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Borough to Repaint Water Tank Water Use Restrictions Anticipated

by Adeline Weiner

At a regular February 14 Borough Council meeting, public works matters dominated the agenda, although several important zoning ordinance amendments were either introduced or passed by the Council.

The upcoming paint job on the exterior and interior of the water storage tank will require shutting it down completely for four to six weeks, sometime around mid-March. All water use will be supplied from the two wells with no other water storage in reserve. In view of the severe restrictions in water usage that this will entail, Committee Chair Kirk Rothfuss introduced an ordinance empowering the Borough Council to declare a water emergency and establish the restrictions and penalties needed to protect public health and safety.

Severe Fines

An example of restricted use would be the filling of swimming pools, which would be prohibited during the emergency period. Rothfuss urged that owners consider using water earlier in the day if possible. The ordinance states that after a first offence, violations will cost \$500 or ten days' imprisonment or both; and for a third offense, the fine will be \$1,000 or 30 days, or both [See p. 14 for the complete text of the ordinance, Ed.].

A Clean Start

Preparation of the tank for painting, Rothfuss explained, calls for advance inspection by outside personnel in order to eliminate any overlooked source of future corrosion. The fee of

\$5,500 would be, he suggested, in proper proportion to the total cost of \$48,000 to which Council had agreed.

Prior to draining the water tank, hydrants must be flushed. Rothfuss called for volunteers who will join Steve Yeger whom he named as coordinator of this project.

Safety First

The Council authorized, as a safety procedure, a trial shut-off of the water tank to test the efficacy of the clayton valve under "no water" conditions. Another motion to authorize T&M Associates to inspect well 33 at a cost not to exceed \$1500, was passed in order

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School Budget Process Delayed

by Bob Clark and Dolores Chasan

The extensive school budget process has become even more lengthy in 1990. School board member elections and the submission of school budgets for voter approval will take place on April 24 instead of April 3 under legislation considered in February. The new date will accommodate an extension to the administration of Governor Jim Florio for preparation of the state budget, now due March 15. The legislation also changes the deadline for school board candidates to file their election petitions from February 8 to March 1.

A school district must know how much state aid revenue it can anticipate in determining its budget. The balance of revenues comes from federal aid and property taxes. In the election voters decide whether to approve spending that will require a certain amount to be raised by taxes after accounting for state aid and federal revenue. Last year districts received only about 91% of the state aid anticipated under a full funding formula. It is anticipated that the state budget will be even tighter this year.

Relationship with East Windsor Renewed

The Board approved a tuition contract with the East Windsor Regional School District for the 1990-91 school

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Bulletin Board

Recycling News

by Stu Kaufman

First, a reminder about the schedule for curbside pickup of recyclables:

March 1, 15
April 12, 26
May 17, 31
June 14, 28
July 12, 26

Recycling Rules

1. Separate materials *three* ways: Newspapers, Glass, and Metal Cans.

2. Place all recyclables in *hard-sided containers*, not in paper or plastic bags. Containers must have adequate drainage holes and not be more than 15 gal. in size.

3. On pickup days place recyclables away from weekly trash.

4. Glass *does not have to be separated by color*.

5. Aluminum and tin cans *do not have to be separated*.

6. Remember to rinse all glass and metal containers.

7. Newspapers must be *tied both ways and in no higher than 10 inch bundles*. Only string or cord can be used to tie newspapers, otherwise it will be rejected and left at curb-side.

We've All Got to Do It

I hate to lecture, but recycling is here to stay, and we've all got to do it. You may ask why. The answer is we're running out of land fill for our garbage. Right now our garbage goes to the Monmouth County Land Fill which will only last another five years. So, unless we want to be knee deep in garbage, we've got to recycle.

For those of you who need a more practical reason, how about money. We spend approximately 10% of our "Trash Budget" on recycling. We receive money back from the State based on our tonnage of recyclables. Simply put, the more we recycle, the less we pay for recycling. So, the next recycling pick up we have, I expect to see piles of glass, mountains of cans and stacks of newspapers.

Stu Kaufman is Roosevelt's Recycling Coordinator.

Join Us

The *Bulletin* is always looking for help. A number of jobs are available, including Editor.

If you have an interest in writing, or if you have news you'd like to share with your neighbors, please give me a call at 443-5915.

—Mark Zuckerman

Celebrate Purim

by Shlomo Weiss

Congregation Anshei Roosevelt invites you to join in our Purim celebration.

There will be two readings of the *Megilla*, on Saturday, March 10, at 7:00 PM and on Sunday, March 11, at 10:00 AM. Our Purim Carnival, featuring Israeli dancing, children's activities, and refreshments, will begin at 5:00 PM on Sunday.

For details, please call me at 448-2526.

Seltzer Delivered

by Mark Zuckerman

I recently discovered that Tri-County Beverage Company in Marlboro makes home deliveries of a number of beverages, including seltzer water in siphons. Seltzer is available in cases of six or ten bottles.

The siphons are a bit more expensive than supermarket seltzer, but, for me, there are two advantages: I think it tastes better, and recycling is built into the process.

Tri-County drivers visit Roosevelt every two weeks. Interested residents can reach Tri-County at (201) 536-8110.

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Planning Board Considers Ordinances

by Susan Oxford

The Roosevelt Planning Board held its annual reorganization meeting on January 17. Alan Mallach was re-elected chair, Mel Friedman was re-elected vice-chair, and Deborah Metzger was re-elected secretary. The composition of the Board remained the same, except for the Mayor's appointment of Harry Parker to fill the vacancy in the second alternate position. (The other Board members include Mayor Leon Barth, Council Representative Marilyn Magnes, Dennis Connaughton, Michael Ticktin, and first alternate Gale Hunton.) The Board will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of every month, except in July, when it will meet on Thursday, July 5. Planning Board notices will continue to be published in the *Windsor-Hights Herald* and the *Asbury Park Press*, as they have in the past. NJ State Senator John O. Bennett's law firm was reappointed Planning Board attorney.

Driveway Ordinance Reviewed

As there were no site plan, subdivision or variance applications to consider, the Board continued its deliberations on the proposed revisions of the Borough's zoning ordinance that are currently pending before the Borough Council. Last spring the Planning Board recommended that the Council adopt an ordinance regulating the size and location of driveways and permitted parking on private property, including the parking of recreational vehicles in residential districts. The Council withheld action on the proposed ordinance until the Board could address the inclusion of boats in this ordinance.

The initial discussion of this at the Planning Board's meeting on December 6, 1989, was inconclusive. On January 17, the Board agreed to recommend that the parking restrictions be broadened to require that boats larger than 14 feet may be parked only in side and back yards; boats 14 feet or less may be parked in driveways.

The Planning Board also discussed the Council's concerns with the proposed ordinance governing the permitted size of driveways. The Board had recommended that driveways be restricted in size to no more than 20 percent of the front yard area. The Council was concerned that the front

yards of some Roosevelt houses are so small that 20 percent would not accommodate an ordinary-sized driveway. Therefore, the Planning Board revised its recommended driveway size to a maximum of 20 percent of the front yard or 750 square feet, whichever is greater. The Board voted to present these two recommendations to the Council.

Other Amendments Expected

There is also likely to be action from the Council in the coming months on the Planning Board's recommendation for an ordinance regulating the design, construction and placement of fences. A draft ordinance on this subject was revised at the Planning Board's December 6, 1989, meeting, and is now pending before the Council [see p. 1, Ed].

