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# Borough Council Reorganizes; Mayor and Three Council Members Sworn In; Bamboo Control Discussed

by Michael Ticktin

The Borough Council reorganization meeting was held on January 7. Peggy Malkin was sworn in as Mayor, Michael Hamilton and Luke Dermody were sworn in for three-year Council terms and Chad Vroman was sworn in for an unexpired two-year Council term. Michael Hamilton was elected Council President, meaning that he will discharge the duties of the Mayor in the event of her absence.

Council members were reappointed to chair their respective committees as follow: Administration, Lou Esakoff; Community Development and Code Enforcement, Luke Dermody; Environment, Health and Safety, Chad Vroman; Finance, Mike Hamilton; Public Works, Steve Bowen; and Utilities, Joe Trammell. Chad Vroman

was elected as the Council representative on the Planning Board. Other members of the Planning Board, as well as members of the Environmental Commission, are appoint-

ed by the Mayor without need for approval by the Council. Accordingly, Mayor Malkin appointed Councilman Hamilton as Mayor's alternate, Assessor Donna Taylor as the public official member,



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### Flushable Wipes Threaten Borough's Sewage Treatment System

By Rick Pressler

A plethora of flushable wipes is wreaking havoc in the Borough's water treatment facility, causing extensive damage that is expensive to repair, and potentially resulting in dramatic increases to residents' utility bills. Many of these wipes are misleadingly labeled to suggest they can be safely disposed of by flushing down a toilet; in fact, they present a clear and present danger to the expensive equipment needed to maintain the utility's service.

A number of residents, including public officials, have published letters and notices regarding this problem in the past, but it appears that not enough residents have heeded their warnings—the sewer utility equipment continues to be fouled by these destructive pieces of fabric, requiring maintenance personnel to clear them through difficult and expensive procedures.

The Editors of the Bulletin join with our Borough officials and other concerned citizens to urge all Roosevelt residents to exercise care when flushing—only specifically designated toilet paper may be used. "Flushable" wipes—despite their claims—are not safe to flush. They threaten the viability of our water treatment facility and could force substantial increases in utility costs.

For more information see https://www.today.com/series/one-small-thing/are-flushable-wipes-really-flushable-t151945

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 43rd 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 Bulletin 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 submissions 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

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## From the Mayor

Happy New Year Neighbors,

Here we are at the start of a new year and a new decade. This has an interesting connotation- 20/20. The obvious definition is to have perfect vision--to see clearly. In an everyday sense, it means to view a situation clearly, or to look back and realize something with better clarity and understanding.

I think we in Roosevelt have much to be proud of from 2019. Thanks to the collaborative effort and teamwork of our council members, employees, and professionals, I believe that many issues in town have either been resolved, improved, or are working toward a satisfactory resolution.

In the past year, we have brought our Water/Sewer System completely up to optimum conditions. Our water is safe, healthy, and actually has no taste, which is how water should be--not to mention colorless! In addition, we have been commended by the DEP for our Water/Sewer reporting, which has been done in a timely manner, and performed excellently. When there has been a problem, it has been addressed immediately, and resolved as quickly as possible.

Where the streets and roads are concerned, we have received many grants from the DOT, a million dollars in a four-year period. This has allowed us to perform necessary work. Phase II of the Homestead Lane paving will begin in the spring. Phase 1 was completed eight years ago. In addition, Elm Court and Nurko Road will be repaved. After that will come Farm Lane, which is also badly in need of repair. Little by little, incrementally, as we receive these grants, we will replace and repair our aging infrastructure.

Our Public Works Department is continually hard at work. From snow plowing, to painting the Borough Hall, inside and out, to tending to all the buildings and grounds work that needs to be cared for, and almost any issue that arises--even if it doesn't exactly fit the job description, they are immediately on top of it. Can you believe how wonderful the Borough Hall looks? Aside from the fact that it was dated, seedy looking, and smelled bad, there was so much dirt and mold, that it was unhealthy. We now have a beautiful building we are proud of, and not embarrassed when visitors arrive. If you haven't been inside, I invite you to come and see it.

We have been utilizing shared services as much as possible, to ensure low cost, high quality, and high priority service. We are grateful to Millstone Township, Hightstown Borough, and the County, for their willingness to provide these shared services.

