

# Bulletin

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

### Submission of Pre-Application for Land Swap Authorized; County Officials Thanked for Traffic Safety Assistance; Fire Company Wins \$10,000 Grant; Planning Board Refuses Variance Modification to Allow Rental of Apartment Without Rental of Store

At its meeting of October 14, the Borough Council, following the favorable public hearing on the subject in September, adopted a resolution authorizing submission of a pre-application to the Department of Environmental Protection and the State House Commission for the proposed exchange of 12.80 acres of land from the Footlight Farms property for 2.56 of municipal land purchased with Green Acres funds fronting on Clarksburg Road. This submission is part of a lengthy process that is not likely to be completed for many more months, but at the end of which the Borough will add a net gain of over ten acres of public land to its inventory and homeowners on the north side of Lake Drive east of South Valley Road will, for the first time, and like almost all other Roosevelt residents, have public land adjacent to their homes.

Also at that meeting, the Council adopted a resolution thanking Monmouth County Freeholder Thomas Arnone and the County's Department of Public Works and Engineering, which he oversees, for their prompt response to the Borough's request for assistance in eliminating obstructions to visibility at the intersection of South Valley Road and Clarksburg Road (County Route 571) and otherwise initiating necessary measures to improve traffic safety there. As Lake Drive resident Bob Clark has been wont to

note at Council meetings when discussing the issue, the main reason that there has not been a serious accident at that intersection to date is that people who live on Lake Drive are generally sufficiently aware of the problem to avoid going there.

Also at that meeting, Emergency Management Coordinator April Suk announced that the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company had been awarded a \$10,000 grant in a Facebook contest in which participants who "liked" Fire Chief Dan Archer managed to outvote supporters of other contestants. She thanked all those in the community who participated for their support. The Council also voted to authorize Borough Engineer Carmela Roberts to assist the fire company in preparing a grant application. Also, Mayor Beth Battel appointed Stacey Bonna as a regular member of the Environmental Commission, filling the one remaining vacancy on either the Environmental Commission or the Planning Board.

In response to a letter from a resident expressing concern about graffiti on the public bulletin board that the resident believed to be an expression of bigotry, the Council unanimously adopted a statement deploring all expressions of intolerance against any person or group and calling upon all citizens to uphold the community's tradition of treating

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 38th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from September 2014 through July, 2015. We will not publish in January and August 2015.

We welcome your emailed submissions for articles, letters, poems, artwork, and other items of interest. Please send your submissions and inquiries to Rick Pressler ([rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com](mailto:rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com)). Non-digital submissions will be accommodated to the best of our ability, but we cannot guarantee publication. Inclusion of all items is subject to the availability of space and the editorial judgment of our Editor. Items must be received by the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue.

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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 ½ 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 Tuesday no later than 3:00 p.m. 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

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

We owe a debt of gratitude to the RPS students for undertaking the project of decorating and papering the public bulletin board by the Post Office. The reason for their needing to do so is not as pleasant as the result. There has been graffiti on the bulletin board that has been insensitive and offensive.

Especially in a diverse, accepting town such as Roosevelt, I would hope we would all eschew such behavior. One of the reasons our country is the very best in the world is our dedication to the principles of Religious Freedom and Freedom of Speech. In his 1941 State of the Union address, FDR stated that he hoped one of the results of the Second World War would be that such principles would be embraced on a global scale.

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us all endeavor to be thankful for our rights by respecting the rights of others. Let us be thankful that we may believe in and practice our religions by honoring the religious beliefs of our neighbors. Let us show our gratitude by honoring those who have fought for and sacrificed themselves for our privileges and to rid the world of the tyranny that would deny us those freedoms. Let us be thankful that we live a peaceful town, a safe town, a beautiful town where our neighbors strive to treat each other with mutual respect and esteem.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Beth

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everyone with respect.

At a special meeting on October 6, the Council, by a vote of 4 to 1 with one member absent, voted to express opposition at the following day's Planning Board meeting to an application by Prayana Realtors, owners of the former Roosevelt Deli property, for relief from the requirement that the apartment at that property only be occupied by someone who is a family member or full-time employee of the owner of the business operated at the property. That requirement was established many years ago when the then-owners of the property were given a variance from the commercial zoning of the property allowing them to construct the apartment. As stated by Councilman Jeff Ellentuck at both the Council and Planning Board meetings, the intention of that variance was to allow the apartment use only because it was ancillary to the use of the property as a store, rather than an independent residential use, and this policy should continue to be followed, in

light of the need for commercial uses in the Borough. (The Council had been given notice of the variance application because the Borough is the owner of lands within 200 feet of the property for which the variance was being requested and, by law, all owners of properties within 200 feet of any such property must be given formal notice.)

In response, Sreenivasa Gade, one of the owners of Prayana Realtors, testified that the owners were seeking to rent the apartment separately from the store because they had not yet been able find a tenant for the store and wanted at least to have a tenant in the apartment in order to better protect the property. After hearing all testimony and comments, the Planning Board voted unanimously not to grant a variance modifying the earlier variance.

