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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Borough Acquires Former Gas Station Property; Cell Tower Plan Withdrawn

By Michael Ticktin

On June 30, the Borough of Roosevelt became the owner of the former gas station property. The property was sold by the Monmouth County Sheriff to satisfy a judgment for accrued tax liens and interest that had previously been secured by the Borough in a foreclosure action. Under a proposed redevelopment plan approved by the Planning Board and forwarded to the Council for adoption by ordinance, the former gas station property is to be subdivided, with the southern portion, which includes the now-derelict building, to be offered for sale to a buyer who satisfies the municipality with regard to having a plan to clean up the property and put it to an appropriate use and paying an acceptable price. The northern por-

tion, which includes land north of the house at 42 North Rochdale Avenue, would be used as the site of housing that would satisfy Roosevelt's affordable housing obligation, which might either be a group home for developmentally disabled adults or a few rental apartments, depending on the housing sponsor ultimately chosen.

As a result of objections from the State Historic Preservation office, the Borough was unable to proceed with plans to allow AT&T Wireless to construct a cell tower at the water plant property. The reason for the objections was that the proposed cell tower would have an adverse visual impact on the residential area that is the core of the Jersey Homesteads Historic District (which includes the

whole Borough). As an alternative, the Borough Council decided to accept bids for the placement of cellular equipment on the water tower. The successful (and only) bidder was AT&T Wireless, which will pay \$21,000 per year for the right to operate the cellular facility.

At the September 8 meeting of the Borough Council, Mayor Michael Hamilton, announced that the Pine Drive project is proceeding well. Storm drains are in place, with curbs and paving to follow. In response to residents' concerns, no trees are being removed. Water meter installation is also in progress and will be finished by the end of the year, in time to meet

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WELCOME BACK!!

Welcome back to another nine months of *The Bulletin*, beginning with this issue. After a two-month rest, all of us are ready to go back to work and do the best we can to generate a paper each month that will please and inform our readers.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

The library at our school will be open on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every week.

A word about how to make good use of the library:

First you must get a library card (if you don't have one), at either the Allentown branch on Main Street or at the main branch on Symmes Road in Freehold.

Once you are a card member, you may take books from our local library. If they don't have what you want, put a special card which our branch has at school in the proper box (they will show you) and either of the two libraries will fill your order and send it to us here. You will receive a telephone call to tell you to pick it up. When you are ready to return it, bring it to our library and they will send it back.

We've worked hard to put this system together and hope you will use it. Feel free to call Dolores Chasan at 448-2062 for any additional information.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER: BULK GARBAGE PICK-UP ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

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PROGRESS WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT PLANS

During the summer the Redevelopment Committee of the Planning Board, consisting of Michael Ticktin, Ralph Seligman and Michael Hamilton, and the Board's Planning Consultant, Tom Thomas, prepared a Redevelopment Plan for the properties previously identified as being in need of rehabilitation by the Planning Board and Council. This plan (which is reprinted in this issue of *The Bulletin*) was adopted at the September 9 meeting. It calls for the subdivision of the gas station property into two lots, one of which would be cleaned up and rehabilitated for commercial use and the other of which would be a site for affordable housing, and for the acquisition by the Borough for resale of two derelict houses, numbers 19 and 20 South Rochdale Avenue, whose owners either cannot or will not voluntarily sell them to persons who might rehabilitate them. Two other properties, the house at 23 Pine Drive and a farmhouse on Nurko Road that has now been demolished, are in the process of being rehabilitated by new owners and will be taken off the list of properties in need of redevelopment once the work being undertaken by those new owners is completed.

The Planning Board also had extensive discussion of the proposed Affordable Housing Plan. A plan has already been filed with the State

Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) indicating that Roosevelt would provide eight units for low and moderate-income households by renovating five derelict houses transferring \$25,000 for each of three units to Asbury Park pursuant to a regional contribution agreement. However, this plan has become impracticable because of the fact that there are no longer five derelict houses available. Furthermore, the Borough now has land available for construction of new affordable housing at the gas station tract, which it did not have when the original plan was drawn up. COAH has now proposed revised numbers that would reduce by three the number of units required for Roosevelt, thus eliminating the need for the regional contribution agreement. And the Planning Board has determined that the remaining obligation can most efficiently be met by having a housing sponsor build a three-bedroom house for developmentally disabled adults, since the Borough can get credit for five units if three rental units are built. Once the proposed new COAH rules are adopted, the Borough will be able to file the new plan and petition for substantive certification of it, thus ensuring protection against builder's remedy lawsuits.

Board member Michael Ticktin reported at the August 12 meeting

that Mercer ARC, which had been enthusiastic about the possibility of building a group home for the developmentally disabled on a portion of the service station property was no longer interested. He said Monmouth ARC indicated to Mercer ARC that Roosevelt would be within Monmouth ARC's service area. Thus, the Borough would have to explore with Monmouth ARC use of the tract for a group home to satisfy the lion's share of its affordable housing obligation. He reported at the September meeting that he had met with officials of Monmouth ARC who expressed enthusiasm about Roosevelt and the site, and that he and Jessica Hecht had previously met with the head of the Monmouth Housing Alliance, who expressed interest in building rental apartments there.

At the July 8 meeting, Marshall Goldberg said that his firm, EnviroTrac, might be interested in purchasing the service station and cleaning up the property so that it could be used as a base of operations for the environmental services firm.

During the summer, the Parking and Zoning committees also held meetings to prepare to make recommendations to the Board for revisions to the parking and zoning ordinances. ■

FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

New Jersey Law (N.J.S. A. 40A:60-5), states that "the mayor shall be the head of the municipal government" and "shall recommend to the Council such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the borough."

Roosevelt Receives \$30,000 in Extraordinary State Aid... In Governor McGreevey's State of the State address on January 14, 2003, the Governor described our fiscal plight when he said,

"Wealthy developers use their deep pockets and expensive legal talent to take towns to court if those towns dare oppose their development efforts. They can effectively bully unwilling taxpayers into submission. For too long towns across this State with limited resources have been on their own."

We applied for an "extraordinary aid grant" due to our defense of New Jersey's "Smart Growth" principles, evidenced by our steadfast stand in fighting U.S. Home

Corporation's litigation against the Borough. We received notice of the grant when the State budget was approved at the end of June.

Roosevelt's 2003 Municipal Budget was approved in July. The \$30,000 grant resulted in no increase in the municipal tax rate for 2003.

Roosevelt to Collect \$21,000 Per Year... AT&T was the successful bidder to install a cellular telephone antenna on our water tower. Our original plan called for the construction of a cell tower in the industrial zone adjacent to our water treatment plant on Oscar Drive. The plan had to be changed when the State claimed that construction of a new tower would be inconsistent with our historic designation.

Roosevelt Receives \$118,000 Grant for Road Work... During the first week in September roadwork began on the middle section of Pine Drive. The reconstruction of Spruce Lane (the unpaved road at the top of Lake Drive) will begin after the Pine Drive roadwork is completed. Both road projects are funded primarily through State grants.

Wells & Water Meters... The State-mandated installation of water meters began in September and by midmonth more than half the meters had been installed. We also initiated major repairs to both of our municipal wells.