In the coming months, the Planning Board will continue to review the existing zoning ordinance, section by section, to see where it needs to be clarified, defined or revised to eliminate inconsistencies. The Board began this process at its February 6 meeting by reviewing the zoning ordinance's conditional use provisions. Examples of conditional uses that are presently permitted in Roosevelt in various zones include workshops and studios, tennis and swim clubs, houses of worship, and residential cluster development. The Board is reviewing these provisions to determine whether a particular use should continue to be permitted in Roosevelt, and whether it should be permitted only when certain conditions are met, or if it should be permitted as an absolute right. If the Board decides that the use should continue to be conditional, the Board will consider whether the standards now designated in the zoning ordinance are adequate.

To assist in this discussion, Michael Ticktin prepared a summary and analysis of existing conditional use provisions, including recommended changes. Some of the issues that are likely to be raised in this discussion include the possible deletion of currently permitted uses in areas where it no longer seems likely they will ever occur, a reexamination of the requirement that all new homes constructed in zones other than the R-Ag 400 zone be connected to the public water and sewer systems, and protections for maintain-

ing open space in the event of cluster development in the R-Ag 400 zone. At its February 6 meeting, the Board tentatively agreed upon a number of technical changes to the conditional use provisions. These changes will be considered by the Board for formal action at its next meeting.

The Board plans in the coming year to re-examine the Roosevelt Master Plan, following its comprehensive review of the zoning ordinance. Thus, even if the hiatus in residential construction continues to leave the Planning Board without any site plan or subdivision applications to consider, our Planning Board will continue to be hard at work.

Senior News

by Helga Wisowaty

Jeanette Koffler distributed literature pertaining to medical news important to everyone. Also she gave out information about the Prudential Insurance Company's offer of money to policy holders before policies mature if it is needed for nursing home care, etc.

Jeanette informed us of an "Emergency Blue Light Program." Blue lights (to be placed in windows) will be given to us free of charge. They are very helpful to ambulance drivers trying to find a house when answering a call.

We plan a luncheon on March 1. Members chose a Chinese restaurant. Other trips are planned at later dates. There were discussions about containers for recyclables. Monmouth County has given containers to other places in New Jersey, but, so far, we find we must provide our own. We'll keep checking.

Also: Jeanette spoke to a gentleman involved with our transportation needs. We don't fare as well as other areas do.

Faye Nulman sponsored a Tupperware party which we enjoyed and Millie was busy collecting dues and luncheon money.

Our hostesses were Thelma and Dessie. The ham and cheese and salmon and cheese loafs (Thelma) and friendship cake (Dessie) were relished by all.

Helga Wisowaty is Secretary of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens.

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year. The contract calls for tuition of \$6,969 per high school student and \$6,014 per middle school student. Chief School Administrator Harry Groveman said the increase will be 12.5% over the current year. Board member Edward Grossman lauded the positive relationship which he said Roosevelt enjoys with the East Windsor receiving district.

The Board approved an application seeking state emergency funding of \$14,018 to compensate for unanticipated costs of tuition and transportation for special education students. In keeping with its 1990-93 special education plan, the Board approved the filing of two "flow-through" federal grant applications, totaling \$9,060, as its entitlement for providing full services for handicapped students. The County Superintendent of Schools approved part one of the district's 1990-93 special education plan.

The Board agreed to renew its contract with the Anderson Bus Company to provide transportation for the middle and high school students. The price increased 8% over last year. Groveman noted that the Board would have had to rebid the contract under state law only if the price had increased 30% or more. He added that experience with previous bids indicated that the Board probably could not have done better by seeking other potential vendors through bidding. School Business Administrator Roseann Lozinski said that Anderson Bus had also agreed to buy a smaller, newer vehicle to serve the Roosevelt pupils. An addendum to the current contract will include additional transportation runs during examination days at East Windsor Regional. The County has, meanwhile, approved a transportation cap waiver for the 1990-91 budget.

Herb Johnson, a member of the public, asked several questions about the budget. CSA Groveman offered to meet with Johnson to explain particular items after Johnson said he would like to support the budget and be able to explain it to other members of the community.

Plant Modifications Discussed

Reporting for the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Board member Edward Goetzmann noted that it would cost an estimated \$100,000 to remove all asbestos from the school heating system. He added that the asbestos was not friable (easily crumbled), and its removal may be delayed until the school's boiler has to be replaced (at an estimated cost of \$85,000). Goetzmann felt that the Board might obtain a better price for the asbestos removal in connection with a boiler replacement project. The Board voted to accept receipt of the District's six-month asbestos reinspection report, with Grossman abstaining. Grossman explained that not voting was his way of registering his belief that the asbestos abatement system "has gone haywire" with removal "too expensive in light of the minimal risk."

Goetzmann stated that the school's electrical system needs upgrading to avoid safety hazards, and that the classroom lighting is "marginally standard." He said the gym windows should be replaced with energy efficient ones, and the roof needs work.

Goetzmann noted that the total estimated cost of such projects was \$315,000, which could be financed with a capital outlay bond issue. He emphasized that decisions do not have to be made on these things this year. The State Bureau of Fire Safety, meanwhile, issued a certificate of satisfactory conditions for the school.

Policy Matters Approved

The Board approved a revision to its Student Behavioral Expectations. Board members indicated that they regarded the revision to be a substantial improvement over the August, 1986, version, which it replaced. CSA Groveman said that much of the credit for the improved tone and content of the revision should go to Pam Mitchell and Shelley Hatzfeld.

The Board received a letter from the Monmouth County Superintendent of Schools approving its Drug-Free School Zone Policy [see *January 1990 Bulletin*, p. 4, Ed.]. The Board also approved on first reading policies deal-

ing with local units; relations between the Roosevelt Public School and other organizations; manuals, directives, bulletins, announcements and reports; procedures for emergencies and safety; substitute teachers; and assignments and transfers. Interested persons may review copies in the school office before final approval at the March meeting.

Citing a couple of items reported in January's *Bulletin*, CSA Groveman suggested that he and the Board "need to be more conscious of the rights and feelings of the families and children for whom we are responsible and will need to be more careful in the dialogue we engage in with the press."

Student Achiever Award Announced

Groveman reported that Christina Henderson was selected as Student Achiever of the Year for the Roosevelt School District. She will receive recognition at a ceremony sponsored by the Monmouth County School Boards Association. Groveman also announced tentative plans for a school display at the October, 1990, Monmouth County Curriculum Fair/Inservice Day. A video will be produced and developed by RPS students. Groveman added that the Video Club recently visited Storer Cable's offices. Storer officials agreed to air a RPS tape on March 21 at 6:30 PM.

Groveman recommended that SBA Lozinski work with the Receptionist to develop a more accurate description of her duties and responsibilities so that a new job description may be presented to the Board. Groveman stated, "The current description and title of receptionist is no longer appropriate."

Attendance Figures Good

Groveman noted that the daily average attendance rate for teachers as of January 31, 1990, was 94.89%, and the average student attendance rate was 94.67%. He said the rates place RPS's teachers "at a level schools are supposed to strive for" and students "40% above the state level of acceptability." Board member Grossman

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by Harry Groveman

added that the figures, although about 1% lower than last year, were much better than two years ago.

Other Business

Groveman displayed the new series of science texts. He described its selection as a collaborative effort with teachers. He explained that each teacher reviewed the texts of six publishers using a 30-criterion checklist. Tabulated scores overwhelmingly favored the series chosen. Groveman said not every RPS student previously had a science text, and some being used were copyrighted in the 1970s. He noted that the staff is in the process of reviewing the language arts program. Any new series selected will continue the present strong emphasis on students doing their own writing and will more fully integrate all elements of language arts, including spelling.

SBA Lozinski reported that the Board's insurance carrier related that the Board may be underinsured in the area of extra expense coverage to keep the school in session in the event of a catastrophe. She is investigating the cost of additional coverage. She noted that the federal General Services Administration is still reviewing whether it will accept the mural sinopia for possible placement in the new Federal Building in Trenton. The Board authorized transfer of the sinopia to the GSA should it decide to accept it.

