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Borough Council Report

Council told of Rabid Raccoon Lake Drive Completion Approved

by Adeline Weiner

On a recent Saturday afternoon, the Grossman family, who live at 18 Farm Lane, discovered a rabid raccoon rolling around in a clearing among the trees behind their back yard. When the family dog began barking loudly at the strangely-behaving animal, the Grossman children, who were playing nearby, ran to tell their father. He called the State Police who, at the direction of the Animal Control Officer, shot the raccoon. It was soon diagnosed as rabid.

Mary Alfare reported the incident at the November council meeting. She said that there are several current cases of rabies in Monmouth County. She urged that borough residents be alerted to guard their children and themselves by calling the State Police immediately on seeing

animals behaving abnormally and by inoculating pets against rabies, especially those who range out-of-doors.

DOT Award

Council member Rose Murphy announced the award of a grant of \$125,000 from the Department of Transportation's \$35,000,000 discretionary fund. Mrs. Murphy, who chairs the Public Property and Roads Committee, stated that the money is earmarked for the reconstruction of Farm Lane. Mayor Barth pointed out that our winning this grant was mainly due to the persuasive efforts of Mrs. Murphy.

Lyme Action

Activities relating to Lyme disease in our community were reported on by Mary Alfare, who organized a survey of incidence of the infection and was active in organizing two successful public meetings to disseminate information. A study of tick control methods will now follow. It will be led by Dr. Terry Schultze, a nationally recognized expert in deer tick research, who has agreed to include Roosevelt as one of three target communities in Monmouth County. The area chosen for study in the borough is bounded by the south side of Homestead

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Lee Allen Elected Mayor Murphy, Warren and Counterman Re-elected

by Michael Ticktin

By a vote of 193 to 145, councilman Lee Allen, running on the Roosevelt Nonpartisan Alliance slate, defeated Councilman Stuart Kaufman, the Democratic candidate, to become the eleventh person to be elected as mayor of the Borough of Roosevelt. Mr. Allen's running mates, Council members Rose Murphy, Peter Warren and Bill Counterman, also won, receiving 235, 232 and 253 votes, respectively. There were no council candidates from either political party. While some write-in votes were cast for both the mayor and council positions, there was, in contrast to some of our other recent elections, no evidence of any serious write-in campaign.

Republican Senate candidate John

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Bulletin Board

From the Editor

As we approach the end of the year, we wish everyone a Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Let us hope that the economic difficulties with which, one way or another, we are all faced, will soon be overcome and that a spirit of optimism will return. This community was founded in a period of grave economic and social crisis and it is up to all of us to keep it going strong despite all adversity.

The **Bulletin** will return at the end of January. Meanwhile, we welcome Susan Oxford as a Board member and extend our special thanks to Robin Carroll, without whose work as our typist, production coordinator and business manager, publication of the **Bulletin** would not be possible.

—Michael Ticktin

Upcoming Arts Project Events

- Roosevelt Poets:** collaborations, December 14, 8:00 p.m., Borough Hall
- Jazz!** with Laurie Altman and Ed Schuller, January 11, 8:00 p.m., William Mount-Burke Theatre, Peddie School
- Jacob Landau** Exhibit, January 10-31, William Mount-Burke Theatre; reception following Laurie Altman - Ed Schuller concert; opening January 10, 7:00 p.m.

Synagogue News

*Chanukah Party to Feature
Klezmer Musicians*

by Michael Ticktin, President

On Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 p.m., congregation Anshei Roosevelt will hold its annual Chanukah party. The main feature of the program will be traditional festive Jewish music played by the Odessa Klezmer musicians. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the folk tunes, as well as latkes and other holiday fare. There will be a nominal admission charge.

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Planning Board Report

Planning Board Discusses Fiscal Impact Study for Revision of Master Plan

by Susan Oxford

The Planning Board held its regular meeting on November 13th to continue discussing the Fiscal/Service Impact Study which is part of the overall planning study for considering zoning changes to the northern 500 acres of Roosevelt. The Board received a report from the Fiscal Impact Study Committee, which consists of three members of the Planning Board (Board Chair Gail Hunton and members Michael Tickin and Bert Ellentuck), two members of the Borough Council (Lee Allen and Howard Prezant) and Robert Eisner. Alan Mallach and Andrew Strauss of the Trust for Public Land also serve on the Committee as advisors. The Committee reported that it met in October to develop three preliminary study alternatives to be used in assessing the impact of various development proposals on the Borough's finances and the availability of public services such as sewer and water.

