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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS By SharynWalz

Special Election for Emergency Services Building, Annual Reorganization of Council

There will be a Special Election held on March 14, 2017, on Bond Ordinance 2016-020, providing for the construction of an emergency services building for the Roosevelt First Aid Squad and the Roosevelt Fire Department. The ordinance would appropriate \$600,000 for construction and authorize the issuance of \$571,400 in bonds and notes to finance a portion of the cost, authorized in and by the Borough of Roosevelt.

- A YES vote will authorize funding of the construction of an emergency services building.
- A NO vote will decline funding the construction of an emergency services building.

Voting hours on March 14, 2017, will be 6:00 AM-8:00 PM at Borough Hall.

Water and Sewer Work Halted

All work on the water and sewer utilities has been halted. There will be a second referendum vote in May to settle issues around funding the engineering work and studies needed to address the additional work.

Council Reorganizes

As is customary in a new calendar year, the Council voted via consent agenda to approve resolutions related to the normal standard operations of the Borough: appointment of Borough officials, establishing meeting schedules, and designating official Borough newspapers, banks, insurance, etc. Other resolutions were tabled for further discussion, such as contracts for legal, engineering, auditing and other services to the Borough.

The Council Committees were reorganized as follows: Admin.: Stacey Bonna, Chair; Jill Lipoti, Michael Hamilton Utilities: Jill Lipoti as Chair; Stacey Bonna and Joe Trammell Public Works: Michael Hamilton as Chair: Stacey Bonna and Jill Lipoti

Community Development and Code Enforcement: Michael Ticktin as Chair; Joe Trammell and Peggy Hamilton

Environment, Health and Safety: Joe Trammell as Chair; Michael Ticktin and Peggy Malkin

Finance: Peggy Malkin as Chair; Michael Hamilton and Michael Ticktin

In addition, the following Councilmembers will serve as representatives of the following organizations:

Councilmember Malkin--Roosevelt Planning Board, as well as the Roosevelt Recreation Department

Councilmember Ticktin--Roosevelt Senior Organization, as well as Borough Historian

Councilmember Bonna -- Roosevelt Environmental Commission

Response to Gas Station Site RFP

The Borough has recently received interest in response to the Request for Proposals for the gas station site. There is a medical marijuana dispensary company who is interested in placing greenhouses on the north end of the property and having the dispensary on the south end. Most of the product would be delivered to the patients' homes. Mayor Ellentuck requested and received Council's approval to respond to the medical marijuana company that the Borough did not have any overarching objections to their use of the space, and was open to further discussions around zoning, planning, security, etc.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 40th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from September through July. We will not publish in January and August.

Roosevelt Borough Bulletin Submission Process

The Bulletin welcomes submissions for news items, information of local interest, letters to the editor, poetry, and visual arts. We ask all contributors to adhere to the following submission guidelines:

- Send your submission to the email rooseveltbulletinsubmissions@gmail.com. For short messages, you can also use the contact form on our web site, which will go to the same address.
- Send your submission as a Microsoft Word attachment or as plain text within the body of your email.
- Please limit your letters to 500 words (about one page in MS Word). We will edit letters for length when necessary. Longer letters may be published in full on the web site
- Please include images as separate files. If you have multiple files, please put them into a zip file, if possible. Please submit only JPEG images.
- The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication (e.g., January 15 for the February issue). Submissions received after the 15th will normally be printed in the issue following the one currently in production. (So, for example, a submission received on January 16th would be printed in March.)
- Most submission will also be added to the Bulletin web site. Allow up to one week for submissions to appear online after publication of the print edition.
- 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.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS: There is a S.C.A.T. bus provided by Monmouth County Division of Transportation that comes to Roosevelt on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and will take you shopping to ShopRite in East Windsor. The bus will pick you up at your home, you spend 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours shopping, and the bus will take you home and leave your groceries at your door. There is no charge to you for this service.