The Board approved use of the school building for a Saturday evening community center and authorized payment of a specially certified boiler custodian up to \$15 per session for a maximum of 10 sessions. The facility will be used for a teenage program. At the suggestion of Board member Grossman, the Board will discuss with the Borough Council whether the Council will help to bear some of the expense of opening the facility.

The Board appointed Robert Chaney to replace Charles Mitchell as the afternoon/evening custodian at \$8 per hour. As a result of the PTA/Shop Rite program, approximately \$200 worth of computer software is being donated to the school.

I think most people who have followed the recent history of the Roosevelt Public School would readily agree that we are in better shape physically and doing a better job educationally than we were two years ago. The factors that go into making this statement are varied and many. Some are obvious and include things such as: painting the building, passing state monitoring and housing a community library. Others are less obvious and would not generally be known unless you had ongoing contact with the school. However, it is through these other less obvious factors that not only am I comfortable saying that RPS is doing a lot better today than two years ago, but I can also say that we are on track to continue to do better as we head off into the decade of the 1990's.

One key factor not readily seen is that planning at RPS is ongoing and a team process. In many cases it involves the full faculty and the administrator working together and includes activities like developing a more helpful and appropriate teacher evaluation/observation program, revamping our report card system and improving our computer programs. Another and even more important example is in the area of curriculum development. The staff and I have prioritized and organized a multi-year plan that has already produced new curricula in math and science. Based on our plan, we have begun work in the areas of reading and language arts and are initiating work in the areas of health, gifted and talented, and social studies.

Another less obvious factor is that, thanks to an improved cooperative relationship between parents and faculty, a variety of special events such as school dances, science fairs, health fairs, special student performances and special assemblies enrich our school and our school program.

Still another factor is that the initiation of program improvement ideas can come from any variety of sources and has already resulted in a great many improvements to our overall program. For example, parent input led to the creation of our afterschool club program that has grown from no

offering in 1987-88 to two pilot programs in 1988-89, to seven programs currently. Student input has led to the creation of a student government program known as Student Council. Faculty input has guided and charted a resurgence in staff development activities that has rekindled the staff's desire to enhance and improve their teaching skills.

Finally, another key factor is having a Board of Education that wants what's best for children, wants to see the school improve and assumes an active role in directing these efforts.

When you put it all together, I see RPS as heading in the right direction. I'm comfortable saying that "We're on target for the 90's."

Harry Groveman is Chief School Administrator at RPS.

Nursery School News

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

Just a quick reminder this time that the Roosevelt Community Nursery School is currently registering children for the 1990-91 school year. If your child will be in the 2½-5 year range, and you're interested in either our morning nursery school program or our afternoon enrichment program (which is designed for children 2½-6), please contact the school at 426-9523 for an application.

Thank you's this issue go to Sol and Edith Ernstein (Roosevelt Printing) for their kind (and ongoing) donations of paper and printing; to Jayne Henry for her gift of books and games; to our stalwart benefactor MIRA for all the continued support; and a special thanks to the folks who helped make our Valentine's Day Candy Sale fundraiser a success: Robin Carroll and Liz Possiel for the hours they spent making that delicious candy; Adeenah Yeger who shared her candy-making expertise so generously; and the Rossi family who allowed us to sell the finished products at their Deli. Thank you all!

PTA News

by Robin Carroll

This February has been a busy month for the PTA. The Winter Carnival held on February 10 was a lot of work but well worth every minute. The children in town had a lot of fun and every one of them went home with lots of prizes and crafts that they made. There were so many people involved in this event that it's hard to thank each one by name, but we do want to thank Teresa Lepore for coordinating the helpers for the Carnival and arranging all the bakers for our successful Bake Sale. We appreciate all the help from the students of RPS also.

The Chinese Auction was a big hit again. We want to thank all the businesses that donated gifts to us. Some of the businesses helping us were; Sophisticated Chocolates, MDI Computer Store, Mendokers Bakery, Carvel, Country Video, Amy's Dessert Shop, Vesuvio's, The Bagel Shop, Terry's Hallmark, Movie Headquarters, Pickwick, Coffee and More, Nutcracker Sweets, Rossi's, Just Peaches and especially MIRA. Thanks to all of you!

We were pleased to have Mr. Michael Meddis at our monthly meeting on February 15. Mr. Meddis gave

an update of the Lyme Disease discussion he gave last year. We appreciate his returning to Roosevelt to answer our questions and give us more information on Lyme disease.

The Shop-Rite program ended on February 17. We want to thank everyone who supported this program. We want to thank the senior citizens for all their help in collecting receipts. A special thanks to Nick Devito and Jim McKnight for coordinating the collection at the Solar Village. We appreciate their help! We also appreciate Rossi's helping us out by allowing the PTA to leave a collection can in their Deli. We thank Vinnie and George Jackson for all the time they spent counting up those receipts and mailing them out for us. Vinnie Jackson was awarded the Volunteer of the Month Award for the month of January for all the work she has done as coordinator of this project.

We want everyone to know that March 4-10 is National PTA Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week. This year's theme is "Prevention begins at home."

The next PTA meeting will be held on March 15 at 8 PM, so mark your calendars. See you then.

RPS Video Clubs Tour Storer Cable

by Alfred Luckenbach

The fifth and sixth grade Afterschool Video Club toured the Storer Cable Company facilities in East Windsor on February 6.

Mr. Kevin Corey, Community Program Coordinator of Storer, showed the students the television studio where Channel 8 news broadcasts are made.

Students learned how a television camera works, how special effects are done and the importance of the three-person control room.

Everyone learned a great deal on this trip which will be helpful in producing future RPS news broadcasts.

We would like to thank Storer Cable for allowing us to tour their facilities.

We would also like to thank Mr. Anderson, owner of Anderson Bus Company for providing our club with free transportation for the trip.

Alfred Luckenbach teaches at RPS.

RPS Afterschool Video Club Produces News Video

by Alfred Luckenbach

The fifth grade Afterschool Video Club produced an excellent news video called *RPS 90's News*.

Anchorpersons were Kristen Yarber and Meira Yeger.

Meira Yeger also surveyed students and teachers at each grade level as to their favorite foods and favorite things to do.

Kristin Yarber also did a piece on the Assunpink.

Christopher Lepore did an on-location report on the Roosevelt War Memorial and Michael Cedar did a hidden video segment involving the

Kindergarten children in physical education class.

Jimmy Edelstein reported on the Greenpeace organization and Josh Estenes did a piece on Noriega and Panama.

Jessica Hague, Jessica Hermann and Dawn DiGiorgio did super commercials and Mrs. Yeger was the cameraperson.

The club would like to thank Mrs. Yeger for using her personal video-camera for taping and editing.

Video Club to Produce a Special Newscast

While on a class trip/tour of Storer Cable Company on February 6, arrangements were made for the fifth and sixth grade Video Clubs to merge and produce a news video to be aired on Channel 8.

The video will be shown on Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 PM.

Alfred Luckenbach teaches at RPS.

Roosevelt in Sports

Local Soccer Player in International Tour

by Steve Yeger

I was recently informed that Barry Kanczucker, a high school soccer player from Roosevelt, was accepted to Team USA. The team will be traveling to Europe this summer to compete with European national teams. Barry was only one of two local athletes chosen. This is an excellent opportunity for developing players and quite an honor.

In order to participate, Barry will have to raise money to cover some of his expenses. I am heading the fund raising drive. Response has been encouraging. We are just starting his campaign, and we are about a third of the way toward the goal. Any help would be appreciated. Please contact either Barry or me.