Your Property Tax Dollars... The Borough acts as collection agent for all property taxes including county taxes, school and municipal taxes.

2003 Tax Levy-Percentage

The County establishes the Tax Rate for all municipalities.

The 2003 Rate per \$100 of assessed value is \$4.629 (The 2002 Rate per \$100 of assessed value was \$4.621)

District School Budget	\$1,204,288	73.00%
Local Municipal Budget	\$248,357	15.06%
County Budget	\$173,628	10.52%
County Open Space Fund	\$11,097	0.67%
County Library Budget	\$9,100	0.56%
County Health Budget	\$3,182	.19%

Public Safety... We contacted the County regarding accidents on Rte. 571 near Ely's Corner. We received a letter from the County stating that they would conduct a study of road conditions in this high-accident area. Action could include tree trimming, creating a no-passing zone from Ely's Corner to Nurko Road and the installation of a warning light or signage at Ely's Corner.

The 4th of July... the community 4th of July celebration was once again a big success thanks to the many volunteers who devoted their time and effort. Hamburgers and hot dogs were served, Italian ice was scooped, bands played, there were pet shows, games, and other activities. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

As always, I rely upon your advice and support.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Hamilton, Mayor

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What We Did This Summer

Since our last article several important developments pertaining to Roosevelt's Utilities made this summer season a challenge for all those involved in the town's Water/Sewer Department, and those of us on the Utilities Committee of your Council. Here are a few of the key issues that arose:

1. At the end of May, the motor on Well #3, one of the two wells that supply our water, (Wells # 1 and # 2 have been defunct for years) developed severe and terminal problems which caused it to break apart. This left us with Well # 4, to supply the town's water. This was alright for an emergency stop gap measure but, immediate replacement of the motor on Well #3 was required since we had no back-up well. A new motor was purchased and installed on an emergency basis, and was then put into service for a one month trial.
2. A month later, as the new motor on Well #3 seemed to be doing well (no pun intended), Well #4 was put into service to allow us to take a closer look at Well #3 for any collateral damage that might have occurred to components of the well other than the destroyed motor. However, shortly after coming into service, Well #4 developed fatal problems in its shaft assembly and became useless to us. Though possibly compromised, Well #3 was pressed back into service until #4 could be put

back into reliable service. As it turned out, the damage was so severe to Well #4, a new well had to be installed, which project is still under way at the time of this article. A submersible well, as opposed to the traditional top-mounted turbine has been installed at Well # 4 and it is now being tested. Well #3 will be looked at carefully once the installation of #4 is complete; we expect to use #3 as a back-up and #4 as our primary water producer for the foreseeable future. These



measures have been completed with no changes to your water/sewer rates.

It should also be noted that no interruption of water service occurred even though the water/sewer department was in a continuous state of emergency from the end of May until the completion of the above project. Thanks to our Operators Toby Moore and George Vasseur!

3. The Water meter installation project, mandated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, is nearing completion at this time. Meters will allow for a more accurate assessment of water usage and leaks in the system, ultimately resulting in conservation. At the present time, rate schedules and billing ideas are being discussed with engineering professionals; however, it should be noted that in most cases, no significant changes to your water bills are anticipated any time soon. This project, as well, has been done with no increase to water/sewer rates. (More to follow as we proceed with this project.)
4. Early this summer, the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) put the kibosh on our attempts to erect a 150 foot Cell Phone monopole in our industrial zone. However, they did allow for the installation of cell phone transmission equipment on our water tower. To that end, we reissued a bid request and ultimately accepted AT&T's offer for \$21,000 per year to install such equipment. We are hopeful that other purveyors will follow suit as they have in the past elsewhere. This found money will add to the water/sewer budget and will help us to pursue many of our goals for improvement of our aging Utilities infrastructure.

That's all for this edition. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. ■

Borough of Roosevelt Redevelopment Plan

September 9, 2003

Introduction

On September 17, 2002, in response to a request by the Planning Board, the Borough Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether five vacant and deteriorated properties within the municipality met the statutory criteria for designation as "redevelopment areas," in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, P.L. 1992, c.79 (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.)

In accordance with the resolution of the Borough Council, the Planning Board authorized its Planning Consultant to prepare a report setting forth the basis for the investigation and including maps showing the location of the properties, as required by statute. This report was prepared on October 29, 2002. The Planning Board hearing on the matter was held on November 12, 2002, after notice of the hearing was given by certified mail to the record owners of the five properties, as well as to the mortgagee of one of the properties, and notice of the hearing was published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the *Asbury Park Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality. No persons appeared to testify at the hearing and the Planning Board adopted a resolution recommending to the Borough Council that the five properties be determined by the Borough Council to be redevelopment areas. This resolution was duly memorialized by the Planning Board on January 14, 2003 and was transmitted to the Borough Council.

At a meeting held on February 18, 2003, the Borough Council adopted a resolution determining the five properties to be redevelopment areas and directing the Planning Board to prepare a Redevelopment Plan. In response to that directive, the Planning Board proposes this Redevelopment Plan for adoption by ordinance by the Borough Council.

Relationship of this Plan to Local Objectives

This Redevelopment Plan is intended to promote the community objectives of maintaining the quality and viability of the existing housing stock, eliminating conditions inimical to public health, safety and welfare, protecting property values, restoring a prominently-located commercial property to use, addressing an environmental problem, and addressing the municipal affordable housing obligation in a manner consistent with community character and economic resources.

Proposed Land Uses, Building Requirements and Policies in the Redevelopment Areas

The Planning Board and Borough Council identified five properties within the municipality as being in need of redevelopment by reason of their being vacant for extended periods of time and in various stages of deterioration. Owners had been either unable or unwilling to either restore these properties to use or to offer them for sale so that others might do so, thus necessitating municipal action in order to protect

public health, safety and welfare, including, but not limited to, preservation of property values.

The five properties so identified are as follows: Block 1, Lot 4 (9 Nurko Road); Block 2, Lot 4.01 (40 North Rochdale Avenue); Block 4, Lot 3 (23 Pine Drive); Block 4, Lot 33 (20 South Rochdale Avenue); and Block 12, Lot 2 (19 South Rochdale Avenue). Of these, all but Block 2, Lot 4.01 are single family residential properties. Block 2, Lot 4.01 is the property on which the former automobile service station is located. This report shall address the residential properties and the former service station property separately.

Residential Properties

Block 1, Lot 4 (9 Nurko Road):

This property includes two derelict buildings, a 19th century farmhouse and a building that was formerly used for agricultural purposes. On June 2, 2003, title to the property was transferred to new owners who had previously advised the Tax Assessor of their intention to demolish the existing derelict structures and build a new house. As of the date of this report, the main building has already been demolished. It is therefore the recommendation of the Planning Board that no action be taken by the Borough to acquire this property for redevelopment purposes, since redevelopment is in the process of taking place under private auspices and without the need for any municipal intervention. Once all of the buildings have been

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demolished and the site has been properly cleared, as evidenced by a certificate of approval issued by the Construction Official, it is recommended that this property be removed from the list of properties in need of redevelopment.