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

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From the Mayor

Council Laws and Rules

Recent Borough Bulletin letters and the last several Borough Council meetings have made it evident that many need a reminder of the rules under which your Mayor and Council operate.

For the last 18 months, members of a particular group in the audience repeatedly questioned my motives and the motives of the Council, accused me and others of lying, being underhanded and otherwise impugned our reputations and insulted us.

That's okay. It is more than okay. That is what every elected municipal official should expect and accept. It is what we are sworn to do. If we are not willing to be questioned, we should not be in office.

There was much handwringing in the recent Borough Bulletin because we failed to stop members of the public from questioning a member of Council during the public portion. However, had any of us done so, we would clearly have violated the law.

The matter of the public portion of public meetings was dealt with directly by the New Jersey Supreme Court in a West Windsor case. The Supreme Court opined that The First Amendment gives people the right to express disagreement with government policy, whether on the national, state, or local level. Heightened protection is given to speech in public forums, including the public comment period of a [municipal] meeting. We must permit comments even when they "include vehement, caustic, and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials."

The public portion is created by New Jersey law and is a part of the Open Public Meetings Act or OPMA. It is NOT controlled by Roberts Rules of Order. In the public portion, you, the public, have a near absolute right to exercise your First Amendment rights of speech and petitioning your government. I am aware of NO corresponding right or obligation on the part of the Mayor or Council to speak during the public portion.

We cannot and should not hinder the public, whether or not we agree with it, and even if WE believe that speech to be insulting, vindictive, based on false facts or otherwise. We can control time, place, duration, repetitive speech and physical intimidation. But, we cannot apply those rules unevenly based on the content of the speech. Your right to criticize and question the actions and motives of the Council or its members is no less strong than the well exercised right to question or criticize my actions and motives as Mayor.

On the other hand, I and the majority on the Council have also been accused of bad faith, ulterior motives and lying by a single councilperson and have often been spoken over and interrupted by that same person. That is not okay. While Roberts Rules have nothing to do with the public portion, they most definitely control the Council. In short, Roberts Rules requires Council members to stick to the issues and refrain from questioning motives or veracity and requires Council members to say their piece and then listen silently and politely to the response.

If everyone would read and understand the rules they cite and abide by them, we could avoid much of the acrimony. Wouldn't we all be better off?

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is distributed free-of-charge to Roosevelt residents. We look forward to and appreciate contributions which are <u>very much</u> needed to keep our publication going.

Contributions are tax deductible

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We will be pleased to continue sending them the BULLETIN when we receive their contributions which, of course, can be for the same amount (or more) as in the past.

In order to save on postage, we would encourage non-residents who have computers to subscribe to the *Bulletin* online at www.boroughbulletin.org in lieu of receiving a paper copy. Donations from readers, wherever they may be, and regardless of the medium in which they read the *Bulletin*, are still very much welcome, since we could not publish without your support.

PLEASE SEND IN A CONTRIBUTION TODAY. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

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ROOSEVELT PTA NEWS

Every year the PTA holds several events and fundraisers in an effort to bring our teachers, parents and students together. We also use some of these events to raise money to purchase supplies and support fun and educational events, assemblies, and special projects for our students. In 2016 we used these funds to hire "Starlab" to provide a planetarium assembly to our students; we purchased a composter for the School Garden Club; and we contributed financially to the supplies used for the new school mural.

Our largest event every year is our Winter Carnival, which will be held on March 4, 2017. The School Carnival is a full afternoon of activities including carnival games, prizes, lunch and snack items, and ends with the calling of our raffle. The money raised at this event helps us to purchase supplies for our teachers, as well

as pay for a special assembly every year for our students.

The event is not just open to the students and the families of RPS; it's open to the entire community. We encourage all of our friends and neighbors to come check out the carnival this year. Stop by, have a hot dog, maybe buy some raffle tickets, or just enjoy watching the kids play our wide assortment of carnival games, everyone is welcome!