In the November 4 election, Councilman Ellentuck and Councilwoman Michelle Hermelee are the Democratic candidates for re-election to regular three-year terms. There are no Republican or other candidates on the ballot.

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September and October have been incredibly busy and exciting months for the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company.

On Monday, September 22nd, we were contacted by Josh Cellars, a wine company who was running a grant contest with the Gary Sinise foundation. Out of more than 500 individuals who were nominated as a First Responder Hero, our Chief, Dan Archer, was chosen as one of the top 10 submissions. Five out of those ten finalists were then eligible to win a \$10,000 grant for their organization.

The grand prize winners were chosen via Facebook voting that took place the week of September 22nd through September 26th. On September 28th we were notified by Josh Cellars that we were one of the top 5, and won a \$10,000 grant!

This is the largest grant that the Fire Company has received to date, and all \$10,000 of it will go towards the purchase of our new fire engine. We are now almost at our goal of \$25,000, and are working with the USDA on another grant that could potentially cover the remaining cost of the engine. We are extremely confident that we will have the funds necessary to purchase the engine from Wall Fire District and bring it home to Roosevelt in early 2015.

fire apparatus and ambulances to the Dairy Queen in East Windsor to be washed by the Hightstown High School Girls' Field Hockey Team as part of their annual fundraiser. We are always happy to support other organizations whenever and wherever we can, especially when one of their teammates is our own Traci Mitchell.



October 5th to 11th was Fire Prevention Week, and for the second year we held a Fire Prevention Assembly at the Roosevelt Public School. This year we were joined by the Roosevelt First Aid Squad.

The classes were separated into three groups and rotated through a series of stations, including, Smoke Alarm Safety, Fire Engine Tour, and an Ambulance Tour.

The students had a hands-on tour of our fire engine; they got to ring the bell, try on bunker gear, SCBA, and learned all about all the different parts of, and tools we carry on, our fire engine.

At the smoke alarm station, they learned about the purpose of a smoke alarm, how often to test it, and how often to change the batteries. They were shown what to do should a smoke alarm go off by participating in a smoke alarm obstacle course. They pretended to be asleep

when the alarm went off; they then had to crawl under a "smoke" obstacle, stay low to the door, feel it to see if it was hot, and then escape to safety. Each child also went home with a brand new smoke alarm courtesy of First Alert.



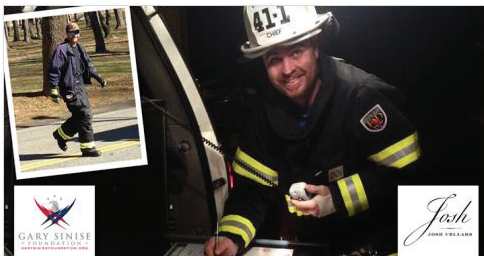
The kids also got a firsthand look at the inside of an ambulance and learned about all of the different life saving tools and equipment that are used by EMTs when out on calls.



Josh Cellars shared a link.  
17 minutes ago

We Salute our THIRD WINNER, Dan Archer and the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company! The Gary Sinise Foundation and Josh Cellars are proud to donate \$10,000 to their organization.

We still have 2 more winners to announce so don't forget to check back tomorrow!



Click HERE to see his story.  
woobox.com

Also in September, the Fire Company and First Aid Squad brought our



On October 18th, we held our Second Annual Fire Company Hayride & Pumpkin Patch. We had purchased a new and improved hay wagon in early September in anticipation of this event. Our members had to do some repairs and repainting, but it was a terrific addition to this year's event.



We had asked the Monmouth County Parks Division for permission to use the portion of Perrineville Lake Park adjacent to Oscar Drive for our hayride, but the price for four hours of usage was surprising to say the least, and, sadly, not within our budget. Our Plan B—to use the path between the Pine Drive/Tamara Drive Triangle and the school playground—turned out to be a great option. Our members spent a full day clearing brush and downed trees and re-mulching parts of the path and taking several test runs to make sure it was safe.

The event itself couldn't have turned out better, it was a perfect fall day and we had more than 50 riders and close to 100 people at the event. Each rider got to bounce in our bounce house, take a spooky ride through our decorated Halloween trail, and



Photos by Gabrielle Balon

choose a pumpkin from our schoolyard pumpkin patch. We also had tons of snacks and baked goods for sale, as well as huge carving pumpkins. We also held an subsequent pumpkin sale at the Post Office on October 25th to sell off our remaining pumpkins and raise additional money for the Fire Company.

By the time this article is printed, we will also have run our Trick or Treat crossing station at the Post Office as well as helped the PTA decorate and staff the school lobby as a Trick or Treat pit-stop. This year's theme was Peter Pan. A huge thanks to Allie Mitchell who organizes this event every year.

In other news, we would like to congratulate Brian Erxleben who completed his probationary period and is now a full active member of the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company. Brian is formerly an Assistant Chief at Hope Fire Company in Allentown, and his training and experience will be a huge asset to our growing department.