Block 4, Lot 3 (23 Pine Drive):

This is a Jersey Homesteads Bauhaus-style dwelling that was abandoned by its owners more than a decade ago. The mortgage was held by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which, for whatever reason, took no action to foreclose and continued to pay taxes and utility bills. In the spring of 2003 the mortgage was sold, as part of a bulk sale, to Salomon Brothers, a major investment-banking firm. Salomon Brothers brought a foreclosure action and the property was subsequently sold to a private investor at the sheriff's sale. The purchaser subsequently obtained a construction permit. At such time as the new owner completes repairs and obtains a certificate of occupancy, the property should be removed from the list of properties in need of redevelopment.

Block 4, Lot 33

(20 South Rochdale Avenue):

This dwelling, which was gutted by an arson fire in July of 2000, is in need of demolition as a hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the community. The owner of the property appeared at the November 12, 2002 Planning Board meeting at which the public hearing was conducted after the hearing was over and stated that she intended to restore the property but was unable to do so at present because of pending court proceedings. Now, however, press reports indicate that the trial has been held and has had an outcome unfavorable to the owner, so it is therefore appropriate that the Council initiate eminent domain proceedings with

regard to this property in order to protect the interests of the community.

The Council would initiate eminent domain proceedings by having the property appraised by a licensed appraiser. This appraisal would then be the basis of an offer to purchase that would be made to the owner of the property. If the offer were to be made and accepted, the Borough would have to obtain financing and would then take title. If the offer were not accepted, the Borough would take title to the property and would institute an eminent domain proceeding in the Superior Court to determine the price that it would be required to pay.

Block 12, Lot 2

(19 South Rochdale Avenue):

This is a property that was abandoned when the former owner died in 1992. It has been held by her estate ever since. The representative of the estate has made no known attempt to market it for sale or rental, has done nothing to secure it and has allowed it to deteriorate from lack of maintenance.

The representative of the estate did not respond to the notice advising him of the November 12, 2002 public hearing. It is recommended that the Council attempt to contact him one last time to determine what plans, if any, he might have for the restoration and use of the property. If there is no positive response, then the Council should initiate eminent domain proceedings with regard to this property as well, in order to protect the interests of the community.

Former Service Station Property - Block 2, Lot 4.01 (40 North Rochdale Avenue)

The Borough instituted legal action to foreclose the tax liens that it held on this property. The Borough obtained a judgment for foreclosure and, on June 30, 2003, obtained title to the property at

the Sheriff's sale.

The property, Block 2, Lot 4.01, is a 2.92-acre parcel that surrounds Block 2, Lot 4.02 (a residential lot) on three sides. The land south of Lot 4.02 consists of the former service station and land used in association with it. This land is on the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection list of contaminated sites, due to leakage of gasoline from underground tanks, and will have to be remediated in order to be returned to productive use. The land to the west and north of Lot 4.02 is undeveloped, though the land to the west has two commercial trailers and other automotive debris that will have to be removed.

It is recommended that the Council subdivide the property into two separate lots so that different municipal objectives can be addressed. The subdivision line should be an extension to the westerly line of Lot 4.01 of the northerly line of Lot 4.02.

Descriptions and recommended dispositions of the proposed new lots are as follows:

New Lot 4.01

(40 North Rochdale Avenue):

This lot would be the southern portion of the existing Lot 4.01 and would include the former service station site. As previously indicated, this lot would have to be remediated to Department of Environmental Protection standards for non-residential properties before it can be used again.

Suggestions for eventual use of this property include use by the municipality as a fire station or other municipal purpose, use as a museum and cultural center, and sale for commercial use. The Council should determine if the property is needed for any municipal purpose. If not, it is the recommendation of the Planning Board that the Council solicit

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From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

I am writing this article on September 11, 2003. After discussing this date with the sixth grade class, I was surprised with the comment, "Wow, it's been two years already?" Our students sounded so mature and aware of what's going on around them. That date will remain etched in our minds and hearts, and has become part of our back to school activities. This year, each class collected \$9.11, which is our school contribution to the Monmouth County Memorial. The ground-breaking ceremony for the memorial was today. The memorial will stand on Mount Mitchell scenic overlook in Atlantic Highlands, facing New York City. An artist rendering of the memorial is located in the lobby. We are all happy and excited to be back for a new school year; but we will take a few somber moments to reflect about 9/11.

Our library volunteers are back to provide you with the opportunity to visit the library on Wednesday evenings, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Computers are available at that time. The computer lab has been completely updated, thanks to rural education grant money, and the expertise of

Fletcher Grayson. Our school web site is www.RPS1.org, and you can email me at dweinbach@RPS1.org. You can access the school calendar of events on our web site.

Several classes were involved with Gold Farms last year, and we look forward to continuing that relationship. The farm provides many enriching activities for our students. Ann and Jay Goldman work closely with our teachers and we're thrilled with the opportunities for learning at the farm.

We began the new school year with two new staff members. Beth Glickman will be teaching music and instrumental lessons. Leanna Flores is teaching fourth grade while Mr. Luckenbach recuperates on a medical leave.

This is the third year of full day kindergarten at RPS. The National Center for statistics recently released *The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study*. This was a first of its kind study, targeting nearly 22,000 kindergartners nationwide. The study found that full-day kindergarten students make greater reading gains than children who attend half-day kindergarten.

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RCNS October Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

The new school year has brought change to RCNS. We are very happy that we have extended our hours to include afternoons and Fridays.

During September, the children talked and made projects about themselves and their families such as self-portraits and family apple trees. They also learned that sharing is an important part of being a good friend.

We celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday by making Johnny Appleseed hats and learning all about apples. The children loved making apple "stars" by printing with a cut apple.

In October, we will learn about the fall season by observing shorter days and cooler temperatures. We will make brightly colored leaves and leaf rubbings. The children will learn how pumpkins grow and make some fun fall decorations using pumpkin shapes.

October is National Pizza Month! We are visiting Rossi's to learn how to make pizza. The best part, of course, is eating it!

We are also going on our usual hayride to pick a pumpkin and explore a corn maze at Westhaven Farm. It sure is fun searching for that perfect pumpkin!

Our parents are planning a wonderful party at the Borough Hall to celebrate Halloween. There will be a variety of activities and games for the children to enjoy. Maybe you will see us as we parade to the Borough Hall in our Halloween costumes!

Thank you to everyone for supporting our nursery school and buying mums and baked goods in September. The mums look beautiful in everyone's yards! ■

October School Dates

October 13	Violence Prevention Week
October 14	I'm in Charge Assembly, 1:15 p.m.
October 17	Pizza
October 23	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
October 31	Pizza PTA Trick or Treat, at School

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By the time readers see this note, the Roosevelt PTA will already have been in action for about 6 weeks. And what could we have done in six short weeks? Well, ... replenished our game cabinet with new games for indoor recess days, served the teachers a "Welcome Back" luncheon, (thanks to all the cooks), began and ended our first fall fundraiser selling wrapping paper, organized Picture Day, organized our assembly for the end of October with the Shoestring players, served our children a couple of pizza days, had two meetings and drank plenty of coffee.

