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Council Enacts Pet Waste Ordinance; Tree Ordinance Tabled

by Michael Ticktin

At its October 28 meeting, the Borough Council enacted an ordinance requiring all pet owners and keepers to immediately and properly dispose of any solid waste deposited by their pet on any public property or on any private property not owned or possessed by the pet owner. The ordinance includes an exemption for disability assistance animals. Violators are subject to a fine of \$50 for the first offense, increasing to \$100 for the second offense, \$250 for the third offense, and up to \$1,000 for the fourth and any subsequent offenses.

The Council adopted the ordinance in response to a complaint from a resident about a pet owner who refused to clean up after his pet. For the ordinance to be enforced, assuming the offense does not occur in the presence of a State trooper, an aggrieved citizen will have to observe violation, both the action of the pet and the failure or refusal of the owner to comply with the ordinance, go to the clerk of the joint municipal court in Millstone and file a complaint and testify at the municipal court trial.

Also at the October 28 meeting, the Council voted to table an ordinance regulating the removal of trees on private property that had been formally proposed, at the October 15 meeting. Councilman Luke Dermody, Council liaison to the Environmental Commission (EC), reported that the EC had discussed the proposed ordinance and had concluded that it was overly restrictive and would impose unnecessary costs and permit requirements on homeowners who had legitimate reasons for removing a tree. The incident that had led to the introduction of the proposed ordinance involved cases

of new residents moving in and clear cutting portions of their properties. It was the position of the EC that that problem could better be addressed by an ordinance limited to clear cutting and by educating people as the value that trees give to properties and to the community. EC chairman Michael Ticktin also pointed out that technical errors in an earlier draft had not been corrected.

At the October 15 meeting, the Council voted to renew the existing agreement with Monmouth County for service to senior and disabled Roosevelt residents under the Special (formerly Senior) Citizens Area Transportation (SCAT) program.

At the November 12 meeting, the Council was pleased to receive an email from Chuck Casagrande of the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund congratulating the Borough and Safety Coordinator Greg Possiel on an excellent loss control report. The report concluded that there are no new or outstanding suggestions for improvement.

The Council also received a letter from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) granting an extension until August 21, 2020 for improvements to Nurko Road and Elm Court largely funded by DOT.

The Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$808,513.13 to The Earle Companies of Farmingdale, NJ, a bidder whom Carmela Roberts, the municipal engineer, had found to be “responsive, experienced and efficient,” for new water mains on Homestead Lane, Cedar Court and Elm Court, curb and pavement replacement

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- Please name your files with your last name, or the name of your organization, and the month.

It's natural that people have second thoughts about what they've written, but we want to discourage multiple submissions of the same thing, whenever possible. When this is necessary, the revised version should be clearly named as a revision.

The Bulletin board members are thrilled to see that people are utilizing the Bulletin as a forum for communicating about our community's most critical issues. And it is impressive that Roosevelt has supported this publication for so many decades by contributing both financially and intellectually. We are committed to providing you with the best publication possible—your support of our submission guidelines will enable our volunteers to most effectively meet that goal.

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on Homestead Lane and Cedar Court and sanitary sewer improvements on Homestead Lane.

The Council also authorized payment in the amount of \$12,900 to B&W Construction for installation of four Mueller hydrants and awarded a contract for \$1,640 to Power Equipment Company for the periodic maintenance and repair of the standby emergency generators located at the Borough Hall, the Lake Drive lift station, the sewage

treatment plant and the water treatment plant.

Before adjourning the November 12 meeting, Mayor Peggy Malkin read a statement indicating that, contrary to what some residents had been saying, the Council has no intention to shut down the Roosevelt First Aid Squad and is actively working to maintain and improve our emergency services. A letter from Mayor Malkin restating what she said at the meeting is included in this issue of the Bulletin.

All Local Incumbents Returned to Office by Michael Ticktin

In the election held on November 5, Mayor Peggy Malkin was elected to a 4-year term, Councilmen Mike Hamilton and Luke Dermody were elected to full three-year terms and Councilman Chad Vroman was elected to serve the final two years of an unexpired term. All four were on the ballot with no opposition.

In the election for three seats on the Board of Education, incumbents Leo Gordon, Judith Goetzman and Dan Leibowitz, none of whom had filed to appear on the ballot, were elected by write-in votes.

Republican candidates for county office and for the New Jersey Assembly were elected despite the failure of any of them, as usual, to carry Roosevelt.

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From Roosevelt to around the Southern Hemisphere and Back in 80 Days

Wednesday, 2/12/08:

Goodbye Reef and Where's Oscar?

A trip that should have taken maybe six hours door-to-door, took from 6 am to 9:15 pm. It's not all their fault; I made several poor judgments that are too embarrassing even for me to read. I wasn't going to mention this day in my own journal, except the Melbourne Airport shuttle driver was a wonderful character.

I inadvertently approached him without seeing the company dispatcher. The driver had no problem giving me a price of \$25, which I think was more than the going rate. After 15 hours I didn't care. Since I was one more passenger than he'd expected, he had me sit shotgun.

He was a terribly energetic man who jumped out of the van and ran around it to let his charges out. It was clear that he enjoyed his work. As his assistant, I felt compelled to assuage my curiosity about Melbourne, but he was more interested in his own accomplishments. For most of his life he'd worked as a builder and developed an interest in design and architecture. He became a member of MOMA in NYC because they'd sent members brochures (with the accent on 'chures') on art and architecture designs. He rattled off many of the well-known American architects and spoke about them and their work with a lot of passion. Then he answered some of my questions about the eclectic architecture of Melbourne in detail. It is varied both in style and in period. Wide avenues give it the feeling of a capital city, which it isn't.

He told the last two women that left the van that they'd have to pay \$20 each instead of the \$17 he'd quoted because their stop was much further. They just reminded him that

he'd said \$17. No one said another word. As he dropped them off he said, "Why don't you pay me \$35 for both and you two sort it out." This trip was worth the extra \$10 I'd paid.

All this probably wouldn't have gone into my journal, though I couldn't leave what happened next to be forgotten.