It takes upwards of 80 volunteers to run this event, so if you would like to volunteer for an hour or two to help run a carnival game, please reach out to our PTA President, Kathryn Cunningham at rpspta2016@gmail. com. Help and feedback from the entire community is always appreciated!

The second event we are planning this year is bringing back the townBy Kathryn Cunningham

wide yard sale on Saturday, April 29th. We will be setting up the main yard sale on the lawn of RPS, across from the Post Office and renting tables to those who are interested in selling their goods. We encourage any local artists, crafters or small business owners who would be interested in setting up a booth to please reach out to us as well. There is a sign up form included in this month's Borough Bulletin for those that would like to participate. The tables are on a first come, first serve basis, so early registration is recommended!

The Roosevelt Public School PTA is always looking for new members, new ideas, and volunteer help. If you have a question, or would like to be a part of the PTA, please reach out to us at rpspta2016@gmail.com.



Roosevelt Public School **PTA Winter Carnival**

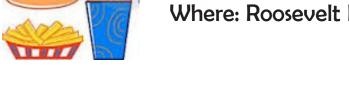
Date: Saturday, March 4th

Time: 10:00 - 1:00

Where: Roosevelt Public School







Come have fun with carnival games and prizes. Enjoy the delicious food at the bake sale. Participate in the silent auction to win wonderful baskets and prizes.

ROOSEVELT PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Thank you from Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation

As we reflect on 2016, the Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF) would like to thank everyone for another successful year. Whether you've contributed through a monetary gift, attended an event, volunteered time or simply spread the word that RPSEF is making a difference, we could not have done it without your help. RPSEF was one of the funders of the school-wide mosaic mural depicting our town that is located in the school lobby. If you haven't seen it yet, make sure you do as it looks amazing! All of the tiles that the students and staff made were fired in the kiln that RPSEF won in 2014. To ensure the kiln continues to be used on a regular basis, we purchased additional pegs and shelving for the kiln so that students can fire more art work at one time

RPSEF also shared the cost of the StarLab mini planetarium with the PTA. When each class entered the StarLab planetarium, students learned to locate stars, the Milky Way, and gained an understanding of Greek and Native American mythology used in naming the constellations. This was an event that engaged the students and enhanced their enthusiasm to learn. RPSEF didn't stop with these two projects. Instead, as the spring approached, RPSEF contributed towards the purchase of herbs for the school garden that all students worked on as they celebrated Earth Day. Planting and tending to the garden are part of the science curriculum.

Once the school doors opened this fall, another grant request hit our desks. RPSEF approved a grant request for a "Little Free Library" where people can "take a book, leave a book." The Student Council at RPS will be responsible for establishing and operating the library which will serve as a learning experience in plan-

ning, cooperation, and in carrying out a school and community wide project. The library will be available to community members during school hours so you can reap the benefits of your own contribution if you're an RPSEF supporter!

In order to continue supporting the school through approval of grant requests, we need funds donated by you or through participation in one of our events to make their dreams come true. If you're active or want to become more active, we have a few upcoming events that may be exactly what you're looking for in 2017. Let's get our hearts pumping for two upcoming events that will be invigorating and fun. Pilates classes will be offered by Stacey Bonna, a certified

By Debbie Visconti, RPSEF Treasurer

instructor and Roosevelt resident, for 6 weeks beginning April 13 through May 18 in the RPS lobby. If you're looking for something more physical, show off your skills by attending the well-liked Rockville Climbing Center event, scheduled to take place in May or June of this year and show your support for RPSEF. We hope that you will join us or share our news with someone you know. Stay tuned for more events in

future editions of the Bulletin or visit us at rpsef.org. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year!



OUR BUZZARDS?

Buzzards wheel above our town dipping feather wands as if witching for water. Black tips read the air, its sun-ripple scent-current Braille,

and conjure the underground body who responds, finding its artesian way through layers of rock and dark to the sky. They sled the air, brake on the steel rail

circling the water-tower tank, our turkey buzzards watching over the town. They survey the round world for death that they may take it from us.