The first alternative involved no change to the existing zoning in the municipality. The Committee estimated that if the Notterman Tract and the 500 acres in the northern part of Roosevelt were developed under existing zoning, and undeveloped lots elsewhere in the municipality were filled in, there would be approximately 135 new units of housing in Roosevelt (15 units through infill lots, 76 units on the Notterman tract, and 45 non-sewered units in the northern 500). The Committee will consider the impacts of such development on the Borough's sewer system, school, revenues and other services. For instance, the Committee will consider the number and ages of school children that such development is likely to generate, as well as the amount of demand the development will have on the Borough's water and sewer system. The Committee will then compare these results with the

impact of a development of 165 units of mixed, sewerd housing in the northern 500 (based on one of the proposals developed by the Rutgers study last year).

Finally, the Committee plans to consider the impact of a mixture of residential units and office space in the northern 500 acres (with the development potential of the Notterman Tract and infill remaining the same in all three of these alternatives). Since the impact on the school is a major consideration in planning for Roosevelt's future, the Committee may also consider the effect of restricting development in the last two alternatives to a retirement community. Board Chair Gail Hunton stressed that the Committee chose these three alternatives only for purposes of assessing possible impacts, and they are not meant to indicate a choice on the Board's

part of the type of development or lack of development favored at this point. After gathering the relevant information, the Committee will meet with Dr. David Listokin, of the Rutgers Center for Urban Policy Research, who has generously agreed to donate his time to oversee the undertaking of this study.

The Board also discussed the need for design standards for improvement, repair, or extensions of roads in Roosevelt. Currently, the zoning ordinance is silent on this subject, leading to possibly inconsistent results throughout the municipality. For instance, some of the members expressed their concern that the prominent curbs placed on Nurko Road with its recent paving are inconsistent with the rural nature of the community.

The Board had no applications on its agenda this month.

Parks Commission News

by Ann Goldman

The Roosevelt Parks Commission had two fall volunteer events and is planning another for Sunday, December 15, at 11:00 A.M. We will be staking the cherry trees at Jersey Homesteads Park. Please join us.

Volunteers planted 400 daffodils and 8 mountain laurels at several locations. Our fall litter pick-up was a great success, with 22 volunteers and 1600 pounds of litter. (See Clean Communities article for more details.) Many thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who made these projects successful.

We are planning a January public meeting to discuss 1992's goals. These include landscaping of the Pine/Tamara triangle, the purchasing of benches for various sites around town, and general maintenance and trimming of Roosevelt's trees and curbs. All ideas and input are welcome.

School Board News

*Lauralynne Cokeley, appointed to Board
Board Referendum set for February 11
Regionalization Discussions Proceed*

by Bob Clark

By a nearly even vote on November 14, the Roosevelt School Board selected Lauralynne Cokeley to fill — until the Board's reorganization following the spring election — the position recently vacated by Robert Petrilla. Board members Edward Grossman, Jan Plumb and Allen Newrath voted for Mrs. Cokeley. Members Michael Hamilton and Harry Parker voted for Henry John-Alder, and Board President John Ord and Vice President Margaret Schlinski voted for Scott Hartman. Member Howard Kaufman was absent.

Mr. Ord thanked all three for their interest in the position, pronounced all qualified and expressed his regret that the Board could choose only one. Each candidate presented formal remarks and answered members' questions before the voting. Mrs. Cokeley promised to live up to her son's description of a good board member as a person who would "try to make good decisions, spend a lot of time and put a lot of hard work into" the job. Mr. John-Alder called education his "way of life" and focused on his ability to make a contribution on "educational issues, such as curriculum development." Mr. Hartman stressed the need for an effective "triad" consisting of parents, students and teachers.

The Board set Tuesday, February 11, 1992, as the date for the referendum on whether the town should finance a \$950,000 school building renovation and addition project. The Board hired the law firm of Kraft & McManimon to guide it through the highly technical referendum and bonding process after listening to a presentation from attorney Ronald Ianoale of the firm. The firm's fee will be \$7-8,000 if the project is brought to final conclusion, but it will receive only \$1,000 if the referendum is defeated or withdrawn. Mr. Groveman reported that the fees required by two competing law firms were "far more."

The Board declined to award a con-

tract for \$5,000, plus expenses, to Consolidated Financial Management, Inc., in connection with the facility renovations. At the November 7 agenda meeting Roberta Acampora, Vice President of the firm, and Bernard Steinfelt, School finance consultant, had touted their firm's financial advisory services. Nonetheless, Board members decided that the District's auditor, Seaman & Co., which has had experience working with Kraft & McManimon, could do sufficient financial workups for a project the size of the one proposed for Roosevelt. They added that the auditor will have to participate in the project anyway, at a cost of \$2-5,000.