I was dropped off at the Cooe Backpackers' Hostel, on St. Kilda Road, no less. These names were not inspiring to me. As a matter of fact, when Kate had mentioned Cooe, I thought she was cursing me out and sending me to some church. But on the plane, I'd read that this was relatively a new place and very well maintained and clean. So, I approached it with less apprehension. You're no doubt wondering what this old fool is doing in a backpacker's hostel; well they're cheaper than hotels. I was able to afford the best bed available in a private room.

I'd chosen to go to Melbourne because I'd always been curious about this city; I'd wanted to attend the Australian Tennis Open (wrong time); and I'd always wondered how Oscar Hollander had made out.

The last couple of years that I lived in Belgium, 1948 through 1950, Oscar and I were good friends. He and I had no father and we both had war-torn struggling mothers. I had an older brother and I think he'd had a sister. I liked him a lot and I think it was reciprocal.

Relationships after WWII for most of us hidden children were dramatically important, as they might even have been without a war at that age. When our relationship was probably at its best, his mother told him they had to move to Australia; probably because she had relatives there. My mother had told me we'd go the States for a similar reason, my mother had sisters there. Like desperate lovers, we vowed to write, not every-

day mind you, but to write. We never did.

I hadn't a clue how I'd find Oscar or if he was still alive. While a young man checked me in at the backpackers, I noticed an older man behind the registration desks who seemed to know his way around, wearing a kipa (skullcap). I asked him in Yiddish if he spoke Yiddish. His wide smile prefaced his Hungarian accented affirmative answer in Yiddish. I told him about my Oscar mission. He was so intrigued that before I could say another word, he was on the computer getting the name and number of the one woman in Melbourne who knew every Jewish person in the Jewish Community. (There was a time within my history that that kind of person was not only a valuable person to know but also one whose life would automatically be in danger.)

When I asked the receptionist for a restaurant and supermarket, Erwin, the owner of Cooe, offered to take me after I'd freshened up. He drove me four blocks away, told me about some properties he owns in Monmouth County, where Roosevelt is, and we shared our histories. Need I say it, as he pointed out the Jewish neighborhood, I felt very welcomed in Melbourne and knew that if Oscar was there, I'd find him.

Thursday, 2/14/08 Oscar and a Tramway Track Bar

Rather than hop on a tram and visit downtown Melbourne, I walked over to see what Erwin meant by Jewish neighborhood. There were a few men that walked around with skullcaps and several stores featured Jewish foods and other artifacts. Erwin said that there is a strong Jewish community in Australia and that Jews feel very comfortable. I supposed he was commenting on the absence of antisemitism, which always pleases me. (When my brother, Max, who'd

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never emigrated from Belgium to the States, came to visit us here for the first time in 1969, he wondered why the kosher butcher store in Hightstown conspicuously advertised its store with the Star of David prominently displayed. This surprise was a remnant of the violent experience during the war that told every Jew it's better to remain hidden). The stores seemed comfortable with their identifying signs in Melbourne. I had already made a fool of myself the night before when I bought everything in sight at the western style supermarket, so I just enjoyed the aromas emanating from the Jewish bakeries.

When I got back to the hostel to eat some of the food I'd bought, I thought I'd do a little detective work before calling Beth, the one who knows all the Jews in Melbourne. I got a Melbourne white page telephone book that lists several Hollanders and one with an "O". I called and asked the man who answered if he was Oscar and originally from Schaerbeek, the borough where he'd lived in Brussels; he said he was. I'd found Oscar. He offered to pick me up the next day and we'd have tea or something at his place so I could meet his wife. That felt fantastic.

Despite my cold that was getting worse, I went downtown and went to see the city in daylight as well as a museum, mostly of Australian artists. I also ordered tickets at The Arts Center, a beautifully constructed area of circular buildings. One for several



Painting by Lois Pressler

theatres and one other that was built for the opera. I saw a mediocre play more cynical than I about life and its hypocrisies, Don Juan in Soho. On the way back by tram, I saw something I never thought I'd see again (just like Oscar); the conductor had to manually change the train track. This occurs only when the electrical impulse he generates from the tram fails to move the rail in the direction his tram needs to go. Then he must go out and make the track change by hand. When it happened, he took out a 3- to 4-foot long bar that looked like a giant beer bottle opener. I hadn't seen one of those since 1950, just like Oscar. It made for a happy Valentine's Day.

Friday, 2/15/08 Midnight in a Closet

I'd thought I wouldn't write anything about Friday because it's better not to remember useless and inevitable pain but realized when I'd reread my journal, I'd think I'd vanished on 2/15.

I called Oscar, who asked if we could meet Saturday instead to make use of the new-found-free-time, I called the airline to change my itinerary. From NJ in August, I hadn't been able to get a flight from Auckland, New Zealand, directly to Santiago, Chile. I settled for Auckland-L.A. (Yes California.)-Buenos Aires, which is roughly 32 hours of flying in a 37-hour period. A bullet through the brain is likely less painful! (It brought to mind a Pan American 747 pilot that used to be a customer of mine when I was in the tool business and I was young enough to think how glamorous and romantic his life must have been. He'd visit my tool store in Princeton Jct. between round trip flights from JFK to Bombay, to buy cutting tools for his side-line gunsmith shop. I told him how envious I was of his romantic flying adventures. "What's so romantic?" he'd ask and proceeded to describe the non-stop 10-12-hour flights. "Pretend you're in a dark closet

in the middle of the night, sitting on a chair, with a vacuum cleaner roaring endlessly, and every few hours the closed door opens and a flight attendant hands you a tepid cup of coffee to make sure you're still awake. That's what flying a 747 is like." (I dropped 'romantic' from my flying vocabulary then.)

After 80 minutes of waiting on the phone and getting disconnected several times, I got a more reasonable schedule, Auckland-Tahiti-Santiago, where I knew I'd have a chance to recover, go to Patagonia and then on to Buenos Aires.

I rejoiced by walking through some of the Royal Botanical Gardens, the massive Shrine of Remembrance, a huge monument to the people who'd served in all the Australian campaigns. I'd never realized in how many skirmishes and wars Australia had participated. How unfortunate; I wondered if it said something about the Australian people. Then again, I don't like war.

I had a wonderful Malaysian dinner and saw an expensive play, which was so bad I left during intermission. I called my daughter Amy because I finally figured out that midnight in Melbourne would be 8 am the previous day in NY.

Saturday, 2/16/08 "You can't go home again!" Thomas Wolfe.

