children may also get a hold of prescription medication bottles and unknowingly open and consume their contents, causing a very dangerous overdose whether or not medication was designed for adult use.

When drug overdoses occur due to suicidal tendencies or addiction, therapy may be necessary for the underlying problem that caused the overdose. As some patients who intentionally try to overdose may hide this fact from friends and relatives, it's always a good idea to look into psychiatric counseling after any suspicious drug overdose.

#### Treating Any Type of Prescription Drug Overdose

Whether a prescription drug overdose is accidental or intentional, immediate medical attention is absolutely necessary. Treatment will involve measures taken to safely remove the excessive amounts of the drug from the patient's system.

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This may be a stomach pump in extreme situations, or vomiting may be induced. Doctors may use other medications to lessen or counteract the effects of the prescription medication overdose, but again, this depends heavily on the drug that was used.

When contacting a doctor to discuss a potential overdose, have the medication's bottle ready. Try to find out what amount of the drug has been consumed and also note the size and weight of the person who overdosed.

You should always keep the number for Poison Control (1-800-222-1222) on-hand or saved in your phone as a safety measure. In the event of a prescription drug overdose, you should contact Poison Control immediately. Fast attention is imperative when dealing overdoses and in many cases, quick treatment can prevent long term physical effects of a drug overdose from happening.

#### First Aid & Emergencies

Call 911 if the person has:

- Collapsed
- Stopped breathing

#### 1. Begin CPR, if Necessary

If the person is not breathing or breathing is dangerously weak:

For a child, start CPR for children, for an adult, start adult CPR.

The FDA has approved a prescription treatment that can be used by family members or caregivers to treat a person known or suspected to have had an opioid overdose.

Opioids include various prescription pain medications and illicit street drugs. An overdose is characterized by slowed breathing and heart rate and a loss of consciousness. Evzio (naloxone hydrochloride injection) rapidly delivers a single dose of the drug naloxone via a hand-held auto-injector that can be carried in a pocket or stored in a medicine cabinet. Although Evzio can counter overdose effects within minutes, pro-

fessional medical help is still needed.

#### 2. Contact Poison Control

Call Poison Control at 800-222-1222 (in U.S.) even if the person has no symptoms.

Poison Control experts will advise you how to proceed.

Do not try to make the person vomit or give the person anything to eat or drink.

#### 3. Collect Drug or Pills

Give drug or pills the person may have taken to the emergency team, or take them to the emergency room or doctor's office.

There are still houses in town that do not have house numbers or the numbers are too small to see from the street or they are dark numbers on a dark house. Please check the numbers posted on your house to ensure that they are large and colorfully enough so emergency services and State Police can see it from the road. There are many houses in town that does not have numbers or cannot be seen from the road especially at night.

Remember if you need help please "Dial 911".

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## Help Wanted

### Help Wanted

The Roosevelt Borough Bulletin is a fully volunteer effort of its writers, editors, layout artist, and distribution captain. We would like to expand our team:

Roving Reporter – 4 hours a month – Write short features that focus on Roosevelt-specific themes.

Managing Editor in Training – 4 hours a month – Work with current Managing Editor to learn the editorial ropes for eventually assuming this esteemed role. Learn valuable editorial skills from a seasoned, if slightly over the hill, former professional editor who will unreservedly share everything there is to know about the production of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin.

Web Master – Help establish and maintain a new Bulletin web site.

## Senior Group Meetings Open to All

The Senior Citizen group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Borough Hall. However, these meetings are not limited to seniors. All adults are welcome to attend.

There are frequently guests who speak about a variety of topics, generally applicable to everyone. Finances, health, and safety in the home, are a few examples.

I encourage all residents to look for upcoming notices in the Bulletin and at the Post Office and take advantage of this worthwhile program.

Thank you! Peggy Malkin

## Fire Department Update

by Chris Suk

There have been many questions lately about the Fire Department, its equipment, its efficiency and its size as it relates to Roosevelt. It is our job and pleasure to protect you, and when we aren't responding to calls, we prepare for them. We need to be prepared for all types of emergency situations, not just the three fires we have had this year.