He Wrestles, Too

Speaking of Barry, he has continued a local tradition by wrestling in high school. Roosevelt has always produced wrestlers going back to Mel Adlerman grappling for the Peddie School. Unfortunately, Barry broke his collar bone in a wrestle-off for varsity. He does plan to wrestle in the off season. Last year he won the Mercer County Tournament for seventh-eighth grades, so the high school coaches anticipate his return next season.

Hopefully, Rich Somma, who is now wrestling for the Rogers School, will be joining Barry. Rogers has produced plenty of good talent in the past and I'm looking forward to seeing what Rich can do.

Rooseveltians on the Ice

Ice Hockey is a fairly new sport at HHS, but the program has already produced contending teams. A reasonable explanation for this is East Windsor's powerful junior leagues. If you go to the Peddie School Sunday mornings to watch the league games, you probably will see Keith and Chris Suk getting some ice time. The twins both have played for years.

While at Ohio State, which has a very good team, I met a scholarship player while working on my weight training program. At the time I was a

wrestler, but he mistook me for a hockey player. He related how short, fast men were dangerous because of their low center of gravity. Chris and Keith both fit the profile and we hope to see them next year skating for the tough to make Hightstown squad.

Seniors' Progress

I'd like to bring you up to date on a couple of our seniors. Danny Jaeger has been accepted to Elon University

on an athletic scholarship. Danny, who is in *Who's Who in High School*, still has the track season to go and still may generate some interest. Justin Goetzman was accepted to UMass, but wants to hear from national soccer power Rutgers first. We wish both the best.

That's it for now. Spring is coming up and there is a lot to write about. Until then...

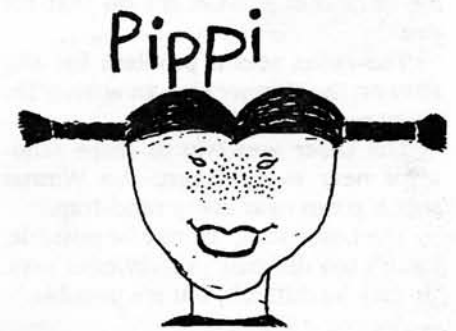
A Lively Reading Lesson

by Ilene Levine

On December 22, Room 4 at RPS turned into a restaurant in which "characters" from books met one another. The characters were the third fourth graders' favorites, and the students dressed up to become them for a day. Some were fictional, such as Pippi Longstocking, from *Pippi Goes On Board*, by Astrid Lindgren; Jenny Linsky, from *Jenny's Moonlight Adventure*, by Beverly Cleary. (Cats and mice were very popular, too.) Other characters were real people, such as Alan Bean, an Apollo astronaut, and Laura Ingalls Wilder, the author of the *Little House on the Prairie* series.

To introduce themselves, the "characters" read their "autobiographies" aloud to the class, which included descriptions of the setting, plot, and characters of the books in which they appeared. Next several pairs of "characters" read mini-plays they had authored. The two protagonists from two different settings met and had an adventure together. In one play, Flyball, from *Space Cat*, by Ruthven Todd, met Alan Bean, and together in their rocket ship, flew to the Moon. Eating peanut butter and jelly proved difficult and humorous in zero gravity.

The celebration followed. (It was called the "New Decade Party.") Since all the students had brought in foods that were appropriate for their characters to eat, the refreshments proved intriguing. The children ate "Mouse Doodles" (Cheese Doodles enjoyed by



"Self-Portrait"
of Pippi Longstocking
by Katie Alfare

Walter, from *Walter the Lazy Mouse*, by Marjorie Flack); "Star Bars" (brownies brought in by John Fabian, a Space Shuttle pilot); "Party Pizza" (the favorite food of teenager Kristy in the *Baby Sitter's Club*, by Ann Martin); and other delicious creative treats.

The room was decorated as a restaurant, with tablecloths and centerpieces on the tables, a Gallery of Portraits (of the characters) on the walls, and snacks on everyone's plates. The students had decided that music would add to the festive atmosphere, so many of them entertained us by singing and playing their musical instruments. What a way to ring in the New Year!

Ilene Levine teaches Grades 3 and 4 at RPS.

Love of Words

Winner vs. Loser

by Josef G. Solomon

Recently, a friend gave me a copy of an inspirational item. There are many such. This one provides the text for this month's remarks. No author's name is indicated, so I do not know who wrote it. I take advantage of the opportunity to make some minor editing changes—chief among them, describing the Loser first. Here is the text, as amended.

The Loser is always part of the problem; the Winner is always part of the answer.

The Loser always has an excuse; the Winner always has a program.

The Loser says, "That's not my job"; the Winner says, "Let me do that for you."

The Loser sees a problem for any answer; the Winner sees an answer for every problem.

The Loser sees two or three sand-traps near every green; the Winner sees a green near every sand-trap.

The Loser says, "It may be possible, but it's too difficult"; the Winner says, "It may be difficult, but it's possible."

Are you a Winner?

Think About It.

There is much in the above remarks—and I can say that, because I didn't write them. There are some situations that are simply not escapable. But there are many others

where your own attitude makes a great deal of difference. It's been quoted so often as to become a cliché, but the question is whether you see the glass as half-empty or half-full.

It's not just an idle philosophical—i.e., meaningless—question, either. For example, in cases of serious illness, the patient's expectations are sometimes the determining factor in whether he survives. If he expects to live, he will; if he expects to die, he will. Only a few days ago, I read that surgeons are now advised to be very careful what they say during surgery: Even though the patient is unconscious, at some level he is aware of what is said in his presence. If I remember the article correctly, a small-scale study indicated that patients who while under anaesthesia "hear" pessimistic remarks about their chances for recovery actually don't do as well as others about whom such remarks are not made.

A Famous Anecdote

There are other occasions, too, when it is better not to know. In the early years of the General Electric Research Laboratories, the old hands would always play a trick on a new man. He would, of course, have come directly from the university, with at least one degree, and possibly three. The joke was, they would tell him he would have to accomplish a simple task, to prove his

worth to be a member of the staff; then they would assign him a task that was impossible. He would try desperately to do it, too embarrassed to confess that he couldn't even do the first task he had been assigned. Finally, he would admit defeat, whereupon everyone would laugh, they would explain the joke, and welcome him to the staff.

The Frosting On the Cake?

What makes this worth telling is that the impossible task was to figure out a way to frost the inside of a light-bulb, so the light would be diffused, rather than glaring. One by one, over the years, new employees tried and failed, before being let in on the secret that it was impossible. And then, one new employee did it: He came up with a way to frost the inside of a bulb. The old hands were astounded, because they really had believed it was impossible. Ah, but this new man had not known it was impossible—so he did it.

Becoming a Winner

The last favor my erstwhile employer did for me before my retirement was to offer an after-hours course entitled "Becoming a Winner." Frankly, the name of the course repelled me enough that I didn't go to the first class; the next day, however, I called a friend and asked him about the course. He said it was terrific, so I signed up, and went to all the other sessions. The idea behind the course was that the way to become a winner was to take charge of your own life—be responsible for your own actions.

The course was given on Wednesdays, from 5-7. As it happened, I was at school in Manhattan on Wednesdays (as also on Mondays and Tuesdays) but classes ended fairly early on Wednesdays. With luck, I could just get back barely before 5. One Wednesday, however, luck was not with me, and I arrived at 5:15. I breezed into the room, and said, "I'm sorry I'm late—but it wasn't my fault." Some of them laughed, but some of them didn't get it. Well, you win some, you lose some.

