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Bill Bradley Visits Sewage Plant

by Mark Zuckerman

US Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ) paid a visit to Roosevelt's wastewater treatment plant on March 12. His appearance in Roosevelt was part of a campaign to garner support for legislation he sponsors to provide for "alternative financing" to help communities rehabilitate their sewage treatment facilities to bring them into line with the US Clean Water Act.

Bradley is pushing two measures. One will make it easier for public utilities to seek private financing. The second—the Small Community Assistance Act—would provide to communities of under 2,500 low- or no-interest loans from a \$1.5 billion revolving fund over a four-year period. "Roosevelt's situation is tailored to this bill," Bradley said.



At the sewer plant (l-r): Council member Jim Alt, Mayor Leon Barth, Council member Warren Craig, US Senator Bill Bradley, Council President Marilyn Magnes, Council member Kirk Rothfuss, Water/Sewer Operator Ron Suto
photograph by Adeline Weiner

Local Officials Explain Situation

Joining the senator at the plant were Mayor Leon Barth, Council President Marilyn Magnes, and Council members Jim Alt, Bill Counterman, Warren Craig, and Kirk Rothfuss. Bradley spoke with Ron Suto, Roosevelt's utility operator, and Kirk Rothfuss, Public Utilities Chair, about the condition of the plant and the town's problems with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

Rothfuss explained that DEP was faulting Roosevelt for the volume of water sent through its plant. He expressed

concern that a reclamation project, which could cost as much as \$3 million, might not do enough to meet DEP standards. He said that the Council would take steps to obtain the necessary financing within 30-60 days.

Rothfuss also mentioned that Roosevelt's sewerage problems were forcing utility rates to \$140 per month. He took the view, echoed by the other members of the Borough Council who were present, that this represented an

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Remember to Vote April 24

Polls Open at RPS, 2:30-9:00 PM

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Kindergarten Registration

by Harry Groveman

For those parents of children born before November 15, 1985, it is time to register their children for kindergarten entrance in September. Parents should contact Roosevelt Public School at 448-2798 to schedule a personal intake visit. Intakes will be conducted from April 17 to May 10.

During the visit, incoming kindergarten children will be given a short developmental screening test. Parents and children will also tour the school and meet the staff. An informal afternoon social for parents and students of the 1990-91 kindergarten class will take place later on in May.

Harry Groveman is CSA at RPS.

Synagogue Activities for April

by Jeanette Koffler

April activities at Congregation Anshei Roosevelt include two important memorials.

On Saturday, April 21 at 8 PM there will be a special Holocaust Program.

On Saturday, April 28 at 8:30 PM there will be services in memory of Israeli soldiers and civilians killed in the wars in Israel.

The synagogue is located on Homestead Lane.

Passover Services

April 10, 11, 16, 17 at 9 AM

April 17 at 11 AM (Yiskor)

Summer Jobs Offered

Summer Employment: Teaching staff and assistants for exciting summer program. Experience in planning for well rounded early elementary curriculum an asset. To apply call (609) 448-6226 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

—From a Better Beginnings Press Release

Water Restrictions

by Nancy Warnick

The Borough Water Tower is scheduled to be taken out of service this spring for structural repair, interior and exterior painting. The work is scheduled to begin on or about April 1, 1990 and will last approximately six weeks.

During this time the borough will have no stored water capacity and our well water will be pumped directly into the water main system after treatment. Because this will put above normal demands on our system equipment, the Borough Council has enacted severe water restrictions during this period as follows:

- No Watering of Lawns
- No Washing of Cars
- No Filling of Residential or Private Recreational Pools
- No other Non-essential, Indoor or Outdoor Uses of Water

Fines of \$500.00 for a second offense and \$1,000.00 for a third offense will be enforced. This water emergency restriction will remain in effect for 90 days from April 1, 1990 or until the Borough Council takes formal action to lift the restrictions.

Please keep in mind that the enactment of these water restrictions are to ensure the health and welfare of the entire Borough. We appreciate your cooperation.

Nancy Warnick is Deputy Borough Clerk.

Summer Program

Better Beginnings is now accepting applications for its Summer Program, ages six to ten. The program will begin June 25, 1990 at the Walter C. Black School.

This program is open to all regardless of income, and fees are based on income and family size. Discounts are given to families with more than one child enrolled.

The full day of supervised activities includes enjoyable learning experiences, meals, and trips.

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Council Ups Water/Sewer to \$140

by Adeline Weiner

Starting May 1 water/sewer fees will rise from \$65 a month to \$140, a figure arrived at after weeks of calculation and debate and presented to a standing-room-only meeting of the Borough Council on March 14. Final approval was voted after three hours of calm and orderly questions and discussion, led by Council member Kirk Rothfuss, who is chair of the three-member Public Utilities Committee, serving with Council members Howard Prezant and Bill Counterman.

The Enormous Expense of Waste

The presentation centered on the cost of renovating the sewer plant and the underground collection system, a cost that requires a further loan, beyond the \$34 million already borrowed, of \$2 million. The question facing the Council was whether it might be necessary to raise still another million and a half, a figure that would push monthly rates up to over \$180 a month, for the reason that the present plan may not deliver the proper result: a reduction of the excessive water flow into the treatment plant to acceptable levels.

Our current engineers predict that the previously submitted plan, although accepted by DEP, will not bring the collection system into compliance, thus evoking the specter of the half-million dollar fine decreed by DEP.

At previous meetings, Council members entertained the possibility of borrowing the additional funds needed to insure a viable system of sewer lines and avoid the grim prospect of doing the work all over again. However, such a large addition to an already massive rate increase to be imposed on the town's residents brought members of the Council to a kind of compromise conclusion: to borrow only the no-choice minimum of \$2 million for the present, but to invest in a flow-meter study, at a cost of \$32,000, to determine more accurately just how much repair work would be needed to do the job. In this way, the answer will be known in time to take additional measures adequate to meeting the February 1992 deadline.

How To Pay the Piper

As to financial arrangements, Marilyn Magnes, chair of the Administrative Committee, reported that because of a series of strict deadlines, she recommended immediate borrowing from the Monmouth County Improvement Association, a 20 year loan with variable interest. She also suggested that, at the same time, the Council should look into a FHA loan that takes much longer to process, but has a 40 year term and a fixed interest.

Also, at present, our application to the DEP low interest loan program has moved up to within range of a possible acceptance, which though too late for immediate use, would be available for refinancing in the near future. She also proposed Attorney Edward Eastman as bonding counsel, who then would make the appeal to the Local Finance Board for permission to borrow on this scale.

Call To Pull Together

Magnes called for community cooperation in these trying days and strongly criticized Peter Warren, who, she said, had recently called a DEP official for information and set up an appointment (that he cancelled) in order to be able to "advise the Borough Council," according to the official.

Magnes said that the DEP representative was confused when he found that Warren was not a member of Council. She went on to express her concern that the incident might be harmful to our relationship with DEP. She mentioned other instances of what she termed "unconstructive and divisive activity" by Mr. Warren, such as the distribution of misleading information circulated to selected residents and even to such an influential guest as US Senator Bill Bradley, who visited Roosevelt's sewer plant on March 12.

Magnes expressed the wish that our community not be seen as a place where citizens are hopelessly divided and working at cross purposes. She urged that opinions be "openly placed on the table and discussed out in the fresh air."

The Public Speaks

Questions and discussion by the public were unsurprisingly focussed on the proposed utility rate hike with many speakers making inquiries and offering alternative approaches.