At 1.920 square miles, the Borough of Roosevelt is approximately 67% preserved open space. We are surrounded on three sides by over 7,000 acres of county and state parks. Due to the forested areas within and surrounding Roosevelt Borough, a wildland fire engine is critical to protecting the town from brush and forest fires. For these reasons our first priority was replacing the wildland fire engine that was damaged during Hurricane Sandy. After initially contacting Morganville Independent Fire Department in October 2013, we were lucky enough to be chosen to receive their 1988 mini-pumper as a donation this past July. This wildland fire engine will not only help us fight forest fires, but it will help us to provide fire protection to those houses with extreme setbacks, which are impossible to access with a standard fire engine.

Through additional research, we found certain areas were at a greater risk due to building type and use, fire hydrant location and pressure, and the amount of hose needed to reach every house, if needed. We toured several homes and businesses to familiarize ourselves with different construction types, including a geodesic dome, the factory, the school, and Solar Village. This allowed us to map out and pre-plan for fighting fires in a variety of different locations. We identified several homes on North Rochdale Ave., Nurko Road and Eleanor Lane that are more than 1,000 feet from

the nearest fire hydrant. We aim to provide adequate fire protection for every homeowner, not just those with fire hydrants in their front yards, so it was determined that a second engine was needed in order to provide sufficient hose length and water pressure to these locations.

In the spring, we will continue our research and planning, including flow testing on hydrants to determine what the water pressure is in all parts of town. This will help us identify any additional areas of risk due to the age and condition of our infrastructure.

Another positive outcome of this research and our new equipment is the potential to lower homeowner insurance rates as we increase our fire response rating. On a scale of 1 to 10, some of our town is a 6 and the rest is a 9, the second worst rating. This rating determines the rates you pay your homeowners insurance. The last time we were surveyed, we only had 4 firefighters and one very old truck. Now, our goal is to take the 9 rating down to a 6 and the 6 down to a 4, a rating that many towns around us enjoy.

We have worked hard to build a sustainable fire department, one that can continue to attract, recruit, and retain members to protect our community. We do this because we love our community. Without your support, the Fire Department would once again lose morale, lose momentum, and lose members.

This referendum is not just about money. It's about your safety, your

insurance costs, and your community volunteers. The decision that you make next month will have a lasting effect, positive or negative. Please help us continue to build on our successes; ensuring future generations have a fire department that they can confidently rely on.

Please vote "YES" on the referendum on December 15th. THANK YOU!

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## FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

By April Suk

October was Fire Prevention Month, and as usual, the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company was busy with community service activities. We want to thank everyone came out to support us, your continued participation and enjoyment of our events makes all the hard work worthwhile!

We started the month with a live-burn drill at the Monmouth County Fire Academy on October 2nd working with Hope Fire Company #1 from Allentown. The team ran three exercises: a basement fire, a second story fire, and a firefighter down rescue.

On October 10th, we organized a Fire Prevention Assembly at the Roosevelt Public School with help from Roosevelt First Aid and our Emergency Management Coordinators. We taught the students about each branch of emergency services and what they provide to our community. The students learned what to do in case of a fire, what our different equipment does, various techniques employed by EMTs,



and they toured the ambulances and fire trucks. We'd like to thank the 6th grade class members who assisted at each of training stations, and Gabrielle Balon for taking some great photos of the event.

On October 14th, we received our newest fire truck which was purchased with funds from donations and grants received over the past two years.

Thanks to everyone who has donated and supported our events. This would have never been possible without the support of the citizens of Roosevelt.

To celebrate, we took a photo of our trucks at Assunpink Lake, before we retire the Mack truck for good. She is more than 45 years old and has served us well for the last 19 years. We will all be very sad to see her go.

On October 17th, we held our third annual hayride. This year we extended hayride hours to include an evening Haunted Hayride. We had a fantastic turnout with over 100 people in attendance. Brendan Powers and James Asprocolas worked for two straight days to decorate the path between the school and Tamara Drive to prepare for the event. Our members, along with a lot of community volunteers, put a tremendous amount of effort into this event, and we hope that everyone had a great time! Event volunteers include drivers, "actors,"

and Kelly Tyers' work turning the triangle park into a spooky witches' coven! This event would not have been nearly as successful without our volunteers dedicating their time. Thank you! We look forward to doing it again next year!