What's to come? October 15th and 16th is our Scholastic Book Fair and we will be having goodies at the school on Halloween evening again. We are still working hard on producing the new Roosevelt phone book. Anyone interested in checking numbers for us let me know. We will have a busy fall gearing up for a busy winter. Speaking of the winter, it is never too early to volunteer to work at the annual Winter Carnival or find donations for the Chinese Auction. This year it is scheduled for March 6th. The "people" power needed for this event is enormous. Last year we had over 80

volunteers and could have used a few more. We welcome recent RPS graduates as well as any neighbors from Roosevelt who may or may not have children in the school. Seniors and new neighbors welcome. Please feel free to contact me at anytime during the year if you are interested in working at a game or helping with the Auction. I can be reached at 609-443-7430 and I attempt to answer the phone when the noise level makes conversation audible.

Our returning board consists of myself as President, Susan Dermody as VP, Leslie Carnevale as treasurer and Jill Joyce as Secretary. Since this is the second year for all of us, some will be looking for replacements next year. If you are interested, come and join us at a meeting and see what it's all about. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10th at 7:30 p.m. Join us for coffee and a snack, look at it as a get-away, a resort, a, a, ... ok, a meeting. Hope to see you there

This month the PTA thanks Sharon Unger for completing the annual PTA audit on her own time. Thanks, Sharon! ■

Roosevelt Public School will be monitored by the Department of Education this year. Monitoring is done on a seven-year cycle and involves a review of all school operations, including instruction, compliance with state mandates, facilities and finances. We have been designated a Group 1 school, because our test scores for fourth grade last year resulted in no improvement needed. This means that we will have an abridged, rather than totally comprehensive monitoring. This is indeed a reflection of the fine job of teaching by the RPS staff, and the terrific job of learning by our students! ■

Are you taking advantage of the Roosevelt Library in our school?

To keep it alive, it needs to be used.

As CSA Weinbach has said:

"A town library would be a terrible thing to lose!"

Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Items for this column can be submitted to Ron Kostar by phone 443-4179, 18 Pine Drive, or e-mail at ronkostar@cs.com.

First, I'd like to curse the Blaster Worm for eating e-mails that people sent to me over the summer. Those folks should resend their notes so they can be printed in the November *Bulletin*.

Secondly, I'd encourage people to send all and any news that's fit to print. Only by doing so can you ensure a lengthy column that is devoid of my fictional nonsense. Please do not give me the opportunity - through negligence, pure laziness, or neglect - to pass in the middle of the night over the line separating fact from fiction. The "Notes" from the Neighborhood should be hard data, they should be factual; but there is also the matter of journalistic inches to fill, so be forewarned. Please send your e-mails and old fashioned letters today!

Today, the day after Hurricane Isabel passed through these whereabouts, wrestling a few trees to the ground, I seem to hear the voice of that radio announcer/philosopher on the old sitcom, no it was actually much better

than your average sitcom, "Northern Exposure," whispering in my ear. It's either him, or the wind in passing through the trees, and he's saying: Sean Levin, the son of Bruce and Pamela Levin, and the grandson of long time Rooseveltian Toby Levin, and a graduate of MIT, has completed his studies at NYU with an MA in Computer Science.

And Dori Leigh Levin, the daughter of Edward and Stephanie Levin, a graduate of Northwestern University, recently received an MA in Spanish Language and Literature from Middlebury College in Vermont. Needless to say, grandmother Toby is very proud of both of her grandchildren.

The rest of the news, I'm afraid, is being systematically attacked and transmuted by acids in the belly of the Blaster Worm.

* Special Offer: Send a three-line haiku, epiphany or Jacobian Dice Cube word game and I will print it here more than likely. ■

By Clare Sacharoff

At our September meeting, each member contributed a dish and we all shared a potluck lunch.

Also at the September meeting, there was discussion about our possibly going to the Zemmerli Museum in New Brunswick, but our bus would not take us there. Instead, we went to Delicious Orchards on September 16th.

During the summer:

On July 24th, Beth Johnson invited the club to her home for a pool party. We spent several hours socializing. The following day, July 25th, we had our regular monthly luncheon prepared by Pat Moser. We also celebrated Len Sacharoff's birthday that afternoon.

Twenty members of the Senior Club enjoyed a cruise on August 19th. We left Toms River and sailed around Barnegat Bay while enjoying a sumptuous luncheon.

We welcomed a new member in August, Elizabeth Brown, mother of Judy Nahmias.

A computer course is being offered at the local school by the fifth graders. Several members expressed interest in this project. ■

RESIDENTS!

This is your newspaper. We would be happy to hear from you either in the form of letters or articles which we would be pleased to include in our publication each month.

That's what this paper is for — to help us to get to know one another as well as to let you know what is happening in the town.

Let us know what you think, what you do.

How about it?

First Aid Squad News

By Carol Watchler

Fall is here—a time of renewed energy. At this time the Roosevelt First Aid Squad is undergoing a revision of Bylaws to bring them up to date for 2003. One statement, however, at the heart of the bylaws document remains unchanged: “The purpose of the Squad is to render immediate and necessary emergency care to the sick and injured regardless of nationality, race, creed, color or sex, and, when necessary, to provide transportation to the appropriate medical facility. It is also the purpose of the Squad to promote safety and disseminate knowledge of emergency care methods and procedures.” Another critical statement appears in the preamble and insures that all “first aid activities are strictly confidential.”

The First Aid Squad once again encourages community members to join in the work of this service organization. To become an active member of the squad a person must complete the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic course. A special certification process is available for licensed medical professionals such as nurses. “Driver only” members are also needed and this position requires only essential first aid training. To learn more about becoming a squad member, contact Elise Cousineau at 609-371-3344 or elisecousineau@comcast.net or leave your request at the new squad e-mail, firstaid@borough.roosevelt.nj.us.

Help us to help you. One of the most important things you can do, in case there is ever a medical emergency call from your household, is to have

medical information easily available. It is a good idea for each family member to list contact information for doctors and to state the medications used regularly including both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Post it on your refrigerator or place it in a clearly marked vial in the refrigerator door. If you are interested in a form that you can use to summarize this information, check with Carol Watchler, 609-448-5215.

Roosevelt First Aid Squad continues to seek new members, both regular members and driver-only members. Applications and a review of requirements can be obtained from the squad’s lieutenant Elise Cousineau, 609-371-3344 or elisecousineau@comcast.net.

The remaining summer courses which the First Aid Squad will offer are steps to certification. Both driver-only members and regular members will need the “CPR for the professional rescuer” course on Sunday, July 27. The “Community First Aid” course is a must for the driver-only members and will be held on the regular squad drill day, Sunday, August 10.

These two courses are open to additional interested community members. Contact Elise Cousineau as above for registration information.

Drivers & Walkers Beware - Hunting Season Has Started! Roosevelt Environmental Commission News

By David Schwendeman

It was at dusk early September as I rounded the bend by Elm Court on Tamara when a nice young buck (male

White-tailed Deer) ran from the woods between me and three Roosevelt walkers. That was the second to cross my path that night causing me to brake and thank my lucky stars we didn’t hit. The first one ran from ‘151 Acres’ to the East just as I passed Nurko road. Archery hunters are now active and pushing deer around plus it’s getting close to deer mating season. Now is the time when I’m most cautious while driving especially at dawn and dusk when visibility is so variable.

