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**Thank you and so long to  
Fletcher and welcome to  
Deirdre and a new look!**

Fletcher Grayson, our able graphic and layout artist who has done such a magnificent job for the past two years in producing the Bulletin has had to resign for personal reasons. All of us on the Bulletin and our readers as well, owe him a huge vote of gratitude. As you must know, while many people are involved in all the other functions of putting out our monthly paper, only one person has been responsible for actually putting it all together into the handsome finished product it has been.

Regretfully, we say "adieu" and hope you will be able to return at some future time, Fletcher. In the meantime, we have been fortunate in finding another Roosevelt gifted graphic designer, Deirdre Sheean, a recent resident, who is designing our publication and giving it a new look as of this issue. We look forward to working with her and welcome her to our "volunteer" ranks in the tradition of Roosevelt.

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

# Taxes and Utilities Fees to be Reduced; Council Hears Development Proposal

by Herb Johnson

The public hearing on the municipal budget and tax resolution was held on March 18. At that meeting, the only members of the public who asked questions or made recommendations were Bert Ellentuck and Michael Hamilton. At the meeting of April 8, at which action on the budget was taken, the Council did not make any adjustments based upon public comments, but did increase anticipated revenue by \$3,774 due to a change in the amount of the state block grant. As a result of this increased aid, the municipal tax rate will be \$.77 per \$100 of assessed valuation, rather than the \$.78 that had originally been projected and would have been the same as in 1995. If county taxes are unchanged and if the school budget, with its tax reduction of \$.23 per \$100 of assessed valuation, is approved, total taxes for a property valued at \$100,000 will be \$240 less than in 1995. Later in the same meeting, the Council also approved an ordinance amendment reducing the water/sewer fee from \$130/month to \$125/month.

The other highlight of the April 8 meeting was the appearance of representatives of Calton Homes, a development company that is proposing to build 158 homes on approximately 180 acres located south of Nurko Road and on one parcel on the east side of Rochdale Avenue. Calton was represented by attorney Thomas Jay Hall and its director of land acquisition, Robert Fecso. They presented large drawings of the area, showing the layout of the proposed development, including new roads south of Nurko Road, serving 135 homes, and a new road east of Rochdale Avenue, serving 23 homes. All of the homes would be of detached, single family design, with two levels, four bedrooms, a floor area of between 2,000 and 2,600 square feet and a two car garage. Each house would be built on a lot of about 80

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## ■ ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Rabies Clinic** has been scheduled for Saturday, May 11, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the borough garage. This clinic is free and available to cats and dogs. Dr. Petranto of the Twin Rivers Animal Hospital will be administering the vaccine.

### **Annual Mother's Day Plant & Flower Sale**

Saturday, May 4th

Sponsored by the First Aid Squad

### **Congregation Anshei Roosevelt Sponsoring Trip to Washington**

by Michael Ticktin

The board of trustees of Congregation Anshei Roosevelt invite all members and all other interested Roosevelt residents to join us on Sunday, May 26, on a bus trip to Washington to tour the U.S. Holocaust Museum. We will be leaving at 8:00 a.m., will stop for dinner at a kosher restaurant in the Baltimore area and expect to return by about 9:00 p.m. The cost of the trip (dinner not included) will be \$25/adult and \$15/child for members and \$30/adult and \$18/child for non-members.

All are welcome to join us on our visit to this important historic memorial.

The *Friends of the Monmouth County Library Association* will present its Sixth Annual Spring Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on May 16th at the Monmouth County Library, 125 Symmes Drive, Freehold. The event will be catered by the well known Chinese restaurant, The Crown Palace. Entertainment will be provided Lazlo Hogya who will play gypsy music and popular selections on the Hungarian instrument, the cimbalon.

Contributions are ten dollars per person, and reservations may be made by calling Frances Donowitz at 908-462-1939.

Since Roosevelt is now part of the **Monmouth County Library System**, some of our residents may be interested in joining the *Friends of the Monmouth County Library Association*, please call Frances Donowitz whose number is listed above.

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## ■ PLANNING BOARD NEWS

by Bob Clark



**A**t the April 10 meeting of the Planning Board, several members expressed concern that the Borough Council might not officially approve an ordinance that the Board had recommended as a way to achieve ideal residential density in 500 acres of northern farmland. The proposed planned community development (PCD II) ordinance had been painstakingly crafted by the Board over the last several years.

A fiscal impact study, begun in May 1990, was substantially completed about a year ago. Its most important finding was that the right amount of additional houses would fill the underutilized Roosevelt Public School and allow the town to reduce taxes, while too many houses would require an additional classroom for each grade level and lead to no improvement in Roosevelt's high tax rate. The issue has been complicated by efforts to find suitable school regionalization partners for the Borough. Other school districts have rejected regionalization with Roosevelt because it would cause their taxes to rise, however slightly, although Roosevelt's taxes would decline substantially.

A December 1990 resolution by the Borough Council endorsed the concept of balancing limited development with the preservation of open space and farmlands "in a manner best consistent with the environmental, landscape, social and economic

character of the community." The non-profit Trust for Public Land (TPL) requested the resolution as a clear statement of the Council's support for TPL's interest in preserving open space by acquiring development rights. TPL would have recouped its investment by selling to developers only those portions of the lands it acquired that were deemed appropriate for building. However, faced with a slow real estate market at the time, as well as other priorities, TPL did not actively pursue a project in Roosevelt.

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In April 1991, the Planning Board amended the land use element of its master plan to allow limited development in the northern area, provided it would be combined with permanent preservation of some farmland or publicly-accessible open space. The amendment called for development to occur only if it were in keeping with a comprehensive plan for the entire northern area of the Borough.

Under state law, the zoning ordinance, which can be changed only by the Borough Council, must be consistent with the master plan, unless the Council specifically states

reasons for any inconsistency. Most of the area is presently zoned to allow one residence for every 10 acres. A small portion, at the corner of Oscar Drive and North Rochdale Avenue, is zoned for light industrial uses.

The Planning Board began to draft the proposed PCD II ordinance in September 1994. A committee produced an initial draft in March 1995. Chairwoman Gail Hunton and Board members Michael Ticktin and Bert Ellentuck served on the drafting committee. Alan Mallach, a former Chairman of the Planning Board, served pro bono as planning consultant. Ms. Hunton and Mr. Mallach presented a draft of the ordinance to the Council on October 2, 1995. The Planning Board officially recommended the ordinance on November 8 and again on December 13. The Council even introduced the ordinance on first reading on December 11. However, it must be reintroduced because of a technical legal requirement that final approval of an ordinance must be given by the same Council that introduces it. The Council had reorganized on January 7, 1996, before the ordinance could receive a public hearing and final passage.

Councilman Jeffrey Hunt and Mayor Lee Allen, both members of the Planning Board, reported at the April 10 meeting that the PCD II measure recommended by the Board had not yet been reintroduced by the new Council. Except for the replace-

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## ■ LETTER FROM THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

*From William N. Presutti,*

**T**he beginning of April saw the arrival of our computers. It was a great day for the school. The students have been using the computers and are very excited about the new acquisitions.