I went to meet Oscar at his "flat" where we spent most of the day and later to meet his wife, who'd made dinner for us. I've forgotten most of the people I knew in Belgium 58 years ago, but somehow, I always remembered how sad I was that Oscar moved to Melbourne. I also remembered that I was annoyed all these years that he'd promised to write and never had. Well, I had the right name, I had the right person, but he left Belgium in 1952 and I left in 1950. Guess who hadn't written first?

Although I remembered knowing

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him and he vaguely remembered black-haired-Albert from Anderlecht (before I became this sultry silver-haired beauty, I was always a blond; I wouldn't have had it any other way). We might as well have been two total strangers meeting. Through the day, as we shared ideas, values, and experiences, I was able to guess which characteristics must have been prevalent for me to have liked him well enough to remember his name all that time.

It was both an awkward and meta-cognitively strange day. It was the kind of day I'd never want to repeat but that I wouldn't want to have missed for the world. (That's all I'm going to say in this public venue on this.)

I hadn't specifically thought that in all my travels I wouldn't see apartments, except when I started using B & B's, but I did get a sense of middle class 'flats' in Melbourne, which are not much different from the ones in the States. I often feel a bit empty when I leave a country and realize that I was never in anyone's home. Can I really make a judgement about the people without experiencing their immediate, chosen environment? Here I had had the chance to see how people live. Pretty much the way we do in Roosevelt.

This was quite a memorable day for me!



Drawing by Zachary Pressler

A Piece of History You probably Never Learned [and Why it's Important to Learn it Now]

by Tim Hartley

There is much of our history for which Americans can be justly proud. Many books, articles and movies have done a wonderful job of showcasing these events. But there is also a portion of American history that most of us were never taught, and about which there is much to be deeply ashamed. That portion includes things like the genocide of millions of Native Americans, the enslavement of millions of people of African descent and the internment of thousands of Japanese-American citizens during WWII. But this article is about a different piece of America's shameful past. It is about racially motivated lynchings.

Between 1877 and 1950 over 4,000 racial lynchings took place in this country. Yes, the very same country that takes pride in being "the land of the free." Some of the lynching victims had been accused of serious crimes but never got the chance to defend themselves in court. Many others had done nothing more than offend a white person, often unknowingly. Some had done nothing more than be related to, or been friends with, another person. Some were young children.

The Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), based in Montgomery, Alabama, has built a memorial there to lynching victims as well as a museum focused on racial justice. Both are incredibly moving and educational. The memorial contains hundreds of steel monuments inscribed with the names and dates of victims, grouped by the counties in which the lynchings occurred. As one would have expected, most of the lynchings took place in the south, but there were more than a few in the northern states. One took place in New Jersey, right here in Monmouth County.

As part of their mission to help Americans learn about and acknowledge this part of our history and maybe better understand why we are still living with the legacy of slavery, the Equal Justice Initiative is in the process of working with local communities to place historical markers at the location of as many of the lynching sites as they can. The purpose of these markers is twofold. The first is to explain exactly what occurred at that particular place and when. The second is to help us all grasp how these events grew from centuries of slavery and how they have cast shadows that are still visible today in the many forms of racial injustice that we see around us and still do little to eradicate.

The recently formed New Jersey Social Justice Remembrance Coalition is working with EJI to place an historical marker at the location of the Monmouth County lynching, which took place in Eatontown in 1886.

The victim's name was Samuel Johnson. He was 66 years old and had been born into slavery. The story of his lynching was originally researched by the Monmouth County archivist in 1999 and was later the subject of a 2010 book by a local historian James Stone (*The Murder of Mingo Jack: New Jersey's Only Nineteenth Century Lynching*) which is still available through the Monmouth County library system. In 2012, a small plaque was placed near the site of the lynching by a group called the Mingo Jack Remembrance Committee. It is the Coalition's hope that placement of a more significant marker at the location will educate us all on this aspect of our past and, maybe more importantly, help us reflect on how we can, by our daily actions, be a part of moving our country towards the promise it has never lived up to.

In the spring of 2019, the writer and his wife visited both the Memorial to Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama. Both are astoundingly well designed. Upon returning to NJ in April, the writer began the process of identifying potential coalition member organizations. For more information about lynching in America or EJI's larger mission you can visit their website: EJI.org. There is also a very well done documentary about EJI titled "True Justice" available from HBO and a new dramatization of Bryan Stevenson's book *Just Mercy* will be coming out in late December. For more information about the NJ historical marker project please contact the writer at dafthartley@gmail.com or the Coalition Chair Kerwin Webb at kerwin@kerwinwebb.com

Phlox - The Wildflowers You Never Thought Were Wildflowers

Continuing our series of articles highlighting the native species that we need to encourage, this month we spotlight phlox.

North America is home to over 60 species of phlox. Six have become garden staples. The best known is probably the garden phlox (*Phlox paniculata*), a native to the eastern US and Canada. Garden phlox grows two to four feet tall from perennial roots. Plants slowly spread to two to three feet. Its fragrant flower heads are a favorite of hummingbirds in the summer. Commercially available selections come in a variety of colors, including red, white, lavender, orange, white with red strips, pink with red throats, and more. They do best with at least six hours of sun. They are not a favorite of deer. They can be affected by powdery mildew, although some varieties are more resistant. You can see them blooming in the Roosevelt Public School garden around the flagpole during the summer. Phlox were included in the original 2008 planting.

Carolina phlox (*Phlox carolina*), a native of the southeast, is very similar to garden phlox, but blooms earlier and is resistant to powdery mildew. There are not as many varieties to choose from. My favorite is the all white Miss Lingard. Another cousin



Miss Lingard (*Phlox carolina*)

of the garden phlox is the meadow or spotted phlox (*Phlox maculata*). It is also available in a number of colors, and it is also resistant to powdery mildew.

If you are looking for a ground cover, try moss phlox (*Phlox subulata*), a native of the eastern US and Canada. Sometimes called moss pinks, these ground-hugging evergreens are covered with flowers in the spring. It comes in a variety of colors, mostly pinks and whites and bicolors. It needs some sun and well-drained soil.