My real reason for writing to the *Bulletin* is to talk about the Roosevelt Woodland Trail. This nature trail is just one of several projects that are evolving very nicely through the efforts of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission. Three of four sections are now easily walked by following the cleared path from the Water Treatment Plant at the end of Pine Drive to the Solar Village/Lake Drive bike path. Every time I walk a section I see amazing things like the Scarlet Tanager singing about his territory this past Spring. I felt like an explorer in a far away jungle privileged to see this colorful spectacle so close and so pretty. Then there was the time I met a new couple to Roosevelt who told me where they found the eggshells of a successful wood duck nest near the trail in section “B” (Tamara to Rochdale along Empty Box Brook). And then there’s the flowers, and butterflies, and ferns, and frogs, and trees, where changing seasons add new dimensions to the whole ecosystem. I hope to relate more trail news in future *Bulletins* and maybe set up a computer database so we can all

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My New Home

Finite in its borders, but infinite in its meanings for so many, for me, Roosevelt is now home. And given the consideration, hopefully, always. My journey to this quaint yet extremely creative town began years ago with an almost unknown movement, yet specific in my course. You see, I am an artist. I paint, sculpt, write some poetry. And enjoy the life that seems to have hold of me, body and soul. Roosevelt's energy and concentration of talents in its population exposed itself to me slowly. Like a great "trick of the eye." It was meant to be discovered and uncovered, exposing more and more with each inspection.

I found Roosevelt by accident, yet almost my entire life, I seemed to have been headed here.

As a child, as far back as I can remember, I have been interested in creating, being creative and attracted to the artistic and unusual. The last child of four. My parents' raising of me was no different than my siblings, it was disciplined and open child rearing. My parents instilled all the classic values in my brothers and sister. And although the same care and attention was given to me, I seemed to be a bit more precocious and more free than my clan.

My parents and siblings always encouraged me. Although with more than a bit of practicality and reality. And just a little more head scratching.

Art, design, architecture and decoration have always been a part of me. And, ironically, my first true recollection of falling in love with architecture, came in the form of FDR's house, in Hyde Park, NY, on a grammar school field trip. And FDR



James Hayden's Mom and Dad from 1953

quickly became my favorite president. A man who implemented so many forward and creative programs in his term. Little did I realize I would end up in a town bearing his name. And also far from realizing how my creativity would mold and direct me throughout my life.

My family is unique by today's standards. Although I don't believe there is any perfect family, mine seemed to be the picture of 50's post-nuclear closeness. All was balanced by love and caring and concern. My parents encouraged me in my artistic pursuits throughout the years, even injecting the usual caution, "You may not make a great living being a fine artist", but never discouraging me. And going so

far as to let me know that "Happiness is equally important as job description."

So throughout my young adult years, I tried my hand at many jobs. Everything from landscaping to retail management to working as an operating room tech. But, my artistic side was always near and I would utilize it any chance I got; designing a logo for a hospital dept. program, and doing the display windows, as a manager, when I worked for a larger retail bookstore chain.

But finally I had enough and needed more. During a brief stay-over at my parents, I took advantage of the security of home and little rent to start my own business. And never looked back. I literally started it on a prayer and word of mouth and some friends who had enough trust in me to let me into their homes. I

started my custom wall (faux) finish interior design firm. Firm, heck, one man show. Rough at first, but job by job my business grew. And my creativity blossomed anew. And thanks to one of my clients and encouragement and desire for an abstraction of their last name on canvas – started me back to the "Fine Art" end. I found my business was a creative outlet. Better yet, it allowed me to further my own interest in doing more.

Then I was afforded a greater opportunity by a great woman. An opportunity which would allow me to truly become what I had always wanted to be. I was given a one man show in Red Bank, NJ. An incredible venue for local exposure. All I

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wanted was validation, as an artist. And selling one canvas would've done this. But in a month's time, sold eight out of eighteen! With that there was no turning back.

As my business grew and with the new confidence of a successful show, it made me realize the reality of being an artist. I also realized I needed more space, for I was rapidly outgrowing my makeshift studio set up in my parents' basement.

Once again, with determination, I set out to find a home and studio. Not knowing where or what, but knowing my instincts would lead me there, somehow. My only criterion was to be within a certain radius of my family. So, all over Monmouth County I searched. At one point I was going to forsake my self imposed restriction and even considered moving back to New Hope, PA, where I had lived briefly, and is a haven for artistic types. But fate would intervene.

Friends of mine had moved into the Clarksburg section of Millstone. It seemed I was spending more and more time out this way and began exploring. Having grown up at the shore, I never considered going inland. But all that changed one day. In fact the day my friends first mentioned Roosevelt, I had actually driven through the town, almost not noticing it (other than the great bust of its namesake). Some scratching of the surface and some research proved to be an almost infinite unveiling of the town and its history. Each investigation added more to my desire to find a dwelling in this unique community. This search would send me to my house. A great house, on a quiet street, large enough for me and with the best room for a light filled studio I had seen yet. Add to that, the great names presiding here. It drove and inspired me. And with a bit of luck

and determination, the house became mine. All my desires to be an artist finally came to fruition.

I now think of Roosevelt as my home, and will for a long while. Its effect was total. The other artists, writers, musicians, singers, etc. who populate the town are an incredible concentration by any standard. For me, it's quiet and quaint, yet worldly and a bit metropolitan. I've also been lucky enough to meet acquaintances, and get to know some of the town's luminaries and taken inspiration from them all. I only hope the future continues to bring others into town. Younger or older, but people of talent who understand the uniqueness that is Roosevelt.

In Roosevelt, I found home. And I was already blessed by great family, health and determination, so I feel luckier still to continue in my pursuits. And Roosevelt is supportive of that fact in just being.

At this point, I can't imagine being anywhere else. And though my life will continue to be a journey I will enjoy, the fact that Roosevelt is my home is paramount in comfort, outside of my own family. And I look forward to spending many years here. ■

About Two Square Miles Of Stories

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

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To The Editor:

I am Webmaster of the Roosevelt Home page located at www.web2sons.org. The web site has information about Roosevelt and links to the *Borough Bulletin*, Roosevelt school Home Page and more. The site is for residents so that they may send information to be posted on the site. Any local business can have links to its web page for an additional donation to *The Bulletin*. Any favorite web pages that are of interest to the residents may be sent to the Webmaster. I will then post them to the links page. We are looking to make the site better and more informative to all. All suggestions, ideas and comments are welcome.

Bob Francis

Dear Friends,

Many, many thanks to all of you who came to my birthday party at the Borough Hall on Saturday, September 6. When I walked in and saw the roomful of people, beautifully decorated tables, balloons and a huge birthday cake and many other goodies, I couldn't believe it. All for me!

As I said in my thank-you words to you all, this confirms the correctness of my decision to stay in Roosevelt after Sol died. Nowhere else would I have been given such a wonderful introduction to beginning my 90's.