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Roosevelt Landmarks

The Greenbelt

by Michael L. Ticktin

Two factors give the Jersey Homesteads experiment its historic significance: the attempt to create an "agro-industrial Jewish cooperative community" and the innovative town design, which was one of the first applications of the concept of clustered development. The factory and farm cooperatives ceased to exist more than 50 years ago, but the town design is still with us, and has been made the pattern for such future development as has already been planned and zoned for.

What is probably the single most important distinctive element of the town design is the greenbelt—the Borough-owned woodlands that lie behind most of the homes in the area of the original development. That these lands are public and cannot be privately developed is generally known; that this status is guaranteed by the United States government is probably something of which many residents are not aware.

Deeded by Federal Government

By a deed dated January 17, 1947, the Federal Public Housing Commissioner, on behalf of the United States of America, conveyed a total of nine tracts of land to the Borough of Roosevelt. The conveyance of these tracts was made "on condition that said parcels of land and any buildings, facilities and equipment placed thereon shall be used by the Borough of Roosevelt solely for parks, playgrounds, community activities, and other municipal services as may be permitted from time to time under the laws of the State of New Jersey and if and when said parcels of land are no longer used for said purposes, title thereto shall revert to the United States of America." (Also conveyed were the "streets, avenues, roadways, and alleys" shown on the subdivision map filed August 13, 1946, with the condition that the Borough "maintain the same in reasonably good repair," although the Federal government did not give any indication that it would

maintain the roads if the Borough failed to.)

The effect of this provision, called a reverter clause, is that if someone places a shed over his rear property line and the Borough does not make him remove it immediately, we theoretically run the risk of having US marshals coming by to reclaim the public lands. Admittedly, there is not a very high order of probability that this will ever happen. However, the practical effect is that, while the Borough owns the lands, it cannot convey them without the Federal government joining in the deed.

Some Greenbelt Land Developed

This restriction notwithstanding, it may interest readers to know that seventeen houses, one pool and one synagogue are located on former greenbelt land [see below, Ed.]. In 1952, the Borough Council voted to declare surplus and sell as building lots portions of the greenbelt that bordered the streets. According to then-Mayor Irving Flicker, with whom I spoke while preparing this article, the Council felt that a certain amount of growth necessary for the community and that these portions of the land would be most appropriately used for that purpose. The first six lots (two of which became the site of the synagogue) were deeded to private purchasers by

the Borough and the Federal government on September 23, 1953. The last eleven lots (ten lots on Farm Lane and North Valley Road and the wooded lot next to the synagogue and owned by it) were not deeded until May 13, 1964. In all of these conveyances, most of the proceeds went to the Federal government, with the Borough receiving only enough to cover its legal and administrative expenses relating to the conveyance.

Thinking Has Changed

Though the Borough sold off greenbelt land for development in the early 1950's, by the 1960's the goal seems to have become the curtailment of development and the preservation of open space. Thus, it was in 1964 that ten acre agricultural zoning first went into effect. It was also during that period that the Borough added to the greenbelt by using State Green Acres funds to purchase the land on the north side of Clarksburg Road, while the State was purchasing land south of Clarksburg Road and south and west of Tamara Drive for the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area. Only now, with the recent rezoning of the land east of North Valley Road for residential development complemented by a greenbelt expansion that will encompass most of the property, have we managed to achieve a synthesis of these two objectives.

Properties That Were Formerly Greenbelt Land:

20, 22, 28 Homestead Lane
 37 Pine Drive, pool portion of 35 Pine Drive
 2, 4, 6 South Rochdale Avenue
 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37 Farm Lane
 2, 4 North Valley Road
 49 Tamara Drive

Arts in Roosevelt

Songs Capture Nostalgia Plus

by Laurie Altman

The wonderful concert by the Roosevelt String Band, held at the Peddie School on February 3, served notice of how much great songs, with their inspiring words, have become an indelible part of our lives. The associations we make with a song, either general or specific, transport each one of us back to a simpler and certainly different point in our life and time. Laughter, nostalgia, sadness—all sorts of emotions are called up to the surface. It was certain that these and many other feelings were the highlights of this delightful evening.

This concert, the second of the Roosevelt Arts Project in association with Peddie School Arts Center, was a resounding success. Almost every seat in the Geiger-Reeves Hall was filled. The audience that is being developed for future presentations of the Arts Project is both sizeable and consistent.

The Roosevelt String Band is composed of David Brahinsky on guitar and vocals; Ed Cedar on bass and fiddle; Warren Craig on guitar and vocals; John Parrott (the Band's newest member) on piano, jug and vocals; and the great Paul Prestopino on virtually anything he could get his hands on (guitar, mandolin, dobro, banjo ...*ad infinitum!*).

The songs were too numerous to list, so let me throw out a few personal favorites: a super Woody Guthrie *Deportee*; Malveena Reynold's *Little Boxes*, with an *capella*-like little round at the end; and Eric Anderson's haunting *Thirsty Boots*. There were

songs by Phil Ochs, Carole King, and Country Joe and the Fish. A surprise guest star, Ron Orlando, closed the first set with a stirring rendition of Dylan's *Rolling Stone*.

The second set got John Parrott more involved (thankfully for us all), and his Jimmy Reid Blues and Richard Farina piece were well worth the wait. Of special note was Warren's delicate and warm version of James Taylor's *Fire and Rain*. The Band closed with Robbie Robertson's wonderful *The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down*.

Each of the Band member's contributions must be noted: David's warm and engaging manner, plus his strong and stirring voice; Warren's softer and higher, yet beautifully-contrasted vocal lines; Ed's rock-steady pulse on bass, as well as a beautifully-realized fiddle solo on Heddy West's *500 Miles From Home*; John Parrott's great blues sensibility, both as a singer and splendid keyboard artist; and, finally, Paul Prestopino, who understands, like the greatest of improvisers understand, that it is not the notes you hit which are important, but rather the ones you choose not to hit. He is a complete master of this art, and the quality of his music and inspiration always makes his contributions unique and special.

So thank you all—Roosevelt String Band members. The word is that a Blues Concert is in the works for next season. Well, we can all wait. But hey, fellas—please! Don't keep us waitin' too long!

Russia, Here We Come!

by Bob Mueller

The art of Bernarda Shahn, Sol Libsohn and Robert Mueller, along with over fifty works of art from New Jersey artists, will be on their way to Russia some time in July. The Trenton Artist Workshop Association is doing a fantastic job organizing this effort. The packing alone will be a monumental job. Fortunately, the Philadelphia Museum of Art donated a raft of packing material, which consumed the entire storage space of the Ellarslie Trenton City Museum.

A gala auction will be held in April to generate the money required to pay for the transportation of the art to Russia. If anyone has something to donate—a work of art, craft, or any item—or will volunteer to cook an item of Russian food for the event—please contact Irene Goldman at 882-9186, who is a member of the TAWA organizing committee, or call me at 448-2605.

I learned that those artists who are accompanying the artwork will be spending the entire month of August in Russia. My guide book tells me that the weather is not so hot in August as here, which is fortunate. We will not live in Russian homes, as originally planned, because most Russian homes do not have room for guests; instead, we will be housed by the government in hotels—which will make for more convenience, but probably less fun. But we will be taken around to visit many Russian artists' studios and schools, and travel to Leningrad to visit the Hermitage Museum. I expect to take as many pictures as I can, concentrating on artists in their studios. You can expect a slide-show at a Roosevelt Arts Project presentation next season. Stay tuned for more details.

RAP at Peddie: Song Recital

On Saturday, March 3, 1990 at 8:00 PM, Jack Zamboni, tenor, and Roosevelt resident Alan Mallach, piano, will present a recital at Geiger-Reeves Hall in the new Richard L. Swig Arts Center of the Peddie School in Hightstown. This is the third event sponsored by the Roosevelt Arts Project at Peddie School.

