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Borough Council Report

Farm Lane Residents Defend Their Trees Endangered Turtle Delays New Sewer Line 1992 Budget Decreases Taxes

by Adeline Weiner

A group of Farm Lane residents, joined by Parks Commissioner Bernarda Shahn, attended the May meeting of the Borough Council in response to the Council's invitation to discuss a plan for road repair. The proposed widening of the road to 30 feet would mean the removal of some 14 trees, according to Rose Murphy, who as former head of the Streets and Road Committee, was successful in winning an extra grant of \$125,000 from the State Department of Transportation.

Mrs. Murphy explained that the plan would bring Farm Lane into conformity with other streets in the borough, including the Farm Lane extension. This would also correct the problem of Farm Lane's being narrower at one end than the other.

Those Opposed

Planning Board Chairwoman, Gail Hunton, who could not be present, wrote to the Council to say that a substantially wider road would

be out of character with the original design of the street. She also stated her disapproval of raised curbs, urging that uncurbed streets be maintained as part of the rural nature of the town. As it happens, the present plan concurs and calls for mountable or swale-like curbs, similar to those

on Homestead Lane and Pine Drive.

Mrs. Shahn expressed her strong opposition to "destroying the wonderful trees in the path of those yellow ribbons" that served to tag the 30 foot boundaries along the sides of the road. She appealed to the council to defer to the clear wishes of Farm Lane homeowners.

Democracy In Action

These wishes were feelingly voiced by each of the dozen or so Farm Lane neighbors present. They welcomed the needed repaving, but deplored what they deemed unnecessary changes to the shape and nature of the street. They expressed in various ways the thought that they like the street just the way it is with all its trees in place. "In the absence of really compelling reasons for change," as David Herrstrom put it, the Council, he said, should allow for a certain non-uniformity and encourage the natural variations of a small rural environment. Councilman, Stuart Kaufman, assured the attending public that there is no binding commitment to the 30 foot span and that all were welcome to attend a committee meeting on May 18, at which the plan for Farm Lane would be discussed further.

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Bulletin Board

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Concern has been expressed in various quarters about the production difficulties that the Bulletin has been experiencing in recent months. We are trying, as best we can, to maintain the schedule that has been established and to continue to provide what we like to think is a needed service to the community. Special thanks are due to Leslie Carnevale, who has volunteered to provide the computer services that are required if we are to continue the format that has been followed in recent years.

Another anxious expression of concern has been received from a former resident who was deeply shocked that the Council had decided to pay itself salaries, cut the pay of municipal employees, and reduce garbage collection to once a month. Since we only received one comment along these lines, we assume that most people either (1) did not read Mr. Warren's article (or his accompanying article concerning the re-enactment of the ordinance forbidding the wearing of shorts) or (2) realized that it was published in observance of April Fool's Day. We regret any anxiety caused to this former resident or any other reader.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In Accordance with the Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, The Roosevelt Board of Education at their April 23, 1992 meeting authorized the following meetings to be held in the Roosevelt Public School at 7:30 P.M.

Special Meeting To Award Bid

Wednesday, April 29, 1992

Agenda

Thursday, May 7, 1992
 Thursday, June 4, 1992
 Thursday, July, 2 1992
 Thursday, August 6, 1992
 Thursday, September 3, 1992
 Thursday, October 1, 1992
 Thursday, November 5, 1992
 Thursday, December 3, 1992
 Thursday, January 7, 1993
 Thursday, February 4, 1993
 Thursday, March 4, 1993
 Thursday, April 1, 1993

Regular Action Will Be Taken

Thursday, May 21, 1992
 Thursday, June 18, 1992
 Thursday, July 16, 1992
 Thursday, August 29, 1992
 Thursday, September 17, 1992
 Thursday, October 15, 1992
 Thursday, November 19, 1992
 Thursday, December 17, 1992
 Thursday, January 21, 1993
 Thursday, February 18, 1993
 Thursday, March 18, 1993
 Thursday April 15, 1993

Formal Action may be taken at the Agenda Meetings when the nature of a resolution requires immediate Board Action. Formal Action will be taken at all Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board.

Unforeseen circumstances may force the rescheduling of these meetings. In such case, Notice will be given as provided in the Open Public Meetings Act.

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Planning Board News

by Bob Clark

At its May 13 meeting, the Planning Board received a progress report from Board Member Michael Ticktin on educational cost and revenue effects of various development alternatives. Mr. Ticktin, also the Borough's Tax Assessor and Chairman of the Board's Fiscal Impact Study Committee, prepared the figures as part of an effort to assess the fiscal and environmental effects of potential development or non-development in Roosevelt. The Impact Study has been underway since May 1990. It is being prepared for the Planning Board by professional consultants working with grants or donating their advice and a host of public official and private community volunteers. Former

Planning Board Chairman Alan Mallach once estimated that a similar study without volunteer assistance would cost over \$60,000.