We still have four more upcoming fundraisers, and we are currently running a Holiday 50/50. Tickets are on sale now and selling fast! A single ticket costs \$5 or you can purchase a book for \$20. The grand prize could potentially exceed \$2,000! The grand prize winner will be drawn by Santa himself on December 13. Please see any of our members to purchase tickets, or you can purchase them at our Pancake Breakfast.

Our Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 15 from 7:00 to 11:00 am at the Borough Hall. We will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, and Case pork roll! An adult plate will be \$10, child's plate is \$5, and children under 3 eat free.

Santa's Delivery Service is scheduled for December 13, 2014. We will begin taking reservations prior

to Thanksgiving with a deadline of December 6th. If you want to register early, please use the registration form included in this month's bulletin, or you can download a copy at our website, [www.rooseveltfire.org](http://www.rooseveltfire.org).

Our first fundraiser of 2015 will coincide with the scheduled graduation of our members from the Monmouth County Fire Academy on January 21, 2015. We have scheduled a fundraising night at the Cabin Restaurant in Freehold Township. Twenty percent of all food purchases will be donated back to the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company. Come out and congratulate our graduates and support the Fire Company at the same time.

As always, we cannot continue to grow without the help of our volunteers, and we are always seeking new members. If you are interested in the different opportunities the Fire Company has to offer, please contact Chief Dan Archer at [chiefarcher@rooseveltfire.org](mailto:chiefarcher@rooseveltfire.org).

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## Referendum on Ballot November 4

Tuesday, November 4th is an important day for the Roosevelt school community. Residents will be asked to approve a Referendum project in the amount of \$844,156 to repair and upgrade our school. By approving this Referendum, residents are showing their support for the school district to repair and upgrade existing roofing, parapet and roof coping, as well as replace the outside stucco that surrounds the school. This work will eliminate water from entering the building structure.

If the roofing and outside stucco are not addressed immediately, the physical structure of the school building is at significant risk and it is unknown how much longer the Roosevelt Public School will be able to accommodate students and staff safely. The renowned Ben Shahn Mural could be compromised if water begins to leak through the ceiling tile.

Keeping in mind the cost to the local taxpayer, the District applied for and will receive a Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant from the State of New Jersey, which will fund 40% of the proposed project. This grant, in the amount of \$337,662, will offset the cost of the Referendum project. This means that the local taxpayer share of the project will be \$506,494, or \$14.93 per month (for a home assessed at the Township average of \$250,817.) However, the tax increase will feel like less than \$1 per month because the district recently paid off some outstanding debt with the 2013-2014 budget.

The District also embedded the cost of an exterior grading and drainage project into the 2014-2015 budget. This will prevent possible further damage to the outside wall stucco and support the replacement of the outside wall stucco included in the referendum project. It is important to

note that if the Referendum does not pass, the District could lose the ROD Grant funding for this project. One of the parameters of the ROD Grant funding is that ground needs to be broken on a project within 18 months of the Grant being approved, which was January 2014.

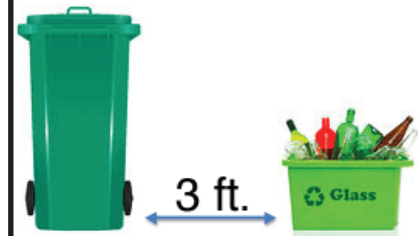
For further information about the proposed Referendum, please visit the School Web site, [www.rps1.org](http://www.rps1.org), the Roosevelt Public School PTA facebook page, or the information handout posted at the Roosevelt Post Office.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. See you at the polls! Remember ~ every vote counts! Also, three seats are up for re-election/election to Board of Education: Seth Ditchik, Ken

LeCompte, and Cornelia Spoor are running for the seats.

For more information about any Board of Education item, please attend the next meeting on November 20, 2014, at 7:30 pm, or email [RPSBOE@gmail.com](mailto:RPSBOE@gmail.com).

### 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.

## The Roosevelt Arts Project

### The Big Dance

Saturday, November 1st, 8:00 PM

**Please join us at the Roosevelt Public School for our fundraiser for the upcoming RAP Festival Latino in April. You can learn some basic Salsa, Merengue, and Cumbia from our instructor, Lorenzo Garcia, meet some old friends, and make some new acquaintances. But mostly, you can have a great time dancing for a very worthy cause.**

**Singles as well as couples are welcome. And you needn't worry about the kids. Free babysitting is available at the School. Come and enjoy!**

**\$10 Donation.**

**David Herrstrom, President, Roosevelt Arts Project**

**<http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org>**

#### RECYCLING DATES

November 5, 19  
December 3, 17

#### STATE PERMITS

Wednesdays 1 - 3

#### ZONING PERMITS

Tuesdays 4 - 6 PM

#### BOROUGH HOUSING INSPECTIONS

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October 20, 2014

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE OEM TO RELEASE DRAFT OF  
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Monmouth County: Sheriff Shaun Golden is pleased to announce the release of the Draft Monmouth County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is a documented evaluation of the hazards to which a community is susceptible and the extent to which these events may occur.

The plan includes a hazard mitigation strategy which is designed to reduce and eliminate risks to people and property from natural hazard events. In addition, it identifies an area's vulnerability to the effects of natural hazards and the goals, objectives and actions required to minimize future loss. The need for mitigation strategies has become more essential due to the increase in natural hazard occurrences.