Staff have been working very hard as they become acquainted with the many uses of the technology lab. The goal of the technology program is to integrate technology into the classroom curriculum. It is a tool for the students to use in their learning — much in the same way we would use pencil, paper and books. This process will take place over time and will greatly enhance the education of the students in our district.

The lab is equipped with 15 networked Power MAC computers, a scanner and multi-media capabilities. In addition, there will be an internet hookup only at the teacher's station so access is limited and supervised. Over the next month or so, the staff and I will be working out the "quirks" in the lab including the fine tuning of the network. Once this has been accomplished, then the computers will be made available for community use during the time the library is open. I will keep you posted. Within a few weeks, we will have an open house so everyone can see the technology lab up and running. The date will be posted on the bulletin board. I look forward to seeing you then.

There is much happening in the months ahead. On May 16, 1996, the fifth and sixth grades will "graduate" from the DARE Program. The spring concert is scheduled for May 23, 1996. We will have two shows, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Much of the concert will be centered around a Disney theme. The end of the year awards assembly is June 21, 1996 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Graduation is June 22, 1996 at 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for continued support on behalf of the students.

TOGETHER...WE CAN MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN.

## ■ Annual Board Election on April 16, 1996

Out of 585 registered voters, 104 voted.

**Results:** Elected to the Board were:

Ron Kostar            79 votes

Allen Newrath        73 votes

James Hatzfeld       84 votes

There was one write-in vote for Brad Garton.

Roosevelt Board of Education Public Question: RESOLVED, That there should be raised for the General Fund \$1,099,234 for the ensuing school year (1996-97). YES: 82 NO: 22

## ■ Roosevelt Community Nursery School News

*by Marsha Agress,*  
Head Teacher

May will be a busy month for all of us at RCNS. We will paint flowers, paint "hand" sunflowers, make rulers, rainbows and telephones. We will also make "me" books which are a lot of fun to make and are great keepsakes.

Special gifts and cards will be made in honor of Mother's Day. We will also make flags for Memorial Day.

Weather permitting, we will have our annual pet day parade on May 3rd at 11:00 a.m. The children enjoy having their parents take their favorite pet to school and parade them around for everyone to see.

We will also begin practicing for our graduation/promotion program which will take place the morning of Friday, June 14th.

We at RCNS want to thank everyone who has supported us in the past and everyone who continues to support us. We are a nonprofit nursery school with a low teacher to student ratio. This enables us to provide a warm, nurturing environment for children ages 2 1/2 through 5. We have openings for all our sessions next year. Please call and visit us if you have a preschool age child. We are confident you will find us to be a very special school. Our telephone numbers are 609-426-9523 and 609-448-1854.

## ■ PTA News



by Ellen Silverman

**A**pril? April? Has anyone seen April? First it was covered up with snow then it started moving so fast...well, I suppose I have misplaced it somewhere. Oh well, to May.

Everyone knows in Roosevelt, with April Snows come May Sales, Town Wide Yard Sales that is. This year, May 18th and 19th will be the dates, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the hours. This PTA event is always well advertised in the local papers, with signs and with plenty of fliers. Do you have your place on the MAP yet? Well, you should. For just \$7.00, your address and short ad will be enshrined for the multitudes to read that weekend and of course come and buy your "flotsam and jetsam of an exemplary life" or your "incredibly practical items which have never been used." The deadline

for the MAP is May 11th; please contact Ellen Silverman at 490-0557 to get on the MAP. Can't sell that weekend? No problem, there is a PTA table, all items donated will be sold at a profit for the PTA. Please call Debbie Fischer at 448-1051 if you have items you would like to donate. Thank you, Debbie Fischer, for running the PTA table and Ellen Silverman for publicity of the Sale.

May 22nd will see the class of 2003 entering the "Big" School's Kindergarten room and staking claim for next September. This is a big and somewhat solemn occasion, but with the help of juice and snacks from the PTA all involved will get by with flying colors.

May 23rd is the date for the Spring Concert. There will be a morning concert at 9:30 a.m. and an evening

one at 7:30 p.m. PTA will be providing the refreshments. A big "thank you" to all those who will provide these refreshments for both of these occasions. Health Fair will be May 29th and the PTA will be there to provide a festive and healthy lunch.

PTA sponsored Roosevelt Cookbook is due out in the middle of the month, so get your pots and pans ready! And then...June, with Field Day and the Award Ceremony...And then...School ends! The PTA is not directly responsible for school ending but does gratefully and gracefully accept the inevitable.

Next PTA meeting will be Monday, May 20th, at 8:00 p.m. in the school lobby.

## ■ Cub Scouts

by Ellen Silverman

It is time to sign up for the new Roosevelt Cub Scout Pack. Cub Scouts offer a unique opportunity to boys from six to ten years of age that should not be missed by your son.

Many of us would like to see the new Pack started before summer in order to take advantage of some of the summer Cub Scout activities available in this area. These activities include day camp, residential camp and family camping. Fun activities are also being planned for in town. So come and join the fun. Contact Ellen Silverman at 490-0557 or Lauralynne and Wayne Cokely at 443-6287 for more information and an application.

## Board of Education News

by Joan San Nicola

The agenda meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 11, presided over by President Mike Hamilton. Three members were absent.

Mr. Presutti said that the computer stations are up and running with only a few minor glitches. The students' work will be stored in a central network. Students will have their own password to retrieve what they need. The teacher's computer will project on a large T.V. screen to facilitate teaching. There are fourteen student computers and one teacher station.

The new school calendar for the '96-97 school year was approved, and Mr. Presutti noted that the last school day for this year will be Friday, June 21.

The meeting schedule for May has been changed to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month; therefore, the May agenda meeting will be on May 9th and full meeting on the 23rd.

Due to the Bulletin's deadline of the 15th of each month, news of the full meeting will therefore be published the following month.

feet by 125 feet, which is less than one quarter of an acre and would be priced at about \$200,000. Calton has entered into contracts for the purchase of three lots south of Nurko Road (totaling approximately 150 acres) and a lot of approximately 30 acres east of Rochdale Avenue.

In response, Council members made the following points: (1) the ratio of .88 homes per acre under this proposal is much higher than the .25 homes per acre that would be allowed under the proposed PCD II ordinance; (2) the direct road connection to Rochdale Avenue would be in conflict with the PCD II ordinance; (3) the fact that the houses would have four bedrooms, rather than three, would result in more school children per household than had been expected; and, (4) that these 158 homes would be far more than the 114 that the Planning Board had proposed for the entire northern area of nearly 500 acres. Council members also noted that the lot sizes were half those in the R-40 zone (the existing main residential area). The Calton representatives claimed that their proposal would result in significant tax reductions for Borough residents. However, in response to a question from Michael Ticktin, they acknowledged that their projections did not take into account the cost of any expansion of the school building, but that they would address this issue in any future projections that they might submit.

After the Calton representatives left, several residents and other Roosevelt property owners spoke. Herb Johnson asked if anyone understood why a developer would invest so much time and money in preparing drawings, planning and preparing a proposal so drastically at

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odds with the Borough's master plan, with the existing PCD I ordinance and with the proposed PCD II ordinance.