Bess Tremper ■

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report our natural history sightings and discoveries in town. For now just look for the wooden Roosevelt Woodland Trail signs that mark each section and follow the white marks and walkways to experience some of these wonders for yourself. Sundays are always safe but people can and do find section "A" (from the Water Treatment Plant to the Tamara Drive bridge) weekdays so be careful and wear orange if possible.

We are very lucky to live here. So much of the world of nature is taken for granted or ignored and here in Roosevelt nature surrounds us. It would do us all some good to really, really 'stop to smell the flowers' more often!

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Recreation News

The Roosevelt Community Education and Recreation Coalition (RCERC) is sponsoring the following programs and activities this fall:

Mad Science

Mad Science is a hands-on science

program that enables students to have fun as they learn about various aspects of science. System #4 is a new addition to the Mad Science program and includes Detective Science, Kitchen Chemistry, Science of Toys, Bugs, Mad Science Machines, Movie Effects, Walloping Weather, and Mineral Mania. Class will be held in the **Art Room at The Roosevelt Public School for Grades K-3** on the following **Thursdays**: October 16, 30, November 13, 20, December 4, 11, 18. Classes are held from **2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.** and the cost is **\$50.00**. *NOTE: The December 18 session will run from 2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.* Registration forms are available at the Borough Hall.

Trip to The Newark Museum

Join us on a trip to **The Newark Museum on Saturday, November 15**. Bus leaves **The Roosevelt Public School at 11:30 a.m. and will return approximately 4:40 p.m.** The museum will provide us with a guided tour of the Ballantine House exhibit upon arrival. Participants will also have the opportunity to tour the remainder of the museum and have lunch in the museum café. *Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.50 for students ages 12 and under, and \$3.50 for seniors ages 65 and up.* Lunch is not included (average cost is \$5.50-\$7.50). Further information

about the museum is available at www.newarkmuseum.org. Registration forms are available at the Borough Hall.

Adult Hatha Yoga

The popular Hatha Yoga program will continue through the fall at the **Borough Hall on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Drop-ins are welcomed and registration forms are available at the Borough Hall.

Movie Night

Movie Night will continue through the fall at **The Roosevelt Public School on Saturdays**. Cartoons will be shown from **7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** and a family film will be shown from **8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.** Films will be shown outside on the lawn as long as the weather allows and inside the gymnasium when necessary. Bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy a free night of entertainment! ■



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the deadline set by the Department of Environmental Protection, which ordered installation and use of meters as a conservation measure. Mayor Hamilton also reported that well #4 is being rebuilt using a different, and more efficient, type of pump; and that he met with Fire Chief Kim Dexheimer to discuss the future of the Fire Department.

The floor was then opened to members of the public who were present. Luisa Costa, the real estate agent for the Trust family, owners of 42 North Rochdale Avenue, complained that someone at the Borough Hall allegedly told several prospective purchasers of the property that a mini-mall was going to be built across the street, that taxes were in the process of doubling and that the property, which is served by a well and septic system, would nonetheless be subject to water and sewer fees, with the result that all of these people cancelled contracts to buy the property. Mayor Hamilton assured Ms. Costa and the Trusts that none of these statements were true and asked them to provide more information as to who might be circulating such stories. Meanwhile, he and Administrator Harold Klein said that they would inquire to see if anyone at the Borough Hall knew of any such conversations.

Rod Tulloss called upon the Council to support farmland preservation by enacting a "Right-to-Farm" ordinance. Such an ordinance would protect farmers, who use the best management practices, from enforcement actions and lawsuits that might

be brought because of objections to consequences of normal farm activities. Though much of this ground is already covered by State legislation, Mr. Tulloss suggested that adoption of a local ordinance would have a valuable public education function and make people aware that farmland preservation is more than just prevention of large-scale development. He also acknowledged the donation by Michael Winchell, owner of New Deal Nurseries, the preserved farm on the south side of Nurko Road, of \$12,000 to be used for the establishment of a prairie meadow of native grasses on the property.

Lou Esakoff brought to the Council's attention the fact that a sinkhole had developed in front of his property and that chlorinated water was flowing through it. The Council is asking the municipal engineer to investigate the source of the problem.

Bob Francis received permission from the Council to conduct an AARP driver safety class on November 1 and 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. Participation is not limited to AARP members, though at least one person in the group must be over 55, and all those who complete the program will be entitled to receive a 5% reduction in auto insurance rates plus, if they have no more than four points, a two-point reduction. Mr. Francis will provide sign-up information.

Councilwoman Elly Shapiro, chairwoman of the Administration Committee, reported that a job description was being developed for

the combined position of Zoning Officer and Housing Inspector, which is currently held by Ed Goetzmann.

Councilman Jeff Hunt, chairman of the Utilities Committee, reported that, once the installation and testing of the new equipment at well #4 is completed, well #3 will be examined and fixed. These infrastructure repairs are necessary in order to assure an adequate supply of water to the community.

Mayor Hamilton then gave a further report on his meeting with Fire Chief Dexheimer. He stated that the Council is concerned that the Fire Department be viable and that he, Mr. Dexheimer, Councilwoman Elly Shapiro and Emergency Coordinator Ed Miller will be meeting to see if it can be made viable once again. According to Mr. Dexheimer, at least 15 active members are needed for this to occur.

In other business, the Council passed resolutions to return payments made for recreation programs that were cancelled, to award a contract for a cellular telecommunications facility on the water tower to AT&T Wireless, and to award a contract for professional services to Schoor DePalma for additional site investigation at the former gas station. Payment for this site investigation will be made out of funds previously provided for that purpose by the State. ■

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requests for proposals from interested parties and sell the property to highest bidder who submits an acceptable plan for prompt remediation of the site, either reconstruction of the building or demolition, clearance and construction of a new building, and establishment of a use that is consistent with the character of, and beneficial to, the community.

The Planning Board recommends against establishing a museum or cultural center on this site. Any such use would require substantial funds for remediation, as well as for extensive reconstruction, funds that neither the municipality nor any other likely source of funding has available. Operating funds for such a facility would also have to be found, funds that the Borough does not have the resources to provide. Furthermore, if such a facility were to be built, a far better location would be at the school, since that would be consistent with the original concept of the school as the community center. It would allow for the integration of any exhibits with the display to the public of the mural and the existing historical and artistic collections, and would allow the addition to be staffed and maintained as part of the school facility. Moreover, far more parking is available on or near the school property, and there is safe pedestrian access from several directions, which is not the case at Block 2, Lot 4.01.

New Lot 4.03

(44 North Rochdale Avenue):

Lot 4.03 would be subdivided from the existing Lot 4.01 by extending to the westerly line of the property the northerly line of Lot 4.02. The resulting Lot 4.03 would be a parallelogram north of that line with a frontage of 207.49 feet and sides of 353 feet and an area of approximately an acre and a half. This lot contains both buildable land and wetlands.

It is the recommendation of the Planning Board that this lot be reserved for three to six units of affordable housing, either in the form of a group home for adults with developmental disability, or rental apartments owned and operated by a competent nonprofit housing sponsor.