"The revision of this plan is highly important as we approach the two year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy," said Sheriff Shaun Golden, who oversees the Office of Emergency Management. "Mitigation is preparation and planning now to reduce the loss of life and property later, by lessening the impacts of future disasters."

The current Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted by Monmouth County and the municipalities in 2009. Under FEMA guidelines it is required to be updated every five years.

Monmouth County has taken the lead on the overall planning process to guide the fifty-three municipalities in an effort to meet the FEMA requirements and therefore be able to officially adopt the plan.

Beginning Oct. 21, the draft plan will be posted to [www.monmouthsheriff.org](http://www.monmouthsheriff.org) and can be found under the OEM tab, for a 28 day review and public comment period. Public comments can be sent to [oemmitigation@mcsonj.org](mailto:oemmitigation@mcsonj.org). As part of the process, the draft plan will be submitted to New Jersey OEM and FEMA for review.

Once applicable comments are compiled into the plan and the draft is approved by those two agencies, each municipality will be required to formally adopt the plan. They will then continue to be eligible for pre and post disaster mitigation grant funding.

## Roosevelt Exhibit Opens at Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County

An exhibit entitled "Jersey Homesteads to Roosevelt: An Experiment in Cooperative Living" opened at the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County on October 26. The exhibit includes work of Roosevelt artists, panels with information about the community's origins and numerous artifacts, many of which are from the collection of Helen Barth, the only current Roosevelt resident who came to Jersey Homesteads in the 1930s. The exhibit will be on display for several months at the Jewish Heritage Museum, which is located at 310 Mounts Corner Drive in a historic building at the rear of the Mounts Corner Shopping Center in Freehold Township.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the Museum will have a field trip to Roosevelt, including a talk by Alan Mallach and visits to artists' studios, on Sunday, November 16, and will, on Sunday, December 7, host a discussion by Michael Tickin of the history and architecture of Roosevelt, featuring the film "Jersey Homesteads in the Architectural Vanguard" that was produced and narrated by Ben Johnson under the auspices of the Roosevelt Arts Project.

For information about these programs, contact the Museum at 732-252-6990 or visit its website at [www.jhmomc.org](http://www.jhmomc.org).

# The Roosevelt Arts Project

DATE	VENUE	EVENT
Saturday, November 8  8:00 PM	Boro Hall	<b>MUSICAL LONDON</b> <b>A piano recital with commentary by Alan Mallach</b> London has been a rich center of musical life for centuries, and over those years has yielded a rich treasure of keyboard music, from the Elizabethan era through the many visitors and adopted sons that enriched its musical life, such as Handel, Clementi and Mendelssohn, to the English composers of the last century. In a program beginning with Elizabethan composers John Bull and William Byrd, and taking us up to 20th century composers like Frederick Delius, Arnold Bax and Benjamin Britten, Mallach will offer a vivid, melodic sample of London's musical story.
Sunday, November 16  Mural Talk 11:00 AM  Studio Tours 12:00 to 5:00	Studios + Roosevelt Public School	<b>Annual Studio Tour and Sale</b> Visit local artists' studios in our historic New Deal town for a pre-holiday show and sale. Start your tour with a Mural Talk at Roosevelt Public School, view the Ben Shahn Mural and pick up a map of participating artists. .
Saturday, December 13 8:00 PM	Assifa Space	<b>"The Blues at Assifa Space"</b> Assifa space at 40 Tamara Dr. in Roosevelt, though small, has the finest acoustics in town. David Brahinsky on vocals and guitar and 2 ringers from out of town, Guy DeRosa on harmonicas and Hank Skalka on bass, will present an evening devoted to the blues of various types and genres.
Saturday, January 17  8:00 PM	Boro Hall	<b>NextGen Music - Techno/DJ/Ambient Roosevelt Musicians</b> Several younger Roosevelt natives are now making their mark in the world as composers-performers working with techno, DJ and chill/ambient music. Come hear what they do and enjoy an evening of exciting new music. Tentatively scheduled: Nicholas Malkin (Afterhours), David Atwood, and Jack Leech (Nurko). Additional ambient music provided by Brad Garton with friends Terry Pender and Karl Fury.
Saturday, February 21 8:00 PM	Assifa Space	<b>Roosevelt Poets</b> Join the Roosevelt poets during the shortest month of the year as they explore the shortest poetic forms from haiku to ghazal to microgram. Find out what the Universe has been hiding all this time!.
Saturday, March 14  8:00 PM	Boro Hall	<b>Music from friends &amp; neighbors</b> Come join us for a variety of musical sounds, from folk to jazz to blues & more. Performances by some familiar faces as well as some new friends & neighbors.
Saturday, April 25 2:00 - 5:00 PM	Roosevelt Public School	<b>"Festival Latino"</b> Join us for a fiesta of Latino music and dance. The group Herencias is back after their success in last year's Roosevelt Arts Project
Fri, May 8 and Sat, May 9 8PM	Boro Hall	<b>"The Roosevelt String Band in Concert"</b>

Voluntary Contribution: For most events \$5 per adult, for the String Band \$10 per adult, \$5 for seniors and children. Visit RAP's webpage at <http://music.columbia.edu/roosevelt>. Be sure to join our mailing list at <http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org> so that you get the brochure sent to you via email each season and timely reminders of each upcoming event. For further information call Robin Gould at (609) 448-4616.