True lies. We don't know minds that might wish not to know ours, eyes we cannot see that see ours. Ripened fruits of darkness, they refuse to be eaten by this poem.

Perched on the high carousel, patient as steel they wait for the carnival ride to start, watching our random walk through the park. They scan the snow

one ruffling feathers at its pretense of sky? Another salivating at water holding its breath like death? The rail sings in the wind as the buzzards begin turning

on its center whirling these immense worlds till unknown minds at play or fixed on love or war skiffle feather tips and soar from this poem.

-- David Herrstrom

Action in Support of ALS Patients

By Mary Tulloss

Many Roosevelt residents may remember Judy and Norm Nahmias who lived on Farm Lane. Their daughter, Debbie Nahmias Dauer, grew up in Roosevelt and has been diagnosed with ALS. Judy is asking that we write a letter to State Senator Thompson requesting that Bill S1575 be heard by the NJ State Senate. The letter below can serve as a model:

Right to Try Act S1575

Senator Samuel Thompson 2501 Highway 516 Suite 101 Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Dear Senator Thompson

Please allow this important bill to be heard in committee. My neighbor's daughter has ALS and the Right to Try Act S1575 would allow her and many other terminally ill patients to receive access to developing drugs and treatment. Many of these drugs have passed stage one of trials. If they have to wait until they are finally approved by the FDA it will be too late.

Thank you for your consideration.

Your Name

Dog License Period January 2017

Hi! This is "Rover", Roosevelt's official pooch, with a reminder that the 2017 licensing period for dogs will begin on January 2, 2017. In NJ all dogs over the age of 7 mos. are required to be licensed on a yearly basis. Dogs licensed from Jan. 2 thru Jan. 31 will not incur a late fee. Thereafter, a late fee of \$1.00 per dog for each outstanding month will be charged.

In order to license your dog for 2017, you will need to present a rabies certificate that **will not** expire before **Oct 31, 2017**; as an example, if the rabies certificate expires on Oct. 30, 2017, you will still need a new certificate in order to license your dog. The only exception to this NJ state requirement is for those dogs who have a verified medical condition and/or reaction to the rabies vaccines; in this case, the owner must present a signed, current statement (2017) from the treating veterinarian indicating that the dog cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. If you want to get a free rabies shot for your pooch, the borough is having a free clinic on Sat. Nov 5th 2016 from 11 am to 12 noon at the Borough Hall. Dr. Petranto, of Plumstead Animal Hospital, will again perform the vet services.

The fees for the initial licensing period (Jan 2 – Jan 31, 2017) are as follows:

	Neutered/Spayed Dogs	Non-Neutered Dogs	
License fee:	\$7.00	\$7.00	
NJ Registration fee:	1.00	1.00	
Clinic fee	.20	.20	
NJ Pet Population Control		3.00	V \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
Late fee			1 1 03
Total	\$8.20	\$11.20	

Payment should be in exact cash or by check as the office most likely will not have change available. Sorry, credit or debit cards are not accepted. Best days for licenses are Tues - Thurs from 10 am - 3:30 pm. If you would like your license(s) mailed to you, you will need to send us a copy of the current rabies certificate, check or money order and you will need to supply a stamped self-addressed envelope – postage: .47 for 1-2 licenses, .68 for 3-4 licenses; over 4 licenses needed, please come into the office. Once again, dependent on weather and road conditions, we will try to schedule two evenings during the month of January for license issuance for those who are not available during the day but wish to license their dogs at the office.

This is Rover signing out and saying thanks for your help, understanding, cooperation and dog biscuits.

Dear Editor,

I was surprised and disappointed when the Council passed a Bond to fund the Fire Company at the recent December 7 Borough Council meeting, not because I don't support the Volunteer Fire Company, but because I think the process by which this decision was reached was undemocratic and contrary to the wishes of a majority of Roosevelt voters.