We opened the Roosevelt Park at the end of the summer. It is now a lovely spot for a respite, with a sign to draw in visitors. There are benches, and a lovely viewscape. In the summer the Environmental Commission plants a garden

This past year also saw the recognition of Roosevelt as the truly, officially, historic town that we know it is.

In October, there was a large celebration featuring an excellent documentary about Roosevelt's founding father, Benjamin Brown. It was a well attended, full weekend affair, with many people coming from all over the country. Our elected State Representatives attended as well.

In November, an exhibit about Roosevelt opened at Morven, the museum and former Governor's mansion, in Princeton. Again, at the opening reception, there was an overflowing crowd- filled with both current and former Roosevelt residents. If you haven't visited it, do so. It will be there until May, and it is magnificent.

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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.

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### BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

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Jacqueline Carpenter, Diane Lowrie and Tim Hartley as non-public official members, and Margaret Katz and Jay Bondonis as alternate members, all of the Planning Board, and Mary Tulloss and Michael Ticktin, the latter as chair, of the Environmental Commission.

Mayor Malkin issued her annual report on the State of the Borough, which is included in this issue of the Bulletin.

At its January 27 meeting, the Council adopted resolutions authorizing the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division to conduct aerial mosquito control operations within the Borough, appointing Greg Possiel as Right-to-Know Coordinator, and commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, which gave equal voting rights to women. The Council also received a report from Chief Finance Officer George Lang stating that he had issued bond anticipation notes, authorized under previously approved bond ordinances, in the amount of \$346,150 to pay the cost of improvements to the water and sewage treatment systems.

The Council discussed a resolution adopted by the Environmental Commission concerning the control

of bamboo on public and private property. This is an issue because, as Environmental Commission chairman Michael Ticktin explained, there are types of bamboo which, if not controlled by mowing or other means, will extend their growth through underground runners and can become quite profuse and quite tall. The resolution recommended to the Council that it remove bamboo that has encroached onto public lands behind lots of the south side of Homestead Lane and that it adopt an ordinance requiring owners of properties on which bamboo is growing to control its growth to keep it from spreading onto other properties, public or private.

On another environmental matter, Mayor Malkin expressed her dismay, and that of other residents, that a large tree on Pine Drive had been removed by the owner of the property and called upon the Council to adopt an ordinance that would prevent any such removal in the future without municipal approval. An ordinance concerning trees on private property was introduced last year, but was not adopted due to concerns about certain provisions being overly restrictive. The Environmental Commission had recommended that any ordinance be limited to prohibition of clear cutting of a lot.

### **Meet Mike Lyons**

Roosevelt Sewage Treatment Plant Licensed Operator From New Jersey EFFLUENTS • Vol 52 Number 3 2019 • Page 14

Mike Lyons started working at the Suffern, NY water & wastewater plant in 1967 as an assistant operator and rose through the ranks of various Authorities becoming the Executive Director of the Northeast Monmouth Regional Sewer Authority in 1984 until his retirement from public service in 1995 when he joined his partner Jim De Block full-time at D2L Associates. Mike is now CEO of Lyons Environmental Services, which is family owned and operated.

Mike has a BS in Environmental Science from Ramapo and an MS in Environmental Engineering from NJIT. During his long career Mike has held many positions in the Water Environment Industry. He was a past president of the North Jersey Section & a past NJWEA President and an officer in the Authorities Association until his retirement.

Mike served a term as a Director and later as Executive Committee member of the Water Environment Federation in Alexandria. Mike was invited on a WEF Technology Transfer Program to China representing operations management for smaller treatment works. While in China he was able to meet with the head of China's EPA several times including having a nice Peking Duck dinner with her on one occasion.

Mike served for 13 years on the NJ Board of Examiners for Water & Wastewater Licensing.

While working with the NJWEA Mike has helped many of his associates with their education and careers stressing with them the importance of education and the important role the NJWEA plays in this regard. Mike was one of the founders of the Ocean Dischargers group to represent the Authorities that discharge to the ocean as they are a separate category under the NJDEP rules. Mike has been on numerous committees within NJWEA and had the opportunity to Chair the Seminar & Technology for several years. He has been a member of many of WEF's committees. One of Mike's favorite duties within the organization is his role as the Influent Integrator of the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shoveler's for NJ the New Jersey Chapter.