The principal work to be performed by will be a new composition by Alan Mallach, *Poems of the Children of Terezin*. This work, which will be given its first performance, is a setting of six poems written by Jewish school children in the Terezin concentration camp during World War II. These and other poems, along with the children's drawings, were collected after the war and published in the volume *...I Never Saw Another Butterfly...*

The program will also include a series of song settings of Goethe poems by different composers, including works by Franz Schubert, Robert Schumann, Franz Liszt and Hugo Wolf. Among the works to be sung will be four settings of Goethe's famous "Mignon's song" (*Kennst du das land*), one by each of these four composers.

Alan Mallach is a pianist and composer who has performed widely in New Jersey and elsewhere. He studied piano with the late Michael Field, and theory and composition at Yale with Donald Martino and Richmond Browne. His performed compositions include *Six Japanese Poems*, *Fantasy for Violin and Chamber Ensemble*, and *Trio for Piano, Clarinet and French Horn*. He is also a writer and speaker on the opera, and is currently writing

a book about the Italian opera composer Pietro Mascagni.

Jack Zamboni, a resident of Toms River, studied voice at Yale with Joan Heller, at Aspen, and at Tanglewood with Phyllis Curtin. He has given recitals in Boston, New York, and elsewhere, has been a soloist with the Garden State Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus, and is currently a member of the New Jersey Chamber Singers.

Jack Zamboni and Alan Mallach have performed together before, giving a series of performances of Schubert's song cycle *Die Schöne Müllerin* in 1987 and 1988.

Contribution is \$5.00; Senior citizens/students, \$2.00.

—From a Peddie School Press Release.

Jonathan Shahn Exhibits Work

by Bob Mueller

A selection of Roosevelt artist Jonathan Shahn's sculpture and drawings are on exhibition at the Rider College Gallery. The gallery is located in the Rider Student Center, off Route 206 in Lawrenceville.

Shahn is an internationally-known sculptor. Rooseveltians see his drawings every month in the *Bulletin*, on the front and back covers.

The show is open Mondays-Thursdays, 12 noon-8 PM and Fridays-Sundays, 1 PM-5 PM, until March 15. The gallery's number is (609) 896-5168.

Keeping Cool

Lila Simons looks out from inside her snow house (right).

photograph by Donna Kaufman



(138) AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING AND REGULATING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND PLACEMENT OF FENCES IN THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT AND AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt as follows:

1. A new Sec. 5.600 is hereby added to the Borough of Roosevelt Zoning Ordinance as follows:

5.600 Fences

5.610 Definition

For purpose of this section a fence shall be defined as any artificially constructed barrier of wood, masonry, stone, wire, plastic, metal or any other manufactured material, or combination of those materials, erected for the enclosure of land and/or dividing one piece of land from another in residential zones. Fences established for the protection of gardens or horticultural plantings shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

5.620 Standards for fences in residential areas

Fences may be erected in the residential zones of the Borough of Roosevelt as hereinafter set forth:

a. Fences shall not exceed two and one-half (2-1/2) feet in height above curb level where placed within 30 foot sight triangle at the corner of any intersection of any two or more roadways.

b. Any fence that shall be erected between the front property line and the building line shall be (1) no more than thirty six (36) inches in height; and (2) no more than fifty percent (50%) solid matter. Chain link

fences shall not be permitted in such locations.

c. All fences shall be erected with the face or finished side away from the interior of the property, and the structural side toward the interior of the property. Where a fence is erected on the border between a private lot and public open space, this provision shall not apply.

d. Fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height from the ground.

e. The following fences are specifically prohibited: (a) barbed wire and razor-wire fences, electrically charged and sharply pointed fences; (b) canvas, cloth, poultry netting, show fences, expandable fences and collapsible fences. Temporary fences of materials listed in category (b) above shall be permitted where their erection is necessary for safety.

5.630 Administration

a. Application for fences shall be made in writing to the Zoning Officer of the Borough of Roosevelt, setting forth the following information:

(1) Owner and address of premises where fence is to be erected;

(2) Description and specifications of the fence, including size, height, dimensions, material, and size and percentage of openings;

(3) Sketch or plan of the fence; and

(4) Sketch of the premises showing the abutting streets and approximate location of intersections within 50 feet of any property line, and approximate location of structures within 50 feet of any property line.

b. The Zoning Office may approve the construction of any fence consistent with the standards of this ordinance, provided that it does not unreasonably obstruct the enjoyment of light and air to the owners of adjoining properties, and provided further that it does not endanger the safety of persons lawfully using the public streets.

c. A permit fee of \$10.00 shall be paid to the Zoning Officer at the time application is made. No fence shall be erected until the Zoning Officer has issued a permit for said fence.

5.640 Maintenance

Every fence shall be maintained in a safe, sound, and upright condition and in accordance with the application submitted on file with the Zoning Officer, and the permit granted pursuant to said application.

2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, including but not limited to Ordinance (81) entitled "AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING AND REGULATING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND PLACEMENT OF FENCES IN THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY" adopted March 14, 1973 and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

3. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and final passage according to law.

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to assure adequate servicing before water storage is cut off.

Sludge Complications

Sludge management presented another difficult problem until the very morning of the Council meeting, when a Somerset-Raritan Valley concern agreed to a 10 year contract, a time period demanded by the state. A new "glitch" arose, however, when the sludge from the sewer plant, on a recent test, showed an unacceptably high level of mercury. The situation may be saved on condition that we undertake to retest a new sample, according to the Somerset-Raritan Valley standards. Previous results may have been due to an artifact in the sampling. The Council had little choice but to

agree to re-do the tests at an expense of some \$1600.

Sewer Work Goes On

Council member Rothfuss also recommended that the Council authorize T&M to televise the main sewer line for an accurate inspection, cost not to exceed \$2000. He said the hope was to be able to dovetail the revealed faults into the overall sewer-line improvement plan.

The Public Utilities Committee is planning an open community-wide meeting with the Borough Engineer, possibly a DEP representative and as many other "players" as can be gathered together for a complete report and discussion on all aspects of

the costly sewer treatment project underway.

Siren's Call

Public Safety Chair Howard Prezant suggested that a change in location of the siren away from the school, as requested by the School Board, would incur an expense of around \$10,000. He proposed instead a "silent" alert system of additional portable devices, estimated to cost around \$6000. This system has been found effective in Hightstown.

In discussion, Council President Marilyn Magnes observed that the frequency of siren alarms has diminished lately. Council member Bill Counterman said that by the end of the year or sooner, assistance from Roosevelt to

(97-18) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt:

1. Article II of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of Roosevelt is hereby amended to add the following definitions:

Driveway

An area used for parking of vehicles, or for ingress and egress of vehicles from a parking area, which provides direct access from a public street to a building or other structure or facility; provided that no area in which parking for a non-residential principal use is permitted shall be considered a driveway.

Parking Area

An area used for parking of vehicles and linked to a public street by a driveway, or with respect to any non-residential principal use, any area in which parking for that use is permitted.

2. Article II is further amended to repeal the definition therein headed "seasonal vehicle" in its entirety.

3. Sec. 4.200(d) is repealed in its entirety.

4. That subsection of Sec. 4.500 headed "District R-40" is amended to delete the words "parking or storage of seasonal vehicles in accordance with Section 7.470."