During the public portion of the November 14 meeting, Mr. John-Alder questioned whether there was a "real educational justification for a good part of the optional projects associated with the proposed renovations. He noted that at present "the kids are happy, the atmosphere is conducive to learning and class sizes are small." Chief School Administrator (CSA) Harry Groveman and Board members explained that, in some cases, state mandates shaped the project but, in others, educational needs were a factor. As examples, Mr. Groveman said the project would allow classes to receive instruction in the library, eliminate combined grades and give adequate space to the resource room where students' educational needs are the greatest. Mr. John-Alder urged the Board to "do a better job of salesmanship" on behalf of the project and "emphasize the educational perspective." Board members agreed that this should be done. Mr. Parker said the project was "not a wish list" but a "bare bones minimum."

Regarding the proposal for a kindergarten addition, Mr. John-Alder wondered whether existing space in the lobby near the administrative offices could be used instead. Mr. Ord responded that the Board had decided not to interfere with

the area around the Shahn mural. Mr. John-Alder suggested modular units for administrative offices, but Mr. Ord said that concept had generated "negative feedback from the state" and raised "another set of problems." Mr. John-Alder wondered "if a letter from the Board to some member of the Education Department hierarchy would be helpful."

Mr. John-Alder said an article in *The Times* of Trenton endorsed a 15-1 student-teacher ratio and expressed concern that Roosevelt would "exceed that through growth or regionalization." The renovation project calls for each Roosevelt Public School (RPS) classroom to accommodate 20 students. Mr. Groveman pointed out that there are 22-25 students in East Windsor classrooms on average.

The Board authorized CSA Groveman to officially notify Fran Gerber, School Social Worker, and Maxine Shore, Art and Foreign Language Teacher, that they had achieved tenure. Mr. Groveman sent a congratulatory letter to each.

On November 5 Mr. Ord, Mr. Groveman, Dr. Grossman, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Newrath met with Dr. Edgar Thomas, East Windsor Regional School District Superintendent, and representatives of the East Windsor School Board to discuss the possibility of regionalization with East Windsor. Dr. Grossman and Mr. Groveman reported that East Windsor is receptive to planning for possible regionalization, even though Roosevelt would insist that RPS be used as a local elementary school, possibly with a K-2 program. They noted that the status of the RPS building was paramount to East Windsor, which would closely follow the results of the upcoming renovation and expansion referendum and the Roosevelt district's efforts to bring its building up to state standards. A second meeting was scheduled for December 10 in Roosevelt. Mr. Groveman reported that a similar meeting was be-

ing planned with representatives of the Millstone Board of Education. Mr. Ord noted that for the preliminary discussions the Ad Hoc Regionalization committee should be composed of Board members only rather than include other community members, as proposed by Dolores Chasan. He explained that the other communities were represented just by board members and staff.

The Board authorized the District to join the Network of Sending Schools for a membership fee of \$100 to help defray expenses of the organization. Mr. Groveman is a founder of the group, which plans to lobby for legislation to protect the rights as sending districts such as Roosevelt. The organization will specifically seek laws requiring receiving districts to negotiate tuition.

The District was awarded a \$4,500 matching grant from the Monmouth County Historical Commission. If Roosevelt can obtain matching money within a year, it will receive the preservation grant for lobby improvements near the Shahn mural, including displays, lighting and bookcases. The project would also enhance the environment for the Jacob Grossman Memorial Art Collection. President Ord announced his intention to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of Board members and community representatives to advise the Board on how to raise matching funds and spend the money most effectively. The District has several other proposals for historic preservation that it intends to submit in future years.

County Superintendent of Schools Milton Hughes notified the District that its objectives for the 1991-92 school year have been approved. First, all students in grades one through six will increase their participation in performance-based assessments by publicly demonstrating their skills and knowledge. Second, the District will seek to increase math basic skills test scores by 10 points for average achievers in grades three through six. Third, enlisting officials in charge of local open space facilities, RPS will develop and implement school-wide nature and environmental studies programs. The third objective will occur over a period of years.

Mr. Groveman reported that RPS staff has initiated a school-wide student port-

folio system. Under the program samples, of students' work will be placed into their portfolios each year. Upon graduation RPS will present the portfolios to parents. Mr. Groveman indicated that the program resulted from staff efforts to develop additional performance-based assessments and from recent in-service training with Willa Spicer, Curriculum Director for the South Brunswick School District.