On a personal note Mike is happily married to Rosemarie, his wife of 47 years and the proud father of Carrie Anne and Donna Lyons and granddaughter who he constantly spoils.

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There were also the usual array of concerts and picnics in town. For some nice diversions, we had a family of goats on the loose for a few weeks. Many people were involved in trying to capture them and keep them safe (which they were, and have been happily delivered to a farm). We also have an albino deer in town, which many of us have been lucky enough to spot. They are very rare.

As we now begin 2020, I look forward to continuing to pursue whatever is in Roosevelt's best interests. As proud as I am of what has been accomplished, we do have various issues that need to addressed in the coming year.

We are all aware that our school is under threat of closing due to state budget cuts. Rest assured, no one is taking this in stride. The principal, school board, and I have attended many meetings and have fought hard to try to receive an exemption. I don't want to be overly confident, but it looks more hopeful than it had been.

Our First Aid Squad is in dire need of volunteers, as is the case in most towns across the state and country. Right now we are receiving help from Millstone, Allentown, and some other services, when our members are unavailable. This is only a stop-gap solution. Very soon we will be actively seeking a more optimal solution. As you may know, Hilltop Swim Club will most likely be sold. It remains to be seen what will transpire there.

I was very pleased when the abandoned gas station was finally razed after well over 30 years of being an eyesore. However, I don't want to see an empty plot of land sit there for another 30, so we will be exploring different possibilities for that lot.

Again, I want to implore residents, if you have any suggestions, ideas, or questions, you have many options. Come to Council meetings. If that's not convenient, feel free to call or stop by the Borough Hall during working hours. We are open to anything residents have on their mind.

Our governing body prides itself on being transparent, understanding, and fair.

I would now like to thank the many people who contribute to the inner workings of our town. They largely go unrecognized. We may be a tiny town, but it takes a lot of people to run it!

Ana Debevic, Kathleen Hart, Lori Maher, and Kim Coiffi.

They comprise our administrative staff. They do an absolutely exemplary job, and we are lucky to have them here.

Greg DeFoe and Greg Possiel. They are our Public Works employees. Their good work is more visible to everyone, for much of it is outside.

John Holden and Mike Lyons They are our Water and Sewer Operators. We have them to thank for our vastly improved systems.

### Carmela Roberts

She is our Municipal Engineer. She fights hard for Roosevelt--whether it is in obtaining grants or representing Roosevelt in various matters.

Greg Cannon and Michele Donato They are our Borough and Planning Board attorneys. They excel at their jobs and are also very cognizant of our budgetary constraints.

Our Borough Council Members, Joe Trammell, Mike Hamilton, Steve Bowen, Luke Dermody, Lou Esakoff, and Chad Vroman.

They work tirelessly with no complaints, in a job that isn't easy, and isn't always rewarding.

And finally, all the people in town who volunteer, helping to keep Roosevelt, Roosevelt.

- First Aid Members
- Planning Board Members
- Environmental Commission Members
- RAP Members
- Litter Pick-Up Crews
- Historian Chair and Representatives
- School Board Members

Kenny Horowitz, who year after year generously donates much of what we need for our 4th of July picnic. Jon Block, who continually lowers the prices for our new floors, when I tell him it has to be lower!

And all the neighbors who help each other in more ways than I can name-given that we're rather isolated here and people form family-like friendships.

Thank you all for everything,

Peggy

### Attention Roosevelt Residents

The general speed limit on Borough roads is 25 mph except route 571, Windsor Road and Nurko Road. School Lane is 15 mph from Pine Drive to Roosevelt Public School.

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www.rooseveltnj.us

### Borough Mailing Instructions

When mailing anything to Roosevelt Borough, please use P.O. Box 128. This includes property tax payments and water/sewer payments.

### **Northern Spicebush**

Continuing our series of articles highlighting the native species that we need to encourage, this month we spotlight the Northern Spicebush (Lindera benzoin).

Northern Spicebush is a deciduous native shrub of the laurel family. It can be found in eastern North America, from New York to Ontario and south to Kansas and Texas. It is relatively common in moist, rich woods throughout its range. It grows about 8 – 12 ft tall. Spicebush is dioecious (plants are either male or female), so that both sexes are needed to produce red fruits with viable seeds. In Roosevelt, plants bloom in early April before the leaves appear.