Peter Nurko, a Millstone resident whose family owns one of the tracts that is under contract with Calton, expressed the view that the Planning Board is really opposed to any development in the northern area and that the PCD II ordinance would prohibit any developer from having a reasonable chance to profit from investing the amount of money needed to buy land, develop streets and utility connections and build houses. Mr. Nurko said that Calton is the only developer that has shown

any willingness to deal with Roosevelt's restrictions. His view is that any space desired for "view sheds" or other open space purposes should be bought by the Borough instead of being required by ordinance and that the requirement, in the PCD II ordinance, that a developer purchase at least 75% of the available acreage in the PCD zone in order to develop any portion of it is not fair to the owners of the properties.

Kim Dexheimer, whose house is on a four acre tract east of Rochdale Avenue, said that he hopes all residents will be treated fairly. Dan Notterman, who along with his sister owns the 109 acre tract in the PCD I zone between North Valley Road and the cemetery, told the Council that they are in the process of entering into a contract with Calton for the development of 54 houses, as allowed by the PCD I ordinance. The houses would be on half acre lots along an extension of Farm Lane that would intersect Eleanor Lane west of the cemetery. Existing woods, the field nearest the cemetery and land behind the houses would all be preserved as open space.

Nona Sherak expressed concern about the impact of 158 new four bedroom homes on quarter acre lots. She said that she would rather see sixty homes built on two and one-half acre lots. She would, she said, "rather have our view sheds changed than have our life views changed."

In other business, the Council



rejected a proposed ordinance to rezone a six acre tract on Windsor-Perrineville Road and to allow use of private wells and septic systems for new homes located more than specified distances from existing water and sewer lines. This vote came after Mayor Allen had pointed out to the Council that the Planning Board had recommended rejection of the rezoning, but approval of the provision concerning use of wells and septic systems.

No action was taken on a resolution to amend the personnel policy with regard to employees' vacation and personal days. The Council approved a resolution increasing the number of hours per week required before a part time employee would become eligible for coverage under the New Jersey state Health Benefits Plan. Councilman Stu Kaufman moved that the hours of the Public Works Employee be increased from 16 hours per week to 30 hours per week from May 1 to August 31 with no sick days or holidays included. This motion was approved, with Councilman David Donnelly abstaining.

Councilman Jeff Hunt moved the reintroduction of a resolution granting up to \$600 to the Roosevelt Senior Citizens group for bus transportation or recreational outings. Borough attorney John Ross advised the Council to delay approval until the requirements for such a grant that were stated in a letter from the Monmouth County Prosecutor had been met. Jeanette Koffler spoke in

strong support of the measure and Council members Hunt, Kaufman and Murphy promised that they would resolve the matter soon.

Council President Murphy reported that copies of the section of the zoning ordinance that requires maintenance of clear sight triangles at road intersections had been mailed to residents and owners of the properties in question. At recent meetings, there had been discussions of the hazards presented by bushes, trees, fences and other obstacles to clear vision at intersections, particularly at the intersections of Rochdale Avenue with Pine, Homestead Lane, Clarksburg Road and of Pine Drive and School Lane, Cedar Court and Maple Court. The ordinance deals with obstructions over 30 inches high and within 25 feet of the intersection.

Borough Clerk Krystyna Bieracka-Olejniak reported on her attendance at a recent conference at which she learned about two new laws that impose additional duties upon clerks. One law concerns enforcement of the Open Public Meetings Act, while the other concerns the conducting of school board elections. The clerk now has the same duties with regard to those elections as she does with regard to primaries and general elections.

Mayor Allen reported that, at a recent meeting of mayors, he had learned that municipalities must allow three foot television reception dishes at residences and five foot dishes at business properties. He

also reported that the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders (the county governing body) had authorized the elimination of some passing zones on Rising Sun Tavern Road in Millstone which becomes Clarksburg Road in Roosevelt, and the revision of the speed limit on that road.

The First Aid Squad wrote yet another letter to the Mayor and Council expressing concern about continuing violation of speed laws and other traffic violations. In other traffic news, Councilman Kaufman announced that Roosevelt received a New Jersey Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$4,012 for pothole repair and that requests for bids for the School Lane improvement project would go out soon.

Councilman Donnelly announced that the Clean Communities Program litter pick-up day would be April 14, that the bulk garbage pick-up day would be May 20 and that hydrant flushing would occur on April 24.

## **BE A GOOD CITIZEN!**

ATTEND  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETINGS  
THE SECOND MONDAY  
OF EACH MONTH.

## ■ BREAKING BREAD

by Katharina Thote



*Katherina is a young woman from a town near Dresden, Germany, who is living with the Jeff Ellentucks of Pine Drive for the year.*

People often ask me what food I miss from home. Maybe some of them secretly hope I might say "Sauerkraut" or something like that so they could console me by pointing out that my favorite food already made it across the Atlantic Ocean. But, unfortunately I always have to disappoint them, I don't miss anything.

That doesn't mean that I like the American food better though. What exactly is that anyway? Pizza? Pasta? Chinese takeout? I had never eaten real American food before that rainy Saturday morning in November when I was dragged to a diner after somebody had found out that I had never been to one of these places that appear to be the core of American eating culture. My friends prepared me: "The food is really terrible but you have to go there and see it. This is the real American experience you've always wanted." Doesn't that sound promising?

So, there I sat incredulously staring at the menu: sunny side up? Over? Over easy? Well, I guess I won't eat an egg today. What else do they have? Hash Browns? Pork Roll? Pancakes? Home fries? I think I ended up eating a piece of toast. Later, I leafed through the

menu and discovered a very weird thing: Buffalo Wings. Buffaloes don't have wings, do they? I was deeply shocked and confused until my friends recovered from their laughing fit and were able to explain the mystery to me. So much for the diner—that experience certainly added some items to my list of food I'll never miss. But that might not only be the food's fault. Soon after I arrived in Roosevelt last August, I got a new nickname: Miss Picky. I

### I found amazing differences between German and American eating habits.

happen to hate all kinds of American specialties that my hosts introduced me to: marshmallows, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, ham and other burgers, Lucky Charms and so forth. I don't think the nickname is justified though. It might just be my sensitive German taste buds. I made some (German) friends taste peanut butter and they all agreed with me that this is really the epitome of inedibility: it sticks to the palate and makes you think you are swallowing glue; it tastes like peanuts but you can't crunch it and it smells strange. Apparently it's the basic food for every kid in this country.

I found other amazing differences between German and American eating habits. For example, the way people handle fork and knife:

Germans take the fork in their left and the knife in their right hand and hold them like that until they are done eating. The knife is not only used for cutting but also for pushing the food onto the fork. Americans only take the knife in their hand if there is something to cut, otherwise it lies on the table and the fork is switched to the right hand. Often the free left disappears under the table. I can imagine the Draconian punishments my father would have imposed upon me for doing such an unrefined thing. To him, good Prussian table manners were one of the most important goals of bringing up children. He used to make fun of himself and his strictness by making us eat with books tucked under our arms so that we would learn how to keep our elbows close to our bodies while we were eating. Once he put his grandfather's thick, 4 foot walking stick between my back and my shirt to show me how straight he wanted me to sit at the table. Usually he just put his thumb up to remind us of our posture whenever we forgot about his presence and slumped down in our uncomfortable chairs with their very hard and bolt upright backs.