The District received a Chapter I Program Improvement Grant of \$1,710. Mr. Groveman reported that the funds, plus an additional \$800 from the current budget, will purchase a second MacIntosh LC computer for the school's HOTS program. He also advised that adding some basic skill students to Resource Room Teacher Susan Goldfond's schedule would expand her time to the maximum. Additional children or more special needs children might require expanding her work time beyond the present 40% time.

The Board adopted standing orders for first aid and approved health policies and procedures as developed by School

Nurse Ruth Howard and reviewed by the school physician, Dr. M. Lupovici. It approved the first reading of a policy regarding field trips and excursions, but some members noted the need to make certain changes before final adoption. Other policies — handicapped, affirmative action, purchasing procedures, sexual harassment, equal educational opportunity and extracurricular activities — received final approval at the November 7 agenda meeting.

The Board accepted plans, submitted by Emergency Management Coordinator Edward Miller, to use the school as the Borough's emergency shelter. The school had already been approved for use as a Red Cross emergency shelter.

Mr. Groveman reported that he had received increased expressions of concern about the safety and suitability of the playground area. He also reported that valve and relay malfunctions in the school's aging boiler system required the expenditure of about \$900 to bring the system into operation for the current cold weather season. •

Roosevelt Public School Construction Project Update

by John P. Ord, *President, Roosevelt Board of Education*

The Roosevelt School Board has formally adopted a plan of construction and renovation to address the facility needs at RPS. The plan is the work product of the ad hoc committee, made up of Board members, the Mayor, council members and Planning Board members. The ad hoc committee submitted the plan to the school board in August and the board accepted.

The school board will now proceed to submit plans and educational specifications to the New Jersey Department of Education for their review and approval. Upon acceptance by the Dept. of Education, the funding process will begin. When examination of possible funding options is completed, the project will be put to referendum.

Initial information has been collected into a packet form. The packet includes the three possible designs reviewed by the ad hoc committee and the final plan chosen by the board. The final plan is referred to as Option 2A. The packet includes the plan, a tentative cost analysis and an explanation of the project, followed by some questions and answers. A copy of the packet has been sent home with the school children. Packets are available at the school upon request. For those who are unable to obtain one from the school, packets will be delivered. Please call the school at 448-2798 and leave your name and address and a packet will be delivered to your home.

As the project moves from the planning, design stage into the funding and, finally, the referendum stage, more information will be disseminated. The information will explain the project in preparation for a referendum to the Roosevelt voters. •

PTA News

by Adeenah Yeger

The Roosevelt PTA has certainly been busy the last few months. We would like to thank JoAnne Parker for all the work she did as Chair of our annual Book Fair fundraiser. Thanks go out to Lee Allen for all the work he put in on the Halloween party and last but not least, to Lorraine Reibold for chairing the annual Holiday Shop. We appreciate all the long hours that these parents put in to help the students. Thanks to all the parents and friends who helped with these special projects and bake for our bake sales.

The PTA provided all the refreshments for the annual Thanksgiving program on Wednesday, November 27.

The PTA is pleased to sponsor Mr. C's Gymnasium Geography assembly on December 20.

From now until January 31, 1992, the Roosevelt Public School will be collecting UPC codes from any Orville Redenbacher's popcorn product. This is for the "Labels for Learning Program" and RPS will receive 10 cents for each UPC code turned in. There is a box for the UPC codes in the RPS lobby and a can for the UPC codes in the Roosevelt Deli. •



Nursery School News



by Joan Grossman

October proved a very busy month for our preschoolers and their parents as well.

The children were very busy with their regular nursery school activities, punctuated by the Halloween season.

The now-annual trip to the pumpkin patch at Sunny Acres farm, where they were treated to a hay ride and picked their own pumpkins, helped put the final touches on that holiday and provided a nice transitional activity into the Thanksgiving feast. The classes spent the better part of November preparing for their own holiday observance, complete with crafts. On the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving, they will have had an opportunity to enjoy their own handiwork and culinary masterpieces.

In the midst of the holiday hubbub, the children took a very special field trip to see the play Pinocchio at Mercer County College's Kelsey Theatre. This, too, has become an annual tradition, complete with transportation on a big yellow school bus, courtesy Anderson Company, and driver Diana Moore, mom and management team member.

The second Used Book Sale on October 27 was a success and thanks go to many people in many places. We start with all of those neighbors and friends who donated their books to us and to Joy and Neil Marko who stored them in their basement for the past several months.