**Why I Moved to Roosevelt**

By April Suk

In 2004, I was living in an apartment in East Windsor with my then seven-year-old daughter, Corrine. We had hopped around a bit—Matawan, Union Beach—but had been living in this apartment for about four years.

During those years, she and I had become very involved in Girl Scouts. East Windsor Area Girl Scouts, for anyone who doesn't know, encompasses four towns: East Windsor, Hightstown, Cranbury and Roosevelt. When we started looking for a house, Girl Scouts defined my parameters. We started with the obvious, but what we could afford in East Windsor was mostly limited to Twin Rivers, and I was firm on needing a yard. The homes within our range in Hightstown weren't much better.

The two Roosevelt Girl Scout leaders kept encouraging me to come see Roosevelt. I looked at a few homes online, did a drive through, and fell in love. Woodsy, charming, and it was in Monmouth County, which was an added bonus for me. I grew up in Englishtown, so to be able to move back to a small town in Monmouth County just felt right. I

researched everything I could about the history, the architecture, even combed through past copies of the Bulletin. I was hooked. I had to live here. I had to live here and I had to live in an original house.

That was ten years ago and, yes, that still makes me a Noob. My daughter graduated RPS, had an immense 6th grade graduation party as only Rooseveltians do, graduated from Hightstown and has gone on to college. I bought my first house here, became a firefighter, met my husband, and had two more children here. I love the fact that my children know all of our neighbors by name, wonder what mail trucks are for, and think nothing odd of our daily trip to the post office. Yes, the water bill is high, we lose power at least five times a year, and you need to be crazy to renovate cinderblock walls and a concrete roof, but it's all worth it. My family, my life, and even our home has undergone tremendous changes since we've moved here (as I eventually caved to pitching the roof), but this is home now, and I can't imagine ever living anywhere else.

By Ron Filepp

**September 2014**

Day	High	Low	Avg Precip	Cool'g/Heat'g Degree		
				Days		
1	88.2	70.2	79.2 0.02	0.0	9.2	
2	91.4	70.5	81.0 0.00	0.0	11.0	
3	85.0	63.2	74.1 0.02	0.0	4.1	
4	86.4	59.5	73.0 0.00	0.0	3.0	
5	88.0	66.2	77.1 0.27	0.0	7.1	
6	90.5	66.9	78.7 0.32	0.0	8.7	
7	78.8	62.2	70.5 0.00	0.0	0.5	
8	76.8	59.5	68.2 0.00	0.0	0.0	
9	75.4	62.6	69.0 0.00	0.0	0.0	
10	78.3	63.0	70.7 0.00	0.0	0.7	
11	84.6	61.5	73.1 0.00	0.0	3.1	
12	78.1	59.0	68.6 0.00	0.0	0.0	
13	71.1	56.3	63.7 0.20	1.3	0.0	
14	70.5	50.0	60.3 0.00	4.8	0.0	
15	71.6	46.4	59.0 0.00	6.0	0.0	
16	69.3	46.9	58.1 0.18	6.9	0.0	
17	72.2	47.0	59.6 0.00	5.4	0.0	
18	74.3	48.0	61.2 0.00	3.9	0.0	
19	68.5	52.2	60.4 0.00	4.7	0.0	
20	77.5	51.6	64.6 0.00	0.5	0.0	
21	75.9	61.5	68.7 0.00	0.0	0.0	
22	73.8	57.9	65.9 0.00	0.0	0.0	
23	68.7	42.6	55.7 0.00	9.3	0.0	
24	72.8	48.2	60.5 0.00	4.5	0.0	
25	65.7	58.1	61.9 0.35	3.1	0.0	
26	73.2	50.4	61.8 0.00	3.2	0.0	
27	77.7	50.7	64.2 0.00	0.8	0.0	
28	78.6	55.2	66.9 0.00	0.0	0.0	
29	79.5	59.9	69.7 0.00	0.0	0.0	
30	74.5	59.0	66.8 0.00	0.0	0.0	
Totals			1.36	54.3	47.2	

Vengeful across the cold November moors,  
Loud with ancestral shame there came the bleak  
Sad wind that shrieked, and answered with a shriek,  
Reverberant through lonely corridors.

The old man heard it; and he heard, perforce,  
Words out of lips that were no more to speak—  
Words of the past that shook the old man's cheek  
Like dead, remembered footsteps on old floors.