Scott Hartman wanted to know if the rates will be permanent or soon return to "normal" levels, and could the council put a freeze on maintenance projects? Kirk Rothfuss, who was the main respondent from the Council, explained that the loans were long term but that lower interest rates, if they can be had, might afford some small reduction. On the other hand, maintenance needs would have to be met and miscellaneous breakdowns are always to be expected. He said that the deferring of repair projects helped lead to this crisis, and "if you freeze ongoing repairs, you pay a price later on." He added that from an environmental standpoint, what DEP is asking is what we really want to do.

User Fees Not Deductible

Another questioner asked if the Local Finance Board could say "no" to the request to take on a debt greater than normal. Magnes explained that since public works financing is set up to be self-liquidating and is not connected to the municipal budget and its tax limits, there was no reason not to approve of the user fee system of repaying the loan.

Someone who asked if it were possible to arrange to deduct fees from one's income tax was told that user fees are not tax deductible.

Fix It All or No Guarantees

Harry Parker made the point that the unrepaired 50 year old sewer lines will not get any better and will surely cause trouble later on. Rothfuss' opinion was that the situation, once stabilized, may not get any better, but may not get any worse either and that it was worth the risk until a flow meter study shows otherwise. He held up a map showing that only one half of the system would be fixed if the borough spent the \$1.5 million extra for the infiltration/inflow (I/I) work recommended by T&M. And, said Rothfuss,

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School Board Announces Budget Public Hearing April 5

by Bob Clark

In March the Roosevelt School Board announced a schedule for consideration of the district's 1990-91 budget and a draft Five-Year Facility Master Plan, which would affect future budgets.

According to the budget leaflet mailed by the Board to residents, the proposed budget of slightly more than \$1.1 million represents a 6.8% increase over last year. However, due to a decrease in state funding, the increase in the school tax levy would be 18.5%.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at 7:30 PM on April 5 at the Roosevelt Public School (RPS). Meanwhile, recent legislation provides a simpler format for advertised school budgets.

Election April 24

The election of School Board members and voter approval or rejection of the budget will take place on April 24 from 2:30 PM to 9:00 PM at RPS. Three members will be elected for three-year terms and one member will be elected for a one-year unexpired term. Running for the three-year terms are John Ord and incumbents Catherine Petrilla and Edward Grossman. Margaret Schlinski is running for the one-year term. Election board workers will be Edith Ernstein, Chairman and Judge of Election; Geraldine Millar, Secretary and Inspector; Sylvia Gale, Worker; Mildred DiGiorgio, Worker; and Diana Klein, Worker Alternate. The Board will hold its reorganization meeting on May 3.

Reportedly, the state budget proposed by Governor Jim Florio would virtually freeze so called "equalization aid" to school districts at current levels. This would force school districts to depend more heavily on property taxes to make up the difference in their budgets. In addition, all funds for the parental choice program, which was developed by the administration of former Governor Tom Kean, would be eliminated. Also, \$3.3 million would be cut from the division within the Education Department that handles statewide testing and the controversial New Jersey School Report Card.

Five-Year Plan Projects Growth

The draft Five-Year Plan, prepared by Chief School Administrator (CSA) Harry Groveman, reviews Roosevelt's history, social and economic conditions and educational program. It describes school enrollment trends, facility needs and improvement projects planned for the next five years. Groveman explained that the plan must be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools by June. He welcomed Board and community comment on the draft during the Board's April and May meetings. The Board will vote on a finalized version at its May regular meeting. The draft is available at RPS for review by interested members of the public.

The draft Plan projects a K-6 school enrollment of from 77 to 85 students during the next five years under one calculation method. However, enrollment could be as high as 90 pupils by the 1994-95 school year, based on a house-by-house census done during the summer of 1988. The Plan notes that the school building will have sufficient capacity for that number as a result of the shift from a K-8 structure to K-6. Capacity is estimated at 138 students (or 155 if the school were to shift to an AM and PM Kindergarten program).

\$300,000 in Capital Improvements Anticipated

The Plan anticipates that in the next five years the school will need reroofing of the classroom wing in 1992-93 (\$75,000), boiler replacement and removal of asbestos from the heating system in 1993-94 (\$185,000) and replacement of windows in the gymnasium in 1992-93 (\$40,000). These improvements would be funded by capital outlays or debt service.

The Board approved expenditures for emergency repairs to the boiler (\$3,610) and electrical system (\$4,628). Board President Debra Allen praised power company officials' willingness to install a temporary connection over the weekend, which allowed the school to remain open until the permanent work could be completed.

The Board will hold its regular April meeting on April 19. It also approved holding the sixth grade graduation exercise on Saturday, June 16.

The Board approved a resolution supporting a bill that would amend state law governing sending-receiving relationships, such as the one between Roosevelt and the East Windsor Regional District. Under the proposed amendment either party could alter or terminate the relationship without the need for expensive formal hearings, a process which Groveman said often takes more than two years. Under the new procedure the Commissioner of Education would have 60 days to grant or deny a change after assessing whether there would be any "substantial negative impact" and whether the alternative educational program was equal to or better than the existing one. The contract would have to expire, and the district desiring the change would have to give the other party at least one year's notice.

Out-of-District Programs Reviewed

Groveman reviewed with the Board plans for "out-of-district" programs for four special education students. He felt that one student had made sufficient progress to perhaps attend RPS, provided the speech therapist's time in the school were increased. He noted, however, that the number of out-of-district pupils will probably remain at four because another special education child is expected in the district next year.

There will be an extended closed session at the Board's April meeting to discuss annual evaluations for noncertified staff and nontenured certified staff. Groveman will provide evaluations to the Education/Personnel Committee. He also distributed to the Board a "self-evaluation" of himself.

RPS teaching staff participated in East Windsor's Staff Development Day on March 13 at no cost to the district. Groveman cited such programs as among the advantages accruing from our sending relationship with a much

Budget Process Nears Voter Approval

by Harry Groveman

larger district. On March 27, Ann Krause and Kathy Patten presented a half day inservice training workshop to RPS staff on the "Writing Process." Groveman related that a newsletter sent to parents of RPS students "gives a good sense of how much communication there is with parents." He said that all teachers contribute to the newsletter. Groveman said that by renewing its participation in the state's Teacher Recognition Program Roosevelt will obtain a stipend for use by the school on a project selected by RPS' winner.

Milk Prices to Rise?

School Business Administrator (SBA) Roseann Lozinski reported that milk price quotations are being requested for the 1990-91 school year. She noted that the Board will have to consider whether to increase milk charges to the students. In April there will be a survey of all parents of middle and high school students to aid bus utilization planning.

Lozinski reported that procedures regarding responses when staff or students are injured are being reviewed. Meanwhile, recent legislation requires that instruction on the effects of tobacco use be included in school health programs. In addition, a new law prohibits cigarette vending machines on school property.

The Board agreed to pay \$244 for Groveman to attend the Spring Conference of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators and \$285 for Lozinski to attend the Spring Conference of the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials. Among other things, Groveman will learn about the impact of special education regulations on small schools, the Right to Know Law, cooperative learning and meeting the needs of the single parent family. Lozinski will learn about audit procedures, bidding procedures, health benefits, the Open Public Meetings Law and generally accepted accounting principles. Meanwhile, at a cost of \$45 each, Board members Jan Plumb and Margaret Schlinski will attend a workshop on "Taking Charge of Curriculum."

Although the State entitlement figures won't be known until sometime after March 15, 1990, the process of developing a final budget to put before the voters on April 24, 1990, is nearing completion. Over the course of the next few weeks, the Board of Education will be preparing and disseminating a mailer detailing the proposed 1990/91 budget. This mailer, which should be ready for distribution toward the end of March, will detail in a line-by-line format a review of our 1988/89 budget and compare it to both our current 1989/90 budget and our projected 1990/91 budget.