For those of you with more shade than sun, the phlox clan offers other options. The woodland phlox (*Phlox divaricata*) or the wild blue phlox is, as its names suggests, blue or shades of blue, although there are white and pinkish forms. Native to the eastern half of the US, the plant slowly spreads over the ground. It prefers moist rich soils. In the spring, plants have loose flower clusters on stems a little over a foot tall. Like its taller cousins, it may be affected by powdery mildew. The other woodland phlox native to the Appalachian Mountains is the creeping phlox (*Phlox stolonifera*). In early summer plants sport small clusters of purple flowers on nine-inch stems. It does well in Roosevelt's sandy soil.

References:

Phlox

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phlox>



Garden Phlox Hybrids (*Phlox paniculata*)

Garden Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*)

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Carolina Phlox (*Phlox carolina*).

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Meadow or Spotted Phlox (*Phlox maculata*)

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Moss phlox (*Phlox subulata*)

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Woodland phlox (*Phlox divaricata*)

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Creeping phlox (*Phlox stolonifera*)

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

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

DATE	VENUE	EVENT
Saturday, January 25, 2020, 8:00 PM	Borough Hall 33 North Rochdale Ave. Roosevelt, NJ 08555	Tin Pan Handlers Tin Pan Handlers will perform their eclectic mix of old-time roots music that includes early jazz-pop standards, folk songs, and the blues. Singer/ukulele player Pat Monteleone leads the band with an uncommon list of tunes that is sure to surprise and delight. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.
Saturday, February 8, 2020, 8:00 PM	Borough Hall 33 North Rochdale Ave. Roosevelt, NJ 08555	A Novel Idea Steve Kahofer and Judith McNally will share their experiences of taking their “novel ideas” from conception to actual publication. Afterwards they will read selections from the finished products. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.
Saturday, March 28, 2020, 8:00 PM	Borough Hall 33 North Rochdale Avenue Roosevelt, NJ 08555	One-Act Plays We went looking for one-act plays that are rich in humanity and speak to the times, and we found some. We’ll be reading them on this (hopefully) dark and windy night in March. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.
Saturday, April 25, 2020, 8:00 PM	Borough Hall 33 North Rochdale Avenue Roosevelt, NJ 08555	Roosevelt Poets Come join the Roosevelt Poets as they once again raise all hell with the alphabet. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.
Saturday, May 9, 2020, 8:00 PM	Borough Hall 33 North Rochdale Ave. Roosevelt, NJ 08555	The Roosevelt String Band in Concert—ONE NIGHT ONLY The Roosevelt String Band presents the Canadian greats: Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen, Stan Rogers, and Buffy St. Marie. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person; \$5 for seniors and students.
Saturday, June 6, 2020, 1:00 - 6:00 PM	Assifa Space 40 Tamara Dr. Roosevelt, NJ 08555	Mind and Body: Art and Science

Submitted by
Sharyn Walz**Grilled Beef Kebabs with Orange-Herb Marinade**

This beef kebab orange-herb marinade hits it all: sweet, salty, spicy, umami, herbaceous, and citrus notes. Don't love spice? You can tone it down by reducing the chili flakes. Not a cilantro fan? Try parsley and a little thyme. You can also use chicken instead of beef. While it's good, it's definitely better with beef because of the orange. Trying swapping lemon zest for the orange if you prefer.

Ingredients

- 2 bunches fresh cilantro (discard only tough stems at the ends)
- 1/2 cup low sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1-2 garlic cloves
- 1 teaspoon chili flakes
- 2 small oranges, zested (not juice, just peel)
- 1/2 cup pure olive oil
- 2 pounds chuck steak (good marbeling)

Instructions

1. Blend all ingredients until fully combined and marinate beef for up to 3 hours.
2. Skewer meat on metal skewers or wooden ones that have been soaking in water overnight.
3. Grill the beef at the hottest temperature with the grill cover closed, until fully charred on all sides.
4. If cooking indoors, prepare a sheet pan (cookie pan) with parchment or foil and top with a cooling rack and roast at 400 degrees for approximately 20 minutes, turning half way through. They should be charred on all sides.

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The rose offers its erotic cup.
On my desk a glazed bowl holds a tear
Of black volcanic glass, the abalone

Mother-of-pearl shell a quartz seed.
Our vivid memories of things never seen,
Just like cups recalling their former lives.

Shambling son of a stonemason, Socrates
Walks all the way through forgetting to find remembering.
Then a world where a god begs the cup be not his to take.

Closing its green wings on a barbed heart,
The artichoke regards the open rose.
Cups dream nests. Both wish

To be filled, both overflow, one gives birth.
Flying above the sky, the thoughts of birds
But trees are patient. They wait, their arms outspread.

It takes both hands to hold water.
There exist forms we want to walk into
As if the world were not an accident.

--David Sten Herrstrom

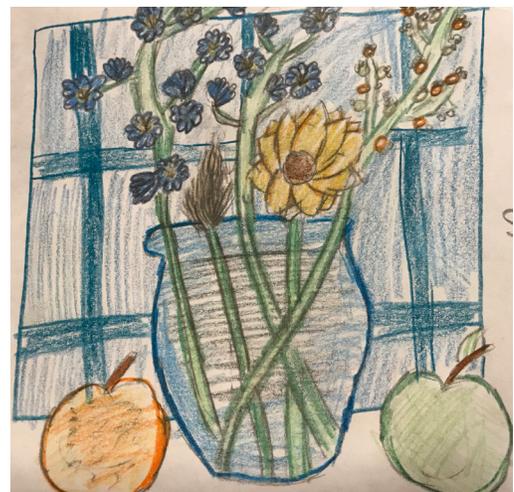
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Senior Group Meetings

The Senior Citizen Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Borough Hall.

At 12:30 pm we frequently have guests who speak about a variety of topics, generally applicable to everyone. Finances, health, and safety in the home are a few examples. Notices will be on the bulletin board at the P.O. All residents are welcome to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

Thank you.
Geraldine Millar, President, Seniors

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REMINDER FOR RECYCLING:



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



RECYCLING DATES
December 11,
January 15, 29

In the Wake

We gas up the hearse before the hurricane
while other vehicles are turned away or stretch
in line for blocks, strange privilege of imminent

catastrophe, and when the day after darkens
with shadows, we slip quietly onto closed highway,
the state of emergency palpable in the silence,

empty road decoupled with wet leaves, battered
branches strewn across blacktop. The rumbling
hum of the engine, the only sound as we crawl

up Route 17 like a tank crossing the wreckage
of a battlefield rife with buried land mines and
unsure dangers ahead. The hotel lies desolate

by cloverleaf. We bear right hard, then left
to cross lanes of highway, steer past orange
barricades, slow to a stop under the awning.