The Study will serve as a guide for possible amendments to the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. Of particular concern are 500 acres of northern farmlands. Most are presently zoned to allow one residence for every 10 acres. A portion, at the corner of Oscar Drive and North Rochdale Avenue, is zoned for light industrial uses. In April 1991 the Planning Board amended the Land Use Element of its Master Plan to provide for limited development in the area, provided it is combined with permanent preservation of some farmland or publicly-accessible open space. The amendment called for

limited development only in accordance with a comprehensive plan for the entire northern area of the Borough.

Under state law, the Zoning Ordinance, which can be changed only by the Borough Council, must be consistent with the Master Plan, unless the Council specifically states reasons for any inconsistency. Several years ago, a Planned Community Development ordinance setting forth specific residential and open space configurations for the Notterman tract (east of Valley Road and south of Eleanor Lane) was passed in accordance with the Master Plan's description of the parcel as the next location for any significant residential growth in Roosevelt. The stage has, therefore, been set for the same kind

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Board of Education News

by Herb Johnson

This report covers three Roosevelt Board of Education meetings from April 23 thru May 7. The minutes for the April 23 "Reorganization and General Meeting" spell out that though the first Thursday of each month is called "Agenda Meeting" night, official action can take place at any meeting.

On April 23, the three newly elected members: Maureen Clark, Lauralynne Cokely, and Allen Newrath took the oath of office. John Ord and Michael Hamilton were elected President and Vice President respectively by the board members. Harry Parker and Margaret Schlinski were appointed as Co-Chairs of the Education/Personnel Committee and as NJSBA Delegate respectively. The other members of the Board are Dr. Edward Grossman and Howard Kaufman. Ms. Cokely is to be Chair of the Finance/Operations Committee and President Ord will Chair the Policy Committee.

A new meeting schedule was approved; "Agenda Meeting is on the 1st Thursday and "Regular" Meeting is on the 3rd Thursday. Both begin at 7:30 P.M. David Rubin is legal counsel, Seaman & Co. is auditor, school funds are kept at Yardville National, Midlantic National, and Central Jersey Banks. Howard Prezant is Treasurer. Dr. Michael Lupovici is school physician. Newspapers for notices are the Messenger Press and the Asbury Park Press.

Renewal of contracts for the

tenured staff was approved: Lila Mayberg, Grade 1; Elizabeth Gagliardi, Grade 2; Ilene Levine, Grade 3; Alfred Luckenbach Grade 5; Kathleen Hawthorne, Grade K and Librarian; Joanne Cohen, LTD Counselor, 2 days per week; Maxine Shore, Art, Foreign Language, and Gifted, 3 days per week; Fran Gerber, Social Worker, 2 days per week; Ruth Howard, Nurse, 1 day per week. Approved for re-hiring are: Janet Zonday, Grade 4; Pam Toth, Health/Phys. Ed., 4 days per week; Susan Palmer, Music, 2 days per week; Ronnie Levine, Speech, 2 days per week; Susan Goldfond, Resource Room/Basic Skills; Lorenzo Jones, Custodian; Helen Barth, Secretary for School, CSA and Child Study Team; Debra Leigh Allen, Business Administrator/School Board Secretary; and for second year of a three year contract, Dr. Harry Arthur Groveman, Chief School Administrator (CSA).

A letter indicated that Debra Nahmias of Roosevelt would be a student teacher here. Ilene Levine will be Assistant School Administrator in the absence of the CSA, and will be the Affirmative Action Compliance Officer. Non-resident Tuition rate will be \$3,500 for Grade K and \$5,000 for grades 1 thru 6. Approved, with Mrs. Clark and Mr. Parker opposing, were revisions in architectural plans for the new classroom area to agree with the NJ Historic Site Council suggestions.

At a Special Meeting on April 29, the Board authorized developing new specifications and re-advertising for the heating and ventilation improvements needed. A 4th grader, Jeanette Castro, was recognized for

an award she received.

Someone expressed the hope that the Borough Bulletin would be asked to resume coverage of the board meetings. Bob Clark, who covered board meetings for more than a year, had announced that if his wife, Maureen, were elected to the board, he would no longer report on school board meetings. (She was elected and the Editor asked me to fill in. I agreed to do so for the May Bulletin only. If you have any interest in this service to your community, please call the Editor.)

At the May 7 meeting, the most recent we can report on, Jim Hatzfeld attended to ask about changes proposed for next year's class groupings and rotations. The subject was on the agenda as part of the CSA's report. During the Education Committee's report, a two page position paper by the CSA was handed out to the board members and Mr. Hatzfeld. It described the present set-up and described some "strengths" and some "weaknesses." Then it listed two options for next year's set-up, Dr. Groveman being in favor of the second. Several board members were not convinced the recommended option was best. Education/Personnel Committee Chair, Harry Parker, insisted that more time was needed to study all options.