And then there were the leaves that plagued him so!  
The brown, thin leaves that on the stones outside  
Skipped with a freezing whisper. Now and then  
They stopped, and stayed there—just to let him know  
How dead they were; but if the old man cried,  
They fluttered off like withered souls of men.

from "The Pity of the Leaves" by Edwin Arlington Robinson

By Mary Robinson Cohen

## Fall Events at Roosevelt Public School

Many schools have cut back on their field trips; however, here in Roosevelt children are fortunate because they still get to explore nature and learn outside of school. Teachers have planned wonderful fall trips:

- Pre-Kindergarten went pumpkin picking at Windsor Farm.
- Kindergarten visited Battleview Orchards for apple picking and to learn about how apples grow.
- Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade and 6th grade are going to West Haven Farms in Allentown to pick pumpkins and enjoy a hayride! Our sixth grade and first grade students are “buddies.”
- Grades 3 and 4 will be visiting the PINES cranberry bog.
- Grade 4 looked for and found fossils in Poricy Park!
- Grade 5 will be visiting Stony Brook Watershed in November and writing about their orienteering adventure in the next Bulletin – stay tuned for their article.

• And, during the last week in October, you may see our Kindergarten and 4th Grade “buddies” on the Roosevelt Nature Trail when they start their first documentation of the seasons – they will return two more times to record the changes that they see.

We are so grateful to have many parents join us as chaperones and drivers!

Our 4th grade students led a whole school assembly for the Week of Respect – they asked all of our students to talk about what respect looks like in our school and to pledge that they will be respectful.

Many thanks are owed to the Roosevelt Fire Company and First Aid Squad for presenting an assembly to our students for Fire Prevention Week. All of our students learned fire safety and were treated to a climb on the fire truck, a walk through the ambulance, and a smoke detector for home.



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

State law now prohibits disposal of computers and TVs with trash. Free drop-off. Program open to all Monmouth County residents, small businesses, and institutions. Limited to one pick-up truckload.

Items accepted:

- Computer cases, CPUs
- Keyboards, Mice
- Monitors, Scanners
- Printers, Cables
- Laptops, Peripherals
- Televisions
- Radios, Cameras
- Telephones
- Copiers, Fax Machines
- VCRs, DVD Players
- Stereo Components

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 Recycling Center  
 899 Perrineville Rd.  
 Open on Saturday & Sunday  
 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For additional sites within Monmouth County, please visit  
[www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID3021](http://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID3021)

### AUTUMN

By T. E. Hulme

A touch of cold in the Autumn night—  
 I walked abroad,  
 And saw the ruddy moon lean over a hedge  
 Like a red-faced farmer.  
 I did not stop to speak, but nodded,  
 And round about were the wistful stars  
 With white faces like town children.



## A VIEW FROM A COUNCIL SEAT

This should be called a view from a hospital bed. I have been in and out of the hospital for over a month. I hope by the time you read this I will be home for good. Sometimes when one has major surgery things don't go so smoothly.

No boring discussion about our Utilities this month, except to say water plant construction is ongoing and disruptions are being kept to a minimum.

Elections are coming up; I urge everyone to support our school budget and school capital improvement project that is needed for our school building.

Unfortunately our local elections are almost invisible. Do you know who is running for Council? Do you know their names? There are two open seats on the Council but only two names on the ballot—it's what is called an uncontested election. Uncontested elections are bad for Roosevelt. They put the burden of governing on a smaller number people, with the same people running again and again because nobody else will. I ask all of you to get involved Roosevelt needs new blood on the Council. This year is too late, but think about next year. I will gladly help anyone interested.

Till next time stay well,

Stu Kaufman



Vultures perch on Pine Drive in early 2013.

Photo by Frances Duckett

Vultures are large dark-plumaged birds with small bare heads. Although classified as birds of prey, they seldom kill their own food and are primarily scavengers, feeding on dead animals. Their featherless heads and necks allow them to feed neatly on carrion. Vultures serve an important function as part of nature's clean-up crew.

Two species of vulture are commonly seen in Roosevelt: turkey vultures (*Cathartes aura*) and black vultures (*Coragyps atratus*).

Turkey vultures are large, dark birds common throughout most of North America. They are approximately two feet tall and have wingspans of up to six feet. The undersides of their wings are two-toned, blackish in front and silver-gray on the rear half. They have small featherless heads which are black when the birds are young and red when they are adults.

Vultures are social raptors – roosting, feeding and often flying together. They are probably the most commonly seen bird of prey in the state. They build no nest but lay their eggs on the ground generally in a cave, rock crevice or in a hollow log. Turkey vultures commonly breed throughout New Jersey.

The black vulture is primarily a southern bird, although in recent years it has expanded its range northward and has become more common in the state. With a wingspan of about five feet, the black vulture is slightly smaller than the turkey vulture. The bird is dull black in color, including its bare head. Each wingtip has a large, whitish patch visible only when the wing is open. In flight black vultures can be identified by these wingpatches and by their short, square tails. They tend to flap more than turkey vultures and, when soaring, hold their wings straight out, not upward in a "V" like the turkey vultures.

Adapted from The Raptor Trust: <http://theraptortrust.org/the-birds/hawk-facts/vultures/>



The First Aid Squad has responded to 172 emergency calls from January 1 to September 30. For the month of September the Squad responded to 21 calls.