On October 23rd, we welcomed another new member to the Fire Department. Jacob Barrett was voted in and approved by Borough Council as our newest member.

To end this busy month, we held our first Fire Department Open House on Halloween. We were joined by the NJ Forest Fire Service, members from nearby Fire Departments, and princesses, ninjas, clowns, and a multitude of other trick-or-treaters. The NJ Forest Fire Service brought Smokey Bear, who came with a host of goodies to give away, and free hugs for his fans. The Fire Company served up hot dogs, candy-filled paper fire trucks, fresh smoke alarm batteries, and new carbon monoxide alarms. We held a demonstration in which two of our firefighters donned their gear as quickly as possible, showing all that goes into entering a fire safely, and the limited time to respond. They also walked around the crowd

and spoke to the children so they won't be frightened by a firefighter wearing a mask. The event was very well attended and we hope everyone had a great time. Later that evening, our members helped to cross trick-or-treaters between the Post Office and School from 5PM to 8PM.

As always, we are happy to answer any questions that you may have about all we have done and what we intend on doing in the years to come to continue to make Roosevelt a safer community to live in.

We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in volunteering please contact Chief Dan Archer at [chiefarcher@rooseveltfire.org](mailto:chiefarcher@rooseveltfire.org).



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The 2015 Environmental Resources Inventory recommended further action in three priority areas:

- Managing the health of our forest, including consideration of fire hazards.
- Managing the control of invasive plant species.
- Managing the health of our streams, including monitoring and the possibility of restoration.

The Environmental Commission is developing projects to address each of these priority areas. If you'd like to learn more and get involved, contact Eitan Grunwald at [eitan@eitangrunwald.com](mailto:eitan@eitangrunwald.com) or (609) 426-4636.

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**NOVEMBER**

8 Sun.	10:00 am	Roosevelt First Aid Squad Training Jack Rindt, Training Officer
9 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
12 Thurs.	7:00 pm	Fire Company Business Meeting Borough Hall Chris Suk, President 490-0931
15 Nov.	11:00 am	Mural Talk, Roosevelt Public School
	12:00-5:00 pm	Annual Studio Tour and Sale 609-443-1898 for more information
17 Tues.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, Jeff Klein, President
17 Tues.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, Natalie Warner, President, 609-903-1061
18 Wed.	7:30 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall, Eitan Grunwald, Chair.
18 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
21. Sat.	7:00 pm	PTA Movie Night, "Inside Out" RPS Gym
21 Sat.	8:00 pm	Piano Recital and talk by Alan Mallach, "The Art of the Suite" Borough Hall
23 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
25 Weds.		Roosevelt Public School, Early Dismissal
26 - 27		Roosevelt Public School Closed for Thanksgiving

**DECEMBER**

1 Tues.	12:30 pm	Senior Citizens Meeting, Borough Hall.
1 Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
2 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
10 Thurs.	7:00 pm	Fire Company Business Meeting, Borough Hall Chris Suk, President 490-0931
12. Sat.	8:00 pm	Electronic Presentation Portfolio, Borough Hall Roosevelt Arts Project
13 Sun.	10:00 am	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training Jack Rindt, Training Officer
14 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
15 Tues.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, Jeff Klein, President
15. Tues.		Special Election for Referendum on Emergency Services Building, Borough Hall
16 Wed.	7:30 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall, Eitan Grunwald, Chair.
16 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
17 Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, Natalie Warner, President, 609-903-1061
23 Wed.		Roosevelt Public School, Early Dismissal
24 -31		Roosevelt Public School Closed for Winter Break
28 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701

**RECYCLING DATES**  
 November 4, 18  
 December 2, 16

**ZONING PERMITS**  
 Tuesdays 4 - 6 PM

**STATE PERMITS**  
 Wednesdays 1 - 3

**BOROUGH HOUSING INSPECTIONS**  
 Tuesdays 5 - 6 PM,  
 Borough Hall

An electronic calendar was installed on the Roosevelt Board of Education's website containing information about state testing, upcoming field trips, events and additional pertinent information. Learn more about all of the happenings in our school, visit RPS website: [www.rps1.org](http://www.rps1.org). Please send notice of your events to Bulletin at P.O. Box 221 or email to [RooseveltBulletinSubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:RooseveltBulletinSubmissions@gmail.com).