Eating was never such a big issue at home, maybe that's why I don't miss any German food. I grew up in a family of lousy and reluctant cooks who dined out whenever the chance presented itself. This aversion to cooking and big meals thrived splendidly thanks to the European custom of eating the main meal dur-



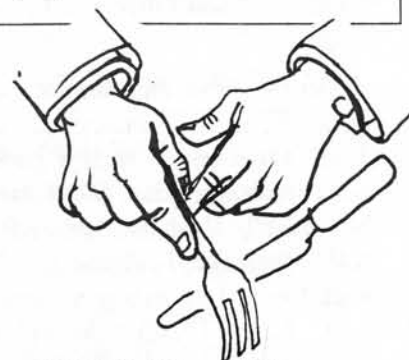
PEANUT  
BUTTER



ing the day when everybody is at work or school. Thus the buck could be passed to canteen chefs and other people who assumedly enjoy cooking. Holiday dinners were everybody's nightmare and therefore it was common to celebrate in restaurants.

What a contrast to the people I'm living with now! They cook for fun—

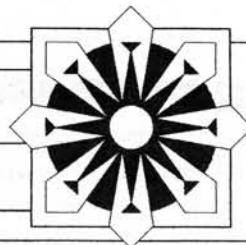
I'm stunned. Life seems to be an endless lineup of meals, every holiday is a welcome opportunity to concoct a large scale dinner for twenty people, and every night I drop into bed unable to move because I'm so stuffed. By now, I got so used to making a big deal out of eating that I actually might miss some food when I go home—but, it is certainly not going to be peanut butter.



PASSING THE  
FORK FROM  
LEFT TO RIGHT

## ■ ROOSEVELT WEATHER ALMANAC

by Ron Filepp



**L**ast month's column declared 75 inches of snow for the season in Roosevelt. With my snow shovels put away and garden hose on it's outdoor hanger, it seemed a significant snowfall would not be a topic in the column again before November.

Mother Nature wasn't agreeable to that idea. On April 9, sports fans got to see the Yankees play their home opener in snowfall. The wet snow had been falling for most of the day without sticking to the ground.

That changed in the early evening. Enough snow had piled up by nine o'clock to make driving difficult. Overnight, when the snow began to taper off, bushes and tree branches were left bent over from the weight of the snow they held. A few branches snapped under the strain.

I was out in the yard around three in the morning gently tapping and brushing bushes and smaller tree branches with a broom to remove the heavy snow. All that overnight work apparently was not necessary. In the morning, neighbor's bushes and trees, which had not been so carefully attended to overnight, looked just fine. Even daffodils and hyacinths buried the night before stood tall. Next time perhaps the broom will stay in the closet letting nature take its course.

Other areas of the state suffered more than we did. The day following the storm there were still at least twenty-eight thousand state residents without electricity. A brief power outage occurred in Roosevelt on the

night of the ninth.

The storm left 6.5 inches of snow on the ground. That brings our total from November 1995 through April 15, 1996 to 81.5 inches. Newark reported a season total of 78.4 inches.

Significant snowfall in this area in April is not rare but it is unusual. In 1924 an April 1 snow storm dropped two to ten inches over the state. An Easter Sunday storm on April 3, 1915 delivered 16 inches to Trenton. Twelve inches of snow fell in Philadelphia and 18 in New York City, with plenty left for New Jersey, on April 11, 1841. Near blizzard conditions occurred in 1982 when an April 6 storm dropped up to 13 inches of snow in some northern counties and rain in the south. Source: The New Jersey Weather Book by David M. Ludlum

There are many other records of significant snowfall in April. Are we safe now that it is May? If the inverse of the proverb "a warm January, a cold May" is true, we shouldn't have to worry too much. The past January was a cold one. But, there have been storms in May that have left up to five inches of snow on the ground.

### WEATHER EVENT

On May 12, 1934 the Great Dust Bowl Storm darkened the skies from Oklahoma to the Atlantic coast.

### WEATHER WORD

A "trough" is an elongated area of low pressure, running generally north-south. It can reside at the surface or aloft. Source: *The Weather Book* by Jack Williams

### March 15 - April 15 1996

15	64.0	43.0	53.5	0.2
16	49.0	36.0	42.5	0
17	50.0	27.0	38.5	0
18	59.0	38.0	48.5	0
19	49.0	35.0	42.0	0
20	50.0	42.0	46.0	0.8
21	50.0	34.5	42.3	0
22	45.0	33.0	39.0	0
23	46.0	30.5	38.3	0
24	54.0	28.5	41.3	0
25	70.0	34.5	52.3	0
26	60.0	32.0	46.0	0
27	44.0	30.0	37.0	0
28	46.0	28.0	37.0	0
29	42.0	32.5	37.3	1.3
30	55.0	32.0	43.5	0.05
31	62.0	32.0	47.0	0
1	55.0	40.0	47.5	0
2	52.0	40.0	46.0	1.22
3	63.5	32.0	47.8	0
4	60.0	38.0	49.0	0
5	48.0	44.0	46.0	0
6	56.5	32.5	44.5	0
7	44.0	40.0	42.0	0.09
8	50.0	36.0	43.0	0.54
9	37.0	32.0	34.5	0.14
10	46.5	33.0	39.8	0.3
12	78.0	48.0	63.0	0
13	60.0	50.0	55.0	0
14	58.0	42.0	50.0	0.1
5	58.0	32.0	45.0	0
Total				4.64

## ■ ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NEWS

by David Schwendeman



The regular April meeting of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission was held on Tuesday, April 2nd due to the beginning of Passover. Chairman John Towle presided.

Gayle Donnelly announced that it was determined that there is no Swamp Pink (*Helonias hullata*), an endangered plant, to impede the progress of the proposed nature trail. Although it would be great to have been "home" to yet another rare species, its presence would have complicated the application procedure. It was also announced that all non-borough owned properties, within 200 feet of the proposed trail right of way, would have to be notified in writing about the proposal. It was suggested that a walk along the proposed trail route be conducted on Mothers' Day, May 12. Wayne Cokeley agreed to conduct the tour. Anyone interested should be at the water treatment facility (sewer plant) at 10 a.m. that Sunday morning.

Since I would not be able to attend the nature hike, I referred to my copy of the Roosevelt Field Guide to see what I'd be missing. Not surprisingly, on page 15 it says "April is the optimum month for seeing wildlife" in the wooded swamps.

Of course it will be May when this article comes out. All deer are antlerless, skunk cabbage is poking out through the swamp floor and the wood frogs began their mating calls on March 12th this year. We've all seen the crocus, daffodils and hyacinths blooming in the yards around town, but with Wayne's expert guidance you might see spring beauties, trout lilies and other spring wildflowers in our green beltways. Now is a good time to read the Roosevelt Field Guide as we all get ready to spend more time out of doors.

Also mentioned was that Riephoff's Sawmill generously donated the lumber for the butterfly gardens and work on the gardens should have begun by now. And, the "Adopt a Road" program was also discussed as a possible addition to the spring/fall litter pick-ups.