The Planning Board therefore recommends that the Borough Council:

1. Zone the area of the new Lot 4.03 so as to restrict its use to affordable group housing for adults with developmental disability or affordable rental apartments and to allow use of a well and/or septic system at that site in order to make such a use more practicable.
2. Issue a request for proposals to nonprofit organizations that sponsor group homes for the developmentally disabled or affordable rental housing, and convey the land, (subject to deed restrictions to ensure its use solely for an adult group home or affordable rental housing purposes), to the organization that submits the proposal that the Council finds most consistent with the needs of the community.

Costs to the Borough

The Borough has incurred costs for the acquisition of the service station property, including legal costs due to the foreclosure process and many years of uncollected taxes on the property. Additional costs will be incurred for subdivision. The Borough should apply for State Brownfields funding to cover any cost of evaluation and remediation of the property. To the greatest extent possible, consistent with establishment of a use consistent with the character and needs of the community, the Borough should seek to recover these costs on any sale of the property for

commercial purposes.

The Borough will also incur costs for the acquisition, whether by purchase or by eminent domain, of the two existing houses that the owners are thus far unwilling or unable to restore to habitability or to sell. These costs will include appraisals, legal fees and purchase prices. It is the hope and expectation of the Planning Board that all or most of these costs can be recouped upon the sale of the houses to persons who will restore the properties to habitability.

Relocation Assistance

Since all of the properties in the five redevelopment areas are currently unoccupied, there will be no need to relocate any residents from properties acquired by the Borough for redevelopment purposes.

Properties to be Acquired

Both Block 1, Lot 4 and Block 4, Lot 3 have been sold to owners who will rehabilitate them. Once this occurs, there will be no need for the Borough to acquire these properties.

Block 2, Lot 4.01 (former gas station property) has already been acquired. The only properties remaining to be acquired are, therefore, Block 4, Lot 33 (20 South Rochdale Avenue) and Block 12, Lot 2 (19 South Rochdale Avenue). If the Borough does not have sufficient funds available for the purchase of these properties, it will have to borrow the money. Any money gained from the sale of the gas station property might be used for this purpose.

Since the owner of Block 4, Lot 33 is, as a result of the outcome of her court case, unlikely to be in a position to restore it at any time in the foreseeable future, the Borough should acquire the property and sell it to the highest bidder who will agree to rehabilitate it in a manner acceptable to the Borough,

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whether through reconstruction or through demolition and new construction, in a timely manner; provided, however, that the Council may wish to consider giving preference to prospective owner-occupants.

The representative of the estate that is the owner of Block 12, Lot 2 should be given an opportunity to present plans for the rehabilitation or marketing of the property. Should he fail to present an acceptable plan, the Borough should acquire this property as well and sell it to the highest bidder who will agree to rehabilitate it in a timely manner; subject, once again, to preference possibly being given to prospective owner-occupants. Due to funding constraints, it may be advisable not to acquire this property until such time as Block 4, Lot 33 has been sold and the money used for purchasing it has been recouped.

Relation to the Master Plans of Monmouth County and of Contiguous Municipalities and to the State Development and Redevelopment Plan

By addressing the affordable housing obligation of the Borough of Roosevelt in the manner proposed in the Redevelopment Plan, the Borough will promote the objectives of avoiding significant adverse impacts upon County Route 571 and other local and county roads in Roosevelt and contiguous municipalities. It will also promote the objective of conserving water resources. Since the Redevelopment Plan promotes re-use of existing improved properties, and limits new construction to a single

structure, be it a group home or an apartment building, next to an existing house, it would be consistent with the planning area designation of the land in Roosevelt as PA-5, Environmentally Sensitive, in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

Modification of Development Ordinances

In order to implement this Redevelopment Plan, be it hereby ordained as follows by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt:

1. The minimum lot size requirement for the R/Ag-100 district set forth in the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of Roosevelt to the contrary notwithstanding, the demolition of existing buildings on a nonconforming lot in that district that is in an area in need of redevelopment and their replacement with a new single-family dwelling shall be permitted.
2. Block 2, Lot 4.01 shall be subdivided by extending the northerly line of Lot 4.02 to the westerly line of Block 4.01, thereby creating a new Lot 4.03 in the area to the north of the extended northerly line of Lot 4.02.
3. New Lot 4.03 in Block 2, as described in 2 above, is hereby designated as the Affordable Housing (AH) zoning district. The only permitted use in such district shall be a group home for adults with developmental disability having at least three, and

no more than six, bedrooms, or a building containing three to six rental apartments having a bedroom distribution approved by the Council on Affordable Housing, that shall be affordable to, and rented exclusively to, persons of low or moderate income, as defined in the "Fair Housing Act," P.L. 1985, c.222 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.). Development using a well and/or septic system shall be permitted in the Affordable Housing zoning district.

4. The minimum lot size in the C-40 zoning district and in the AH zoning district shall be one acre.
5. This Redevelopment Plan is hereby adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 and shall be effective immediately upon publication and filing with the Monmouth County Planning Board. ■

By Ron Filepp

Mostly dreary with occasional gloom seems to sum up the weather of summer 2003. I spent more time indoors than in any summer in memory. When I think back over the season, low temperatures and damp conditions seemed to dominate. But those impressions are not entirely borne out by the numbers. June's average temperature was more than a degree below normal. But there were more 90° plus days in June than in August – four for June and only one for August. June had one three-day heat wave starting on the 25th and lasting through the 27th. July and August were both hotter than the normal average temperature. July was 1.1 degree warmer than normal. There was one four-day heat wave that began July 4 and lasted through the seventh. Nine days had 90 plus high temperature readings.

August's average temperature was 2.7 degrees hotter than normal and it was the warmest summer month (normally July is slightly warmer than August). Despite those statistics, there was only one day in August 2003 that broke the 90 mark.

Rainfall for the entire summer was about 30% above average with June alone bringing almost as much rain as July and August combined. Measurable rain fell on 14 of June's 30 days and rainfall totaled 8.12 inches. That's over 4.50 inches above normal for the month. July was the only summer month with below normal precipitation. But the rainfall was only off by a tenth of an inch. There was precipitation in measurable amounts on 10 days in July.

August turned to wet conditions again. Measurable rain fell on 12 days and total precipitation for August ran at 150% of normal.

The longest dry spell of the summer started in mid-August and lasted 12 days. Total precipitation for the summer was 19.49 inches. Normal is 13.11 inches.

Weather Word

Frost - The covering of ice, due to condensed water vapor, that forms on exposed surfaces whose temperature falls below freezing. The first frost of fall normally occurs in our area between September 30 and October 30. In spring, the last frost is normally between March 30 and April 30.

The Old Farmers' Almanac tells us that different freeze ranges, from light to severe have these effects on plants:

- Light freeze: 29°F to 32°F – tender plants killed, with little destructive effect on other vegetation.
- Moderate freeze: 25°F to 28°F – widely destructive effect on most vegetation, with heavy damage to fruit blossoms and tender and semihardy plants.
- Severe freeze: 24°F and colder – damage to most plants.