The fragrant yellow flowers are not large, but they are numerous. The leaves and stems are aromatic. For those who know a little chemistry, the species name benzoin does not refer to the chemical benzoin, but it refers to its similarity to the balsamic resin benzoin. A few cultivars have been selected, but they are

not readily available, and the plant is not particularly suited to landscaping. It does not transplant well from

the wild. However, if you have one, take care of it. Spicebush is the larval host of the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail and the Spicebush Swallowtail. Following a brief display of golden foliage in the fall, the seeds and red fruit provide winter food for birds. Thrushes especially favor the fruit. There are reports that spice-



bush is resistant to deer browsing, but our deer seem to relish it. Next time you are on the trails, keep an eye out for our spicebushes.

References:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Lindera\_benzoin

https://plants.usda.gov/core/pro-file?symbol=libe3



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### LETTERS

### Damage to Sewage Treatment Plant Continues; Likely Impacts on Water-Sewer Bills

Do you think your water-sewer bills are too low?

If so, just continue to flush rags and "flushable" wipes down your toilet.

The Borough spends a lot of money every year repairing and replacing equipment at the sewage treatment plant that is constantly being damaged by the rags and "flushable" wipes that some residents insist on flushing down their toilets, despite repeated requests for many years that this harmful and costly practice be discontinued.

Even if you prefer not to be inconvenienced by disposing of rags and "flushable" wipes by putting them in the garbage, and have no objection to paying higher water-sewer bills, you might wish to be considerate enough of your

neighbors not to impose unnecessary costs on them.

It is fair to presume that anyone who drives a car knows better than to put anything other than the correct fuel in the fuel tank. Similarly, anyone who operates a toilet should know better than to put anything other than human waste and toilet paper in it.

Do not be fooled by "flushable" labels. Just because a product is flushable does not mean that it can be processed by a sewage treatment plant without damaging the equipment--in fact, the contrary is true.

This is a problem that can be solved—but only if every resident continuously does his or her part and stops abusing the sewage treatment system.

-Michael Ticktin

### **Power Outages**

In the event outages occur due to severe weather, customers without power are encouraged to report their outage by calling 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877), clicking the "Report Outage" link on www.firstenergycorp.com, or by texting out to 544487.

Customers should immediately report downed wires to 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) or call their local police department. JCP&L reminds customers to stay away from downed wires, even if they believe they are no longer carrying electricity. Extra caution should be used in areas where downed lines are tangled with trees or other debris. Motorists are cautioned to treat intersections with inoperable traffic signals as four-way stops.

JCP&L customers can subscribe to email and text message alert notifications to receive weather updates in advance of major storms and updates on scheduled or extended power outages. Visit www.firstenergycorp.com/connect to enroll.

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# The Roosevelt Arts Project

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

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

DATE	VENUE	EVENT
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 alpha bet. 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 Come learn about bridging the gap between art and science. Artists and poets will present their work and Rutgers researchers will explain their most recent scientific endeavors relevant to this dichotomy. Be prepared to be inspired! There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person

### The Roosevelt Mural

The mural shown in the header was created by Ben Shahn in 1937-38 to commemorate the New Deal resettlement community of Jersey Homesteads, now called Roosevelt, N.J. The mural can still be seen in the Roosevelt Public School. As one of the first and finest art works in the town, it is only appropriate that it should serve as the header for the RAP site.

A video of the excellent talk given by Alan Mallach about the mural as part of RAP's 25th anniversary celebration is now available on the web site. http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org

### 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.

# Roosevelt Tai Chi Students Enjoying the Chinese New Year Party





For more information about Roosevelt Tai Chi contact June Counterman at 609-954-4523

# WE HAVE TO BALANCE ON A LOG WHEN WE CROSS IT IS SLIPPERY BECAUSE THERE IS SOME MOSS WE CROSS SOME LOGS AND WE WALK AND SINK I START TO THINK AND THINK MAYBE I SHOULD GO BACK THERE IS MULCH IN MY BOOT AND IT FEELS LIKE A THUMB TAC AFTER THE FUN ADVENTURE WE HEAD BACK TO THE HOUSE I WAS COVERED IN MUD AND AS QUIET AS A MOUSE WE GET HOSED OFF AND ARE ALL CLEAN NO ONE WAS GRUMPY OR MEAN THEN I WANT TO PET THE DOG ON NO I FORGOT THE NET!!!!