Finally, how about that comet! It was the best one I had ever seen. We, in Roosevelt, had several days to view Comet Hyakataki. I was impressed and even checked out several books about the stars and comets from the new Roosevelt library.

The meeting adjourned early and the next will be held Wednesday, May 1st. I hope you all have a pleasant and productive spring!

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MEETINGS  
THE SECOND  
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OF EACH MONTH.**

## ■ The Great Semi- Annual Litter Pick-up

by Gayle Donnelly

Once again, 50 volunteers cleaned up the litter from our road sides. The event took place on Sunday morning, the 15th of April. Approximately 1,500 pounds of litter was picked up. Thank you all for participating.

Special thanks to Jonathan Shahn for the flyer; Lenny and Michelle Guye-Hillis for the delicious food; Jay and Ann Goldman for truck driving and sending volunteers out; Diana, Ron and Brian Moore for truck driving and garbage pick-up; and, Judith Trachtenberg for helping with signing in.

The litter pick-up is funded by the Clean Communities Grant.

## ANOTHER RAP EVENT:

### ■ Senior Citizen News

*by Helga Wisowaty, Secretary*

**T**his month we deviated from the usual and had our meeting in the Chinese restaurant in the Super Fresh Mall in East Windsor. The buffet table had everything needed for a delicious lunch. We made a few trips to be sure everything was sampled!

We have learned that the "Share-A-Ride" taxi which is available to all of our community's seniors to be taken to any nearby location for such important events as doctors' appointments and so on, charges \$1 each way. This invaluable service is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. However, reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. Their number is 908-222-2202.

Connie Christiansen is still in Hightstown waiting for her apartment to be finished. We miss her.

The Clarksburg Seniors invited us to join them when they went to Atlantic City on April 28th. Some of the members of our club have gone with them.

Ann Gay, sister of Gus Chasan, who moved to Michigan some years ago, died recently. Her body was brought here to be buried in the Roosevelt Cemetery alongside her husband. Many Roosevelt people as well as some from Michigan attended the service.

No more for now. Let's hope that spring is here to stay. 'Til next month.

### ■ THE RECITAL AND THE PIANO

*by Bess Tremper*

**O**n Saturday evening, April 13th, the Roosevelt Arts Project offered our residents two wonderful gifts.

First, of course, was the well attended beautiful "Fin du Siecle" piano recital by Alan Mallach.

In addition to the lovely music, Alan gave an erudite commentary on the music he was playing from the early Romantic to the beginnings of early Modernist periods, covering the end of the 18th to the beginning of the 20th centuries.

In the first half of the program, he played music of Hummel, Field and Clementi, composers who worked from the end of the 18th to the end of the 19th centuries. For us, his "program Notes" were very enlightening and added to our understanding and enjoyment of each piece.

The second half included works by Fauré, Turino and Reger which marked the end of the Romantic and the beginning of the early Modernist music, and finally, to come full circle, he added a sensitive piece by our contemporary composer-in-residence, Laurie Altman. Alan's remarks including such gems as "You will hear the footprints of Brahms and Wagner in some of these pieces" made for greater understanding and appreciation for his sensitive interpretations.

We are indeed fortunate to have such accomplished and professional musicians as neighbors who are so generous in sharing their talents which leads me to the second of the gifts we received. When the Roosevelt Arts Project was first organized in 1987, the musical group composed of Cervantes, Mallach and Altman and other friends, were quite willing to give recitals as part of the RAP presentations. They pointed out, however, that the old upright piano in the Borough Hall, a relic from the old Jersey Homestead beginnings, was not a viable instrument. What to do. RAP would not be financially able to purchase a new piano for some years. At this point, Alan Mallach came forward and advanced the money toward the purchase of a proper piano, to be paid back in easy installments from the moneys that were sure to be realized from RAP events as well as, partly from the generous grants they receive, from the Herman Goldman Foundation.

And finally, on this Saturday evening, during the intermission period, David Herrstrom, the president of RAP presented Alan with the last payment. Now, we are the proud owners of a beautiful instrument, an impressive "tangible" benefit from RAP. Many thanks to them and to Alan not only for his sharing of his musical talent but also for having made the piano possible. We are in their debt.

## OUR TOWN AT 60 DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

*This column will be published throughout this anniversary year and we hope that many of you will make the sharing of our experiences and memories of living in Roosevelt worth retelling—Please send your entries to the Bulletin, P.O. Box 221, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Deadlines are the 15th of each month.*

### ■ ROOSEVELT BEFORE JERSEY HOMESTEADS

by Thelma Thompson

*The following was written by someone who was able to give us a first hand picture of Roosevelt when it was nothing but a series of farms, bearing no resemblance to what it is now, except for a few that still remain.*

While collating the Bulletin last month, Bess said she was looking for memories of Roosevelt as 1996 is sixty years since its birth. I said I could probably write one on Roosevelt before even Jersey Homesteads. Well, Bess took me up on it and has held me to it, so I am going to try and fill you in on how it was then which was seventy years ago.

In 1926 my family moved to the big three story house at Ely's Corner, owned by Rusher Ely. The corner got its name from this family that had owned the house for several generations.

After living there for about a year, we moved up the road a short way to a tenant house on the John Hulse farm. Mr. Hulse lived in Hightstown but came out every day to tend his apple orchards. His son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Croshaw lived in the house and farmed the land which extended to Oscar Drive. They had cattle and pigs. They also grew corn and hay to feed the animals. The house is still standing up a long lane off route 571.

Then there was the Britton farm.

Charles Danser and his family lived in the house and farmed the land. Mrs. Danser was the daughter of Ira Britton who lived in Perrineville. They were general farmers raising some potatoes, corn and hay. The farm house is still standing on Homestead Lane and is owned and lived in by the Robert Muellers.

Between the Britton farm and Paradise Corner, which is now Tamara Drive and Rochdale Avenue, was a small farm owned by Lawrence Swartz. While I remember the family well, I can't seem to recall the crops he grew on his land.

Around the corner on the Clarksburg Road, the farm which is now the horse farm was owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Ward. He was a potato farmer. Mrs. Ward was a teacher and principal in the Perrineville school which I attended. The house on the horse farm was built in 1929 to replace the one which was destroyed by fire.

Coming back to Paradise Corner, there was another big farm with a lovely big house. It was owned by the Wolinsky family. Once again my memory fails me as to what their crops were. But one year I remember they had lots and lots of tomatoes. Maybe I remember that so well because my sister and I spent many days picking them.

Then came the Riley Farm which

for a while was farmed by the Rooney brothers, John and David of Perrineville. They were potato farmers. Later Joseph Ely, another potato farmer from Hightstown, took over and raised potatoes there.

Proctor Ely and his wife Emily owned the next farm which was on Nurko Road and what is now 571. He was a brother of Rusher Ely and a potato farmer. Mrs. Ely drove a school bus at one time. In 1928 what is now 571 was rebuilt with gravel taken from a pit on this farm. The house is still standing and looking about like it did back then. Emily would surely be happy about that.

Now back to the big house on the corner. Then came the Proctor Ely's Farm, followed by Riley's which extended to Paradise Corner.