August 15 – September 15, 2003

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	86.5	65.5	76.0	0.00
16	88.3	67.8	78.1	0.00
17	85.3	66.7	76.0	0.00
18	81.7	61.5	71.6	0.80
19	83.3	60.3	71.8	0.00
20	85.5	64.0	74.8	0.00
21	88.7	68.2	78.5	0.00
22	91.2	71.6	81.4	0.00
23	83.5	64.2	73.9	0.00
24	75.9	51.6	63.8	0.00
25	83.1	58.1	70.6	0.00
26	83.7	63.3	73.5	0.00
27	88.2	67.6	77.9	0.00
28	81.7	63.5	72.6	0.00
29	85.8	62.8	74.3	0.00
30	88.2	69.3	78.8	0.00
31	74.5	59.5	67.0	0.88
1	69.6	61.5	65.6	0.08
2	66.4	62.2	64.3	0.30
3	69.8	62.1	66.0	0.31
4	78.1	68.4	73.3	0.55
5	77.2	61.5	69.4	0.30
6	74.5	54.9	64.7	0.00
7	77.0	53.4	65.2	0.00
8	78.3	56.3	67.3	0.00
9	73.4	60.1	66.8	0.00
10	73.6	52.2	62.9	0.00
11	76.6	53.4	65.0	0.00
12	73.0	57.7	65.4	0.00
13	78.3	64.6	71.5	0.56
14	83.1	70.7	76.9	0.34
15	79.0	69.8	74.4	0.10
Total Precipitation 4.22"				

Grol



This may sound like the title of an exotic Swedish dish but it's really an acronym for Getting Rid of Leftovers. Before you clean out your refrigerator, you might try the following:

1. Carefully study the contents of your refrigerator.
2. Any food that has turned an unfamiliar shade of green or has an unusual odor, discard immediately.
3. Remove the following items and set aside:
 - a. little packets of chicken from last night's dinner
 - b. some Chinese food from the restaurant
 - c. That half potato in aluminum foil
 - d. A bit of tomato sauce
 - e. Half cup of homemade soup or stew
 - f. Anything else you may find desirable
4. Cut into bite sized pieces.
5. Spray a pan and sauté mixture until just before it becomes mushy.
6. You may add red peppers, mushrooms, soy sauce, onion or anything else you wish.
7. Serve on rice, pasta, couscous, Kasha or alone.
8. This may surprisingly turn out to be edible but please do not enter it into a gourmet cooking contest.
9. If it is inedible, throw it out. Then go out to eat and start some new leftovers for your next GROL.
10. This is to be taken with tongue in cheek!

This column will appear from time to time to inform our residents of current and coming events such as those listed below as well as CD's, publication of books, singing engagements, etc. Please call Bess Tremper, 609-448-2701, to include your event. Call by deadlines which are the 15th of the month before the actual event.

JUDY NAHMIAS

Will be exhibiting three of her paintings as part of the "Tribute to One in Eight" art exhibit.

Saint Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ, 10/10/03 and 10/11/03

In Honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Fox Theater,
St. Louis, MO
with Peter, Paul & Mary
10/24/03

Mendel Center, Benton
Harbor, MI
with Peter, Paul & Mary
10/25/03

PAUL PRESTOPINO

Paul accompanies country-dance groups.
Here is their schedule for this month:

Princeton Country Dancers,
Contra Dance at Suzanne Patterson,
with "Free Radicals" (Band)
Marian Rose, Caller
10/1/03

Thursday Night Contra Dance
Glenside Memorial Hall,
Glenside, PA
with Mat Clark (fiddle)
Jim Kitch & others, Callers
10/2/03

Other Venues:

Reunion with "Roosevelt Kids"
in Amherst, MA,
home of Rachel Folsom and Robbie Moll
10/3, 10/4, 10/5/03

George Potter Center,
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10/26/03

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2003-2004 SEASON

Saturday, October 18, 2003

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Exhibition and Opening Reception at Jacob Landau's geodesic dome (30 Lake Drive)

8:00 p.m., David Brahinsky and Sarah Houtz in a special concert in the dome

Sunday, October 19, 2003

12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., Exhibition continues in the dome

OPEN LANDAU STUDIO, EXHIBITION & CONCERT

Sunday, November 16, 2003

3:00 p.m. at Borough Hall

ALAN MALLACH PERFORMS BOOK II OF BACH'S WELL-TEMPERED CLAVIER

Saturday, December 6, 2003

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

COOL WOMEN READ THEIR POETRY FOR OUR ROOSEVELT RESIDENTS

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Saturday, February 14, 2004

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

ROOSEVELT POETS

Join the Roosevelt Poets for an evening of "Valentines with a Slam" and musical accompaniment.

Saturday, March 20, 2004

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

THE STORY OF PIETRO MASCAGNI

Pietro Mascagni will be presented in a conversation and recital with mezzo-soprano, Cheri Katz and pianist, Alan Mallach

Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1, 2004

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

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Saturday, May 22, 2004

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

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Saturday, June 4 and June 5, 2003

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Factory, located at 34 North Valley Road

ART IN THE FACTORY

Art exhibit and opening reception will feature many accomplished artists from town, some of whom have become internationally known.

Voluntary Contribution:

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October

3	Fri.		RPS Pizza Day
5	Sun.		Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown
6	Mon.		No School RPS Closed Yom Kippur
		7:00 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings Borough Hall President Neil Marko, 609-443-6818
		8:00 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting Mayor Michael Hamilton 609-443-5227
7	Tues.	12:30 p.m.	Senior Blood Pressure Check Borough Hall
		1:00 p.m.	Seniors Meeting Borough Hall President Gerry Millar, 609-448-0351
8	Wed.		♻️ RECYCLE RPS School Pictures
13	Mon.		RPS Violence Prevention Week
			RPS Early Dismissal Professional Development
		7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting Mayor Michael Hamilton 609-443-5227
14	Tues.	1:15 p.m.	RPS "I'm in Charge" Assembly 448-2798
		7:30 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting Borough Hall Chairman Ralph Seligman 609-448-2340
15	Wed.		Bulk Garbage Pick-up RPS PTA Book Fair During school day
16	Thurs.		RPS PTA Book Fair During school day & evening
		7:30 p.m.	Synagogue Board Meeting Neil Marko 609-443-6818
		7:30 p.m.	Environmental Commission Borough Hall Chairman Kirk Rothfuss, 609-448-3713

17	Fri.		RPS Pizza Day
18	Sat.	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Open Landau Studio, Exhibition & Concert Landau Studio, Lake Dr. Robin Gould 448-4616
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19	Sun.	12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	RAP Open Landau Studio, Exhibition Landau Studio, Lake Dr. Robin Gould 448-4616
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21	Tues.		RPS Early Dismissal Parent Conferences
22	Wed.		♻️ RECYCLE
23	Thurs.		RPS Early Dismissal Parent Conferences
		7:30 p.m.	RPS Bd of Ed Meeting President Jill Lipoti 448-9214
26	Sun.		Daylight Savings Time Ends
31	Fri.		RPS Pizza Day Halloween RPS PTA Trick or Treat

November Preview

3	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings Borough Hall President Neil Marko, 609-443-6818
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4	Tues.		Election Day

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