In September, the Squad responded in Roosevelt to 3 fire stand-by, 1 fall, 1 cardiac, 3 emergency transports, and 1 allergic reaction.

Mutual aid into Millstone Twp., 1 emergency transports, 1 unconscious, 1 abdominal pain, 1 cardiac, 1 broken arm, 1 should injury, 1 syncope, and 1 diabetic.

Mutual aid into East Windsor Twp. 1 emergency transport, 1 fall w/a leg injury, Allentown 1 cardiac and in Hightstown Borough 1 MVA.

As the Squad sent out our donation letters we included "My Personal Medication Record" form. Please complete the form with your current medication and place it on your refrigerator. This would be a great help to the Squad members if we had to come to your home in an emergency. If you misplace the form, or need additional copies, contact any Squad member.

We would like to thank all the residents of Roosevelt for their generous donations to the Squad. Without your support we could not operate. Thank You!!!

If any one wishes to make a donation, you can send it to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad at P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Remember, all donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for new members. We will pay for the required basic training. If interested, please contact any Squad member or stop in during our training for an application. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT please email [rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com](mailto:rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com). You can also find us on facebook.

## Health Notes

Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas that has no smell, taste or color. When a human is exposed to too much carbon monoxide, the gas inhibits the body's ability to absorb oxygen, which leads to tissue damage and sometimes death. Though carbon monoxide poisoning can often be prevented or avoided, there are certain individuals for whom the condition can be particularly dangerous. Here are some typical carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms, and how to prevent the condition.

### Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

In some cases, carbon monoxide poisoning may already be at a fatal level before the person experiences symptoms. Common carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms include nausea and vomiting, breathing difficulties, dizziness, blurry vision, a light headache and, in some cases, fainting. A carbon monoxide leak is especially dangerous for those who are sleeping, babies and children, the elderly, an unborn fetus, and someone who is drunk. If you think you are experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms, it is important to get outside immediately and call for medical attention. When the condition is left untreated or allowed to progress, it may lead to permanent damage to the brain or heart, which can eventually cause death.

### Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

There are many ways to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning from occurring in your home. It is important for every home to have a carbon monoxide detector, preferably one for each area of the house. Like a smoke detector, change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector twice every year and evacuate the house immediately if you hear the detector sound.

Those who have gas appliances in

their home should use them only as recommended, and should have regular routine maintenance performed to prevent a gas leak. In addition, if you have a garage, do not keep your garage door closed if a vehicle is inside and running. Those with an attached garage should also avoid running the car if the door that connects the house and garage is open.

### How does CO poisoning work?

Red blood cells pick up CO quicker than they pick up oxygen. If there is a lot of CO in the air, the body may replace oxygen in blood with CO. This blocks oxygen from getting into the body, which can damage tissues and result in death. CO can also combine with proteins in tissues, destroying the tissues and causing injury and death.

### Who is at risk from CO poisoning?

All people and animals are at risk for CO poisoning. Certain groups — unborn babies, infants, and people with chronic heart disease, anemia, or respiratory problems — are more susceptible to its effects. Each year, more than 400 Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning, more than 20,000 visit the emergency room and more than 4,000 are hospitalized due to CO poisoning. Fatality is highest among Americans 65 and older.

If you or a family member begins to experience carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms, do not hesitate to get help — leave the house, open any windows and doors if possible, and call 911.

There are still many houses in town that do not have house numbers or have numbers that are too difficult to see from the street. Please check the numbers posted on your house to ensure they are large and visible enough for emergency services and State Police to see from the road, especially at night.

Remember if you need help please dial 911.

[rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com](mailto:rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com)

**ERI Progress Report**

The Environmental Commission is happy to report that work is well underway on Roosevelt's Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI)!

An ERI is a survey of current environmental conditions. It helps identify existing or potential issues, and provides the factual basis for municipal policies and planning designed to protect the environment. The first ERI in Roosevelt was completed in 1993, and now we're doing an update, so we can assess any significant environmental changes since then.

The new ERI kicked off in June at a public meeting, where Roosevelt residents had a chance to express their concerns about our local environment. For many people, the biggest issue identified was the level and flow of water in Empty Box Brook, and the ERI has been focusing on that as a high priority.

The new study is being led by Rutgers professor Dr. JeanMarie Hartman, a specialist in community ecology, who also conducted Roosevelt's previous ERI. She is being assisted by students from her research lab, who have been in town to collect data from site visits. Local residents have also participated in field observations, helping to identify invasive plants and measure stream conditions. (Special thanks to our great volunteers!)

To date, the team has completed a number of important steps:

- Created digital maps of Roosevelt's geology, hydrology, topography, soils, land use, etc.
- Conducted a stream assessment of Empty Box Brook.
- Taken an inventory of vegetation and invasive species.

Next steps will include combining the data from field observations with the digital maps, then evaluating the findings and preparing recommendations. A preliminary draft of the ERI report is anticipated by the end of this year. After review and final approval by the Environmental Commission, the report will be available to the public and presented to the Borough Council and Planning Board.