The manager, stranded with scant power
and scores of elderly patients turned refugees
as high winds knocked out electricity at nearby

group home, ushers us in. He offered beds, food,
small comforts as rain gusted at the deserted fortress
by barren road. The lobby dim from generators,

we push the stretcher to the lone working elevator
—passenger when we need freight—upend the padded
bed and squeeze in, rising to guest rooms. We exhale

as doors open, slide the stretcher onto four wheels,
and follow the manager down the hall to a closed door.
Inside lies a frail woman still by the window, shrouded

by plain white sheet, evacuated to pass quietly
in a strange bed, hours after the wind whirled
to a halt, churning out death and debris in its wake.

--Ann Wallace

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Art by Will Pressler

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad needs you!

“The Rescue squad desperately needs
your help. We pay for training and uni-
forms. Keep volunteerism alive! for more
info email us at

rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com”

Used Electronic Equipment Revised 2/25/19

Used electronic equipment can be dropped off at
the Goodwill in Allentown, located at 86 Route
526 (next to the firehouse). Hours are Mon-Sat
8-7 pm, Sunday 10-6 pm. Hightstown Borough
can no longer accept electronics.

Recycling Reminders

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission would
like to remind our fellow citizens of a few recycling
tips. All of the following information (and more)
can be found in the “Recycling 101” article written
by Steve Taylor in the March 2019 Bulletin (avail-
able at <http://rooseveltboroughbulletin.org>).

Please remember:

- Do not put items inside of plastic bags in the recycling container; keep them loose.
- Plastic bags can be recycled at local grocery stores.
- Most clean paper can be put out for recycling.
- Cardboard should be flattened. Packaging tape and staples need to be removed.

ROOSEVELT RESIDENTS
Effective immediately, you can no longer use
clear plastic bags for your recycling. The con-
tractor will not pick up. Please use a clear
open-top receptacle.

Challenge Accepted!

The Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF) was thrilled to accept an offer to meet a fundraising goal of \$3,000 by December 31, 2019. A generous resident in town has offered to match every dollar raised up to the \$3,000 mark! As many of you know, our school is facing drastic budget cuts which are forcing cuts to important aspects of learning such as after school clubs, trips and assemblies. While school administration and our Board of Education are working diligently to forge a path forward for the school, the RPSEF is fully committed to doing our part to ensure our children will continue to reap the full benefits of the education we've come to know and love in Roosevelt...but we need your help! As we gear up for the holiday seasons, we hope you'll consider a donation to the RPSEF. Some of the most important lessons in life are learned outside the traditional classroom. You can share the gift of museums, music, science, nature, artistic expression and much more with the children of Roosevelt with a donation of any size to the RPSEF.

Every dollar raised by RPSEF will go directly to fund grants written by RPS teachers. Thanks to our teachers, our students know a richness and depth to their education that the wealthiest of districts can't compete with. RPS teachers are constantly finding ways to harness the children's passions and use them to fuel deeper learning, and RPSEF is proud to financially support them. Your donations will go towards funding important grants that will reach students from Pre-K through 5th grade. Your donations have, this year alone,

sent several grades to a local farm to learn about and experience first-hand different types of agriculture. Students will soon head off to the aquarium to meet some of the sea life they are learning about in the classroom and several grades will attend a theatrical presentation to bring historical figures to life.

The RPSEF has also funded two after school clubs that would have otherwise had to be cancelled this year due to budget cuts. Thanks to a grant written by Larisa Bondy, children in grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to enhance their artistic as well as verbal and written expression in an after school Video Club. Under the guidance of Larisa and a professional videographer, the children will get the chance to produce a video with the use of professional cameras, microphones and editing equipment.

Thanks to a grant written by Donna Gazzani, RPSEF was also proud to fund Garden and Cooking Clubs. The children will, in a practical application

of science, math, and language, cultivate an appreciation of self-sufficiency by growing and cooking with herbs and vegetables they've grown from seed or tended to from seedling.

We are thankful to have such an amazing community to support the school and our students and we hope you'll consider a tax-deductible donation to the RPSEF. As our thank you, every donor making a contribution before December 31st will be entered into a drawing for two tickets to Liberty Science Center!

*Checks can be made out to Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation and be sent to P.O. Box 22, Roosevelt, NJ, 08555. Donations will also be gratefully accepted via credit card or PayPal on our website www.rpsef.org. Please let us know if your company provides matching contributions. RPSEF is a registered 501 (c) (3).

Natalie Biello
Member of the RPSEF Board



Students harvesting potatoes at a grant funded trip to Von Thun's Farm

Dear Editor and Readers,

I'd like to thank all the Rooseveltians who have participated in our bi-annual Sunday Litter Pick-Ups during the past eight years. It wasn't unusual for as many as 25 people to turn out, and we always got the job done and left the town looking clean and green.

The Litter Pick-Up has also evolved into a source of income for some of the town's essential volunteer groups. The Bulletin, Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP), the EMT Squad and the RPS Educational Foundation have all benefited from participating. Keeping this bi-annual event going is important. Hopefully someone will step forward and become the next Clean Community Coordinator.

I'd be happy to talk to anyone who is interested. The position pays a small honorarium and is a fine source of exercise! If you're interested, you can contact me at rkostar!@hotmail.com Thanks for the many fond Litter Pick-Up Day memories!

Sincerely,

Ron Kostar

Dear Residents.

I would like to address an issue that I believe needs clarification.

As you may be aware, the Council and I have been gathering information and statistics concerning our First Aid Squad. This is being done, not to harass or pester the Squad. We all have the highest respect and admiration for our First Aiders.

No one disputes the important and necessary work they perform; and the service they provide to our community.

However, Roosevelt, like almost every other town in New Jersey, as well as the country, is experiencing some problems with the squad. There are not enough members, and frequently, those members who do belong, are not available for duty.

This problem is pervasive. We, on the governing body, have an obligation to address this issue. We have had many residents coming to us expressing great concern and worry- because their 911 calls are not being responded to for thirty or forty-five minutes. Obviously, this is unacceptable.