Public Hearing Set for April 5

On April 5, 1990, the School Board will hold a public hearing of our projected budget. The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM and will be conducted in the lobby of the school. Following the public hearing the Board of Education will need to endorse a finalized

budget and submit it to the County Department of Education for review and approval.

Budget Question Phone Line Established

On April 24, 1990, the annual school board elections will take place and the 1990/91 budget will be voted on. In an effort to maintain and continue our desire to openly communicate with the voters of Roosevelt, I am establishing a phone link whereby anyone with last minute questions or concerns about the budget will be able to contact me personally. On Tuesday morning, April 24, from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM I will keep my calendar free so that I am reachable by phone (448-2798) to respond to any last minute budget questions or concerns. Polls open on April 24 at 2:30 PM and will remain open until 9:00 PM.

Harry Groveman is Chief School Administrator at RPS.

PTA News

by Robin Carroll

At our March PTA meeting we were pleased to have as our guest speaker Mr. Harry Groveman, Principal of the Roosevelt Public School. Mr. Groveman spoke to our group on many topics, including the upcoming School Board elections in April. The PTA would like to remind all of our members to come out to cast your votes on April 24. Remember, every vote counts! The PTA is also holding a bake sale at the school on April 24. This will be our last fundraiser for the school year. Please stop by after voting.

The Student Council with the help and financial support of the PTA is sponsoring a school dance on March 30. We would like to thank all of the parents who helped with this function by donating refreshments or serving as chaperones. We would also like to

thank Teresa LePore for all of her help with phone calls and organizing the refreshments.

At our next meeting on April 19 we will be forming our Nominating Committee for upcoming elections for PTA officers. The role of this committee is to seek out individuals who would like to become PTA officers. If anyone is interested in being on this committee please come to the next meeting or call Adeenah Yeger at 443-5848.

On April 27 after school, the PTA is sponsoring an ice cream social for all RPS students. Volunteers are desperately needed to help out at this event. Please contact Adeenah Yeger or Shelley Hatzfeld at 443-1841.

The next PTA meeting will be on April 19 at 8 PM. See you there!

RPS Gets Moonstruck

Lunar Rocks and Soil

by Sarah Henry

On February 12, 1990, Ilene Levine, the third and fourth graders' teacher, told us that the day had come to see the moon rocks, but we had to see one each day and two on the last day. We were excited.

On the first day, Ilene showed us the plexiglass disc with six tiny moon samples in it that NASA had lent us. We saw our first rock, basalt, through a stereoscopic microscope. It was gold with copper surrounding. It had red, blue, yellow and silver specks. It had one little pink speck. The basalt had come from a dark cratered part of the moon called a mare. It had once been lava that flowed into a huge crater.

On the second day, we saw anorthosite. Anorthosite was white with a black line on one side. It had a few black specks on it also. Anorthosite had come from the mountainous parts of the moon called the highlands.

On the third day, we saw breccia. Breccia was a rock that had all different rocks in it. A long time ago, when meteorites hit the moon, pieces of all kinds of rocks flew into different parts of the moon and combined with other rocks. Then they cooled and hardened. Our breccia was found on a mare.

On the fourth day, we saw mare soil. Mare soil had come from crushed basalt in a mare. It had feldspar in it, a clear glass mineral.

On the fifth day, we saw our last two soils, highland soil and orange soil. First we saw highland soil. Highland soil was mainly crushed anorthosite from the highlands. It also had feldspar in it. It had a tiny pinkish-peach rock and a tiny reddish-brown rock. Next, we saw the orange soil. Orange soil had been made when lava sprayed out from a volcano on the moon and cooled, forming the round glass balls in it. The orange soil had also come from a mare.

The third and fourth graders had fun looking at, drawing and writing about the moon rocks and soil.

Our Lunar Landscape

by Holly Connaughton and Julia Prusik

The third and fourth graders made a plaster of Paris model of a lunar landscape. First we put a giant piece of wood on a table. Then we put the sides of milk cartons around the edge of the wood so the plaster of Paris wouldn't drip off it. Next we put the plaster onto the wooden base. This became the surface of the moon. When the plaster was still a little bit wet, we dropped marbles and tennis balls into it to form the moon's craters.

When the plaster dried, we put shiny beads on the lunar landscape to represent the rocks on the moon. We also put dark gray bumpy foam rubber on it to show the maria, the dark craters of the moon.

Next we made the highlands of the moon out of a wheat paste, sawdust, plaster and water mixture. We mixed all of that together and formed hills from it.

When everything dried, we painted the highlands white and the lowlands green-gray. Then we made astronauts that we put on our moon. We made them out of plasticene. Some people made a Lunar Module and a Lunar Rover out of boxes and added them on to the lunar landscape. We also made a mural so we could have a background of mountains on the moon with earth and a meteor in the distance.

The lunar landscape model was made for the Space Studies Institute robot. When the two scientists from the Space Studies Institute came to our school on March 1, we put their robot onto a big crater of our landscape, and we controlled the robot from our "RPS Teleoperations Control Center" on earth. We all enjoyed making our lunar landscape and controlling the robot that had landed on it!

Lunar Robot Day

by Zoe Czyzewski and Dawn Miller

On March 1, 1990, Mr. Faranetta and Mrs. Fahnin came to Roosevelt Public School from the Space Studies Institute in Rocky Hill.

A few days before, the third and fourth graders were working hard on our lunar landscape, lunar mural and astronauts.

Finally, the day came! We had our mural, landscape and clay people safely settled on the landscape. Then the third through sixth graders watched and listened quietly to a slide presentation that Mr. Faranetta showed us. The slides were about what scientists are trying to do in the future. They are trying to make robots to collect rock and soil samples, and they are trying to make space stations for people to live in with solar panels to collect solar energy.

After the slides the activities began: Lunar Landscape Drawing, Spacecraft Crayon Resist, Robotics Game, Lunar Box Construction, and Rocket Collage and Drawing. The students were very involved in their activities.

Mr. Faranetta and Mrs. Fahnin brought a small robot which they put on our lunar landscape. As we were doing our activities, one person at a time worked the robot.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the projects. We're sure the kids really liked that day.

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First Aid Squad News

by Marian Gelber

Thanking the Roosevelt First Aid Squad for its assistance over the past several months, the Hightstown First Aid Squad honored the RFAS at their annual installation dinner in February.

Hightstown's Captain, Ernie Doggett, presented the squad with a certificate of appreciation and a plaque with the Emergency Medical Services emblem, both of which were on display in the Roosevelt Post Office. In addition, the Mayor of Hightstown issued a proclamation, thanking RFAS for its quick and ready assistance to the Hightstown First Aid Squad.

Hightstown also singled out several members of the Roosevelt Squad who have gone out of their way to help Hightstown, both in answering calls and working with the squad on their recruiting efforts.

We understand that many people are concerned with the fact that Roosevelt has been answering many

calls for Hightstown during the day. A couple of issues specifically mentioned were the use of the Roosevelt First Aid Squad ambulance to answer calls in Hightstown and the increased use of the siren during the day. You may have noticed that both problems have been alleviated during the past few weeks.

Those people answering calls in Hightstown have begun using the Hightstown ambulance and the calls are going out over Hightstown pagers, so there is no longer any need to use our siren for these calls.

The squad and the First Aid Squad Auxiliary have been working very hard on fundraising programs, but we can still use your help. Anyone interested in joining the auxiliary should call Debbie Nahmias at 443-0943.

We would like to thank those people who came down to the blood drive in February. Again, it was a success. Don't forget that we will be holding the second blood drive of the year in September.