I spent many happy times living there then, before moving away and not coming back until 1983 when I moved into the Solar Village. I really enjoy living in the Village. We are a happy little group of people, loving and caring about each other.

I think it is a proud little town. 99.9% of the people keep their homes and yards so neat. It is a pleasure to drive on the streets and see the grass and flowers so nicely tended to.

So good luck for another ten years and ten more after that and on and on.



## ■ A VIEW FROM A COUNCIL SEAT

*by Jeff Hunt*

**O**n Monday, April 8th, Calton Homes presented their third, and hopefully their last, version of a proposal for development in the "Northern 500" area of Roosevelt. In fact, their plan addresses only a fraction of the total area: three adjoining properties south of Nurko Road and one on the East side of 571, approximately 180 acres.

Their plan, by comparison to the last two, has been revised to include more open space, a reduction in the number of units and a possible walkway connection to the existing town. These revisions were all suggested by the Planning Board previously; other revisions suggested were either ignored or rejected by Calton.

Actually, these changes were minimal and more window dressing than anything else. Their design is for 158 units, all four bedroom homes on 1/4 acre plots. These units would be 2000-2600 sq. ft. homes valued at high \$100,000's to low 200,000's. The density works out to .88 units per acre by comparison to the .25 per acre proposed in the PCD II Ordinance. To get a sense of the scale of this density, if you live in an original Roosevelt home, imagine two homes, each twice the size of your house, on your property. In addition, their plan does not attempt to address any protection of the remainder of the northern area, nor is Calton willing to do so. They

know that if their plan were to succeed and if other land owners succeeded in developing subsequent similar plans, over four hundred houses would be built in the northern area.

Next, Calton's "products", that's houses to you and me, are highly standardized, and the company will not entertain design restrictions built into the PCD Ordinance meant to make any development more compatible with the existing town. It was clear that Calton is not willing to

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negotiate on this point either. Furthermore, four bedroom houses would undoubtedly produce a significant increase in the number of children expected from new construction here (the PCD projections are based on three bedroom homes). This concern was something Calton's representatives took issue with, but it was clear that they did not take the school capacity into consideration, nor are they interested in doing so.

Expectedly, Calton also pitched the fiscal benefits Roosevelt could reap such as reduced taxes and wa-

ter/sewer rates, and \$5,000 per unit sewer hook-up fees. I hope my fellow Council members know a carrot when they see one. Obviously, this sort of expansion would put Roosevelt in a dangerous fiscal dilemma since the school would be overfilled and would need to be expanded greatly, not to mention the added sending costs that would be incurred. This is a clear example of how development can easily cost more to a town than it contributes. Needless to say, other costs to our quality of life and to the life of the town would be disastrous and irreparable.

On Wednesday, April 10, the Calton plan was reviewed by the Planning Board, whose consensus was unequivocally that this plan is unacceptable and completely out of line with what this town needs or wants. Calton's representatives had insisted that they could not proceed with any fewer units or with a lower density as it would not be viable for them. This may be a function of their inflexibility, lack of creativity or, perhaps more accurately, their profit expectations. Nevertheless, they made it clear that if the Council could not indicate a willingness to proceed with this plan, they would have to withdraw. I will be first in line to wish them goodbye and good luck.

## ■ ROOSEVELT MARCHING ON



### ROOSEVELT TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Sponsored by the  
Roosevelt PTA  
May 18th and 19th,  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00pm



### RECYCLING DATES

**May 1st,  
15th, 29th**

**Sat. May 18th,  
6th Grade Bake Sale**  
  
**&**

**Roosevelt Public Library  
Used Book Sale**

### ■ The 4th Of July Is Coming!

*by Ellen Silverman*

Plans are really cooking for the July 4th/60th Anniversary Celebration. In the parade, the Brownies will have a float and the Cub Scouts will be marching.

A plaque with the names of the first settlers of Jersey Homesteads, now Roosevelt, New Jersey will be dedicated in the school lobby. Also, in the lobby of the school will be reruns of that famous show, Roosevelt TV.

But, is this enough? Of course not, Come on Roosevelt! We need your help to plan the really best celebration ever. Come to the next planning meeting for the July 4th/60th Anniversary Celebration, the 4th Wednesday of the month, May 22th at 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

### ■ First Digital Phone Line Installed in Roosevelt

David Teich, whose studio Mind of the Machine produces computer animation for video and CD-ROM, has just installed Roosevelt's first ISDN line. The integrated Services Digital Network is a specialized phone line available from Bell Atlantic which provides ultra-fast transfer of electronic files over a modem, and allows faster internet access from the host computer.

"My business focuses on digital video, where even 'low resolution' files sizes are thirty to forty megabytes each. Single finished animation files can often exceed one gigabyte of disk space, so faster file transfer is essential. A lot of my business is carried out over the internet, speedy access makes a big difference there as well." ISDN combines two, four or more phone channels into one line, having or quartering the time it takes to access electronic files. File transfer speeds are about one meg per minute.

### WATCH YOURSELF

**The speed limit on most streets in Roosevelt is 25 MPH, on School Lane it is 15 MPH. Please be aware of your vehicle's speed. Our neighbors are very important to us.**

## ■ NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Christopher Louis Rossi, born March 19 to Colleen and Peter Rossi, Jr. and big brothers Peter (age 10), David (7) and Nicholas (5). The proud grandparents are Peter and Carol Rossi of Tuckerton and Audrey and Louis Conover of Hamilton.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Rachel Brahinsky of Clarksburg Road who will be graduating with a B.A. degree from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts this May. She is writing her senior thesis on the experience of Puerto Rican immigrants in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Bettie Witherspoon of North Rochdale Avenue, who received the Women of Achievement award from assemblywoman Barbara Wright as part of the Celebration of Women's History Month by the Women of the New Jersey Assembly. Bettie received her award for 27 years of service to children and their families as Director of Better Beginnings in Hightstown which has grown to include: a preschool program for 50 children, an after kindergarten program for 17, a Summer Peace Camp for 64 and an after school program for children age 6 to 12 for substance abuse and violence prevention.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Gayle Donnelly and the RPS 5th & 6th graders who planted Glory of the Snow bulbs in the Cooperative Circle Park last November from many residents who enjoyed the "many blue flowers."

### FOND FAREWELL TO:

Ann Gay, 42 year Pine Drive former resident, who died January 12 at the age of 96. Her ashes were interred at the Roosevelt cemetery on April 12. Condolences to her family and friends.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

First Aid Squad needs members, especially to cover weekday and evening hours. The squad pays for training. For information, call Captain Beth Battel at 448-7701.

For information on joining the Roosevelt Fire De-

partment, contact Chief Kim Dexheimer or leave a message at the Borough Hall, 448-0539.

### LOST AND FOUND:

Several sets of keys and several other items have been left at the Post Office and can be claimed during regular business hours.

### Honor Roll - 2nd Marking Period:

Grade 3: Sara Allen, Reuben Alt, Ina Clark, Anthony Grasso, Laurel Hamilton, Keith Hatzfeld, Meredith Lawson, Mollie Marko, Josh Nulman, Danielle Petrics, Zev Reuter, Eric Skye and Elizabeth Stinson.