Looking back on the year-long Firehouse saga reveals the following::

- 1) On December 15 2015, the Referendum for \$579,000 was stopped/defeated when exactly half of the town voted "No."
- 2) In response to the vote, an ad hoc committee was formed by the Mayor for the purpose of exploring possible alternatives to the proposals of the defeated Referendum. Unfortunately, in forming the committee, five of the six positions were filled by "Yes" voters, which despite the expertise and competence of the committee members, skewed the study from the start.
- 3) Consequently, with little input from the "No" side - the side that had actually won the vote - the committee came up with two options that many in town found equally unacceptable.

The recent election in November further confirmed "No" voters' dissatisfaction, when three candidates

Wildlife Issues

who had voted "No" on the original Referendum, and who also openly questioned the findings if not the legitimacy of the ad hoc committee, were elected handily. Again, as with the original December 2015 vote, the people spoke and what they/we said, at the very least, was: "Let's look at the cost of the original referendum and see if we can act and spend more reasonably within what most believe are the limitations of our Volunteer Fire Company."

And yet at the December 7th meeting, less than a month before the three new members would be inducted into the Council, the Mayor and Council went ahead and passed a new bond that would start at \$571,400 and very likely exceed that cost once construction begins.

Not once, then, but twice, the Mayor and the Council disregarded the message sent by voters in regard to the firehouse.

I don't oppose repairing or possibly even building a new firehouse. I support the Fire Company and feel strongly that they deserve better – much better – than their current working conditions. I do, however, question what seem to be the aspirations of some in the Company to turn itself into a regional rather than a local Fire Company. I am willing to support a small town Fire Company

ted "No" on the original whose primary focus would continue to be Roosevelt, but I balk at supporting something larger and more geographically ambitious and mobile and subsequently more expensive.

What I would like to see is for the

What I would like to see is for the three new members of the Council to sit down with the current Council members and Mayor and come up with a compromise solution that is satisfactory to most of us in town and more in keeping with the message sent by voters in the last two elections.

Sincerely,

Ron Kostar

Peter Stolberg

We lost another Rooseveltian on Saturday. Peter Stolberg grew up on Rochdale Avenue. He was a kind, gentle man, who had friends in abundance. He will be dearly missed. Here is his obituary: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=183639427

Issue/ Problem	Call
Power outage	JCP&L - 1-888-544-4877
Telephone outage	Your telephone provider (phone # is on your bill)
Loose or lost dog	Animal Ctrl: 609-234-4862 or State Police 609-584-5000
Road obstruction	911 /State Police 609-584-5000
Trees down	911 /State Police 609-584-5000
Health Emergency	911
Comcast outage	1-800-COMCAST
FIoS outage	(800) 837-4966

877-927-6337

Rescue Squad Volunteers Welcome

The Roosevelt Rescue Squad is seeking new members to share in this essential work. The commitment requires one night a week or more. Paid training. Paid college credits. Email us at roosevelt-firstaidsquad@yahoo. com.



MISSION

To educate and inspire all students to excel academically*, to become independent and creative thinkers, skillful communicators and lifelong learners. Roosevelt Public School nurtures and challenges the unique potential of each student so that our children will develop individual, social and civic responsibility as well as respect for themselves, each other, and the environment.

*to achieve or exceed N.J. CCCS at all grade levels

RPS Ranks with Top Schools on PARCC Test

Roosevelt Public School ranked among the top elementary schools in New Jersey on the most recent administration of tests from the Partnership for Assessment of Reading and Readiness for College and Careers. PARCC tests in Math and Language Arts are given annually to students in grades 3 through 11, most recently in 2016.

RPS's PARCC scores are generally not published by RPS or the State since the small number of students makes it difficult to maintain student privacy. But of the 556 elementary schools that were ranked for grades 3 through 5, RPS tied for first. See the full article here: http://patch.com/new-jersey/littlesilver/s/fymix/parcc-elementary-scho...ed-best-to-worst

Roosevelt Borough Board of Education Welcomes New Members

The Board of Education held the annual reorganization special 8 Bulletin • February 2017

meeting January 5 that included oath of office of the newly elected members and election of the 2017 President, Vice President and Delegate to the NJ School Boards. Below are highlights in addition to the agenda items of that meeting. Committee Chairs will be determined at the next BOE meeting in January (see below for schedule).