Nursery School News

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

"The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la," bring promise of more than "merry sunshine"—for the Roosevelt Community Nursery School, they also promise a new brood of baby chicks and ducks to delight our preschoolers (apologies to Gilbert and Sullivan). Yes, thanks once again to RCNS parent Cathy Lupo, our incubator is back in the classroom and already warming up our spring collection of eggs.

And speaking of Spring Collections, our Fundraising Committee tells us that the new Tupperware colors and designs are here, and that those interested in adding to their own collections—and supporting RCNS in the process—can call RCNS parent Faye Nulman (426-1192) for information about ordering.

Head Teacher Linda Liotta also reports that the youngsters have already reached "Q" and "R" in their "Living with the Alphabet" project. She informs us that registration for the fall nursery school program is going very well so far, and reminds parents of children 2½ to 5 to call the school at 426-9523 for application forms. Also, parents of kindergartners who would like to register their children for our After School Extended Hours program (which includes lunch and rest time as well as special planned activities) should turn in their application forms immediately.

Thank you's this issue go to Thelma Thompson for her Tupperware gift, to Roosevelt Printing for always helping us out with copying and paper, and to our old faithfuls: MIRA, whose myriad contributions continue to make our existence possible, and Congregation Anshei for giving us a home.

House Tour Planned

by Ellen Sorrin and Jane Rothfuss

On Saturday, May 19, (rain date: Sunday, May 20) there will be a house tour of Roosevelt. Proceeds will benefit the Shade Tree Commission.

The tour will highlight both the interiors and exteriors of selected Roosevelt homes. The purpose of the tour is to show the basic design of the original homes, how some owners have adapted the spaces to suit their life styles, and how those adaptations have changed with successive owners. Homes featured will include those in their original state as well as those having major alterations.

At 2 PM, at the Roosevelt Memorial

at the Roosevelt Public School, guides will meet and then lead small groups on the tour, which will last approximately two and a half hours. A reception will follow where tour participants will have the opportunity to find out about the important work of the Shade Tree Commission.

The cost of the tour is \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased from Shade Tree Commission members or by calling Jane Rothfuss at 448-3713. Capacity is limited, so please make your reservations early.

We encourage you to join us and to invite friends and relatives who know of and appreciate Roosevelt's unique place in history and its dynamic future.

Coming Soon: The Chinese Auction

Sponsored by the Roosevelt First Aid Squad and Auxiliary

April 28 at the Hightstown Fire House

Friends & Neighbors: If you have any new items in your home that you don't have a use for, please donate them to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad for the Chinese Auction.

Any questions? Call 443-5290, 448-9123, or 443-0943

Coming Soon: Penny Pick-Up—Save Your Pennies!!

Viewpoint

Accessory Apartments: Can They Help With the Utilities Problem?

by Michael L. Ticktin

At the March meeting of the Borough Council, during the course of the public discussion of the impending \$75.00 monthly increase in utility fees, one resident plaintively asked when we might expect a return to the "normal" level of \$65.00 per month. Considering that only twenty years ago the rate was \$9.00 per month, it is remarkable to me that an amount more than seven times as high would be considered "normal" in contrast to an amount over fifteen times as high, considering that this increase took place over a period in which both the consumer price index and our local property taxes have merely tripled!

The reasons for the increased fees, and questions as to who should have done what when, have been and will continue to be discussed by many people. What I would like to focus on instead is what we can do to ensure the continuing social and economic viability of the community and to persuade people to "hold the fort" and not panic.

One idea to which I think the community—through the Planning Board and the Council—ought to give serious consideration is allowing as a conditional use the creation of accessory apartments by division of (or addition to) single family homes. An accessory apartment is a second dwelling unit on the property, separated from the main dwelling unit and having its own entrance and its own kitchen and bathroom facilities. Accessory apartments must be distinguished from both living arrangements where people live together as a common nonprofit household—which is legal—and the rental of rooms—which, in Roosevelt, is not. Zoning ordinances that allow accessory apartments in single family residential zones generally require that the single family appearance of the house be retained. Conditions are written into the ordinance to make sure that this is done.

Accessory apartments are not new to Roosevelt. A few have been created legally, at various times and subject to various conditions, with Planning

Board or Board of Adjustment approval, or under an interpretation of the old definition of "family" that did not preclude separate cooking facilities so long as people were related. On the other hand, in at least one case that I am aware of, an accessory unit was created illegally, existed without giving rise to any complaints for many years, and was removed as a separate unit when the house was sold and a certificate of occupancy was required.

What is the connection between accessory apartments and utility bills? It is that the accessory apartment is an additional utility user, and hence subject to a separate bill in the same way as are the apartment at the Roosevelt Deli and each of the apartments at the Solar Village. The more users, the smaller the slices into which the debt pie is cut. Consequently, the more people create accessory apartments, the greater the chance that utility bills may stabilize or actually go down.

While we may reasonably expect that we will eventually have additional utility users with whom to share this "pie" as a result of the 76 unit development that has already been planned and zoned for (and perhaps, depending upon community sentiment at some later date, of further development as well), accessory apartments may offer the best opportunity to get some help, even if on a considerably smaller scale, in the near future.

New sewer development is blocked by a DEP ban until such time as the required work is finished. This probably does not, however, prevent adding new plumbing facilities for an accessory apartment to an existing lateral, any more than it would now prevent adding a bathroom to a single family house. Accessory apartments will require no land purchases or site improvements by developers, while the option to have them will be open to all homeowners, and not depend upon the needs and interests of a few landowners. They can provide a source of income for homeowners, as well as for the municipal utility system. This would be particularly helpful for seniors and

other people on limited incomes whom the fee increase hits especially hard.

Accessory apartments would also provide housing opportunities for single people, young couples, seniors and other small families who now have difficulty finding housing that they can afford. As citizens of a community that was founded as a result of a social commitment to decent affordable housing, we should, I think, view the providing of such housing opportunities as something that it is appropriate for us to encourage.

This proposal, like any other, is not without its drawbacks or tradeoffs. There would certainly be the concern that the single family character of the community might be lost if a lot of people put in accessory units. To keep this from happening, there would have to be a requirement that the single family residential appearance be maintained, so that a person looking at the front of the house would not be able to tell that there are two dwelling units. Also, there would have to be sufficient on-site parking so that there would not be a spillover of cars onto the street. Standards for this would have to be written into the ordinance.

Other issues will undoubtedly come up as well during the course of public discussion. (Anticipating the school issue, let me point out, as I have on various occasions in the past, that bringing students into an elementary school now operating at well under full capacity will result in increased State aid for the same level of operation—since the formula is based upon equalized ratables per student—and that accessory apartments tend to be small and therefore do not tend to attract families with older children.)

I expect that, as is generally the case, my proposal will not be without its objectors. I respectfully request, however, that any objection that is presented in these pages, or in other public forums, be accompanied by some alternative proposal for helping to keep Roosevelt affordable for all those who want to remain here.

Senior Citizens' News

by Helga Wisowaty

Jeanette presided at this meeting. She told us about cases of fraud being perpetrated against senior citizens and warned us to be very careful. Don't give charge card numbers or Social Security identifications to people who have no reason to ask for them.

The Clarksburg "Seniors" meet every third Tuesday from 9 until 1 for Arts and Crafts. Everyone is welcome.

The program "The Greening of the Grey" will be held in March, at Mercer County Community College (\$3.00 admission).

Our luncheon on March 1 was enjoyed by all. We are planning another soon.

