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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Sharyn Walz

Council Approves Bonding to Provide Funds for Emergency Services Building, Requests Proposals for Redevelopment of Former Gas Station Property, Discusses Possible Sale of the Water and Sewer Utility

At the most recent Council meeting, Mayor Battel thanked the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Department for a marvelous job coordinating and hosting the Fourth of July celebration. Councilman Curry was also recognized for his excellent work at this event.

Requests have come forward for advance availability of meeting materials and to open committee meetings to public attendance. It was noted that committees do not typically meet outside of Council meetings, and the discussion at the Council table is, in essence, the meeting itself. Future agendas will be altered to reflect such. Anyone interested in receiving information should email a request to rooseveltinfo@comcast.net with the statement "I would like to receive borough council agendas and other public meeting documents via email."

Councilman Impellizzeri noted citizens are concerned about the number of unkempt properties. Residents must maintain their properties to community standards or face a warning and possible fine up to \$500. The Zoning Officer is available to hear resident complaints at the Borough Hall on Tuesdays between 5 and 7 pm.

Councilman Michael Ticktin, chairman of the Environment, Health, and Safety Committee, spoke with the County Economic Development Director who offered assistance in finding an appropriate party to redevelop

the abandoned gas station site. The Council approved a Request for Proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of the former gas station property. The priority would be a buyer who would establish a business that served the town.

Councilman Curry reported on several current projects in the Borough: Part of South Valley Road will be repaved. A water ponding problem on Cedar Court was resolved at no charge, but a section of Farm Lane needs to be repaired; this will go out to bid to obtain the lowest price. Councilman Curry also reported receiving bids regarding a replacement air conditioning system in Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Malkin reported on an effort to ensure that in the event of foreclosures the bank properly maintains the property. There are currently 14 vacant homes in Roosevelt and Councilwoman Malkin will arrange a presentation from a company that assists in these matters.

Councilman Ellentuck announced that Monmouth County has approved the installation of digital mobile speed limit signs on Route 571. They will cost \$3200 each plus installation.

A question was raised concerning the potential sale of the water/sewer utilities to a private company. Councilman Ellentuck explained that since the rates in Roosevelt are far higher than average, and water companies average their rates among their customers, a company could benefit by

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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.

We welcome your emailed submissions for articles, letters, poems, artwork, and other items of interest. Please send your submissions and inquiries to Rick Pressler (rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com). Non-digital submissions will be accommodated to the best of our ability, but we cannot guarantee publication. Inclusion of all items is subject to the availability of space and the editorial judgment of our Editor. Items must be received by the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue.

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State Bureau of Wildlife Management
Kim Tinnes, Wildlife Control
609-259-7955

The MEALS ON WHEELS program delivers prepared meals to Roosevelt seniors who need this assistance. Though meals are provided free of charge to recipients, the cost to the program is \$2.50 per meal. Donations to help cover these costs may be sent to Interfaith Neighbors, 810 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712.

SENIOR CITIZENS: There is a S.C.A.T. bus provided by Monmouth County Division of Transportation that comes to Roosevelt on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and will take you shopping to ShopRite in East Windsor. The bus will pick you up at your home, you spend 1 ½ hours shopping, and the bus will take you home and leave your groceries at your door. There is no charge to you for this service.

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

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

“Back to school.” Oh, how I dreaded those words when I was a kid! They’d start early in August, in the middle of summer vacation and that’s just mean! Hopefully, having a great school like RPS our children look forward to going back and seeing their friends and teachers again, or moving up to a new school and making new friends.

Good luck with the new school year, students. I hope you do well and enjoy it!

Last night the Council passed an ordinance to finance the construction of a new Emergency Services Building (or expand and repair the current buildings). Both the First Aid Squad and the Fire Department have done an amazing job of building strong, efficient, well trained services for the benefit of the town, the residents, and the homes of the residents. They have done this strictly as a volunteer service and I for one, as Mayor and as a resident, applaud and appreciate their dedication, sacrifice, and generosity.

Through their own hard work, grant applications, and fund raising they have acquired new, up-to-date vehicles in which to respond to emergencies. The former trucks were no longer legal or usable due to stricter OSHA and FEMA standards and old age. Compliant ambulances and fire-trucks are longer and wider than the vehicles used when the garages were built over a half century ago, plus the buildings were never properly ventilated and now are damp, moldy, and trap dangerous exhaust fumes.