Our new BOE members are Jessica Hanley and Daniel Leibowitz both sworn in for three-year terms. Judith Goetzman was also re-elected to a three-year term. Assenka Oksiloff was re-elected for a one-year term. Remaining BOE members include:

Natalie Warner, President Kenneth LeCompte, Vice President Leo Gordon, Delegate John Petrillo Cornelia Spoor

Roosevelt Borough Board of Education Meeting Dates

The regularly scheduled BOE meetings for 2017, which will are open to the public and held at RPS at 730 pm on the following dates (subject to change):

January 26, 2017 February 23, 2017 March 23, 2017 April 27, 2017 May 25, 2017 June 22, 2017 July 27, 2017 August 24, 2017 September 28, 2017 October 26, 2017 November 30, 2017 December 21, 2017 January 4, 2018

BOE Reorganization

Please attend any meeting, or you can email to RPSBOE@gmail.com for more information. Additional committee meetings and special meetings will be held as necessary and advertised in advance if a quorum is required or anticipated.

Change in School Calendar

Two new half-days have been added to the school calendar for Monday, March 6, and Wednesday, March 15, to accommodate teacher professional development in Math and Language Arts. School will close at 12:30 pm.

On half-days, each period is still held but for a shortened amount of time, and lunch is not provided. After-school babysitting is available for an additional fee. Please register in advance.

Invitation to Math Parent Night

As a parent have you been frustrated with the way current students learn math compared to how you were taught "in the old days"? Following the teacher professional development on March 6, the trainers will stay and explain the newer math systems to parents. Please join us on the evening of March 6 for Parent Math Training.

Invitation to 80th RPS Graduation Ceremony

The 80th RPS Graduation will be held on Saturday June 10 at 4 pm. Please join us. If you are an RPS graduate please email your RPS favorite memory and photos to RPSBOE@gmail.com or drop them at RPS. (Special note: pending changes for snow days, the last day of school is scheduled for June 20.)

Students Get into Print

RPS students have launched the *Roosevelt Times* under the auspices of the RPS Newspaper Club, led by kindergarten teacher Larisa Bondy. The following is an excerpt from their December 19 edition.

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Principal: No tigers in the school!

ROOSEVELT TIMES

FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS ARE ON THE RECORD



WHICH SWTICH?

By Jason Desantis

Mrs. Wittleib and Mrs. Dellea switched places! Mrs. Cohen told us why. Mrs. W. wanted long tables and Mrs. D did not. But it is more complicated than that.

According to Mrs. Cohen, "Ms. D was asking for a projector, there was a question as to whether or not it could be done upstairs. We were looking at space and realized she could use the computer room Mrs. D wanted a more traditional space

with desks and chairs, the art teacher likes non-traditional. Mrs. D was the only one without a space. When the music teacher came, she made a classroom on the stage, so we moved Mrs. D." The switch is complete and all are happy!

MYSTERY FACULTY

By Samantha Ashworth-Nalbone

How well do you know the teachers and faculty at RPS? The mystery person has been working at RPS for 6 years.

BIKE RULES RULE

By Zya McConnell

"If you ride your bike to school, you must get off when you get to the grass." These rules, heard over the announcements, are the new bike rules at RPS.

Out of 32 people surveyed, 12 students agree with this new rule while 20 said "no!"

The reason why the rules happened, said Mrs. Cohen is, "some rules I make and some are made by the Board of Education. In this case, there were safety violations. People got run into by a bike. A parent asked me about the rule. I checked with the BOE and we had a policy that said, 'be safe on bikes.' We thought we needed more specific rules so the BOE decided to put two boundaries on the school."

The two boundaries are Mighty Pete and by the old bike rack. If you look today, you will see the new matching red bike rack to mark one of the boundaries.