I enjoyed an article by Arthur Shapiro in one of the last *Bulletins* that ended with "I drove for Oblas." When a few friends came in we were discussing that and one gentleman said Oblas used to try to persuade him to be a guinea pig so that Oblas could practice First Aid! His wife said that the First Aid in Roosevelt has always been wonderful, and still is. She had been ill recently and told me that June Counterman had been a great help to her. I know of many others who share her feeling of respect and affection for June. She's a great lady.

Our member Aglore Buote has been in Princeton Hospital but is now going to a place in Lawrenceville for a few weeks to recuperate. I'm sure Aglore would appreciate receiving cards from us Rooseveltians who know her well.

Ellie and Clara were our hostesses and we all enjoyed the refreshments.

Helga Wisowaty is Secretary of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens.

Hanging Out

Eric Plumb (l) and Craig Kaufman (r) wait for spring.
photograph by Donna Kaufman

The Next Generation

Playing Ball

by Deborah Nahmias

Spring is in the air. The birds are singing, the temperature is rising, and Little League season is about to begin.

I have always looked forward to this time of year. During my Little League career, Spring meant oiling the glove that had been sitting in my closet for six months, playing catch with Mark and Dave in our yard, and reuniting with my friends from Millstone. For some reason we only saw each other during the Little League season. It's not that we didn't have other things in common. Most of us were New York Met fans, we listened to the same type of music, and as we got older, we found a strong mutual interest in the older boys' baseball teams. Yet there was this unspoken rule: the Spring Little League season was when we were friends.

And so it began. The girls' teams...oh, excuse me...the softball teams played at the Millstone school, and the boys' teams...I mean...the baseball teams played here at the Roosevelt School. (I always respected those few girls who were bold and good enough to play in the baseball league.) On the evenings that we didn't have a game to play or a practice to attend, we would congregate at the Roosevelt field and watch our brothers play. On these evenings we didn't learn much about

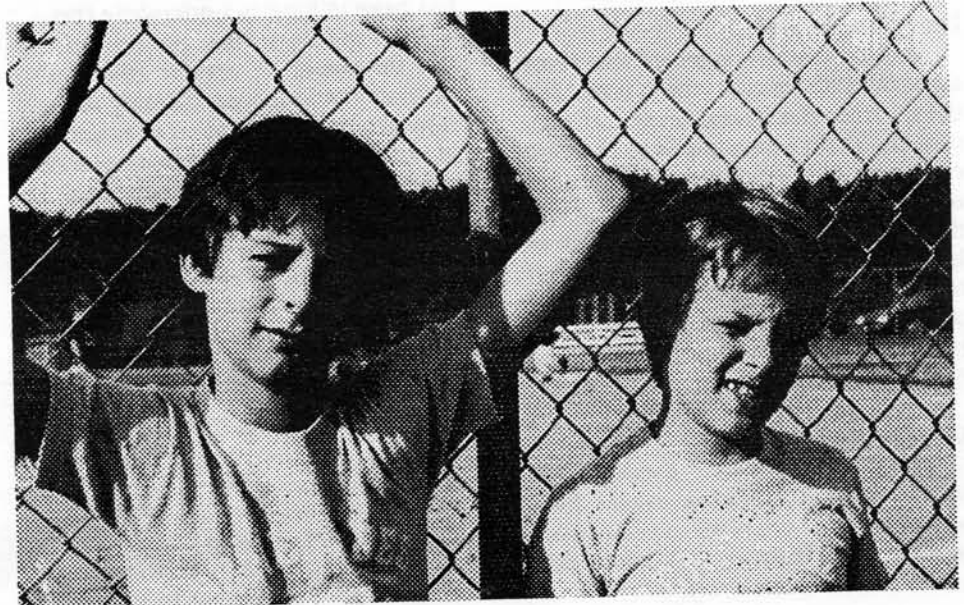
the double-play, but the reason that "Jane" missed the last game was because her grandmother died. It wasn't on these evenings that we learned about teamwork, but rather that "Mary" was trying hard to keep her family team together. We also learned the lessons that all kids learn from the crowd, specifically from the parents. Those lessons that specifically come to my mind are:

1. Never marry anyone like "Mr. Smith"—he always threw a fit whenever my foot came off the rubber in the pitcher's mound.

2. Never volunteer (or let your father volunteer) to substitute for the umpire who didn't show up for the game—the parents always seemed to give the substitutes the most abuse. And the lesson I learned every year, over and over again was:

3. Why certain friends of mine used the kind of bad language they did.

And then it came to an end...I hit the age where I wasn't allowed to play softball in the Little League any longer. And in turn, I lost contact with the majority of my Millstone friends. Where are they now? A couple of them have gotten married...a couple have children...some went off to college. This time, the dry spell between seasons has lasted a mighty long time.



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even then they would give no guarantees.

"Only 100% replacement of sewer lines would warrant a guarantee," he quoted. And for all we know now, he went on, the added repair may not even be necessary to lower the excess flow. "It's one engineer's opinion against another's."

Replace With Septic Tank?

A speaker asked if individual residents could disconnect from the system and install a septic tank instead.

The answer was "no," because the DEP disapproves of septic tanks, and once there is a sewer system in place, would never back away from its use.

Go For Privatizing

Mike Kanczucker made a pitch for selling the plants to a private utility company. He cited the thousands of customers they service, their ability to buy equipment more cheaply and the many companies competing in the market these days. It was suggested that rates would go up even higher due to the need to make a profit and to the expense of running extensive lines to facilities. The speaker said he did not believe this to be necessarily true and considered that putting in lines to Perineville, for example, would be relatively economical. He urged the Council to investigate this alternative seriously.

Do It Yourself?

Another visitor suggested that since some 50% of the cost was in removing the I/I from the lateral lines that connect the main sewer pipes to residences, he would be willing to replace his own laterals (for around \$10/ft.) and thus counteract the reduced value of his property. The answer here was that technically the levels and angles of the pipes must conform to the lay of the main lines and this would demand centralized engineering.

Conserving Water

The part that water conservation would play in reducing excess flow was discussed, with one resident suggesting water meters as a significant aid to relieving the overflow.

Here there were divergent views as to how effective conservation would actually be. Rothfuss regards water conservation as important and helpful but pointed to the fact of considerable ground water seeping into the system. He said, however, that meters, though not now required in small towns, would very likely be mandated soon and that the cost of installation—from \$50,000 to \$100,000, depending on type of meter—"would be another painful decision to have to face."

What About Growth?

Art Unger raised a series of questions regarding town growth as a solution to our problems, since it looks as if this situation will "get us costed out of town." He went on, "With growth we may be able to afford to live here. We are being forced in that direction." Not only would development mean more ratables coming in, he continued, but developers in many cases will agree to contribute as the price of doing business. He called for an economic analysis and a long-term projection as essential to good management.

There were several responses to these points. Magnes recalled the long-standing need for an impact study but its cost of \$20,000 to \$30,000 would have to come out of municipal funds which would take the budget beyond the "cap" limit. And no developer so far has been willing to underwrite this.

In response to the mention of the last developer to appear (Switchel), Magnes reminded the meeting of their refusal to make any open commitment in writing, or otherwise, with one representative stating that they "can't be expected to make up for 50 years of neglect."

Magnes said, "If you consider recent economic conditions, with building and construction going from a state of frenzy to the bottom dropping out, the picture is not promising and who knows when it will turn around again."

We Are Not Alone

Rothfuss commented briefly that what we face here is happening all over the country and that federal legislation is now beginning to reflect the

problem. He then explained that we are under a "sewer ban" that blocks any additional housing until after 1992, assuming we meet DEP requirements by then. And, although the sewer plant was originally built to handle many times its present load, repair to the infrastructure "will not free up additional capacity for continued growth, at least for a while." In other words, he went on, the permit that stipulates 250,000 gallons per day maximum is based on the present number of households. We cannot add houses or expand the permit on our own.