Mr. Bert Ellentuck, an architect by profession, very kindly dedicated his time and expertise to redesigning the buildings to accommodate current needs, but even he, with invaluable input from our Borough engineer and Public Works Chair Tom Curry (himself a volunteer fireman), the Fire Company and the First Aid Squad came to the conclusion it would be less expensive and more efficient to replace the old build with a new metal structure to satisfy all the needs of the Emergency Services.

The Borough is mandated to provide fire fighting services for its citizens, either through its own company or by hiring an out-of-town organization to cover them. We have explored this option only to discover that it would be significantly more expensive and we would stand the risk of their not being available when we needed them or unable to get to Roosevelt because Route 571 was blocked.

Roosevelt is very fortunate to have a Fire Company and a First Aid Squad who not only do all they do without any compensation but provide most of the vehicles and equipment themselves. The least we can do is provide them with a safe, adequate building and a huge THANK YOU!!!

Beth

P.S. Roosevelt is very grateful to Tinton Falls Fire Company for their donation of the Mack E-One Fire Engine and to Morganville Independent Fire Company for their Brush Truck Fire Engine.

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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

Facilities Update

The RPS stucco replacement and roofing repair is on schedule and expected to be complete before school starts on September 8. Thanks to very dedicated contractors and our administrators, the construction went very smoothly and should come in on budget. The kiln was installed as part of the roof project and will be in use this school year.

The drainage project is complete and water from the roof now partially drains to the garden. This project was completed under budget, allowing the district to install a sidewalk from the basketball court to the main sidewalk allowing students to keep their feet dry during inclement weather. The baseball/softball/kickball/soccer fields were reconstructed also.

Unfortunately the school playground and equipment trailer were recently vandalized. Please make an effort to come by the school in the evening hours to provide extra eyes on our school.

BOE Retreat

The BOE held a retreat on August 27 at 6:30 pm to review Board goals from this past year and set new goals for the 2015-2016 year. The 2014-

2015 Board goals were:

- Goal 1: Initiate strategic planning in the 2014-2015 school year
- Goal 2: Establish an on-going cycle for Policy review
- Goal 3: Re-establish norms and responsibilities of Board Committees and Board Members
- Goal 4: Develop and implement a plan for the successful completion of the Referendum

School Options after RPS

Roosevelt District sends 7th and 8th graders to Melvin H. Kreps in East Windsor. Other middle school and high school options are available to families by applying to the Interdistrict Choice Program at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/choice>. The deadlines are the fall prior to desired school year. This fall's deadline is for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

Roosevelt high school students are sent to Hightstown High School. Because of this relationship in Mercer County, our students are also eligible to apply to the FREE full day stand alone specialized high schools in Mercer County: Mercer Health Science Academy and a brand new Mercer STEM Academy for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The deadline is in the fall of 8th grade and information can be found at <http://www.mcts.edu/menus/high-school-programs.html>.

In addition Roosevelt students can attend Hightstown High School for ½ day and then attend one of two vocational schools: Career Center in Freehold (Freshman through Senior Year) or Mercer County Technical Schools (Junior and Senior years).

Students in Monmouth County are eligible to apply to any one of five full-time specialized high schools, two of which – High Tech High School in

Lincroft, and Biotech High in Freehold – are ranked among the best schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report as well as Newsweek.

The career academies are part of the Monmouth County Vocational School District (MCVSD), which accepts qualifying students who are full-time residents of Monmouth County. Interested middle school students MUST attend a scheduled information session sponsored by MCVSD, where they can receive application materials in the September/October of 8th grade.

The five academies in the MCVSD system are: Academy of Allied Health and Sciences (Neptune); Biotechnology High School (Freehold); Communications High School (Wall); High Technology High School (Lincroft); and Marine Academy of Science and Technology (Sandy Hook). To learn more about upcoming information sessions and the application process, visit the Monmouth County Vocational School District website at www.mcvsd.org.

Students who attend the specialized academies or votech programs receive free tuition and buses to those schools. They are also eligible to attend after school programs at Hightstown High School although buses to those programs are not guaranteed.

All Roosevelt Seniors

Come to the Roosevelt Senior Citizen's Meeting

on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 12:30 pm at Boro Hall.

We will have a speaker from the state to tell us about Health Plans for Seniors.

Everyone is welcome to get informed on health.

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collecting a higher rate from all of their customers.