5. Sec. 6.210(a), (b), and (c) are hereby repealed.

6. Sec. 6.210(d) and (e) are hereby renumbered Sec. 6.213(a) and (b).

7. Sec. 6.210 is further amended to read as follows:

6.210 Parking Standards**6.211 Parking of Vehicles in Residential Areas**

No parking of any vehicle off public streets shall take place in any residential zone except as provided in this section.

a. Vehicles shall be parked in designated driveways and parking areas exclusively within the front yard; no vehicle shall be parked in a side or rear yard unless approval has been obtained as provided in Sec. 7.470.

b. All driveways and off-street parking areas shall be maintained with graded, dust-free surfaces that are well drained, such as gravel or stone for light residential use and blacktop for all other use, as approved by the Borough Engineer.

c. No area used for parking of vehicles shall be within 15 feet of any adjacent property line, except with respect to attached houses, where parking is permitted to the property line of the adjoining connected house, as provided in Sec. 7.470.

d. Neither the average width of any driveway, nor the width of any driveway where it connects to the street at the front property line, shall exceed 20 feet.

e. The total area in square feet of all driveways and parking areas shall not exceed 20 percent of the total area in square feet of the front yard.

6.212 Limitations on Vehicles in Residential Zones

a. No lot shall be used for storage of unlicensed or unmovable vehicles, or for commercial transactions other than the occasional sale of individual vehicles after use by household member, in any residential zone.

b. Vehicles used in commerce by members of the household may be parked on residential lots, provided that no such vehicle be used for commercial activity while on residential premises.

c. No vehicle of more than 9000 pounds gross vehicle weight may be parked in any

residential district, except that the Planning Board may permit the parking of no more than one vehicle of more than 9000 pounds but no more than 18000 pounds gross vehicle weight on any residential lot as a conditional use pursuant to Sec. 7.470, and provided further that such approval shall not be required in the case of recreational vehicles regularly parked in a residential zone prior to March 1, 1990, where the owners of such vehicle notify the Borough Clerk to that effect no more than 30 days after the effective day of this ordinance.

8. Section 7.470 is amended to read in its entirety:

7.470 Modification of Residential Parking Standards

Any modification of any of the parking standards set forth in Sections 6.211 and 6.212 shall be considered a conditional use and shall be subject to review by the Planning Board to determine whether the modification can be accommodated without (a) materially affecting the visual character of the street and surrounding area; and (b) adversely affecting adjacent properties and their use and enjoyment. The Planning Board may condition approval of a modification under this section on such landscaping, planting, or screening as it deems necessary to maintain the character of the street and prevent adverse effects on adjacent properties.

9. Section 11.520(C)(6) is hereby amended to add:

Conditional uses under Sec. 7.470:
[fee] \$10 Escrow Deposit: None

10. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication and upon the filing of a copy thereof with the Monmouth County Planning Board as required by law.

Hightstown may very likely be unnecessary. With these considerations in mind, Magnes suggested that the Council should wait before expending funds on more of the portable alerting devices.

And Heroes Answer

Kirk Rothfuss took the opportunity to commend the First Aid Squad members on their diligence and devotion. This was echoed by several other Council members, who noted the First Aid Squad's frequent contributions to surrounding communities. Bill

Counterman, in answer to whether Roosevelt ever needed reciprocal help, said he knew of only one occasion when Millstone responded because our radio equipment had failed to work; we just never got the message. Everyone proudly agreed that we had a very strong First Aid Squad, especially for a community our size.

Howard Prezant said his committee would soon look into the formation of a Mediation Board to take up such matters as were raised when the anti-noise ordinance failed passage last year.

What Means Archives?

Chair Warren Craig, reporting for the Culture and Recreation Committee, raised some questions about Roosevelt's historical records and the Rutgers University Archives. In discussion, the point stressed by several members and the Mayor was that we need assurance that the offer of storage means something more than packing away these valuable papers into cardboard boxes to moulder in dark corners. Craig agreed to ask for negotiations with the archives director

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(139) AN ORDINANCE EMPOWERING THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT TO DECLARE A WATER EMERGENCY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY AND ESTABLISHING WATER USE RESTRICTIONS DURING A WATER EMERGENCY IN THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the municipality has the power to adopt ordinances necessary and proper for the protection of persons and property and the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds, for the purpose of responding to all water emergencies occurring in the future, that it requires the adoption of procedures for the implementation and enforcement of water use regulations in the Municipality in order to protect the residents, businesses and property and to preserve the public health, safety and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Declaration of Water Emergency

Whenever the Governing Body shall be satisfied and finds that a water emergency exists in the municipality, it may adopt a resolution declaring that a water emergency exists in the municipality. Such resolution shall be adopted by the Governing Body at any regular, special, adjourned or emergency public meeting of the Governing Body. Such resolution shall identify that portion of the municipality affected by the water emergency, which may include the entire municipality and shall specify which of the water use regulations contained in Paragraph 2 of this ordinance is being imposed as well as any exemptions as may be authorized. Such resolution shall be effective immediately upon publication according to law and shall continue in effect for ninety (90) days, unless extended or repealed as set forth in Paragraph 3 of this ordinance. For the purpose of this Paragraph, a water emergency shall exist if, for any of the following reasons:

a. the public utility providing water services to all or a portion of the municipality has adopted water use restrictions, has notified the municipality, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, as well as any other State, county or local agency entitled to notice of such restrictions and such restrictions are not overruled or declared invalid by any State, county or local agency having the jurisdiction and power to do so, or

b. the governing authority is otherwise satisfied that a water emergency exists in the municipality,

2. Water Use Restrictions

Upon adoption of the Governing Body of a resolution declaring that a water emergency exists in the municipality in accord-

ance with Paragraph 1 of this ordinance, all citizens shall be urged to observe voluntary indoor conservation measures, and any of the following water use restrictions shall be imposed and shall be applicable to all residents and tenants, except where a bona fide health emergency exists and to exempt businesses, as specified herein during the water emergency:

a. the complete ban and prohibition of outside water usage, including the watering of lawns and plants, the filling of pools and the washing of cars; or

b. outside water usage on alternate days allowing outside water usage by persons or businesses having even house or box numbers on even days and those having odd house or box numbers on odd days with outside water usage being completely banned and prohibited on the thirty-first day of any month during the water emergency; or

c. any other water use restriction specified by the Governing Body in the resolution required by Paragraph 1 of this ordinance which is reasonable under the circumstances considering the nature and extent of the water emergency. Any water restriction imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited in application to that portion of the municipality, which may include the entire municipality, identify as being affected by the water emergency in the resolution of the Governing Body adopted in accordance with Paragraph 1 of this ordinance.

3. Duration of Water Use Restrictions

The resolution of the Governing Body required by Paragraph 1 of this ordinance shall, in addition to complying with Paragraph 1, provide a period of time during which water use restrictions imposed shall be applicable and which shall be no longer than reasonably necessary to abate the water emergency under the circumstances considering the nature and extent of the water emergency. At the expiration of the time period specified in the resolution, the water use restriction shall lapse and be inapplicable and unenforceable. If the Governing Body shall be satisfied that the water emergency has been abated prior to the expiration of the time period specified in the resolution, it shall adopt a resolution declaring the water emergency ended and the water restrictions inapplicable. If, at the expiration of the time period specified in the resolution, the Governing Body shall be satisfied that the water emergency continues to exist, it may adopt a resolution in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance continuing the water use restrictions.

4. Enforcement of Water Use Restrictions

The water use restrictions imposed pursuant to this ordinance shall be enforced during a water emergency by the local authorized official. Whenever a local authorized official shall find a violation of the water use restrictions, such authorized official shall give the violator a written warning and explain the penalties for a second and third offense as provided by Paragraph 5 of this ordinance. The local authorized official shall keep such records as may be reasonable and necessary for the purpose of determining the persons and businesses who have been warned upon a first offense. The local authorized official is hereby empowered to write summonses for the violation of the water use restrictions imposed pursuant to this ordinance.