Anyone for Legwork?

Mr. Unger urged the setting up of a format for checking out all aspects of the project, as well as an organized network of volunteers to assist in computer projections and other support activity. Several Council members greeted these ideas warmly, with Bill Counterman emphasizing the need for added research and "leg-work" to assist Council members who are themselves working people with very little time to study the thick documents sent in by engineers and construction companies.

Use the Bulletin

Unger suggested a monthly status report and Rothfuss suggested the *Borough Bulletin* as the logical place for it. Others agreed and Mark Zuckerman, *Bulletin* Editor, underscored the opportunity to use the Bulletin as an educational tool. He offered its pages for full coverage and open exchange of criticism and opinion, and warned against the force of rumor and panic.

Rothfuss announced that the fourth Monday of every month was scheduled for open meetings of the Public Utilities Committee where the "nitty-gritty stuff" is worked through.

Actions Taken

In further business that continued up to midnight, a bond ordinance appropriating \$2 million for rehabilitation of the sewer treatment system was introduced. Final passage is scheduled for April 11 after an open hearing.

Bradley Visits Sewage Plant *(continued from page 1)*

Attorney Edward Eastman, a bond counselor for Englishtown, Allentown, Howell, Rumson and other communities, was asked to comment. He said that the \$2 million figure was very "tight," with much depending on how the bids on the construction work came in. He gave as his opinion that renewing the procedure for a further loan would not be unduly burdensome.

A motion to engage Mr. Eastman as Borough Bond Counsel was accepted, and he will appear for the borough at the Local Finance Board.

Ordinance 24/7 and 24/8 were introduced, listing the rates for water and sewer fees [see page 15, Ed.]. Final passage will be considered after a public hearing on April 11.

Resolution 27/90 to authorize T&M engineers to perform a detailed flow-meter study at a cost not to exceed \$31,960 was passed with Warren Craig abstaining. Craig said he was not convinced of its necessity.

Ordinance 139, empowering the Council to establish water emergency measures was adopted and a resolution enacting precise restrictions on water use was passed [see notice, page 2, Ed.].

Grading of unpaved streets such as Eleanor Lane and Spruce Drive was approved at a cost of about \$800.

The 1990 Municipal Budget was introduced, to be adopted on April 11.

The amendment to the Zoning Ordinance governing driveways and parking was passed with two minor changes: the limit in area for all parking areas was set to the greater of 750 sq. ft. or 20% of the total area of the front yard; and boats 14 feet or less in length may be stored in driveways, with larger boats stored only in side or rear yards.

Council member Warren Craig was appointed Community Development representative to the Monmouth County Development Committee for one calendar year. He will serve also on the Community Development Block Grant Committee.

Rose Murphy was approved as a school crossing guard.

inordinately heavy burden on the ratepayer.

Bradley, who had received in advance a summary of Roosevelt's situation prepared by Craig, Magnes and Rothfuss, acknowledged that Roosevelt was in a serious fine situation. Current DEP fines amount to approximately \$1,700 per household. He said that Roosevelt's story could be heard in minor variations all over the state.

Roosevelt Not Alone

Bradley said that nearly one-third of New Jersey's approximately 350 sewage treatment systems are in violation of the Clean Water Act. Most, like Roosevelt's, are too low on the Federal priorities list to receive financial assistance. As of last year, only 23 out of 115 had received any Federal assistance.

"New Jersey has received \$1 billion in clean water grants since 1972," Bradley said, "but the need is \$3-4 billion." He said that the idea of the Clean Water Act did not include placing an unbearable burden on local taxpayers, but that Federal funding had dwindled in recent years.

"Eighty to ninety wastewater systems in New Jersey are in DEP-fine situations, but they have no access to dollars." This was why he believes the two bills are necessary.

"We have to get resources to municipalities like Roosevelt to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act. These bills will have a major impact on clean water at little cost to the Federal government," Bradley stated.

While passage of the Small Community Assistance Act could not take place in time to relieve Roosevelt of its immediate burden, Bradley is hopeful that the Act could be used to refinance the improvements. "Right now, Roosevelt is in a lose-lose situation. This legislation could make it a lose-win situation," Bradley said.

Regards From the Family

The senator recalled a 1984 visit by his wife to Roosevelt, and presented her regards. "She told me Roosevelt was a special town, and she remembered it warmly."

Bradley also had kind words for Mayor Barth, and recalled their long acquaintance.

Text of the letter Council member Kirk Rothfuss recommends residents send Governor Florio:

Honorable James J. Florio, Governor
State House
Trenton, NJ 08625

RE: Proposed Clean Water Enforcement Act

Dear Governor Florio:

As a citizen of Roosevelt Borough in Monmouth County which is currently making more than a good faith effort to meet DEP NJPDES permit requirements by rebuilding our sewerage treatment plant and sewer lines, and as a Roosevelt rate payer who is going to have our combined *monthly* sewer and water rate increase to \$140.00 *per household*, and as a citizen whose town may still be subject to \$512,000 in fines if the above referenced legislation were to pass, I must appeal to you to do everything in your power to stop passage of this legislation.

Roosevelt Borough has always been a town made up of environmentally aware and concerned citizens. We are paying a heavy price to do our part in protecting the environment. But we feel this legislation which will take away DEP's authority to negotiate down stipulated fines on communities who are taking governmental action is unfair and unreasonable.

Please help us.

Sincerely,
Roosevelt Citizen, Taxpayer and Voter

Jonathan Shahn Shows Sculpture, Drawings

by Bob Mueller

What is it about a room of sculptured human figures that is so arresting? At once startling and eerie, three-dimensional representations of human figures have a built-in fascination: we look at them as we look at ourselves, curiously, people-watchingly fascinated. These walk-around pictures of ourselves frozen in a solid medium offer us a glimpse of humanity arrested in acts of curious abandon. What are their next moves; where do they go from here; where have they been? Walk a little further and you see: the still look shifts, the arm moves, the aspect changes. Sculptures live their own life in the same space of the world as we do; they intensify our life-space for us; they measure for us an instinctive sensory surround in which our personal universe also exists.

Jonathan Shahn's recent exhibition of sculpture (and solid, sculpture-like charcoal drawings) at the Rider College Art Gallery gave me a new insight into his work. A well-presented gallery presentation can give new validity to an artist's body of work; it is like a musical concert, a special kind of recital with technical virtuosity on display and emotional sparks in the air. I have seen some of these pieces in Jonathan's studio, and others singly at exhibitions, but never collectively. It was a revelation to me: their consistent, unique style impressed me greatly; I was moved by their kinetic volume and suggestions of, not so much biological life, as biological feeling. Life in sculpture must be just that: a sense of the form of human feeling captured in the very space it fills. And seeing Jonathan's work together like this gave one a sense of his progression in this most tractable of media. The more recent work attests to his complete command of his art, and indicates something new and exciting evolving in its slow but definite way—call it an attention to new details of life in form; call it an enrichment of vision; call it a maturation of insight.

How does Jonathan do this? He gives you a tactile object, etched out with the haptic contact of his chisels, enhanced with a splattered patina, and interlineated with crude drawn lines,

as on the faces of African warriors. He has an obvious love of wood, which he treats as something to bite into with determination and care, something to leave naked and unpolished. He remains close to real forms while searching for something less than literal. He fools you into believing you are actually creating the human figure yourself, because your eyes break down the difference between sight and touch, and Pygmalion-like you want the figures to come alive like great and wonderful puppets. And alive they are, in their own art-space world of the human imagination!