Councilwoman Lipoti spoke on the status of the Borough's water and sewer utilities. A copy of the presentation is available on the Borough's website: <http://www.web2sons.org/government/Roosevelt%20WS%20considerations%20July%202015.pdf>

Bids were collected on projects to replace the fence at the water plant and the doors on the sewer treatment plant. Both of these projects were approved by the Council.

Mary Tulloss suggesting shared utility services management with other towns; Councilwoman Lipoti responded that some action has been taken in that direction. Councilman Ellentuck indicated that the Borough has already approached Hightstown and East Windsor; the DEP has cautioned about the poor water quality in those areas.

Councilwoman Lipoti reported on her efforts to find available grant funding to support maintenance or major reconstruction of utilities. Allentown Water System representatives recently came to tour Roosevelt utilities and offered their expertise and suggestions for improving the current system or selling. Bids were received and approved for windows for both the water plant and the sewer plant.

The Borough has applied for Department of Transportation grants for sidewalks on Route 571 between Homestead Lane and Farm Lane. Other grants will provide signage on Rochdale Ave. and South Valley Rd.

The Borough will apply for a grant from the Monmouth County Historic Preservation Fund to refurbish the amphitheater and repair the brickwork at the Roosevelt Memorial.

Councilwoman Lipoti attended a training by the NJ Clean Community Program and proposed that two \$500 incentives be offered for litter pickups by community groups. Roosevelt currently receives \$4,000 from a Clean Community Grant, but has not spent all the money in recent years; the extra

money could fund these incentives. The Council approved this proposal.

A letter from Borough Engineer Carmela Roberts indicated necessary water tower repairs of approximately \$42,000. The Council authorized Ms. Roberts to prepare the bid documents. Another letter was sent detailing needed repairs to the phone lines on the water tower and replacement of the support studs for the Verizon equipment on the tower.

The 2015 Budget was adopted as amended.

On July 27th, 2015, the Council held First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 2015-006 providing for improvements to a portion of Windsor Road that belongs to Roosevelt Borough.

On July 27th, 2015, the First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 2015-007 providing for the bonding needed for construction of a new EMS Building was read and amended to include the following conditions: any equipment in the building will be titled and registered as Borough equipment (unless the Fire Department buys the equipment), the Chief and members of the Fire Department are permanent residents of Roosevelt, and the building will be open to inspection by Borough officials.

On August 10, 2015, both of these Ordinances were adopted.

The Council expressed gratitude to Joe Trammell for working with Assemblyman Dancer to discuss funding sources to help with the EMS Building and to address the urgent water/sewer issues. Councilman Ellentuck reported that Carmela Roberts also considered a suggestion of moving the proposed EMS Building forward 45 feet to make more room behind the building for parking without much tree removal.

This option was decided against because it came with an increased cost of \$75,000 to \$100,000. The current estimate for the proposed EMS Building is \$560,000 to \$570,000. Engineers also considered a site near

the Hilltop Swim Club, but the DEP maps show this area is wetlands and the cost of building there is substantially higher. It was noted that there has been no formal needs assessment or bond ordinance related to the EMS Building; it was suggested to require a public referendum for them. The Council was open to any resident who wanted to pursue a referendum on their own.

April Suk pointed out that assessments can be \$25,000 and that the need for the extra equipment is obvious as there are no fire hydrants on Eleanor Lane. Jack Rindt pointed out that First Aid Squad vehicles are not owned by the Borough.

Additional discussion suggested exploring solutions with less economic impact. Attendees suggested the Borough consider an overall asset management plan. There was discussion regarding the need for the new EMS buildings to house the longer trucks and to provide a safe environment for the members of the Fire Department, First Aid Squad, and the Office of Emergency Management. Gear recently purchased for the Fire Department has mold due to dampness in the building.

Concerns were noted about the cost of the building, in light of the unresolved utility crises. It was suggested that the process of approving the funds for the EMS Building should be declared illegal due to a perceived conflict of interest with a Council member.

Ultimately, the Council approved a bond ordinance that is a precondition to financing the proposed EMS building. It indicated that additional comments/suggestions for this project are welcome.

There was a concern about items borrowed from Borough Hall (tables, chairs, and electronics) not being returned or damaged. The Council approved a motion that calls for a \$100 deposit for tables and chairs and a \$150 deposit for electronics. The deposit for renting the meeting room at Borough Hall will be \$300 if food or beverages are served to offset any potential costs for cleaning.

INVASIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH: MUGWORT

By Steve Taylor

The 2015 Environmental Resources Inventory for the Borough of Roosevelt identified a number of invasive plants that have established a foothold within the borough. The Borough Environmental Commission (EC) is sponsoring a series of articles in the Bulletin to help residents identify these invaders on their property and advise how to eliminate or at least control them. The EC does not expect to completely eradicate these invasives. The initial objective is to raise resident awareness and halt the colonization of new areas while they are still easily manageable.

Mugwort or Common Wormwood (*Artemisia vulgaris*)

Artemisia vulgaris is native to temperate Europe, Asia, and northern Africa, where it was used medicinally. It is no longer used medicinally because of its significant toxicity. It has been naturalized in North America. Mugwort is fairly tall (3-6 ft) (Fig. 1), and spreads by woody underground

runners (rhizomes) in addition to seeds. Once established, it can spread quickly, forming large patches (Fig. 2; ruler = 3 feet). The shade cast by its height and its dense roots inhibit and crowd out other plants. It has divided leaves 2 to 8 inches long, dark green with a silvery coating the underside (Fig. 3). Young plants have more rounded leaves (Fig. 4).

Mugwort leaves have a distinctive, strong “herbal” or camphor-like odor when crushed. The erect stem is green and often has a red-purplish tinge. It has rather small flowers (slightly less than a quarter inch long) that are radially symmetrical with many yellow or dark red petals. The narrow and numerous flower heads spread out in a branched spike. It blooms from July to September.

If you see a few mugwort plants on your property, they can be removed by digging them out. Be sure to get the thick white roots radiating from the base of the plant (Fig. 5). Dispose of them in the trash. If they start to reappear, you can dig them out again or spread a black tarp or cardboard over the area and smother the pesky plants. Additional techniques for control include repeated mowing 2-3 times per year. A guide to controlling mugwort can be found at the link below.

Now is a good time to remove them, before they go to seed.

Caution: Skin contact can cause allergic contact dermatitis in some people, the way poison ivy does. An allergy to poison ivy is not the same as an allergy to mugwort.

For additional information about mugwort :

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artemisia_vulgaris

Guide to Controlling Non-Native Invasive Plant Species published by the NJ Audubon Society. The guide is available at www.njaudubon.org/SectionConservation/StewardshipProgram.aspx

Bringing Nature Home

by Douglas W. Tallamy

Reviewed By Sharyn Walz

Why all the recent buzz in Roosevelt about invasive species? There was a specimen table at the Fourth of July celebration, the Environmental Commission is seeking members for a special sub-committee, there’s an article in this month’s Bulletin profiling a local invasive plant, and there’s even a flyer listing preferred plants at the Post Office. While some Roosevelt residents have been rightfully concerned about invasive species for years now, this recent push to take action comes on the heels of the Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI). The ERI identified the urgent need to begin an organized invasive species management plan, and also offered some resources to provide additional information to those residents who would like to learn more about combating invasive species (<http://www.njisst.org/>).

Are invasive species really so problematic that they need a management plan? After read-



Leaf from Top of the plant
Leaf from the Bottom of the plant



Root structure showing rhizomes (runners)



Seedling plant a few months old



Ruler = 3 feet



Ruler = 3 feet

ing *Bringing Nature Home*

by Douglas W. Tallamy, I am convinced of it! Dr. Tallamy is currently the Professor and Chair of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, and spent his childhood in New Jersey. He carefully builds his case for native plant species over invasives (aliens) by reviewing some very basic ecological facts.

Plants are on the very first trophic level (i.e., they are primary producers at the bottom of the food chain) and can turn the sun's energy into food via photosynthesis. While both native and invasive species are capable of photosynthesis, their respective food chains stop right there. Just as Monarch caterpillars can only feed on Milkweed, up to 90% of insects that eat plants are also specialists in that they can only eat from a closely related family of plants. Due to variances in leaf chemistry, these insects can only consume and process plants with which they share the same evolutionary history: i.e., native species.

Did you ever wonder how nurseries are able to market exotic plants as "pest-free"? It's not a magic solution they sprayed on the plant—it's because the plant comes from another geographic area and our insects cannot use it for food. It is naturally pest-free, and it contributes absolutely nothing up the food chain. A plastic plant would actually be just as useful and a whole lot less dangerous!

From the "alien" plants' perspective, this is a great thing. Whatever was consuming it on the home territory is now gone, the

insects here can't eat it, so without natural predators, it out-competes our native species for water, space, sunlight, and soil nutrients. Soon the alien species is all that is left. This process is devastating to the native plants, but let's look further up the food chain to find out what happens next.