Option 1 in the report was to be about the same as this year's, except that no two grade levels will be grouped together, as grades 5 and 6 are this year. Grades 1, 2 and 3 would be self-contained units as they are now, and grades 4, 5 and 6 would retain a semi-departmental structure. I believe that means that students in the upper grades would rotate to specialists in teaching math, science

and social studies. Those teachers would also teach their home room group "Language Arts."

Option 2 calls for all grades to be self-contained but be teamed with one other grade. The teaming would be grade 1 with 2, grade 3 with 4, and grade 5 with 6. If the 6th grade teacher were a social studies specialist, he or she would teach it to 5th and 6th graders. If the grade 5 teacher were a math specialist, he or she would teach 6th graders math. Both would teach their home room students science as well as language arts. Somehow this "bi-model" approach would facilitate team teaching.

Tied in with this subject was a discussion of how either set-up would affect the selection of two new teachers to be hired for grades 6 and 1. This had a surprising element for me because I saw that Lila Mayberg was approved for contract renewal as 1st grade teacher. Tune in next month.

Other May 7th Action:

1. The East Windsor-Hightstown Regional Board will take our 7th and 8th grade students into the Melvin H. Kreps School on Kent Lane, one mile west of U.S. Route 130, instead of into the Grace Norton Rodgers School in Hightstown. The Kreps School has a capacity for 1,251 students but will have only 850 next year, made up of grades 6, 7 and 8 students.

2. Acceptance of Jomar Fencing Company's bid of \$2,885 for a new fence around the school's baseball field was postponed. Jim Hatzfeld, who had worked in previous years in the fence contracting business, advised adding diagonal braces at each end and upgrading the posts to schedule 40.

3. L & M's bid of \$2,857 for landscaping the playground area, which included inserting a 5 inch wide continuous plastic retainer strip 2 inches in the earth around the

playground, and then filling in a 3 inch deep layer of hardwood chips, and tapering the ground level up to the outer edge of the strip by adding top soil, was not accepted. Mr. Parker and Mr. Hamilton agreed to seek and coordinate volunteers to improve the playground area.

4. The lawnmower tractor is broken. The CSA was authorized to get all school property lawns cut twice a month for under \$300 per cut.

5. The State fire inspection was on May 4. Adding two electrical outlets will result in compliance.

6. Mr. Williams offered to be boys' basketball volunteer director. The Borough's insurance will cover injuries to participants but not to the directors. A release waiver will be needed so that the program can begin next fall.

7. Policies on Handicapped and on Pupil records were approved.

8. Clara Sacharoff's retirement was announced.

Recycling News

by David Donnelly

Free containers for curbside recyclables will soon be distributed to all Roosevelt residents. They are yellow pails with a 35 gallon capacity--plenty for the average household. The containers should be used only for recyclable bottles and cans on bi-weekly pick-up days.

There is a limit of one per household. Don't lose them or break them because there is a charge to get them replaced. You will soon be able to pick them up at Borough Hall during regular business hours.

Roosevelt is being considered by its garbage contractor as the beneficiary in a system to streamline garbage pick-up. If we are chose, all residents would receive a garbage can designed to be picked up and unloaded by an automated arm on the garbage truck. The garbage cans are:

- * Large enough to handle most home's garbage
- * Easy to handle because they have wheels
- * Raccoon proof
- * Free of charge.

We will be hearing if we have been chosen in early June. Look for details.

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HEALTH ISSUE: LYME

Lyme Lights

by Mary Alfare

Lyme Disease Information Forum #3:

As of this writing a third forum, co-sponsored by the RLDAC and the Roosevelt PTA, is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 P.M., in the RPS gymnasium. Guest speaker, Peggy Sturmfels, will focus on the role of parents, teachers, and school nurses in preventing, identifying, and helping children cope with Lyme Disease at home and in school. Three videos will be shown. Ms. Sturmfels is President of the New Jersey Lyme Disease Coalition and a former Vice President of the New Jersey State PTA

Protection of RPS Students:

RLDAC members Harry Parker and Bruce Reimbold assisted volunteer Jack Rindt in clearing back 20 feet of brush around the perimeter of the playground during April. Clearing of this tick habitat was done to reduce students' exposure to deer ticks.

Promotion of Public Awareness:

Leon Barth has volunteered to design and construct additional bulletin board space outside the Post Office for the purpose of posting Lyme Disease, Rabies and other health information.