Let's walk around and visit all the pieces. First, when you enter you are struck by a larger-than-life seated figure strategically placed at the far end of the gallery. *Seated Armless Figure* has a certain Romanesque feeling—how could a sculptor not be influenced if he lived in Rome, as Jonathan did for nine years, and was greeted by monumental, sculptured human fragments at many turns of the block? But the figure is more than Roman: it is virility itself, wounded, however, by its armlessness, and thus fragile. An oxymoron of sculpture! This is an early work (1975), and it contrasts with another early work: *Armless Standing Figure*, made of assembled pieces of wood whose fractioned forms are startlingly coherent in their dissolution. Next we see another figure that rings resonances of antiquity: *Standing Figure with Outstretched Arm* suggestive of the bronze of Hercules at the UN. This nearer-to-life-sized figure is a lovely rendition of humanity poised to act: but the act is stillborn in the sculpting. Next we approach the *Half-Figure with Raised Arms*, a young woman wrapping herself in her own arms, thereby generating a sense of sadness. *Large Head with Braids* is a lovely woman's figure that, along with several small heads, attest to Jonathan's virtuosity in his medium. Delicately carved and sensually realized, the smaller and thus more delicate works show us a contrasting side of Jonathan's art. But we are reminded by *Large Head on Base II* of the power of sculpture, and see in it a figure

awaiting the dawn, as if greeting lost friends on Easter Island. As we leave the sculpture area and head for the drawings in the side room, we are given one last reminder of Jonathan's purpose: *Declining Head on Stand*. This is an evocative representation of a sleeping giant. We read into this oversized head, gently tilted on the pedestal as if asleep, an entire body—a great presence, a symbol of the figure of sculpture itself, caught here tentatively, but never to be forgotten.

The drawings are consistently attractive; they show us the sculptor at work, capturing moments of stillness, drawing into shape human forms, molding themselves into space. As in Michaelangelo's drawings we sense a search for volume in the surface, an attempt to dig into the flat plane of the paper and carve out reliefs. But they are never preparations for sculpture, rather "something that helps my seeing, increases my understanding of form," to quote from Jonathan's remarks in the brochure prepared by Patricia Gocke-Kearney. The drawings alone make for a very attractive and rewarding show.

A note on the installation of Jonathan Shahn's show at the Rider College Gallery: Harry Naar, Professor of Fine Arts and director of the gallery, has instituted a program of Fine Art Museum Interns. Three museum interns helped create this show: Lisa Horwitz, Kevin Kunz and Pattie Gocke-Kearney. Their task was to approach the show like a major museum show—which indeed this show mirrored in every respect. It is fortunate to have this capability available to display our Roosevelt artists (Jacob Landau and Stefan Martin had shows there recently, and other Roosevelt artists will be exhibiting there next year). It is interesting to me how local artists throughout America are increasingly receiving professional treatment of their work in countless galleries and small provincial museums. The day may come when a serious artist need not venture into the crazy New York art world to achieve a modicum of recognition (and hopefully to sell something).

— Arts in Roosevelt —

Songs of Slippery, Sly Skill

by Bob Mueller

It was a common evening, it was an uncommon evening. Common, since we are used to singers performing songs, whether on TV or in clubs; uncommon, because we are not used to songs of great difficulty, of subtle sensitivity, of unusual intensity. Alan Mallach has a Troubadour's heart, a Meistersinger's spirit—yet he is a *Kunstliedmacher* (Art-Song Maker) of great delight. His recent concert, held in the marvelous auditorium at the Peddie School in Hightstown, with the startlingly lovely tenor, Jack Zamboni, stands in sharp contrast to a previous Roosevelt Arts Project concert devoted to folk music—the progenitor of the art-song form. Folk songs have an immediacy which the art song lacks, but it is a surface immediacy which limits its range and power. Enter into the world of the art song and you enter a more profound world of emotions and experiences.

I suppose there are two basic approaches to listening and experiencing art songs: the one simply watches and listens, trying to assimilate everything from the outside, while the other follows the words in detail (Goethe's were in German, with translations in the program notes) and attempts to get inside the musical-linguistic marriage. This is the more difficult approach, but certainly the more rewarding.

The program began with a series of song settings of the same Goethe poems by different composers. Here was a wonderful opportunity to explore the differences and similarities of Franz Schubert, Robert Schumann, Franz Liszt, and Hugo Wolf—the greatest masters of the German art song. The detailed program notes gave a thorough accounting of what to listen for: Schubert's simple, straightforward settings, focussing the listener's attention on the words, but providing a musical surrounding which was lovely and full of the greatest musical art; Schumann's full-blown romanticism

that almost turns the words into a backdrop for the music; Liszt's tone poems with startling musical contrasts and emotional shifts paralleling the emotional changes of the poem; and Wolf's neo-symphonic approach that allows him to mix into the brew of the song his own tortured self.

After the intermission we ventured into Alan Mallach's own compositions, a cycle of musical settings of poems written by Jewish school children in the Terezin concentration camp during World War II—a "show-case" camp used by the Germans to impress Red Cross workers and other foreign visitors. It was clear from the start that Alan was taking an unusual route with his settings of these simple but sometimes heart-rending poems. The words underlying the emotions were being given a stark and reserved musical underpinning—sometimes to the point of naked tone repetitions, other times with an almost lush rendition of the irony of the children's situation. The composer would let the tenor line wander restlessly within the words, and then have the singer tug futilely against the pathos of the music. It was a struggle that aptly suited the conflict which we were all perceiving—children going their merry way with little real knowledge of the impending doom, but nevertheless subconsciously sensitive to their plight. The songs as Alan set them have a great musical and emotional range and attest to his versatility as a composer. These and all the early romantic songs, as sung lyrically by Jack Zamboni, and professionally played by Alan at the piano, added up to a most unusual and memorable evening.

Outdoor Office

Josette Altman of MIRA takes advantage of the warm weather.

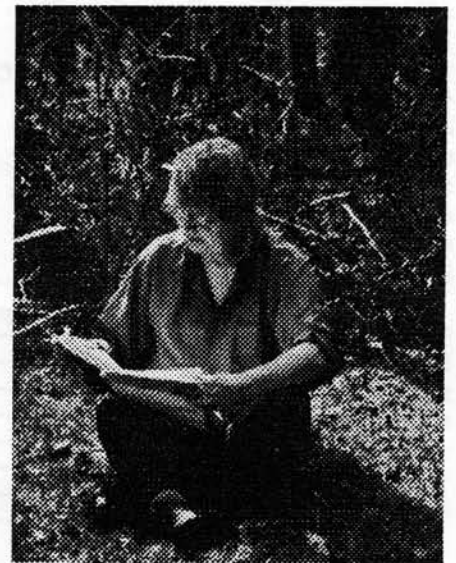
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New Poems Coming Up

by Bob Mueller

The next Roosevelt Arts Project will be another intimate evening with our local poets of note. If you attended last year's reading you remember that our poets presented many novel readings—the same poem read by different people, a poem read in parts from around the room, musical underpinning. All enhanced the poetic experience. Expect the same this year.

This event is entitled *They Do the Police in Different Voices: New Poems by Dina Coe, David Herrstrom, David Keller and Rod Tulloss*. As David Herrstrom wrote in the announcement, you can expect "the hiss & buzz, rasp & scratch, sweet-talking, counterpointing sounds of new poems. Taped voices complement and question live voices. Musical voices accompany and argue with the poems. Be prepared for cross-readings, re-readings, contra-readings. Be prepared for language to break the shores of your body and spray in your face." Remember Saturday night, April 7 at 8 PM, right here in our own Roosevelt Borough Hall (don't forget: it's *not* at Peddie this month!).