When native plants thrive, insects thrive, and when insects thrive, birds thrive. While gardeners may often plant alien ornamentals that produce berries to feed the adult birds, (e.g., Autumn Olive), 96% of birds rely on insects, not berries, to feed their young.

When a yard is full of nothing but alien landscaping, insects won't hang out there since there's nothing for them to eat. Without insects, there won't be birds either. In addition, alien ornamentals can introduce disease (for example, Chestnut blight), alien insects (such as Japanese beetles), and can often "escape" our yards to develop into true invasive species by taking over spaces previously inhabited by natives. We need to change our thinking about what we are planting in our gardens by thinking beyond aesthetics. Native plants can be both aesthetic and supportive of the animals we enjoy seeing around our homes. Dr. Tallamy identifies his central message as, "unless we restore native plants to our suburban ecosystems, the future of biodiversity in the United States is dim."

I originally thought my little garden would be insignificant in helping to sustain wildlife, but Dr. Tallamy explains: We often hear about the deforestation of the Amazonian rainforest, but we don't

hear much about there being only 3%-5% of US land that remains truly undisturbed. Americans love to build, pave, and develop, always assuming the animals will go elsewhere to have their needs met. There is no place left for them to go, and our yards and gardens may be their only remaining refuge. Collectively, we can make a difference by planting native species, and bring back what has been lost through thoughtless overdevelopment. Especially where trees are concerned, as their long lifespans can benefit many generations of animals, including the insects that are so important.

Einstein said, "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." I strongly encourage you to read *Bringing Nature Home*, but even if you don't, please stop by the Post Office and pick up a copy of the List of Preferred Plants. Then go home and start small: Plant a butterfly garden in an area previously overrun with invasives. Or a native border of plants, as wide and densely planted as possible to provide plenty of food and shelter. Or maybe even give up some of your lawn to plant beautiful shade trees.

As fall approaches, resist the temptation to rake up every single leaf, as leaf litter is perfectly free mulch, weed control, and water preserver. Tell your neighbor about the changes you're making to your gardens. Feel free to stop by an Environmental Commission meeting to talk about your plans and progress; we'd love to hear from you!

For more details about how to create native landscaping, please visit

NJDEP Launches Mobile App to Report Illegal Dumping

The forests, fields, and streams of the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area are part of the beauty that surrounds us in Roosevelt. In fact, sections of the Assunpink form a significant portion of the open space and natural environment within the borders of our town.

Unfortunately, sometimes that beauty is spoiled by illegal dumping. Just this past year, a large pile of construction debris suddenly appeared by the road to the cemetery, in the woods belonging to the Assunpink. Unlawful disposal is not only an eyesore; it's harmful to our environment – and it's a crime.

Now, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection is fighting back, and you can help. As part of the statewide "Don't Waste Our Open

Space" program, a new mobile application has been launched to report dumping sites in state recreation areas. This program incorporates strict enforcement of illegal dumping so DEP can deal with the trash, launch an investigation, and prosecute violators.

The new app, which can be accessed at <https://njwebmap.state.nj.us/DEPStopDumping>, allows people with smart phones to report the location, size and type of illegal dump site on state lands, as well as a picture of the trash. Once the site is reported, DEP investigators will work to address the debris and find the responsible party.

For additional instructions on how to use the mobile application, visit: www.nj.gov/dep/stopdumping/instructions.htm

From Mary Robinson Cohen, Superintendent and Principal

As I write this, we—Mrs. Dileo, Mr. Biesiada and myself—are eagerly anticipating the return of our students and staff; as you read this, school will have been in session for several weeks and our enthusiastic students and staff will be in full swing working towards a new year of learning!

Thanks to the hard work of Manuel, our Custodian, the school is shining brightly.

If you have walked by the school, I am sure that you have noticed the construction—the outside stucco and drainage and roof renovations are nearly complete and the improvements are very obvious.

Sadly, I note today that this week we have experienced vandalism in the form of graffiti on our playground equipment and our chimney. It is unfortunate that the perpetrators don't share our respect for this historic building. I welcome any information that you may have; I have reported the incidents to the police.

As we begin a new year, I want to thank the community for its ongoing support of our staff and our programs. When the parents and the community and the students and staff all work together, student success is ensured. I tell everyone that I know that Roosevelt School is truly the way schools ought to be!