5. Penalties

After a first offense in accordance with Paragraph 4 of this ordinance, any person or business who thereafter violates the water use restrictions imposed pursuant to this ordinance shall be fined or imprisoned in accordance with this paragraph. For a second offense, the fine imposed shall be \$500.00 or imprisonment for ten days or both. For a third or subsequent offense, the fine imposed shall be \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for thirty days or both.

6. Severability

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be valid and enforceable.

7. Repealer

All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect after publication and final passage according to law.

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that would guarantee not only good preservation of the documents but also make them readily available to interested students and scholars.

Craig announced an upcoming survey of Roosevelt residents to gather information required by the Monmouth County Community Development Committee.

Recycling System News

Stuart Kaufman, Recycling Coordinator, reported that the first of the biweekly pickups appeared to have been successful by virtue of the few calls or questions that he received. Neither was there any trouble reported by the cartage company. In public discussion the matter of issuing uniform containers for recyclables, either free or for sale, was discussed. Mr. Kaufman said that a 6-gallon bucket with holes and handles could be bought in wholesale amounts at \$2.50 a piece. So far people seem to be getting along without, he observed.

The need to promote the purposes and goals of recycling was mentioned as was the importance of meeting our commitment to collect at least 25% of total waste in recyclable materials.

Meeting this goal might also merit us a money award.

Mixed Bag

The Council took action on the following items:

1. Ordinance 137 to use \$14,200 of capital improvement funds for engineering design in reconstruction of Nurko Road was passed.

2. Ordinance 138 regulating the design, construction and placement of fences, was introduced, to be added to the Zoning Ordinance [see p. 12, Ed.].

3. Ordinance 97-18, an amendment to Article II of the Zoning Ordinance, was introduced. It includes redefinitions of driveway parking areas, new parking standards, limitations on vehicles in residential zones etc. [See p. 13, Ed.].

4. Resolution 21-90, proposing a contract and fee schedule for Borough Attorney Richard J. McManus was passed; the rates are: appearance at public meeting: \$175; litigation per hour: \$110; other work per hour: \$88.

5. Resolution 22-90, setting fees for purchase of copies of public records was adopted. After some debate, the Council agreed to a flat fee of 10 cents per page.

— Letters —

To the Editor:

I am writing this to correct the *Bulletin's* misleading reporting of my letter to Mr. Groveman re the PTA Holiday Gift Fair at Roosevelt Public School. The thrust of my complaint was not that my child had not been given spending money for this event—that was my deliberate choice. My concern, rather, was that this activity was scheduled as a *mandatory* part of the children's school day. My family, like many others, views holiday gift buying and giving as a family activity, and not as a project that should involve the school at all or impinge on children's learning time there.

In my letter, I suggested that more appropriate alternatives would be holding the Fair after school, so that attendance would be voluntary, or having the PTA schedule an after school gift *making* session for youngsters who need family gifts.

Thank you for allowing me to clarify my feelings on this.

Sincerely,

Alison Edwards Petrilla

Romero Commemorative March to be held in Washington

by Herbert Johnson

On Saturday, March 24, people from all over the United States will join in the Archbishop Romero Commemoration and March to end the US War in Central America. People will assemble at the Capitol Building in Washington DC at 11 AM and march on Pennsylvania Avenue to the Ellipse behind the White House for a rally. Marches for the same purpose are to occur on the same date in Austin, Texas and two California cities.

Ten years ago, on March 24, 1980, Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, was assassinated while ad-

ministering communion. He had persistently appealed to his country's government to stop using death squads. Then he appealed to the US government to stop sending military aid to El Salvador.

Through the years, many people in the US and many members of Congress have opposed our nation's manifest destiny policies in Central America. Now, in New Jersey, the Call to Conscience Coalition has been formed to help end the US wars in Central America, and, at this time, to organize bus trips to Washington DC for the

March 24 demonstrations. The coalition represents NJ CISPES (Citizens in Support of the People of El Salvador), NJ SANE/Freeze, NJ Labor Committee in Support of Human Rights and Democracy, and hundreds of churches, unions, and individuals.

For information about buses call the coalition at (201) 699-1808 or Herb Johnson at 443-1947.

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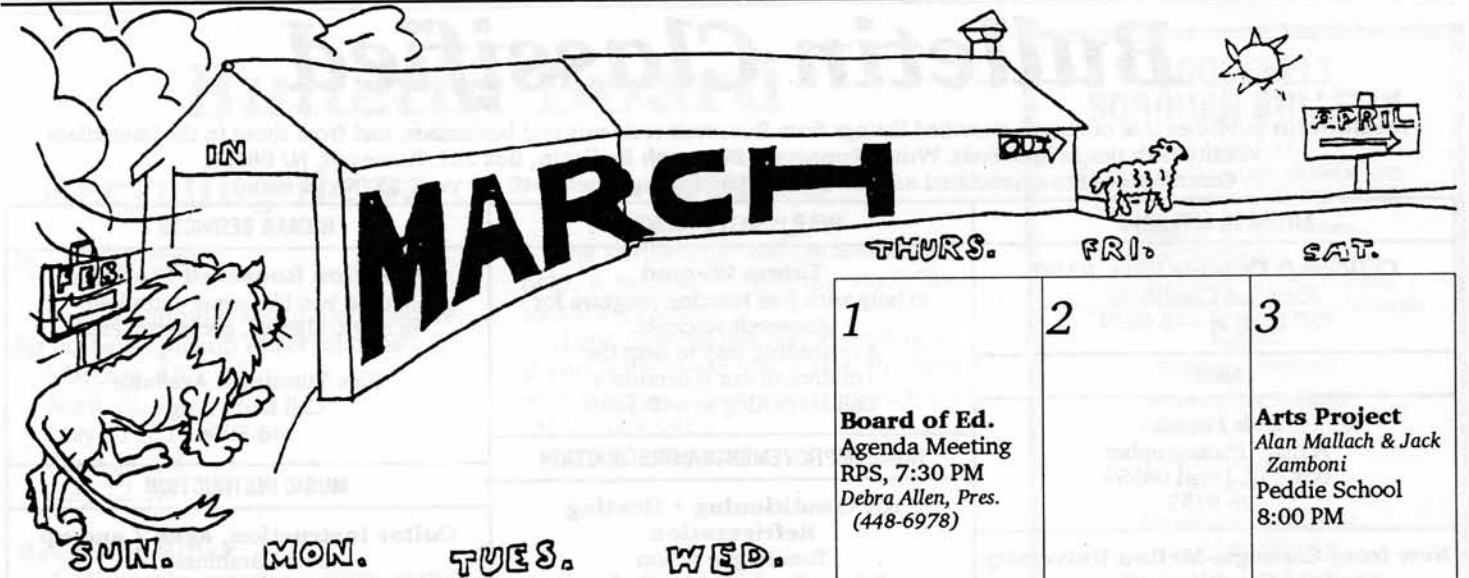
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4	5 Deborah Borough Hall 2:00 PM Frieda Rockoff, Pres. (448-0674)	6 Senior Citizens Borough Hall 2:00 PM Jeanette Koffler, Pres. (448-2259) Planning Board Borough Hall 8:00 PM Alan Mallach, chair (448-4616)	7 Food Co-op Ordering 8 School Lane 7:30 PM Judith Goetzmann (448-4948)	8 Board of Ed. Action Meeting RPS, 7:30 PM Debra Allen, Pres. (448-6978) Zoning Board Boro Hall, 8 PM Lou Esakoff, Chair (448-3166)	9	10 Purim Celebration Synagogue Megilla Reading 7:00 PM Shlomo Weiss (448-2526)
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