Other Business:

Bruce Reimbold and Mary Alfare have been elected Co-Chairs of the

RLDAC, Elly Shapiro is Corresponding/Recording Secretary.

--Lyme Disease literature is available at the Post Office.

--Robert Jordan, research scientist with the Freehold Area Health Department, will join us at our May 21 meeting to discuss tick protection measures that can be recommended to property owners. The meeting will be at 8:00 P.M. at Borough Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

--Discussion is under way regarding widening and clearing walking paths to minimize tick exposure.

--Possible committee action regarding legislation concerning limits on LD treatment by health insurance companies.

Tick Study Status

Research Scientists Meet with Council:

Dr. Terry Schulze of the State Health Department and Robert Jordan of the Freehold Area Health Department met with the Mayor and Borough Council at the Administrative and Health and Safety Committee meeting on April 27. Under discussion was the next phase in the two to three year, federally funded study on control of deer ticks in residential areas, which began last fall.

Dr. Schulze requested formal consent for access to and treatment of borough owned property within the two sections of Roosevelt that will be followed in the next phase of the study. The area targeted for tick control treatment includes residential properties on Lake Drive, South

Valley, and South Rochdale, between Empty Box Creek and Clarksburg Road, and from South Rochdale to Spruce Lane. Wetland areas will not be treated and have already been marked off for exclusion. Permission for aerial application of granular Carbaryl to the two sections of borough property bordering the north side of Clarksburg Road within the treatment area was included in the request. The hand application that is to be used on residential property is not practical or cost effective in the dense underbrush on the borough property, according to Dr. Schulze and Mr. Jordan.

The second section, residential and borough property along Eleanor Lane, will be the "control" site. This area will not be treated, but live trapping of small mammals and collection of ticks will continue during the course of the study for comparison with the treated area.

Response To Questions And Concerns:

Dr. Schulze explained that the tick control study is "not really experimental. I've been killing ticks since 1985," he said, citing several tick control studies. The study in Roosevelt "is a demonstration project... to show the effectiveness of a large scale application in a residential area," and to "determine the practicality on a community-wide basis."

In response to questions about the possible toxicity of the granular Carbaryl that is to be used, Dr. Schulze stated that Carbaryl "is designed to kill things" but "it is not

a significant threat to human health, particularly in the granular, dry formulation" that will be used. It is categorized as "slightly toxic" by the federal government, and is available over the counter. Carbaryl has a half-life of two weeks and is not a "residual material" as was DDT, Dr. Schulze explained.

Other insects will be killed along with the targeted deer ticks, he added in further discussion. "However, spiders and other insects have multiple generations per year and will quickly return. The 90% tick kill has a considerable impact on that population because of its two-year life cycle. 90% of the nymphs are killed in the spring, which impacts the adults in the fall and the next spring." One application is expected to control the tick population for two to three years, according to Dr. Schulze.

He further reported that the aerial application will be by helicopter from tree top level. There should be

"minimum drift" of the Carbaryl due to the granular formulation. The copter blades should help drive the Carbaryl straight down.

" P H E N O M E N A L COOPERATION" was Dr. Schulze's characterization of residents' response to the study. All but four of the fifty-four Lake Drive treatment areas have agreed to participate. The properties of those who declined will not be treated. Hand application of granular Carbaryl to property lines and "tick habitat" landscaping of participating properties will begin in late May, early June and timing is dependent on weather conditions and tick activity.

Formal consent to include borough property in the study, as requested, was given by motion of the Borough Council, at the Special Council Meeting, later that evening.

Date Set:

Aerial application to the property bordering Clarksburg Road has been

set for June 2, weather permitting. It will be done mid-morning. Contacted about the need for precautions, Dr. Schulze stated that it would be helpful if residents stayed out of their yards during the actual application (both aerial and hand) but could return immediately after completion. Parents should pull toys up near the back of the house, away from areas to be treated. Lawns and vegetable gardens will not be treated.

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Lyme Disease Symptoms

According to the Lyme Disease Foundation, the following are symptoms of Lyme Disease in humans at the various stages of infection which are currently

delineated as early, disseminated and chronic. It is important to note that a person may be reinfected at any time.

Early Infection

Flu-like symptoms include headache, fever, muscle or joint pain, unusual tiredness, loss of appetite or swollen glands.

A rash at the bite site or other places occurs in about half the cases. Rashes may be various sizes, shapes and colors in addition to the characteristic "bull's eye."

Discoloration at the site of the bite within hours of tick removal may be skin irritation and not disease.

Conjunctivitis is another symptom of early infection.

Disseminated Infection

General symptoms include fatigue, loss of appetite and vomiting.

Brain involvement may include severe headaches; cranial nerve paralysis such as facial droop or light sensitivity; loss of reflexes; radiating

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Time To Talk About Lyme Disease Again

by Joan Grossman, Staff Writer

For many victims of Lyme Disease, every day is an "awareness day." And for good reason. In New Jersey and other states with moderate climates, the tick-borne disease poses a year-round threat.