Grade 4: Avery Axel, Lian Garton, Deirdre Lloyd, Lindsay Possiel, Peter Rossi and Tina Vasseur.

Grade 5: Derek Bowman, Jimmy Carroll, Jessica Drewitz, Katy Hamilton, Leah Howse, Wesley John-Alder, Nathaniel Kostar, Jeff Possiel, John Rindt, Christina Septak, Christopher Wong, Shiri Yeger and Jessica Wolfe.

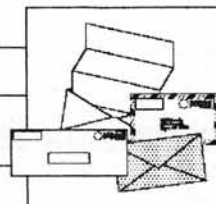
Grade 6: William Edelstein, Brandon Lugannani, Alicia Moore, Molly Petrilla, Haley Reimbold, Christine Roccia and Sarah Skillman.

March Students of the Month for Health & Physical Education: Health: Danielle Cokeley, Jessica Drewitz, William Edelstein, Pierre Morin, Lindsay Possiel, Zev Reuter and Caitlin Wong. Samantha Cedar, Alissa Gates, Jennifer Iacona, Kelsey Reimbold, Cecelia Ticktin, Tina Vasseur and Chris Wong.

### ELECTION NEWS:

May 6 is the deadline for voter registration and change of address in time for the June 4 Primary Election. May 23 is the deadline to vote by mail using civilian absentee ballots. June 4 Primary Election: Local Democratic Candidates are Margaret Schlinski, Michael Stiles and Stuart Kaufman for the two borough council seats. Bill Counterman and Mary Alfare for the two positions on the Democratic Municipal Committee. No Republicans or Independents filed to run. To have items included in this column call Mary Alfare at 443-4243 or mail to Box 58, 08555. Please include contact name and phone number.

## ■ Letters to the Editor



Dear Neighbors,

The undersigned, Mary Alfare and Bill Counterman, are running for re-election to the Roosevelt Democratic Committee. It is our responsibility to see that we have the best candidates we can find running for our elected borough municipal offices. We further have the responsibility to support those candidates that are running as regular Democratic candidates.

We would appreciate your vote of support in the primary election and we also urge you to vote for our Monmouth County Democrats, Margaret Schlinski and Michael Stiles, who are running for Roosevelt Borough Council.

Thanks for your support and your interest in the well being of our community.

Sincerely,  
*Mary Alfare &  
Bill Counterman*

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I wish to announce my candidacy for a seat on the Borough Council in the upcoming Primary Election on June 4. I have resided in Roosevelt for almost ten years with my wife, Tracy, and our three children, Lindsay, Scott and Kevin.

Previously I have served this community as a member of the

First Aid Squad for two years and acted as president for one year. I am currently involved as a soccer coach with both the travel and recreation teams and serve as president on the board for the Recreation League.

My background is in construction where I am a Project Manager and Field Superintendent. I hope to bring some of these skills to the Council. Open discussion from all directions and coordination are vital to any undertaking.

I hope you will put your support behind me so that I can put mine behind you.

Sincerely,  
*Michael T. Stiles*

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

My name is Margaret Schlinski and I'm running for a seat on the Roosevelt Borough Council. As a thirty-five year resident of Roosevelt, my personal history is intimately tied to this community. My four children attended the Roosevelt Public School, my husband is buried in the local cemetery and I have recently welcomed a new grandson here.

Many of you already know me. I currently work in the school and produce the Roosevelt Show on cable TV. For those of you whom I have not yet met, I have

listed below some of my accomplishments and activities in Roosevelt.

- past president of the PTA.
- past School Board member.
- started the Roosevelt Players, a community theater troupe that has put on many local productions.
- 10 years working at the Roosevelt Community Summer Camp where I am currently executive director.
- opened the first Roosevelt branch of the Monmouth County Library System.
- organized the Roosevelt Youth Group.

I feel strongly that my many years of public service in town have proved my dedication to the community and provided the qualifications necessary to be an effective Borough Council member. Once elected, I intend to promote open dialogue and encourage input from all Rooseveltians on deciding what is best for our municipality. As someone with an understanding of Roosevelt's past and a vested interest in her future, I am the right candidate for your vote on June 4th.

Thank you,  
*Margaret Schlinski*

ment of Nestor Sabogal by Mr. Hunt, the 1996 Council has the same members as the one which sat in 1995.

Meanwhile, Calton Homes, a developer currently holding options to purchase four tracts, has been lobbying the Council to increase allowable density from an average of one dwelling per four acres (the PCD II concept) to as many as 0.88 houses per acre. This would allow Calton Homes to build 158 homes on 180 acres, whereas the proposed PCD II ordinance would permit only 114 units for the entire area. Under the PCD II concept, construction would be concentrated in a couple of wetlands-free areas. Participating landowners whose land would be dedicated to open space would receive value for their property equivalent to that enjoyed by the owners on whose land the actual building would take place.

Calton's latest proposal is the third it has presented to Borough officials since April 1995. Colonial-style, single-family homes would be constructed on the Nurko, Cuzzolino and D'Amico properties, which lie south of Nurko Road and West of Route 571, and on the Brotzman tract east of 571. Each house would have four bedrooms and sit on a 10,000 square foot lot (about a quarter-acre). The price would range from \$175,000 to \$250,000. All of the homes would connect to the Borough's water and sewer systems. Currently, the town's sewer plant has sufficient excess capacity to absorb new development, but the water system does not. Calton representatives have promised to contribute \$5,000 per house to connect to the sewer system and to add to the water system. Open spaces

would be conveyed to the Borough, and a pedestrian path would link the new construction to the old town area.

Planning Board members expressed disappointment that the latest Calton proposal would not preserve the pastoral views that greet those entering the Borough from the North. They also worried about setting a precedent that would require the Borough to permit similar den-

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sity on remaining properties. They expressed concern that resulting need for school, utility and other service expansions would eliminate the tax and utility rate savings that are a goal of the proposed PCD II.

Some members of the Council have expressed dissatisfaction with the fact that the proposed density for PCD II is about half that allowed by the existing PCD I ordinance, which governs the Notterman tract. The average density permitted on the Notterman property is one house per two acres. Abby and Danny Notterman, the present owners of the 100 acre Notterman tract, said recently that they also are negotiating with Calton Homes. The PCD I ordinance would permit 54 homes to be built on the Notterman property, which lies east of North Valley Road and south of Eleanor Lane and the cemetery. Since the founding of

Jersey Homesteads, development plans have described the Notterman parcel as the next location for significant residential growth in the Borough.

Calton Homes representatives contend that the PCD II concept would not be economically viable for any developer, in part because of the price per acre demanded by landowners. Ms. Hunton said in response to the delay in reintroduction of the proposed ordinance, "For the record, it is a shame that there are cold feet and some shying away from the principles of the ordinance." Mr. Ticktin noted, if Calton's proposal is accepted, you could throw out the PCD; that's for sure." Mr. Hunt added, "I was being told a lot of things [during Calton's presentation to the Council] that didn't seem to ring true at all."