Great Russian Food! Great Roosevelt Art!

by Bob Mueller

The Grand Auction and Russian Food Fest, being sponsored by the Trenton Artists Workshop Association, is set to go the afternoon of April 22 in the gallery of Educational Testing Service located on Carter Road in Princeton. It is being held to raise the necessary money to send our Roosevelt art (and one Roosevelt artist) to Russia in conjunction with the American-USSR Artist Exchange Program.

Tickets are now available at \$20 each from: Mel Leipzig, 38 Abernathy Drive, Trenton, New Jersey 08618. Send him your check immediately (and/or any donation you might like to contribute to this cause). Come to ETS any time from 1 to 5 if you are interested in having a grand culinary treat, plus entertainment (Russian songs and perhaps Russian poetry), plus the excitement of an auction of

many wonderful works of art and other items of a very special nature.

This art (and other unusual items) is being contributed by many well-known artists, including many of our Roosevelt artists. If you want to get an original work of art by one of our Roosevelt artists, or something by other famous New Jersey artists who are contributing their art to the auction, come on out to ETS on April 22 from 1-to-5 PM.

Great Russian Food! Great Roosevelt Art!

Ordinances Before the Borough Council

Editor's Note: The Bulletin tries to publish all local ordinances after their first reading. In order to take effect, an ordinance must be approved by the Borough Council at two separate meetings.

(46A-23) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED (46A) AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING CERTAIN SALARIES AND DUTIES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Be it ordained, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt as follows:

Section 1

The following maximum salaries are hereby fixed and determined as of January 1, 1990.

Borough Clerk	\$15,000.00
Borough Treasurer	\$3,390.00
Tax Collector	\$4,988.00
Tax Assessor	\$1,895.00
Zoning Officer	\$1,680.00
Laborer, Streets and Roads	\$8,730.00
Superintendent of Public Works	\$8,235.00
Water/Sewer Collector	\$3,580.00
Water/Sewer Treasurer	\$1,665.00
Water/Sewer Operator	\$17,520.00

Section 2

All temporary employees shall be hired on an hourly basis. The hourly wage scale shall be in an amount of not less than \$3.35 per hour, and not to exceed \$12.00 per hour as determined by resolution.

Section 3

The rates for specified hourly employees shall be:

Water/Sewer Trainee and Laborer, #2,	\$8.15/hour
Deputy Borough Clerk	\$10.00/hour
Secretary of the Zoning Board and Planning Board	\$7.35/hour
Crossing Guard	\$10.00/day

Section 4

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Ordinances Before the Borough Council

(24-8) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE (24) ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE COMBINING THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, PROVIDING FOR OPERATION OF SAME AS ONE UTILITY UNDER THE NAME WATER/SEWER UTILITY DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF SAID DEPARTMENT AND EMBODYING CHARGES AND RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE SALE AND USE OF WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF TERM THEREOF, REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES AND AMENDMENTS."

Be it ordained, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt, County of Monmouth that:

Section 1

Section 13 (Water) of the Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

On and after the First of May, 1990, a minimum monthly charge for water, provided that the charge for water consumed annually does not equal or exceed minimum charges is as follows:

1. Minimum rates/monthly charge
 - (a) Each family dwelling unit and houses of Worship of any denomination \$32.00
 - (b) Any building used, equipped or designed to be used for any industrial purpose or use, and wherein water is measured as follows:
 - By 5/8 inch meter \$42.00
 - By 1 inch meter \$66.00
 - By 1 & 1/2 inch meter \$149.00
 - (c) Stores, halls, clubs, offices, service stations, restaurants and other commercial establishments \$36.00
 - (d) Farms where water is used for livestock \$46.00
 - (e) Borough owned buildings and free public schools \$0.00
 - (f) Retail stores employing no more than two persons, in which water is not used as an adjunct function of the business, as in a newspaper and stationery store \$35.00
 - (g) Outbuilding, studios, shops, and any structures in which sewage service has been extended from the residential residence \$11.00

Section 14 (Water) of the ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

On and after the first day of May 1990, a minimum annual charge for water used in swimming pools, both in ground and above ground, shall be based on capacity as follows:

1. Minimum rates, pools
 - (a) capacity of 10,000 gallons and above, per 1,000 gallon of capacity \$3.00
 - (b) Private residential pools which are not drained and refilled during the calendar year and for which a notarized statement by the owner is received prior to the first day of May in that calendar year will be billed a minimum fee as follows: \$20.00

Section 2

Section 15 (Sewer) of the Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

Premises connected with the public water system owned by the Borough of Roosevelt, and where no more than five

percent of the water used is taken from sources other than said system, a sum in accordance with the following rates computed upon the amount and use of water taken upon the premises from said public water system during said preceding annual period.

1. Rate
 - (a) First 144,000 gallons per annum \$52.00
 - (b) In excess of 144,000 gallons per annum per 1,000 gallons \$8.00
2. Minimum Rates
 - (a) Each family dwelling unit and houses of Worship of any denomination \$108.00
 - (b) Any building used, equipped or designated to be used for any industrial purpose or use, and wherein water is measured as follows:
 - By 5/8 inch meter \$163.00
 - By 1 inch meter \$210.00
 - By 1 and 1/2 meter \$487.00
 - (c) stores, halls, clubs, offices, service stations, restaurants and other commercial establishments \$148.00
 - (d) Farms where water is used for livestock \$105.00
 - (e) Borough owned buildings and free public schools. \$0.00
 - (f) Retail stores employing no more than two persons, in which water is not used as an adjunct function of the business, as in a newspaper and stationery store \$105.00
 - (g) Outbuilding, studios, shops and any structures in which sewage service has been extended from the residential residence \$37.00

Section 3

Section 16 of the Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

Where swimming pools and appurtenant facilities are connected to the public system, the annual calendar year charge will be:

1. Rate/Annual Charge
 - (a) Sewer, swimming pools and appurtenant facilities \$416.00

Section 4

This ordinance will take effect on May 1, 1990, and upon its passage and publication as required by law.

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1	2 Deborah Borough Hall 2:00 PM Frieda Rockoff, Pres. (448-0674)	3 Senior Citizens Borough Hall 2:00 PM Jeanette Koffler, Pres. (448-2259) Planning Board Borough Hall 8:00 PM Alan Mallach, chair (448-4616)	4 Bulletin Staff MIRA 7:30 PM Mark Zuckerman, Editor (443-5915)	5 Board of Ed. Budget Meeting RPS, 7:30 PM Debra Allen, Pres. (448-6978) Borough Council Agenda Meeting Boro Hall, 8:00 PM	6	7 Arts Project Poetry Reading Borough Hall 8:00 PM
8	9 <i>No School at RPS</i>	10 <i>No School at RPS</i>	11 <i>No School at RPS</i> Borough Council Borough Hall 8:00 PM Leon Barth, Mayor (448-1870) Marilyn Magnes, Council President (448-6402)	12 <i>No School at RPS</i> 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)	13 <i>No School at RPS</i>	14
15 Bulletin Deadline	16 <i>No School at RPS</i> Congregation Anshei Synagogue, 8 PM Michael Ticktin, Pres. (448-0363)	17	18	19 PTA RPS, 7:30 PM Adeenah Yeger, President (443-5848)	20	21
22	23	24 School Election RPS 2:30-9 PM see page 4 First Aid Squad Borough Hall 7:30 PM Judy Nahmias, Pres. (443-5290)	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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