That weekend, we could not have moved and set up all those books were it

not for the assistance of parents Carol Impellizzeri, Leon Lawson, Mike Hamilton, Lauralynne Cokeley and Richie Nulman. We also gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Margaret and Abe Schlinski, Rose Murphy, Cathy Petrilla and Mark Ventola, whose wife Donna, is our head teacher.

The book sale could not have come off at all were it not for the efforts of Alison and Bob Petrilla, professional booksellers who masterminded the effort and saw it through, then offered a financial contribution as well.

And, special thanks from the rest of the management team to Dianna Moore, our finance chair, and her husband Ronnie for tirelessly working from planning through the cleanup phase on this major fundraiser.

All books which were not sold were gratefully accepted by the libraries at Trenton State Prison and The Yardville Correctional Facility.

We also wish to thank the Jacksons for their contribution of classroom materials and toys, the Lepores and the Stuart Kaufmans for their contributions of classroom equipment.

Special thanks, too, to those RCNS parents and members of the community who have contributed to our Scholarship Fund. This is an ongoing fundraiser and additions to it are welcome at any time.

As always, our thanks to Congregation Anshei Roosevelt for housing our program. •

The Bulletin is published nine times a year - in September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May and June.

The deadline is the 15th of the month, except by prior arrangement with the Editor.

Please send all articles and letters in clean type-script, or as files on Apple, 3 1/2 inch diskettes.

Environmental Awareness

by Gloria Hazell

My news this month does not really cover environmental aspects, but humanitarian problems. The homeless... It has come to my notice that a resident of Roosevelt has been helping in one small, yet gigantic, way the street people in New York. Her husband works in the City, and every day when she makes up his lunch-bag, she makes up an extra bag which contains either a sweater, gloves, scarf, even a coat, plus an orange or an apple. This bag, her husband takes with him, and gives it to one of the many homeless that he passes each day, either in the station or huddled in the street. They expect no thanks, and do not want to embarrass the person, so he hands it over and then he walks away. What a wonderful thing to do, and how great they all must feel, the couple for giving, the other person for knowing that someone out there cares. I have spoken to many homeless in New Haven, where Andy works, and they thank me for even speaking to them, because most people

turn their heads and walk away, as if being homeless were a contagious disease.

If you have any of the items mentioned that you would like to donate to this couple's project, please call me at 443-2869, and I will let them know. True to this work, they don't want their name published.

This winter is going to be a cold one; in Minneapolis they have had 28 inches of snow so far. It got so bad that people from the outlying farms had to come into the cities to keep warm. They had no power and no water. Now this is Minnesota, folks, where they are used to the snow and cold weather. I spoke to an Indian friend who lives there and he says that this weather is at least 4 to 5 weeks early. He feels that we are going to get it bad this year, so let's all be prepared before it reaches us, and remember those homeless people who have no where warm and safe to go.

Incidentally, who saw the black swan on Etra Lake?*

Clean Communities Sponsors "Two Trashy Events"

by Gayle Donnelly

Twenty-two volunteers picked up 1460 pounds of litter and 125 pounds of glass and aluminum at our litter pick-up in Roosevelt. Thirty-nine volunteers picked up 1100 pounds of litter, 220 pounds of glass and aluminum and five tires at Perrineville Lake in conjunction with the Girl Scout "Adopt-a-Stream" program. Thank you for participating...

The New Jersey Clean Communities Program, which has given us a grant, seeks to reduce and prevent littering and encourage the proper handling of solid waste in New Jersey by implementation of local litter reduction programs and a statewide public education program. New Jersey Clean Communities is funded by a tax on fifteen categories of "litter generating products," including alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, cigarettes, food and groceries. Approximately nine million dollars per year is generated for the program account, which is administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

The Girl Scout "Adopt-a-Stream" project is a litter awareness and clean-up project that was designed to help educate the Girl Scout volunteers on the issues surrounding litter and non-point source pollution. Last spring was the first pick-up and some 900+ volunteers picked up over 21 tons of trash at clean-up sites throughout the three counties that are served by the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council.

Roosevelt received \$4,631 for 1991 and hopes to receive \$4,000 for 1992. An advisory committee is being formed and we need volunteers. Gayle A. Donnelly is the Roosevelt Clean Communities Coordinator (426-1315).*

Girl Scout News

by Diane Rocchia and Carol Miller

The Roosevelt Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts, in cooperation with the Clean communities Program, participated in a clean-up day focusing on local waterways. The date set by Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council was Saturday, November 9, 1991. Scouts from Roosevelt's Junior Troop 904, Brownie Troops 327 and 637, and East Windsor Cadet Troop 913 cleaned the area surrounding Perrineville Lake.