### **Parking Reminder**

Please park your vehicles in the right direction only. Parking on the wrong side of the street or in the wrong direction makes your vehicle difficult for oncoming traffic to see, especially in foggy or dark conditions. Vehicles parked on the wrong side of the street are subject to towing.

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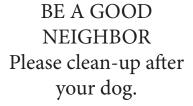
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Drawing by Zachary Pressler

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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
Wildlife Issues	877-927-6337







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### ROOSEVELT RESIDENTS

Effective immediately, you can no longer use clear plastic bags for your recycling. The contractor will not pick up. Please use a clear opentop receptacle.



### **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 (available 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.

### 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** February 5, 19 March 4, 18

### Looks Like Fun: Roosevelt Seniors at Borough Hall







Roosevelt's Seniors met for lunch on February 4. Afterwards, they broke off into small groups and played cards. Anyone interested in getting information about the Roosevelt Seniors can call Gerry Millar at 609-448-0351.



Art by Will Pressler

### **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

# **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).

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### TRAVELING WITH THE DARK

A blind man boards the crowded bus

touches his way toward the rear.

He sits dead center

the aisle stretched out before him like a road.

He sits, used to forcing himself on reality by posture alone.

Roots or bolts

hold him in place.

Leaning like one listening, his dark glasses cast a black,

gaze as strong

as the voids of tree trunks at dawn. Like black headlamps,

they aim up the sunny aisle

out through the glass face of the bus.

The vibrations radiating through my body

were not just the breathing

of the diesel engine beneath us.

The blind man beside me projected,

as if from a mineshaft

a charge of darkness through his black lenses

that traveled the full length of the bus

and out into the turnpike current.

I noticed too, as we accelerated

easily passing tractor-trailers,

and as passengers slept or continued their chatter

that the driver's seat

had from the time the man carrying night boarded this bus

been empty.

One advantage of a blind driver is freedom.

The future is in the dark.

and the past a shadow.

Oblivious to nightfall, the blind driver spiraled

utterly into the tunnel under the river.

The array of heads,

however

maintaining places above the seat-backs like faceless clocks, was reassuring, as if they expected him to join us.

For his night spooked

the speeding world alive

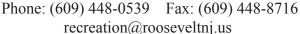
from a distance greater than darkness.

-- David Sten Herrstrom

### BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT

P.O. Box 128

Roosevelt, NJ 08555





CAMP ROOSEVELT- REGISTRATION 2020



### **CAMP ROOSEVELT**

(For Children Entering 1st Grade – 7th Grade)

### "Community-Friendship-Respect"

The Borough of Roosevelt is proud to once again offer Camp Roosevelt. The camp is based on the motto of "Community-Friendship-Respect." This program will offer traditional camp activities such as sports, games, arts and crafts, trips, and special themed events, but with an additional emphasis on community based activities, outdoor skill building and exploration.

The program will run for six (6) weeks from Monday, July 6 – Friday, August 14 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. The cost of the program is \$475.00 per child. An After Camp program also will be available from 1:00pm – 5:00pm at an additional cost of \$315.00 per child. A few short bus trips are being planned which may require an additional fee. A camp calendar will be provided on the first day of the program.

A \$100.00 deposit is due for Camp Roosevelt and a \$50.00 deposit is due for After Camp upon registration, with the balance due by June 19. This is not an additional "registration fee." The deposit simply assures us of the amount of children attending for proper planning. Deposits will be refunded only if the program is canceled. We will only offer the program if enough children register. A parent/guardian packet of information will be available in June and must be completed and returned on the first day your child attends the program.

Parent/Guardian Names	
Address	
Telephone Number	Emergency Phone
Email	
Child's Name Age/Grade in Fall 2020	
1st Child	
Camp (9:00am – 1:00pm) \$475.00	
After Camp (1:00pm – 5:00pm) \$315.00	
2nd Child\$475.00	
After Camp (1:00pm – 5:00pm) \$315.00	DETACH THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FLYER AND RETURN TO:
3rd Child	BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT - "RECREATION",
Camp (9:00am – 1:00pm) \$475.00	P.O. BOX 128, ROOSEVELT, NJ 08555
After Camp (1:00pm – 5:00pm) \$315.00	PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO
	"BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT"
TOTAL COST:	

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27	Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, Roosevelt Public School	

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