That is why we have begun to take steps to ensure that residents will have an expeditious response to their calls.

In that regard, we have contracted out [at no cost] to Millstone Fire Department for their assistance. They are receiving the 911 calls from Roosevelt simultaneously with our squad. They are dispatching a career firefighter, who is also a certified EMT, to Roosevelt. This will take place between 6am and 6pm, from Monday through Friday. That firefighter will stabilize a person until an ambulance arrives. Considering that those are the hours that are most problematic in Roosevelt, this will, hopefully, provide welcome relief.

We are also exploring other options, such as assistance from neighboring towns, and speaking to private ambulance services.

At some point in the future, Monmouth County intends to take over First Aid Services. When a 911 call is placed, the County will dispatch an ambulance/ EMT, from their own centers. These EMTs will work directly for the county. It is currently in service in three different counties in New Jersey, and seems to be working very well. Hopefully, Monmouth County will be up and running in the not too far future.

By the way, all volunteer EMTs will have the option of either becoming a paid EMT with the county, or con-

tinuing on as a volunteer.

What I specifically want to address is something that is being told to residents: Unfortunately, people have been told that the Council is trying to disband the First Aid Squad.--and that if that happens, half of all residents who have a heart attack will die.

This is an irresponsible and untrue falsehood.

In fact, the Council is doing quite the opposite. We are making sure that each resident is attended to as quickly as possible, by exploring and taking advantage of, every option available to us. We have a moral and governmental duty to protect our citizens. We also have never considered disbanding the First Aid Squad. We would like nothing better than to have a fully functioning Squad.

In fact, neither Council nor I, have the authority to disband First Aid. They are an independent organization which does not belong to the Borough.

So, please be cognizant that we are working very hard on this, to come up with an optimal solution, and rest assured, no one will be at risk while waiting for the First Responders.

Thank You,

Peggy Malkin

STAY CONNECTED!

Roosevelt Public School Board Of Education is creating an email distribution list for meeting agendas and information. If you would like to be added to this list, which will be used in a BCC format, please email:
RPSBOE@gmail.com.

Obituary of Benjamin Brown, Jersey Homesteads Founder

This obituary for Benjamin Brown, the founder of Jersey Homesteads, was among the documents obtained by Ben Johnson in the course of his research in preparing his presentation for the Roosevelt Arts Project program honoring Brown and welcoming his descendants to Roosevelt. Since it was in Yiddish, he asked me, knowing I was able to read it, for assistance in identifying it. I told him that it was Brown's obituary and I thought it ought to be published in the Bulletin since it would be of interest to the community. I thought it best, however, that it be translated for publication by a native speaker of Yiddish. Al Hepner, who learned Yiddish as his first language in Belgium, graciously agreed to undertake this task and the Bulletin is pleased to present the results of his labor.

-Michael Ticktin

**Pages in a Diary-
Der Yidisher Kemfer
published 2/17/1939
- by Chiam Grunberg
Translated by Al Hepner**

In Hightstown, New Jersey, Benjamin Brown passed this week. I will never forgive myself that I did not make the trip to Hightstown to honor him with a final "true kindness." Although I do know the reason, fate had proffered upon me another urgent "Mitzvah" that morning more important than attending a funeral. I had a genuine need to be with his close ones, with the entire community of this new Jewish settlement, and take part in the mourning. But his closest do know, that his unforeseen or unexpected demise caught me unawares, and shook me to the core, and Brown felt ultimately, I believe, that in all the years we knew each other, even when I felt that I could not agree with him and

needed to criticize, my relationship with him was permeated with respect and friendship.

I remind myself now, of our meeting after his return from Eretz Yisroel. He had visited for some months, studied, researched, absorbed impressions, wanted to emigrate on the spot, how great then were the yearnings for Jewish mass-colonization. He was never officially a Zionist. His thinking was not "doctrinaire" enough to restrict anything that did not conform to one theory or another. In general, he was for the common man, especially for the Jewish common man, that meant - as he often emphasized in his discussions with me - that the Eretz Yisroel cord need not tremble from me. I would sooner call him a romantic "Chovevie Zion" (Lover of Zion), who would be happy as a political and maximalist Zionist, if he could believe, that our territorial question could be fully answered in Eretz Yisroel. In such Zionism however he did not find grounding for belief, thus he looked at Eretz Yisroel as one of many lands, one in which he imagined the accomplishment of territorialism, of Jewish concentration.

He returned from Eretz Yisroel a broken man. The land appealed to him and he could not lavish enough praise for his life on the Yishuv and his work life. And he spoke with great irony of those old fashioned and dreamy eyed experts, who in those times came out with the hopefulness that the population quotas for Eretz Yisroel are insignificant. When I inquired (although I always hate it when people push me to the wall with these types of questions) how many Jews, in his estimate, can Eretz Yisroel absorb, he answered me that in this question he stands between two extreme viewpoints - between Davis Tritsh and Dr. Lee Frankel. The late Tritsh made

these calculations, which if correct, meant that in about twenty-five years we would have to ask the nations of the world to supply us with citizens. Because after we would have settled the seventeen million Jews there would still be place for a great number of wanderers. Tritsh, as is well known, brought to his colonization theories a "method of alchemy" as the *laytsonim* (gadflies) used to say, he intends to colonize a Jewish family on a parcel the size of an olive, and on that place will roam a herd of cattle with an elephant - a herd of cattle, simply for "the beauty of it," (he himself used to joke about this and maintained that although they caricature him as such, one could certainly settle a working Jewish family on a plot of carob trees).

But Lee Frankel on the other hand (who forced this noble philanthropist and career man to be confident enough to become an expert in colonization?) returned from Eretz Yisroel with a very dark and conservative viewpoint: there is place enough in the land for another quarter million Jews, and if one negotiates with him, he might be kind enough to offer space for another fifty thousand.

Brown didn't believe in Tritsh's seventeen million plus an extra million souls, where Jews are not in complete ownership, nor did he accept the conservative calculations of Lee Frankel and other specialists. He did not see place for tens of millions although - as he once published - manna will once again fall from the heavens. But for millions of Jews there is enough space, if we could usher in an independent Jewish Government, or if, at least, the British Government shall cease from its terrible role as "step government." This very "step government" is the real reason for Brown's disappointment with Eretz Yisroel, from which he returned broken-hearted.