The first of these events had taken place in April, 1991. At that time, 900 volunteers collected more than 21 tons of litter at many sites throughout Mercer, Monmouth, and Middlesex Counties. On November 9, in less than one hour, thirty-seven scouts and tag-a-longs with nine adults collected: nine bags of litter, nine bags of glass bottles, seven bags of aluminum cans, and one tire.

After their task was completed they were revitalized with plenty of pizza and soda. They then went home to rest before doing another good deed for their community.*

...*Et Nos in Illis* ...And we change too!

by Peter Warren

New Kids on the Block... Jackson Oliver Edwin David Leech, November 4.

New Street in Town... Featherway.

Married... Charlene Belmont and Preston Miller.

Moving In... Glenn Tegeder, Deborah Lentz' brother, to Farm Lane.

Moving Out... Shannon Lugannani to Virginia.

On the Market... As of November 15, 9 houses for sale; 2 houses for sale or rent.

Appointed... To the Board of Trustees of the Greater Trenton Symphony Association, Alan Mallach.

Playing... Bob Cayne, oboe and saxophone with the Trenton Symphony and saxophone with Benny Snyder's Orchestra at Hightstown Country Club; Roy Meriwether, piano, with Roy Meriwether Trio at Hotel Meridien, Paris; Ray Solomon, drums, with Jes' Playin' Possum, Country Western, at various Jersey locations.

On Safari... Peter Warren, vacationing in Sosua, Dominican Republic.

Registered Voters... 599 by actual count (not County figures) as of October 7; voting: 389 on November 5th, 65% of registered voters.

1991 Median Family Income... In Roosevelt, estimated by Donnelly Marketing at \$54,909.

Completed... Improvements on 1,600 feet of Nurko Road, on November 8.

Started... 400 foot extension of Lake Drive to South Rochdale.

Vaccinated... Against rabies: 31 dogs, 32 cats, no raccoons*.

Raked Up... 45 32-gallon trash containers of fallen leaves from one yard in town.

Earned... \$825 by the Nursery School book sale on October 27.

Enrolled... 28 children in the Nursery School, 16 in the after-school program.

Flowing... Month of October average: sewerage, 157,000 gpd (DEP ceiling 250,000 gpd); water, 120,100 gpd (conservation goal 90,000).

* at the Borough rabies clinic on October 26

Senior Citizens News

The November 7, 1991 Senior Citizens Meeting was involved with making decisions and enjoying reliving happy occasions. A particularly enjoyable time was the Sunday breakfast for Seniors that was given by the Hightstown Elks. The food was delicious and they provided such a variety that everyone had plenty to choose from. We appreciate the hospitality shown us more than we can express in words.

Many members are interested in the findings of the committee working on learning about Lyme disease, which is affecting so many residents. Betty Perrine offered transportation to those wanting to attend the meeting at the school.

We'll go to the Hunterdon Restaurant and Playhouse on December 6. We're looking forward to that.

Rose Murphy was present and gave us information on transportation that is important to us. It's always a pleasure to see her at meetings.

Our President, Jeanette Koffler, played a taped speech received from the Freehold office on Aging about "Living Wills". It was informative and everyone was glad to learn about this. Jeanette also distributed forms for our use. Most of us took them.

Thelma Thompson was our hostess and, as usual, baked a cake for those with November birthdays. It was beautiful to look at and even better to eat.

Until next month—
—Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

As part of our continuing effort to help put current problems in proper perspective, we reprint President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's address to Congress on December 8, 1941.

Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its Government and its Emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in Oahu, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. While this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time the Japanese Government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese Government

also launched an attack against Malaya. Last night Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong. Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam. Last night Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands. Last night the Japanese attacked Wake Island. This morning the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us.

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.

I believe I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces—and with the unbounded

determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December seventh, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire.

On December 11, Germany and Italy, in accordance with their alliance with Japan, declared war on the United States. President Roosevelt responded as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

On the morning of December 11 the Government of Germany, pursuing its course of world conquest, declared war against the United States.

The long-known and the long-expected has thus taken place. The forces endeavoring to enslave the entire world now are moving toward this hemisphere.

Never before has there been a greater challenge to life, liberty and civilization.

Delay invites great danger. Rapid and united effort by all of the peoples of the world who are determined to remain free will insure a world victory of the forces of justice and of righteousness over the forces of savagery and of barbarism.

Italy has also declared war against the United States.