Volunteers Needed for Environmental Projects

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 or (609) 426-4636.

Presentation of the Water and Sewer problems and considerations.

This is a link to the PDF file.

<http://web2sons.org/government/Roosevelt%20WS%20considerations%20July%202015.pdf>

“Janet’s Law” Calls for AEDs in Schools

“Janet’s Law” is named for Janet Zilinski, an 11-year-old resident of Warren, NJ, who died of sudden cardiac arrest following a cheerleading squad practice. On September 21, 2012, Governor Christie signed Public Law 2012, Chapter 51, requiring all public and nonpublic schools to have an automated external defibrillator (AED) on site. The bill received unanimous support in the Legislature.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

With simple audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layperson, and the use of AEDs is taught in many first aid, certified first responder, and basic life support (BLS) level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes.

AEDs on school property must be properly identified in an unlocked location. The defibrillator must be accessible during the school day as well as during school sponsored athletic events or team practices and within reasonable proximity to the school athletic field or gymnasium.

The law includes a requirement for each school to develop and maintain a medical emergency response plan to respond to sudden cardiac events, in order to be as prepared as possible to deal with these life threatening emergencies. The plan must contain a list of CPR/AED trained rescuers.

The law also requires the presence of a trained rescuer at every athletic event, practice, or competition. The law states this requirement can be met by having a “State certified emergency services provider or other certified first responder” on site.

Schools must notify appropriate first aid, ambulance, or rescue squads and other appropriate emergency medical services providers regarding specifics of each AED on site, including its type and location.

The complete law is available online at http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bill/AL12/51_.PDF.

The Roosevelt Borough Code and the Borough Zoning Ordinance are now available online:

<http://clerkshq.com/default.aspx?clientsite=roosevelt-nj>



RECYCLING DATES
September 9, 23
October 7, 21

ZONING PERMITS
Tuesdays 4 – 6 PM

STATE PERMITS
Wednesdays 1 – 3

BOROUGH HOUSING
INSPECTIONS
Tuesdays 5 – 6 PM,
Borough Hall

State Health Insurance Assistance Program Information Meeting October 6 at 1:30 pm

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free help to New Jersey Medicare beneficiaries who have problems with, or questions about, their health insurance. SHIP is a statewide program administered by the New Jersey Department of Human Services with financial assistance through a grant from the U.S. Administration for Community Living.

Current Medicare beneficiaries, those who are approaching retirement age, and those who are assisting their parents and other loved ones frequently have questions about benefits, claims, and supplement policies (known as Medigaps). Volunteer counselors, trained in areas of health insurance coverage and benefits that affect Medicare beneficiaries, provide information and assistance for dealing with claims and in evaluating health insurance options.

Volunteer counselors do not provide legal advice, sell, recommend, or endorse any specific insurance product, agent, insurance company or plan. They provide information and assistance so recipients can make their own decisions. Counseling is free of charge.

We are pleased to have representatives from the NJ State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) visit us at the Roosevelt Borough Hall, 33 N. Rochdale Ave., on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. The program will start at 1:30 pm and all who are interested are invited to attend. (You do not have to be 65 or older.)

The First Aid Squad has responded to 121 emergency calls from January 1 to July 31.

In the month of June the Squad responded to 16 medical emergencies.

In June the Squad had 7 emergencies in Roosevelt. 2 difficulty breathing, 1 fire stand-by car fire, 2 altered mental status, 1 emergency transport.

Mutual aid into Millstone Twp., 3 emergency transports, 1 syncope, 2 pediatric emergencies (1 leg injury and 1 drowning/w CPR) 1 stroke, 1 cardiac and 1 MVA.

In the month of July the Squad responded to 19 medical emergencies.

In July the July had 5 emergencies in Roosevelt. 1 MVA, 1 respiratory emergency, 1 cardiac emergency, 1 overdose and 1 fire stand-by.

Mutual aid into Millstone Twp., 6 MVAs, 3 emergency transports, 1 unresponsive, 1 head injury, 1 fall and 1 cardiac emergency.

Into Upper Freehold Twp., 1 Allergic reaction.

The Squad would like to welcome our newest member Mark Conners. He has been an EMT for the past 30 years and was a member of the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad.

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 mailed 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 BioThane patient restraints for the cots. The one

ambulance 4157 was set in for some repairs and new tires.