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As a non-specialist, I must admit, in those years it was never clear to me why he was so upset with the British Administration. I know that he had many discussions prior to his trip with government people in London, and that later in Eretz Yisroel he prepared long memoranda about export-import tariffs, the tax system and its flaws, about agrarian credits for cooperatives, the cost of chemical fertilizer, and that those officials, in his view, were either too great ignoramuses to appreciate his proposals or too indifferent or lazy to think, or just bad actors. We have in Eretz Yisroel he once said to me, the most modern people-stock in a government/state since the 1600s, with agricultural and technological notions of the middle ages.

He traveled on his own with the idea that if he should find opportunity for interesting work when he arrived he might settle there. In his being and mentality he was a cooperator through and through (he believed that a movement of democratic cooperative for the common folk was the most certain and normal way to achieve a socialist society) and the many years he spent in the American West, among Mormons in Utah, gave him a rich and practical training in agricultural cooperation. He wanted to apply his cooperative methods, which brought so much blessing to the farmer community of Utah, and neighboring cities to Eretz Yisroel - both among the Jews and the Arabs. He even believed that through a stronger and more diversified cooperative movement they could achieve a genuine peace between Arabs and Jews, which could never be achieved by political means. But to achieve these plans, he had to have a friendly, and most important, a *modern* government in Eretz Yisroel - not that short sighted bureaucratic apparatus, which looks down on people and chooses "for whom to warm up the oven."

He returned disappointed later from Birobidzhan as well.

I remember now the evening we spent at his summerhouse on the Hudson on the eve of his trip to Russia. The Soviet regime had invited him with a group of American experts, to study the accommodations in the Amur area for a big Jewish colony. Naturally I felt uncomfortable when he asked me for a "blessing" on his research trip. "What am I a religious Jew?" He answered that he would feel safer receiving a "blessing" from a Zionist. I heartily wished him a great success with his new project. As a Zionist, I explained, I am not interested at all, if Russian Jews want to spread themselves around the length and breadth of the gigantic Soviet Empire, and not make an effort to establish a national, concentrated and agreed upon spot to build their own community in their own setting (for the moment, let it be an area without their own free culture - sooner or later, I thought, the whole empire would go from "servitude to freedom").

Brown set out for Birobidzhan with high hopes but he returned disheartened--although they received him in the Soviet lands with great respect and special friendship. The land itself, he estimated to be habitable for 2 to 3 million Jews. But as it turned out, the government, the Soviet government, was already too "modern," too convinced that everything can be achieved and everyone in the world can be triumphed over by holy decree.

He could not collaborate with Soviet bureaucrats either. Aside from all the other problems with which bureaucrats are caught up, [there was] the Bolshevik problem with "observance of the facts" ---when the facts don't fit with the holy rubric of theory then who is responsible? May an evil spirit possess the mothers of all these facts!

I have already spent a long evening in his Hightstown house where he showed the Cinema slides he took in Birobidzhan "a worthwhile land, an outstanding land" he always added that after each photo was shown, "rice can be grown here, and soybeans here, this area is suitable for cattle rearing, and this can be a great timber center, and this body of water can provide fish for twenty million for Sabbath and holidays." But the government doesn't know what they are doing and does what they don't know; ultimately, "they don't let themselves learn."

He was also not very happy with the type of people in Birobidzhan: weary, uncooperative, exhausted people, lightweights, or indifferent adventurers, there was no motivation like he felt in Eretz Yisroel, that dreaminess in the eyes that lends stubbornness to the hands and patience, which lends stiffness to the back. He was seeking the pioneering spirit and couldn't find any in Birobidzhan like in Eretz Yisroel.

So he worked out one of his colonization plans and put it before the government. And he filled that plan with such Apostatic thought that we should send children raised with less communism and more "year-round Jews" shtetl Jews, ruined Petite Bourgeoisie, small citizens, with wife and children. The more children the better! And to let them build study halls from the outset, and also "kosher mikvas" if they choose to. To develop from the outset "this type" of atmosphere. That a Jewish "ignorance," so long as such people exist or persist, they should not be embarrassed to lay phylacteries (*tfillin*) publicly, or keep Shabbos. These types of ordinary Jews, de-classified citizens and white washed, could develop, he believed, a Jewish republic in Birobidzhan, if one allows them some semblance of pride to let live a traditional life. This type but not the students of the Litvak or embroidery workers; every one of

them wants to be a machinist with Bolshevik epaulets, they are so full of Soviet entitlement.

Despite his pessimism, practical training and understanding of people, in that period Brown was naive enough to approach the Soviet government and (indirectly) the deranged and sadistic entity, the *yidseksia*, with these “counter-revolutionary” designs. He believed however that clear psychological moments such as these are an enormous significant factor in practical colonization. As economic counselor (advisor) to the Mormons, by the way, he had had ample opportunity to study the importance of such moments in the history of Mormon wandering and their “occupation of the land” in the wide and wild west—and he could not be discouraged, although Moscow had not offered any consideration of his proposal. Some months later, he received an invitation from the Soviet regime to settle in Birobidzhan as a long term economic consultant. But he had no desire to travel off to Russia where his thoughts would have “day in and day out” fallen on “deaf communist ears.”

His hunger for Jewish colonization work after this was limited to the help he offered to the American “Hachalutz” pioneering movement for some time. I do not write this to establish my own personal influence, but once during a visit in Hightstown, after a half-hour discussion he explained to me: I need to have a place for *Hachshara*--to train people for agricultural settlement. I offer at this vague and uncertain time but certainly for years and years, my house and sixty acres of the best soil I possess, and credit to arrange this preparation place, which will probably also safeguard my Jewish and non-Jewish friends in this region. I am very prepared to be “instructor to the youngest children” in the traditional laws of farming and I am certain

that we will succeed in receiving extensive help from the Experiment Station at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. He accomplished all of his promises and perhaps more than he had promised, and when I asked him if he thought this particular group of American boys and girls could actually become long-term farmers, he answered me begrudgingly: Even you ask these types of questions? City Jews are a better material for modern colonization than non-Jewish peasants with a thousand-year peasant tradition. With non-Jews we must tutor them severely to get them to forget the traditional methods of labor. It is a pleasure to work with Jews, they know nothing and they know that they don't know - so they listen, study, and don't need to break their old harmful habits.