I therefore request the Congress to recognize a state of war between the United States and Germany, and between the United States and Italy. •

Reassessment Completed

by Michael Ticktin, Assessor

The reassessment that we have been conducting for the past several months, at the direction of the Monmouth County Board of Taxation, is now completed. Notices concerning the new valuations have been sent to all property owners. Total valuation has increased by about 78% over the 1984-based values currently in use. This means that, if 1992 tax levies are the same as they were in 1991, the tax rate would be 2.53%, rather than the current 4.51%.

Elections

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Dimon and Assembly candidates Robert Singer and Melvin Cottrell were victorious by margins of more than two to one district-wide. As in the past, though, Roosevelt was the one municipality in the district that went Democratic. Democrat Neil O'Connell received 207 votes to Mr. Dimon's 109, while Democrats Ralph Adinolfi and Michael Tamn received 198 and 178 votes respectively to 136 and 116 for Messrs Singer and Cottrell. Interestingly, the two Assembly candidates who solicited support in Roosevelt through the *Bulletin*, Messrs Adinolfi and Singer, each ran 20 votes ahead of his running mate.

Republicans Marie Muhler and Ted Narozanick were elected Monmouth County Surrogate and Freeholder, respectively. Their Democratic opponents, Patricia Bennett and Kerry Zukus, carried Roosevelt however. Ms. Bennett, who received 222 votes, was the highest Democratic votegetter locally.

The State public questions concerning crime victims' rights and national health care passed easily both statewide and in Roosevelt. The local vote on victims' rights was 251 in favor and 31 against, while the local vote on health care was 251 in favor and 38 against. On the more controversial issue of the construction of a trash incinerator in Tinton Falls, which was the subject of a county public question, the local vote was 158 in favor and 150 against. The proposal was narrowly defeated county-wide, however.

Borough Council Report:

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Lane, North Valley Road, the north side of Farm Lane and the east side of Rochdale Avenue. Of the 121 residents who have received questionnaires, half have affirmed their willingness to participate. Mrs. Alfara explained that since the properties involved are contiguous, 100% participation will be necessary if Roosevelt is to be included. (Home owners who take part in the survey have the option to refuse spraying.)

Council Reports

Council reports included information on the upcoming garbage collection contract as well as an announcement that the Environmental Commission has engaged as its consultant. Ms. Jean Marie Hartman. They are preparing to write a new grant application.

Several resolutions and ordinances were introduced relating to financial transfers and to purchasing policies and procedures. The amendment to the zoning ordinance concerning parking that was proposed last month was adopted. The section requiring driveway materials however, used in the right-of-way to

match roadway surface, was deleted as inappropriate because it does not involve the use of private property. The proposed ordinance requiring that fire insurance proceeds over \$2500 be applied to any outstanding municipal liens was also adopted.

Lake Drive Contract

Having received five bids on the Lake Drive completion project, the Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$33,162 to M & M Concrete Co. of Sayreville, on the recommendation of Borough Engineer James De Muro. Funds for the project have been appropriated from the General Capital Fund as authorized by Ordinance 151.

Mayor Barth commented that inasmuch as this project was first initiated almost 8 years ago, he welcomed its realization at this time.

Tie Junk Mail

Mary Alfara urged that residents tie their junk mail recyclables into bundles. She plans to provide the twine for such usage.

A View from a Council Seat

by Stu Kaufman

Roosevelt voters are the smartest people in the world. You chose me to stay on the council. Thank you Roosevelt voters. I am dumbfounded by the number of votes I received. I appreciate your support and encouragement; you made it all worthwhile. I never thought about winning (okay, once or twice I thought about it); it was not my only intent. Keeping the spirit of contested elections alive was my main goal. I think it's called democracy.

It made no difference what the outcome of this election was; I knew I would be a winner either way.

It's a satisfying feeling to take what could have been an embarrassing situation and turn it into a positive experience. I'm gratified to know the voters, as well as my opponent, took me seriously.

The views expressed in this column are those of the writer, not of the council.

A lot of people I know have been asking, "What can we expect the water/sewer rates to be after the rehabilitation project is completed?" That's a fair question; it deserves an answer. I can't predict the future, but I am optimistic. When we know the final numbers, rates will come down. "How much?" you ask. Anywhere from 20 cents to 20 dollars or maybe zero; I said I was optimistic, not psychic.

Once again thank you and, until next month, stay well.

Letters

Visiting the Mural

To the Editor

Please make an arrangement for visitors to view the Ben Shahn mural on Saturdays and Sundays. We came a distance and still couldn't see it.