This person was born in Princeton but grew up in Freehold. This person's favorite color is purple and favorite food is Sushi. Our mystery person has a brother named Michael. This person's parents' names are Elaine and Richard. Born in 1966, our mystery person's favorite movie is "Shawshank Redemption." This person's favorite numbers is 13 and went to The University of Massachusetts. Can you guess which member of the staff fits this description?

Answer on next page, if you give up!



STRATEGIC PLANNING CALENDAR

February 24, 2017 3:30 -	PLANNING COUNCIL CONFERENCE Report of the State of School/
9:30pm	Community Committees Development of Vision, Beliefs, Mission, Goal
	Areas, Objectives
March 07, 2017	ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE
	Training of Action Team Leaders
March – May 5, 2017	ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS
	Plan development
	Note: Committees will meet <u>independently</u> of each other
May 09, 2017	PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 p.m.	Action Plans (Drafts)
	Cost Benefit Analysis
May 12, 2017	ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS
	Action Plans Finalized
May 25, 2017	STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTED TO BOARD

Outreach Meeting

The Democratic Club of Millstone is holding an outreach meeting on

Saturday, Feb 18th at

470 Stagecoach Rd, Millstone, NJ 08510.

They are activating Democrats in the 12th Legislative District (which includes Roosevelt) and implementing tactics outlined in the "Indivisible Guide."

Come, join your fellow Democrats. Everyone is welcome.

Please visit this website for the announcement of the time of day of the meeting:

http://www.millstonedems.org.

Special Election March 14 - Please Vote

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Public Invited to Participate in Review of Roosevelt Master Plan

State law requires every municipality in New Jersey to adopt a municipal Master Plan "to guide the use of lands within the municipality in a manner which protects public health and safety and promotes the general welfare." The stated goal of the Master Plan of the Borough of Roosevelt is to "reflect the collective goals of its citizens for the use of land within the community."

State law also requires each municipality to reexamine its Master Plan at least once every ten years. Roosevelt's Master Plan was adopted in 2001, and the last Reexamination Report on the Plan was done in 2007. Therefore, the Roosevelt Planning Board will have to conduct a review of the Master Plan and complete a Reexamination Report by the end of March 2017.

The purpose of a Reexamination Report prepared in accordance with

the Municipal Land Use Law is to reexamine the Master Plan, zoning and land development regulations of a municipality to determine whether they continue to address the development goals and objectives of the municipality. In order to achieve this purpose, the Roosevelt Planning Board is looking for input from the residents of Roosevelt as to how well the Borough's Master Plan and land use ordinances reflect "the collective goals of its citizens" and the realities of Roosevelt today.

So, before we begin work on a new Reexamination Report, the Planning Board invites you to come to our regular meeting of February 7, 2017. Subject to any other business that the Board may have to consider that evening, the Board intends to devote that meeting to a public listening session, at which residents of our communi-

ty give us their perspectives on the current Master Plan and land use rules. The meeting will take place at Borough Hall starting at 7 pm.

The Board will take the public's comments and recommendations into consideration in the preparation of the new Reexamination Report. A formal public hearing will be held on the draft Report prior to its final adoption. The date of the public hearing is to be determined and will be announced, but is most likely to occur at the Board's meeting of March 7.

The Master Plan and the 2007 Reexamination Report are available for your review on the Borough's website: http://www.rooseveltnj.org/ . Anyone who wishes to make comments, but is not able to attend the February 7 meeting, can send them to planning@rooseveltnj.org by February 14.

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Geraldine Millar 609.448.0351

Senior Group Meetings Open to All

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

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

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

Thank you! Peggy Malkin

Work Advances on Forest Management Plan

The Environmental Commission is moving ahead on developing a five-year Community Forest Management Plan. Once the plan is approved by the NJ Forestry Service, Roosevelt will become eligible for grants to fund implementation.