Special efforts are being made to bring the disease to the forefront now that *Ixodes dammini* nymphs, which are most responsible for transmitting the disease, are most active here.

Among them is the Governor's expected declaration of May as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" in response to an Assembly resolution which 30th district legislators Melvin Cottrell and Robert Singer plan to introduce today.

Transmission

The disease is transmitted in New Jersey primarily by the painless bite of an infected deer tick, *Ixodes dammini*. The tick has a two-year life cycle, as outlined in a special publication prepared by Deborah Fiola Smith, Ocean County Agricultural Agent. It needs only one blood meal at each stage.

In its larval stage, the tick is about the size of a pin head and tan in color. It may feed in late summer on an infected host - mice, voles, chipmunks - picking up the disease from the infected host.

Nymphs, which are the size of a poppy seed, are either beige in color, or transparent with a dark head. They feed generally from May through August on larger animals like raccoons, squirrels, birds, cats and dogs, and humans.

During this feeding the infected nymph transmits the spirochete

Borrelia burgdorferi which causes Lyme Disease.

Adults are the size of a sesame seed before feeding. Males are black. Females have a brick-red abdomen and black shield near the head. They swell to 1/4 in. when engorged. Adults are most active from September through November, and again in March and April. Preferred hosts are deer, although they will also feed on cattle, horses, dogs and other large animals. Humans are accidental hosts. Secondary vector

In New Jersey, the Lone star tick, *Amblyomma americanum*, is a secondary vector of Lyme Disease. It is found primarily south of an imaginary line stretching from Trenton to Sandy Hook, according to Dr. Louis Vasvary, entomologist with Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

The bite of a Lone star is painful, aiding in early detection, in contrast to the painless and often unnoticed bite of the deer tick.

Larvae and nymphs may attach to the same hosts as adults. Adults are dominant during spring and early summer with immature forms predominant later in the year.

It is important to note that other blood suckers may transmit the disease mechanically.

Prevention

Prevention is always the most effective cure, particularly with this disease which still does not boast its own direct detection test. (The antigen capture test, commonly called the gold stain, is said to be on the horizon, with licenses currently sought, according to Thomas Forschner, executive director of the Lyme Disease Foundation based in Tolland, Conn.)

Prevention starts on a personal level with a program of daily vigilance.

* Check entire body frequently and thoroughly for ticks, paying particular attention to areas that are moist and somewhat "protected" --

behind knees, hairlines, ears, groin and genital areas as well as armpits, anyplace at which there is a fold of skin.

Do body checks at least once a day, more often if the situation warrants it. Ideally tick checks should be accompanied by showers which may wash away unattached ticks which are still searching for a place to attach and feed.

* Because pets are notorious for carrying ticks into the home, and because they are victimized by the disease as well, frequent checks should be done on them as well, paying particular attention to the area around ears and eyes.

* Avoid tick habitats which include wooded areas and open fields which have high grasses or low shrubs. They also include fringes of wooded areas as well as areas with landscaping which employs low shrubs or groundcovers.

* When working or walking in such areas, take care not to brush against foliage which is where ticks quest, literally waiting to be "brushed up" by a passing animal or human.

* Wear light-colored clothing with pants tucked into socks - bind with duct tape for added protection - long-sleeved shirt and even a hat.

Wearing socks even with shorts or skirts offers more protection on a daily basis than bare feet or footwear without socks. This is a winnable compromise with children in the heat of summer - provided they are not entering high risk areas.

* Adults may treat clothing with permethrin or permethrin following manufacturers' instructions; it should last two to three washings. Dr. Vasvary suggests that the area from waist down is most important to treat; and also suggests that a touch of permethrin on hat brims will also ward off other biting pests from the head area.

* Use of repellants containing 30-50 percent DEET on exposed skin

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Property Treatment Helps Reduce Risk

by Joan Grossman, Staff Writer

Appropriate maintenance of property, particularly in warmer weather, helps to control the deer tick which transmits Lyme Disease, and therefore, may reduce the incidence of disease, according to experts.

Entomologist Louis Vasvary of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service recommends regular mowing of grass to a maximum of 3 in. around buildings, lawns and walkways to avoid making those areas habitable for ticks or the animals on which they feed and hitch rides.

In addition, cut back or remove entirely the brush adjacent to play areas, trails and other walkways. This will prevent a casual brush against them during the course of a walk or just playing in the yard which is how deer ticks are picked up by potential hosts. In their world, this is the ultimate invitation to dinner -- on you.

Targeted treatment with acaricides

An additional step which may be taken, in appropriate terrain and infested areas, is the targeted treatment with acaricides.