Ms. Hunton said Calton is not the kind of "customized developer" that would embrace the PCD II concept. Mr. Ticktin mentioned that he had contacted people at the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and planned to send them a copy of the proposed ordinance. He said he believed TPL might provide the Borough with a second opinion on the economic viability of development in accordance with PCD II. Mayor Allen noted, "The problem the Council is wrestling with is that they have not had a developer come in and say [PCD II] is financially viable."

Board member David Leff said he worried that Calton's proposal would "change the complexion of the town." Mr. Ticktin stated it might be "wise just to wait." He noted that in a few years market conditions might be ripe for a retirement com-

munity that would not tax the school system. Ms. Hunton urged patience. She said Calton was "one corporation with one proposal." She added that she is "optimistic that there are other [developer] points of view" that might dovetail with PCD II.

Mr. Hunt, the Council's liaison to the Board, reported that the Wongs, owners of one of the northern farms, had requested a workshop with the Council and Planning Board to discuss PCD II issues. Ms. Hunton suggested that Mr. Mallach moderate any such discussion. She volunteered to set up a special meeting of both bodies.

Mr. Hunt, Mr. Tickin and Mr. Ellentuck will work with the Council on a Zoning Officer selection committee. Mr. Ellentuck has been Acting Zoning Officer for nearly a year.

The Board granted a variance permitting Daniel and Karen Ward of Lake Drive to install an above-ground pool. The deck surrounding the pool would extend to within 10 feet of their side yard boundary. This

would violate the 25 foot side yard requirement in the zoning ordinance; however, most houses in the neighborhood have less than 25 feet of side yard clearance. Mr. Ward said locating the pool in the center of his rear yard would require an excessive amount of excavation because of the slope of the land. He added that a central location would also block the view from the house of children playing in the back yard. Young children could then wander unseen back to the abutting park land and Route 571. Neighbors received notice of the variance application, and none communicated any opposition.

Before the vote, Ms. Hunton asked Mr. Ward to change the deck location from his original proposal of eight feet from the sideyard line to 10 feet. Mr. Tickin asked Mr. Ward to extend a hedge to provide screening along the front of the pool as well as the side. After Mr. Ward agreed to these conditions, the Board approved the variance, with the exception of Mr. Hunt's "no" vote.

At Mr. Hunt's suggestion, Ms.

Hunton said she would send a letter to the Millstone Planning Board offering to exchange agendas and minutes so that any need to coordinate activities might be recognized.

Ms. Hunton will convey to the Council that the Board seems to agree that a limited number of cellular phone antennas attached to the water tower might be a desirable revenue source for the Borough, provided health concerns are adequately addressed. At Mayor Allen's request, the Board discussed the concept and the fact that Allentown receives \$25,000 annually for each of two such antennas attached to its water tower. Mayor Allen noted that such revenues would help to replace the recent loss of \$50,000 per year in gross receipts and franchise taxes. He noted that the cellular phone antennas would produce no electromagnetic fields similar to high tension electrical wires. Ms. Hunton said she would be opposed to the installation of any sort of lighting in connection with the antennas.



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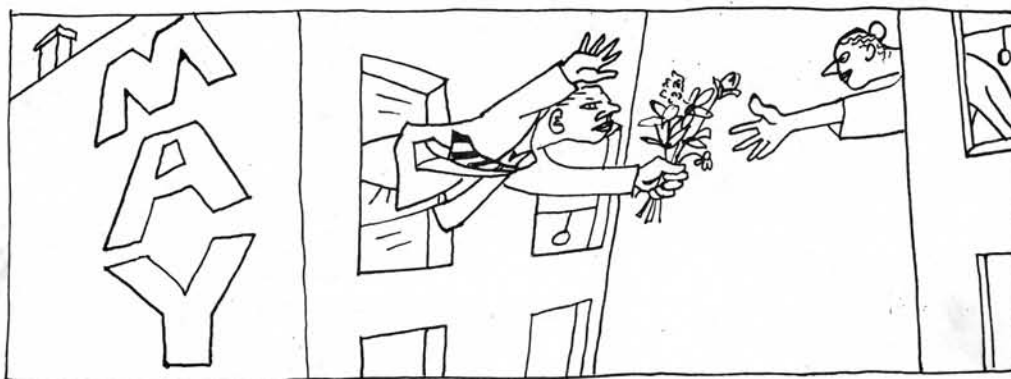
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**WED 5/1—Recycle**

8PM Environmental Commission, Borough Hall-  
 John Towle, Chair/490-0692

**THURS 5/2**

**SAT 5/3 • AM—NOON—First Aid Squad**

Plant and Compost Sale—Post Office

8PM—Stream Watch (Volunteer Water Testing)—  
 Kirk Rothfuss/448-3713

8PM—RAP Program—Poetry and Music—Boro  
 Hall, Judith Trachtenberg/426-8867

**SUN 5/5**

**MON 5/6 • 7:30PM Council Agenda**

Meeting—Borough Hall

Lee Allen, Mayor/448-6978

**TUES 5/7 • 1PM Blood Pressure Check—Borough**

Hall—Jeanette Koffler/448-2259

6PM Roosevelt Community TV—CABLE CH 8

7:30PM First Aid Squad—Borough Hall

**WED 5/8 • 8PM Planning Board Meeting, Borough**

Hall/Gail Hutton, Chair/426-4338

**THURS 5/9 • 7:30PM Board of Education Agenda**

Meeting/Mike Hamilton, Pres./443-5227

**FRI 5/10**

**SAT 5/11**

**SUN 5/12 • Nature Trail Walk—Sewer Plant at end of**

Pine Drive, Environmental Commission, John  
 Towle, Chair/490-0692

**MON 5/13 • 7:30PM Council Action Meeting—**

Borough Hall. Lee Allen, Mayor/448-6978

**TUES 5/14 • 6PM Roosevelt Community TV—CABLE CH 8**

**WED 5/15 • Recycle**

**THURS 5/16**

**FRI 5/17**

**SAT 5/18 • PTA Town-Wide Garage Sale,**

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**SUN 5/19 • PTA Town-Wide Garage Sale,**

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**MON 5/20 • Big garbage Pick-up Day - for info., call**

Boro Hall/448-0539

7:30 PM Council Committee Meetings - Boro Hall

Lee Allen, Mayor/448-6978

8 PM Synagogue Board Mtg. - Michael Ticktin,  
 448-0363

8 PM PTA Meeting - RPS

**TUES 5/21 • 6 PM Roosevelt community TV - CABLE CH 8**

**WED 5/22**

**THURS 5/23 • 9 AM and 7 PM, RPS Spring Concert, RPS,/**

448-2798

7:30 PM Board of Education - Full Meeting

**FRI 5/24**

**SAT 5/25**

**SUN 5/26**

**MON 5/27 • 7:30 PM Council Committee Meetings - Boro**

Hall Lee Allen, Mayor/448-6978

**TUES 5/28 • 6 PM Roosevelt Community TV - CABLE CH 8**

7:30 PM - NJ Homestead Historic Advisory Com-  
 mittee - Boro Hall - Art Shapiro/443-3575

**WED 5/29 • Recycle**

RPS Health Fair, during school hours, RPS,  
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**THURS 5/30**

**FRI 5/31**

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