Thank You

David L. Ravich, Rahway NJ

Thank You

We would like to thank the voters of Roosevelt and state that we will continue to do our best for the Borough.

We will continue to:

-Keep a tight rein on the costs of the water/sewer project

-Seek out all grants and services that may be available and apply for them

-Keep a close eye on legislation (both state and federal) that could have an effect on the town and let our views be heard on them;

-Keep you involved and informed.

Thank you for your support.

Lee Allen, Rose Murphy,

Peter Warren, Bill Counterman

Election Commentary

To the Editor

It appears to be axiomatic that elections - any election - bring out the best and the worst in people.

To dissect our recent election along those lines, it is true that not all of the eligible voters were motivated to cast a ballot - a national trend it would seem - but a majority were. Of those who voted, a great majority voted their choice in the mayoral contest, as well as an overall majority for every unopposed council candidate.

The message I get from this is simple and that is, that the majority of the people of this community wanted to see the present council returned to office, to continue the work they have been doing. Whatever follows, it only remains for both the silent and the vocal minority to accept defeat gracefully, although I am not under any illusion that this will occur.

A point to be made in regard to that conviction, has to do with the fact that the council candidates did not choose to run unopposed, since it is not within their powers to create such a situation. Considering that any voter in Roosevelt can run for any office available and that the Republican and

Democratic lines for council were wide open, one can wonder why the opposition decided not to oppose.

Where was the opposition? Well, they were writing letters to the *Bulletin*, designed to influence the electorate to their point of view. It is my feeling that among other things, the snide characterization of the present administration as the Allen-Warren "New Dawn" council, had an effect opposite to that intended, in that it also characterized the other council members as being mere rubber stamps to some sort of Allen-Warren dictatorship. Considering the source, it is doubtful that these people will do anything to defend their integrity, recognizing that the focus of the writer's animosity is anything but objective.

We now come to a second letter from the opposition. A truculent, petulant, rambling diatribe, fully consistent with the writer's AKA, "Professor of Doom." There is little more to say on that subject, except to appreciate the frustration these people must feel, seeing their persistent attacks on the present administration coming to naught.

The key, to be sure, is that if you are going to oppose, you should do so all the way to the ballot box, not just in the newspapers. The only thing that was bizarre about this election, is that the so-called opposition did not have the courage to put their butts on the line to face the voters. You lost by default fellas, so hold the sour grapes.

—*G.C. de Malvilain*

Curbs on Nurko Road

To the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the taxpayers for transforming what was a useless, quiet country road into a city street. The cross-drain on Nurko road did need repair, and there were six or seven potholes, but the surface seemed to be in relatively good shape, and the road was already wider to serve our four families who live here than the rest of the road is, which serves a multitude of families in Millstone and East Windsor.

So imagine our delight to find out that

you value us so much that, in these tight financial times, you were willing to do not only the above repairs, but to also widen the road several feet and to install much needed curbs on a rural road. I further applaud your zeal for financial responsibility by saving the time and money of asking all the resident how the curbs will affect the ability to get farm vehicles into and out of the fields. What do I think this is zoned for, anyway...agriculture?

I am touched because you did all this just for the four families who live on this road. You DID do it just for us, didn't you? I mean, if there was any other reason, you would have installed sidewalks and streetlights while you were at it, wouldn't you? Also, you taxpayers wouldn't have paid for something you could get a developer to do, or at least contribute to.

I know. I'll bet you did it for erosion control. After repairing the cross-drain, you added drain pipes along the road, also, and put in drains. It only stands to reason that, having gone to that trouble, you wouldn't want to let rainwater glide effortlessly across the road and shoulder and distribute itself evenly onto the field. Much better to channel it to run hundreds of feet in the road so that it can use your new drains. And although only the curbs on the downhill side of the road serve this purpose, curbs on the uphill side of the road make it aesthetically pleasing, I am sure.

Although I am an engineer by trade, I am not a civil engineer, so I am not qualified to make any professional judgments. But I have lived in the country almost all of my life, and never before have I seen curbing used for erosion control in a rural area. Even if you look at 33 between Hightstown and Freehold, or the more affluent 571 between here and Princeton, even where they felt periodic drains were necessary, they did not realize the necessity of utilizing curbs. But what do they know?

To keep our Millstone neighbors from becoming jealous, we are thinking of taking up a collection to make their road as wide as ours, and add curbs there, too. You aren't going to put "agricultural" sidewalks here are you? Oops! Gotta go. There is a cement truck in my driveway.

—*R. M. Cummings*

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