I can't remember any time that I called upon him for something to do with Eretz Yisroel and he did not quickly take up the cause with warmth and love. My last visit was in connection with some American plant (I can never pronounce the name of this plant without looking it up in the letter), which was ineligible for export and our cooperative (*Kvutsa*) needed to have it. Brown was very happy that thanks to his Washington connections and the faith that highly placed officials had in him, he was able to get the necessary permits. In performing this service he was also in a position to show how he could help a Jewish village in Eretz Yisroel; as a “partner” of sorts, he “imprinted” a collection of great Jewish Public works: “A dewy drop to quell my thirst for Colonization.”

In the following years, one could say he was “transfixed” with his entire person on the Hightstown project. For Brown, Hightstown was not simply a single Jewish colony in America for the 200 garment worker families that were to settle on the soil in New Jersey, he looked on it as the vanguard of Jewish Workers in America, who in time would be torn from big-city-wage

slavery, from “the proletarian” life. He was always peddling a Great Plan for Colonization-- of Cooperative Colonization, which would consist of a synthesis of the most modern farm homesteading methods and modern industry. Hightstown was to be the beginning for him, Jewish Village Number One; an experiment which if it had succeeded would have served as the example for a hundred more.

In those days, when he sought my participation in the Hightstown project (but as I always said, what could I contribute there?), he used to show me “with back of the envelope calculations,” that one could buy great tracts of land for Jewish settlers in New Jersey. I was in no way an expert, but for me it was interesting to see this kind of a man. A man who had struggled during his youth in America, had been tempered through long years of study, exemplary labors, travelling around the country and finding himself, then occupying a high and responsible position at the Farmer Cooperative, due to his training, realism and forethought and . . . dreaming, like a romantic, like a poet, of a long-lasting Jewish Cooperative in Hightstown and a mass migration of Jewish wage workers, dreamers, and intellectuals to do agricultural work.

Much later, he once disclosed to me in a moment of frankness, “I see myself as a Jewish territorialist ‘Dreyfus.’ Eretz Yisroel will be Jewish; the English won't be able to prevent it. Jewish energy will ultimately show itself to be stronger than English inertia, bureaucratic blockheadedness, and evil. And Birobidzhan will also be developed as a known Jewish territorialist center. Not forever will Russian Petite Bourgeoisie be dogmatic and ne'er do-wells. What more can I say? New Jersey will in time become a [more Jewish] city, an American place with a Jewish majority...a real transitional Land of Israel.

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Following this, as though frightened by his own words he said, "Nonsense, dreams, for now we must see if the first experiment succeeds."

I do not undertake here to analyze how great or small the Hightstown "success" has been. If it is true that the Federal Government will support it with more than four million dollars, which the Government will never get back, then it is the most expensive morsel in the history of Jewish Colonization and thus not an example for the future. I know however that Brown is not responsible for this particular "extravagance." Who is responsible, perhaps is known only by that couple of (fortunately not Jewish) federal officials who are now awaiting trial. I have the impression that Brown has found that "stumbling block" called "bureaucracy" in America as well, and that Hightstown is for the most part a sacrifice to bureaucratic administration.

I also have the impression that the great troubles that the Hightstown project has engendered, misunderstandings with the openness, and disappointment from the beginning with the downtrodden people whom he ended up working with, shortened his life.

He left this world with so much vitality, with so much unused energy and as yet unaccomplished dreams--with so many un-lived years, upon which his vigorous life force had such justified "claims."

Written in 1939



Painting by Zachary Pressler

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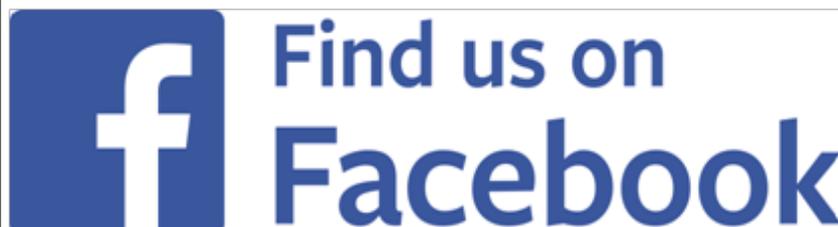
Property Maintenance Reminder

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

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

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

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



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- 4 Weds. 7:00 pm Planning Board, Borough Hall

- 7 Sat. 12:00 – 4:00 \$100-or-Less Art and Craft Sale
Roosevelt Public School
Suggested donation of \$5.
Proceeds shared equally between
RAP and the Roosevelt
Education Foundation.

- 9 Mon. 7:00 pm Council Meeting, Borough Hall
Peggy Malkin, Mayor

- 11 Weds. Recycling Pickup 

- 17 Tues. 7:00 pm Roosevelt First Aid Squad,
Business Meeting,
John Vo, President

- 18 Weds. 7:00 pm Environmental Comm. Mtg.,
Borough Hall

- 19 Thurs. 7:30 pm RPS Board of Education,
Roosevelt Public School
Ken LeCompte, President

- 20 Fri. Roosevelt Public School
Early Dismissal

- 23 Mon. 7:00 pm Council Meeting, Borough Hall
Peggy Malkin, Mayor

- 23 Mon.-
2 Tues, Jan. Roosevelt Public School
closed for Winter Break.

JANUARY

- 1 Weds. **Happy New Year!**

- 3 Fri. Roosevelt Public School
Students return

- 6 Mon. 7:00 pm Council Meeting, Borough Hall
Peggy Malkin, Mayor

- 7 Tues. 12:00 pm Senior Citizens Meeting
Borough Hall

- 7 Tues. 7:00 pm Planning Board, Borough Hall

- 7 Tues. 7:00 pm RPS Board of Education,
Roosevelt Public School
Ken LeCompte, President

- 8 Weds. Recycling Pickup 

- 15 Weds. 7:00 pm Environmental Comm. Mtg.,
Borough Hall

- 21 Tues. 7:00 pm Roosevelt First Aid Squad,
Business Meeting, John Vo, Pres.

- 22 Weds. Recycling Pickup 

- 25 Sat 8:00 pm Concert: Tin Pan Handlers will
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