Key factors are the timing of the application, the area treated, and the product and formulation used.

Property treatment with granular acaricides during the last week of May or the first week of June should be sufficient to control the nymphs which are most active this time of year and effectively eradicate the

population of adults they would have become the following season. Because of their size and questing habits, this is the stage most responsible for the transmission of Lyme Disease.

Dr. Vasvary recommends treating border areas adjacent to fields and woods, and other areas which contain waist-high shrubs. This includes the borders of landscaped areas.

Treatment of lawn areas is not recommended since these areas are not hospitable to ticks or the same small animals discussed earlier. Treatment of these lawn areas may, in fact, constitute overtreatment and pose what State Health Department research scientist Dr. Terry Schulze terms "unnecessary environmental assault."

Granular formulations of federal EPA -approved acaricides are recommended since they permeate the leaf litter and duff in which the nymphs, active from May through August, are most commonly found. Sprays may control adult populations which are found higher up on vegetation, and which are more active in the fall and early spring, but they do not offer effective control for nymphs.

Dr. Schulze's multi-year studies on public lands have shown that it is possible to achieve 95 percent control with one proper application of granular Sevin or carbaryl at this time of year. A general purpose pesticide, it is commonly used in vegetable gardens and flea and tick collars and can be purchased wherever lawn and garden products are sold.

According to the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, carbaryl is rated as having low to moderate toxicity to mammals

and low toxicity to birds. It has a two week half-life.

Application

Property owners may treat their own property or engage a pest control company to do the job for them.

If you are doing the work yourself, follow the manufacturer's specific directions for deer tick control since the compound may be used on a variety of pests.

A chest-mounted cyclone seeder will do the job nicely since it allows the applicator to negotiate the most uneven terrain and proper control requires even distribution of the compound.

Be sure to dress appropriately. That includes long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into socks, taped with duct tape to seal any possible entry area for the ticks that might be picked up.

The use of a personal repellent containing a maximum of 30-50 percent DEET or permethrin on clothing from the waist down is also advised.

Once the job is complete, strip and do a thorough body check for ticks and follow immediately with a shower.

Laundry clothing or put them into a dryer for 20 minutes to kill the ticks that may have attached. An alternative is to store the unlaundered clothing in a tightly sealed plastic bag, preferably outdoors, to contain the ticks until laundering.

Pest control companies

If you opt to hire out the job of treating your property, be advised that anyone who puts down pesticides for hire must be certified by the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection and Energy's Bureau of Pesticide Control. Ask to see the

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of adults and on clothing of children also offers protection. Caution and common sense should be employed when using any compound on clothing or body.

Tick removal

The Lyme Disease Alert published by the LFDF explains that the tick's harpoon-like barbs allows it to penetrate and maintain attachment to the skin, aided by a secretion of a cement-like substance which holds the tick in place until it engorges and drops off or is removed.

* If a tick is found searching for a feeding spot and has not yet attached, remove it as soon as possible since prompt and proper removal may actually prevent Lyme Disease.

Use a tweezers to take care to put a tissue or something else between your fingers and the tick. Wrap it in the tissue or toilet paper and flush it down the toilet.

Do not attempt to burn, crush or in any other way mutilate the tick as it may cause the release of infectious juices.

* If it is already attached, use a fine point tweezers or other tick removal device. It is better to wait for a tweezer removal than to pull the tick off with your fingers, the Lyme Disease Foundation cautions.

Adults should seek the assistance of someone else to aid in removing ticks from their bodies. Children should be trained to seek the assistance of an adult for proper removal.

* To remove the tick, grasp the tick's mouthparts - the point of attachment - as close to the skin as possible and gently pull straight out with a steady pressure and avoid twisting or jerking the tick.

* Never use any other method of removal; burning and pricking may cause release of infectious tick juices; smothering with nail polish or petroleum jelly is useless since the tick has enough oxygen to last through the entire feeding.

* Disinfect the bite area and

removal device with antiseptic. Thoroughly wash hands of the remover, as well.

* Save the tick for identification and testing.

Tick identification and testing

Free identification of ticks and testing for the presence of the Lyme Disease spirochete, *Borrelia burgdorferi* are handled locally through the Monmouth and Ocean County health departments and Cooperative Extension Services.

Live ticks should be placed, intact, in an airtight jar with a few blades of grass.

The Monmouth County Health Department handles identification and testing. The office is located at Route 9 and Campbell Court, Freehold, N.J. 07728; phone (908) 431-7456.

The Monmouth Cooperative Extension office at 20 Court Street in Freehold, N.J. 07728, also provides tick identification services. That number is (908) 431-7260.

In Ocean County, the Cooperative Extension Service will identify the tick, then forward it to the Ocean County Health Department which will test for the presence of Bb.