At this stage the Mission of forest management on municipal property has been defined as follows:

To improve the health and safety of municipal trees and woodlands in Roosevelt, for the benefit of our residents, resilience of our community,

and protection of our environment. The following Goals have been identified:

- 1. Reduce the risk of wildfire.
- 2. Control the spread of invasive plant species.
- 3. Reduce the risk of damage and injury from trees on streets and Borough property.
- 4. Improve the sustainability of our forest natural resources.
- 5. Develop community awareness and involvement to understand the plan and participate in its implementation.

The next stage will be developing detailed Objectives to achieve the Goals. We are aiming to have a first draft of the plan completed this spring, at which time it will be presented at a public meeting.

Anyone interested in learning more and becoming involved in this, or any other Environmental Commission activity, is welcome to attend a meeting (every third Wednesday of the month) or contact Eitan Grunwald, EC Chair, at 609-426-4636 or environmental@rooseveltnj.org.

By Steve Taylor

The Good Honeysuckle

Past articles have targeted the invasive species that we need to watch out for. This year we will highlight the native species that we need to encourage.

Back in the days of Benjamin Franklin and his friend John Bartram, before the invasion of the Japanese honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica), the term honeysuckle was used for our native azaleas. There are about 15 species. All of them with the exception of the Western Azalea (Rhododendron occidentale) and Cascade Azalea (Rh. albiflorum) will grow well in our climate. Our resident native azalea is the Pinxster Azalea (Rh. periclymenoides or nudiflorum). There are a few at the south end of Rochdale along the right side of the road as you head up that steep hill. There are also some along the Woodland Trail. Unfortunately, the local deer population has adversely affected their numbers. Not only do they browse the young plants, but also when the plants are old enough to bloom, deer scrape the velvet off their antlers by rubbing the against stems, which removes the bark and kills the stems. The plants usually resprout from the base, and the cycle repeats. Pinxster Azaleas are pretty tough, and they can spread by sending

up new shoots from roots around the parent plant. You may find a plant that covers an area of 30+ square feet. There is significant variability within the species: flowers are white to pink toward the end of April and their height ranges from 3 to 6 feet. A full grown plant is really impressive in full bloom.

Another local is the Swamp Azalea (Rh. viscosum). You can see it along the wooded shores of the Rising Sun Lake, just down the road. You may notice its spicy fragrance before you find the plant. Viscosum was the first North American azalea grown in England. Bishop Henry Compton raised the plant in 1680 from seed collected by John Bannister, an English Missionary. In Europe, our native azaleas were hybridized with Asian and European azaleas to create many of the nursery plants we have today. You might think all the native azaleas were discovered many years ago. In 1999, 500 plants of Rhododendron eastamnii, a new species, were discovered in South Carolina.

Unlike many of the cultivated compact hybrid azaleas used for foundation plantings, most native azaleas can grow tall, 6 to 16 feet, and they lose their leaves in the Fall, and many are



fragrant. Their airy structure makes them less susceptible to leaf fungus than the more compact evergreen hybrids. And depending on the species, they bloom from April to August. All azaleas like acidic soil and Roosevelt has that. Beside the 15 natives, there are numerous selections and natural hybrids created by Mother Nature, with exceptional characteristics. As a group (Pentanthera), these rhododendrons are pretty closely related. The normal variation in bloom dates allows them to cross-pollinate in the wild. Continued on Page 13 NJ Department of Environmental Protection

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Native Azaleas are excellent alternatives to many invasives, such as: Japanese Spiraea, Burning Bush, Scotch Broom, and Japanese Barberry. If you want something to fill the space between your lawn and the woods, even if it is shady, native azaleas are just the thing. If you have a wet spot that could use some color, there are a few species that like it wet. They deserve a place in our landscaping, as some folks in town have already given them. If they escape into the woods, it is a good thing. The Native Plant Society of New Jersey has a list of nurseries that supply native plants, some are not far away.

As with all wildflowers, please to not dig them from the wild. A much more responsible and more successful approach is to purchase plants from reputable nurseries. These plants will have much better root systems and will be more likely to survive.

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