As the Squad sent out our donation letters we included "My Personal Medication Record" form. Please complete the form with your current medication and place it on your refrigerator. This would be a great help to the Squad members if we had to come to your home in an emergency. If you misplace the form, or need additional copies, contact any Squad member. We would like to thank all the residents of Roosevelt for 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 required basic training. If 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 email Rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com. You can also find us on facebook.

Health Notes: Eye Injuries: It's common for a speck of dirt to get blown into your eye, for soap to wash into your eye, or for you to accidentally bump your eye. For these types of minor eye injuries, home treatment is usually all that is needed.

Some sports and recreational activities increase the risk of eye injuries.

- Very high-risk sports include boxing, wrestling, and martial arts.
- High-risk sports include baseball,

football, tennis, fencing, and squash.

- Low-risk sports include swimming and gymnastics (no body contact or use of a ball, bat, or racquet).

Direct blows to the eye can damage the skin and other tissues around the eye, the eyeball, or the bones of the eye socket. Blows to the eye often cause bruising around the eye (black eye) or cuts to the eyelid. If a blow to the eye or a cut to the eyelid occurred during an accident, be sure to check for injuries to the eyeball itself and for other injuries, especially to the head or face. Concern about an eye injury may cause you to miss other injuries that need attention.

Burns to the eye may be caused by chemicals, fumes, hot air or steam, sunlight, tanning lamps, electric hair curlers or dryers, or welding equipment. Bursts of flames or flash fires from stoves or explosives can also burn the face and eyes.

Chemical burns can occur if a solid chemical, liquid chemical, or chemical fumes get into the eye. Many substances will not cause damage if they are flushed out of the eye quickly. Acids (such as bleach or battery acid) and alkali substances (such as oven cleansers or fertilizers) can damage the eye. It may take 24 hours after the burn to determine the seriousness of an eye burn. Chemical fumes and vapors can also irritate the eyes.

Flash burns to the cornea can occur from a source of radiation like the sun or lights. Bright sunlight (especially when the sun is reflecting off snow or water) can burn your eyes if you don't wear sunglasses that filter out ultraviolet (UV) light. Eyes that are not protected by a mask can be burned by exposure to the high-intensity light of a welder's equipment (torch or arc). The eyes also may be injured by other bright lights, such as

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from tanning booths or sunlamps.

First Aid When You Have Something in Your Eye

If you have an object in your eye, do not irritate your eye by rubbing it. You may try to remove the particle if it is not embedded in the eye. But, follow these first aid tips first:

First wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water. This will prevent further contamination or infection.

Try flushing the eye with water. Using your finger and thumb, gently pull the upper eyelid down over the top of the lower eyelid. This should cause tearing and flush the object out. You may need to repeat this several times.

If you can see the object, you may try to remove it from your eye with a washcloth. Gently lift the upper or lower eyelid, and use a clean, wet washcloth to wipe the object away. If this does not work, seek immediate medical attention.

If you are not able to easily remove the object, do not force it. Go immediately to an eye doctor or to an emergency room, or call 911.

There are still houses in town that do not have house numbers or the numbers are too small or dark to see from the street. Please check the numbers posted on your house to ensure that they are large and visible enough for emergency services personnel and State Police to see from the road, especially at night.

Remember, if you need help dial 911.

Jack Rindt, Captain EMT (I)

Roosevelt First Aid Squad

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ROOSEVELT PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

We are pleased to report that the new pottery kiln is in place at Roosevelt Public School and ready to be used by students in the upcoming school year. The kiln and pottery supplies were purchased through a grant won by the RPS Education Foundation.

We have a number of fundraising events planned for the year. We hope you can join us for some fun and to help raise funds to provide programs and materials for the students, which could not be funded within the school budget. Our next event will be a Wine, Cheese & Dessert Event on Friday evening, October 2, 2015, from 7 to 9 p.m. This is a good chance to relax with friends and enjoy some treats as a new school year is beginning. We

will also be sponsoring another session of Pilates classes which were very popular last Spring. The classes will take place on Thursday evenings from October 1st through November 5th, from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. at RPS. Please see announcements in this issue of the Bulletin for further details on both events. We look forward to seeing you.