The Ocean County Extension office is located at 1623 Whitesville Road, Toms River, N.J. 08755; phone (908) 349-1245.

The Ocean County Health Department is located at 175 Sunset Ave., P.O. Box 2191, Toms River, N.J. 08754; phone (908) 341-9700.

Dead ticks may be tested for the presence of Bb by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station which operates the project under a grant from the LDF.

Dead ticks should be placed intact in a crush-proof container which is inserted into a postal mailer. Mark it "please hand cancel."

Mail to: Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St., P.O. Box 1106, New Haven, Conn. 06504. The phone number is (203) 789-7241.

Borough Council Report

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Rare Species Found In Local Woods

Early in April, James Carnevale, Chairman of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission, asked that a scenic walkway be created coincidentally with the laying of new sewage pipe in the easement between Rochdale Avenue and Tamara Drive. In a meeting with the Marvec Co. engineer, however, several unexpected difficulties arose, among which was the discovery of an endangered species in the designated area. The animal is the wood turtle, which was first anticipated to be native to that particular environment by an assistant to Dr. Jean Marie Hartman, the consultant to the Environmental Commission. Then one of the species was actually sighted by Commission member Dave Schwendeman. The Commission promptly voted to drop the idea of a pathway in this area, and after consultation with the appropriate officials, Mr. Carnevale informed the council that the sewer pipe construction could begin in late August after the wood turtle population made its customary migration away from the site. The work will be completed before their return in the fall.

Taxes Go Down

The 1992 budget ordinance, though calling for an increase in spending, actually reduces the municipal purposes tax rate from 26 cents to 9.5 cents per \$100 assessed value. A public hearing and a final vote will take place at the June 8 council meeting. Although the submission of the budget for state approval comes nearly half-way into

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the calendar year, a resolution sent to the state offers the explanation that "necessary studies needed time for satisfactory completion and final conclusions on certain appropriations were delayed." Since many other communities are similarly late, there is little worry that a penalty will ensue.

New Extension Granted

Utilities Chairwoman Rose Murphy reported that, after an inspection by the DEPE, a Force Majeure request was granted allowing a two-month extension to November 1 for completion of the sewer treatment plant construction. Landscaping, with a screen of trees to be planted around the plant, is scheduled to begin this month.

Recycling Up

Health, Safety and Environment Committee Chairman David Donnelly announced that Roosevelt stands at or near the top in the county in percentage of recycled material collected, though he had little confidence in the exact figures he was given. In an effort to further reduce landfill waste, he urged a voluntary ban on grass clippings. Instead of gathering up the cut grass, householders are requested to leave the cuttings on the lawn, thus reducing our total volume of garbage.

He reported that the 35 gallon yellow containers that will carry all recyclables except newspapers were ready for distribution. One will be provided to each household. There will be a \$10 cost if replacement is necessary. As recyclable paper materials that are brought to the shed increase in volume, the Marcal Co., which processes the material will provide free trees, which we may be able to use at the sewage treatment plant.

Various and Sundry Matters

An ordinance establishing maximum penalties for violations of Borough ordinances was given final passage. The maximum penalty for all ordinances is now \$1,000 per violation.

The Council authorized the Borough engineer, De Muro Associates, to apply to the Department of Transportation for grants for improvement of Valley Road, School Lane and Tamara Drive.

Rose Murphy was appointed to the Welfare Board as Council representative for a one year term.

A proclamation designating May 1992 as Older Americans Month, was read, in the absence of Mayor Allen, by Peter Warren, the most senior member present. The Borough joins other government agencies in urging that all residents honor senior citizens and their significant contributions to society.

Lyme Disease Symptoms

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sensations; memory problems; stroke in rare cases; as well as inflammation of the spinal cord, brain or nerves.

Eye involvement may be inflammation of various eye parts or the optic nerve, retinal detachments, and double vision.

Skin involvement is characterized by single or multiple rashes per bite occurring over the body and benign skin tumors.

Joint and muscle problems include mild to severe pain which may be migratory, inflammation and loss of tone.

Heart manifestations include irregular beats, heart block and inflammation.

Hepatitis and elevated liver enzymes may also be present.

Chronic Infection

General chronic fatigue.

Cognitive or behavioral changes, disorders of the peripheral nerves, demyelinating-like syndromes, severe headaches, and inflammation of the brain.

Loss of vision.

Degeneration of skin on hands or feet and recurring rashes.

Disabling joint pain which is intermittent or chronic.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Mayor and Borough Council
FROM: Gail Hunton, Chair
Roosevelt Planning Board
DATE: May 6, 1992
SUBJECT: Farm Lane Reconstruction Project

This memo is a follow-up to a discussion today regarding the abovementioned project with Peter Warren, Council Representative to the Planning Board. Since I can not attend the Council meeting on May 11th, I ask that you read this memo during the Council's discussion of the Farm Lane project.