When completed, the new ERI will provide multiple benefits:

- Identify current or potential threats to the environment of Roosevelt, and provide guidance for developing effective responses.
- Focus the priorities for environmental protection, informing decisions by the Borough Council and Planning Board, including review and any needed revisions of the municipal master plan.
- Guide the Environmental Commission to take further actions that will have the best impact on the environment of our community.

We are eagerly awaiting the results of the ERI, and look forward to sharing

them with you. In the meantime, special thanks once again to all our great volunteers!

For more information, contact Eitan Grunwald at 609-426-4636 or eitan@eitangrunwald.com.

**Sisterhood Tricky Tray**

The Sisterhood of Roosevelt is sponsoring a Tricky Tray on Saturday evening, November 8, 2014, at Congregation Anshe Roosevelt, 20 Homestead Lane.

Doors open at 6:30 pm.  
Calling begins at 7:30.

Tickets are \$10 in advance. \$12 at the door.

The entry fee also gives you a free package of tickets (20) and coffee, tea, and cake. Cold drinks are available for \$1.

Items include electronics, toys and games, housewares, clothing, etc.

Call Karen at (609) 426-1560 for tickets and reservations.



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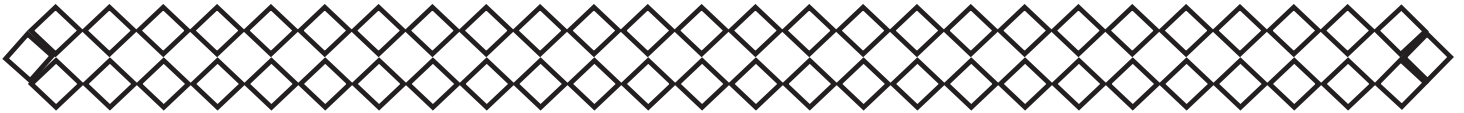
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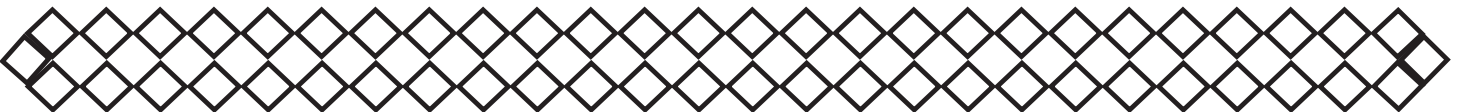
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The Roosevelt Borough Bulletin is looking for a few good men, women, or children to contribute articles of local interest.

In particular, we are looking to include articles about Borough history, information about important local issues, reports on community meetings, as well as personal recollections from individuals who have been inspired to move to Roosevelt. If you're longing to see your name in print, this could be your opportunity.

If interested, please contact Managing Editor Rick Pressler at [rpressler32@gmail.com](mailto:rpressler32@gmail.com) or 201.785.4490.



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**N O V E M B E R**

<b>1 Sat.</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Roosevelt Arts Project The Big Dance, Roosevelt Public School Latino Dance Fundraiser, <a href="http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org">http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org</a></b>
4 Tues.	6:00 am – 8:00 pm	Election, Borough Hall
5 Wed.	12:30 pm	Senior Citizens Meeting, Borough Hall
5 Wed.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
5 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
<b>8. Sat.</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Roosevelt Arts Project Musical London, Borough Hall, A piano recital with commentary by Alan Mallach</b>
8. Sat.	6:30 pm	Sisterhood of Roosevelt Tricky Tray Karen Block (609) 426-1560
9 Sun.	10:00 am	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training Jack Rindt, Training Officer
10 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
13 Thurs.	7:00 pm	Fire Company Business Meeting, Chris Suk, President 490-0931
15 Sat.	7:00 am – 11:00 am	Fire Company's Pancake Breakfast, Borough Hall
<b>16. Sun.</b>	<b>11:00 am 12-5pm</b>	<b>Mural Talk Roosevelt Arts Project Annual Studio Tour and Sale, Roosevelt Public School and Studios</b>
18 Tues.	8:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, Jeff Klein, President
19 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
19 Wed.	7:30 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall, Diane Lowery, Chair.
20 Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, Natalie Warner, President, 609-903-1061
24 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
27 Thurs.		Thanksgiving. RPS Closed.
28 Fri.		RPS Closed

**D E C E M B E R**

2 Tues.	12:30 pm	Senior Citizens Meeting, Borough Hall
2 Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
3 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
6 Sat.		Deadline for Fire Company Santa Delivery registration
8 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
11 Thurs.	7:00 pm	Fire Company Business Meeting, Chris Suk, President 490-0931
13 Sat.	10:00 am	Fire Company 50/50 Drawing, Borough Hall
13 Sat.	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	Santa's Delivery Service (with prior registration), Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company
<b>13 Sat.</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Roosevelt Arts Project "The Blues at Assifa Space" 40 Tamara Dr., Roosevelt Robin Gould (609) 448-4616</b>
14 Sun.	10:00 am	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training Jack Rindt, Training Officer
16 Tues.	8:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, Jeff Klein, President
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22 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
23. Tues		RPS Early Dismissal
24 - Jan 2		RPS Closed for Winter Break

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