Mary Tulloss, Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation



Property Maintenance Reminder

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

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

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

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

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

The 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 |
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| Saturday, October 10 8:00 PM | Borough Hall | Ukulele & Friends Singer and ukulele player Pat “Patsy” Monteleone will be joined by David Brahinsky on guitar in a program consisting of the Standards, i.e., jazz-pop vocal songs from the first half of the 20th Century. Opening the show will be the Woe, Nellies, a ukulele quartet comprising Barbara Atwood, Cat Liao, El Hirvonen, and Heidi Monteleone. |
| Sunday, November 15 | | 11:00 AM - Roosevelt Public School - Mural Talk 12:00–5:00 PM - Studio Tours & Borough Hall - Annual Studio Tour and Sale Artists will open their studios and work will be displayed at the Borough Hall for a pre-holiday show and sale. Start your tour with a Mural Talk at the Roosevelt Public School: learn about the Ben Shahn Mural that chronicles the founding of Roosevelt and pick up a map of participating artists’ studio locations. Call 609 443 1898 for more information. |
| Saturday, November 21 8:00 PM | Borough Hall | The Art of the Suite 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 | Electronic Presentation Portfolio 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 | Funny Stories & Tales 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?). |

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 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.

Civic Art, Civic Education and Civic Celebration

Outline of a proposal for Roosevelt's City Arts Project

The citizens of the Borough of Roosevelt support through their taxes and fees a large infrastructure of services such as water supply and treatment, sewage treatment and disposal, emergency service activities, education, and a public cemetery available free of charge to Borough residents. In addition, there are public displays of art work, including the school mural, the mosaic mural at the firehouse, and the Roosevelt Memorial. Most important, the community as a whole represents a prime physical example of a time when government wasn't afraid to make bold experiments in community planning and construction.

Many of our citizens are not really aware of the history of the creation of Roosevelt and the extent of these services nor the work required to maintain all of them. Nor are they aware of the efforts of Roosevelt citizens to create and fund the creation and maintenance of our public art.

In recognition of these facts, I would like to propose the following program:

1. That a weatherproof map of Roosevelt be created with the location of all important sites on it, to be prominently displayed near the memorial.
2. That all-weather paths be created from the map to key sites identified on the map.
3. That some work of art that has as its subject the site at which it is located be created along with some description of the history of that site.
4. That the complex created by this project be used as a teaching tool in the school and at civic occasions.
5. That the complex created by this project be used to stimulate the interest of visitors to this community.
6. That there be created an annual Roosevelt Day which will include music and dance by local performers, visits to artists' studios, and, most important, a triumphant march along the paths to our important sites with knowledgeable docents to explain their creation and importance to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Ellentuck

Litter & Recycling Tips

- Reduce, reuse, and recycle materials whenever possible to create less waste which could end up on our streets and contribute to storm water pollution.
- Pick up trash and litter on your property and put it in the trash. Always use a public trash can for trash in public areas. Recycle any reusable materials, especially cans, bottles, and paper.
- Never throw litter and debris directly into storm drains. Such debris can wash into waterways and onto beaches, and clogged drains can cause street flooding and traffic hazards.
- Always put your cigarette butts in ashtrays or solid garbage cans, not on the streets. Remember, cigarette butts are trash! When an ashtray or garbage can is not available, store extinguished butts in your cigarette pack until you find a proper receptacle.
- Empty automobile ashtrays into the trash, not out your car window or directly on the ground. Proper disposal will help keep our waterways clean and minimize the risk of fires.
- Make sure to properly dispose of leftover household chemicals, paints, and automotive fluids. These leftover chemicals should never be thrown away. Take them to a household hazardous waste collection center where they can be recycled. To find a center near you, visit <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rtrp/hhwcp.htm>.



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| 1 Tues. | 7:00 pm | Planning Board, Borough Hall |
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| 8 Tues. | | First Day of School Roosevelt Public School |
| 9 Wed. | | Recycling Pickup  |
| 10 Thurs. | 7:00 pm | Fire Company Business Meeting Borough Hall Chris Suk, President 490-0931 |
| 16 Wed. | 7:00 pm | Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701 |
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| 15 Tues. | | RPS closed |
| 15 Tues. | 7:00 pm | Roosevelt First Aid Squad Business Meeting, Jeff Klein, President |
| 21 Mon. | 7:30 pm | Environmental Comm. Mtg. Borough Hall Eitan Grunwald, Chair. |
| 23 Wed. | | RPS Closed |
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| 24 Thurs. | 7:30 pm | RPS Board of Education Natalie Warner, President, 609-903-1061 |
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| 30 Wed. | | RPS Back to School Night |

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| 2 Fri. | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation, Hosted by Jaymie Kosa, 26 N. Rochdale Ave. rpsef.org |
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