It has come to my attention that the plans for the reconstruction of Farm Lane are nearing completion. It is also my understanding that time is of the essence and that there may not be time for the Planning Board to review the plans before construction bidding. On behalf of the Planning Board, therefore, I make the following recommendations so that they may be considered in a timely manner prior to the finalization of the project plans:

1. Road Width:

Carefully evaluate the width of the new road in relation to the original street width of Farm Lane and to impacts on healthy trees within or proximate to the project area. While it may be desirable to have a slightly wider road than exists, a substantially wider road would be out of character with the original community plan of the historic district and would result in the destruction of a greater number of trees. I do not concur with the position that Farm Lane should be increased in width in anticipation of any potential future development of the Notterman tract.

2. Curb Treatment:

Raised curbs are not recommended. First, they are inconsistent with the original community plan and the majority of existing street treatments within the original part of the town. Secondly, planners and designers increasingly are recommending against raised curbs in smaller communities such as ours because un-curbed streets contribute to the rural, small town character. As an alternative, I recommend a swale treatment such as exists on Homestead Lane and Pine Drive.

3. Impacts on Street Trees:

It appears that a number of trees (perhaps 10 to 20) will have to be removed if the road is widened to its proposed 30 foot width. While some of these have been identified as diseased or dead and need to be removed in any case, the road reconstruction should be designed to have an absolute minimum impact on healthy trees. Specifically, the project should reduce the number of trees that would have to be removed, adequately protect trees, which are close to the project area so that root systems are not harmed as a result of construction, and plant new street trees to replace trees that are removed. A professional landscape architect, in consultation with the Shade Tree Commission or the Environmental Commission, should draft the specifications in the project's construction documents regarding protection measures for existing trees as well as the planting of new trees.

Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

cc: Planning Board

May 13, 1992

To: Roosevelt Planning Board
From: Mayor Lee Allen
Ref: Farm Lane Reconstruction

I wish to show my appreciation to the Roosevelt Planning Board and particularly your Chairwoman, Gail Hunton, for the recommendations on the subject project. For your information and in response to the recommendations I would like to address each in order:

1. Road Width:

Maintaining the community character is a prime concern on this project along with both safety and welfare issues. The current plans are consistent with the original intent and design of Farm Lane. Because the borough government, in the past, has allowed vegetation to slowly encroach upon the street, this project gives the appearance of drastically widening the road when in fact, is merely re-establishing original boundaries. The primary reason for re-establishing original street width is to provide a safer route for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic between the Solar Village, the post office and the school. This is a significant objective in the absence of sidewalks. A comparison of Farm Lane to either Homestead Lane, Lake or Pine Drives will quickly resolve any misunderstandings.

2. Curb treatment:

Once again, the decision about curbs was made only after a careful review of the original intent of the community and remnants of the original design as illustrated by sections of Homestead Lane, Pine Drive and Rochdale Avenue. Particularly, concrete swales on these streets were constructed to carry storm water runoff, define the edges of the street and provide access to driveways without specially constructed ramps. Research into these swales indicate that first, no expertise in the construction industry exists to reproduce these unique structures; and, second, to reconstruct the swales was determined to be an unreasonable expense at this time. Therefore, the design specifications call for a mountable curb which is basically an inclined plane from the road surface up to the graded vegetation. It is the Council's opinion and one that we hope you will come to share that this alternative is consistent with the original community design, closely resembles the original swales, and is the most cost effective alternative.

3. Impacts on Street Trees:

First, let me state that the Mayor and Council firmly believe that fostering the growth of trees within Roosevelt and the world in general is in the best interest of our community as well as our planet. Our active support of the Homestead and Co-operative Circle Parks underscore our commitment to this endeavor. However, the placement of trees over which we have direct control must also be in the best interest of the community as a whole. All engineering guidelines recommend against the placement of any tree within 10 - 15 feet of a structural foundation. The common sense reason for this is to provide adequate room for root growth to protect the structures and allow a more healthy and stable development of the tree. By a natural extension of this concept, to place or have any substantial tree within 10 feet of a roadway is inviting increased repair and maintenance costs. To invite such costs, when alternatives are available, can be determined to be in contradiction to the welfare of the community. Additionally, having trees immediately adjacent to the roadway perceptually diminishes the width of the roadway and thereby reduces the safety margins of the traffic on the roadway. It can also be argued that having trees so close to a roadway increases the probability of major or minor damage to the trees and personal property, which in turn will affect the health and vitality of the trees themselves. It is with this in mind that we heartily accept the recommendation that a landscape architect be

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Planning Board News

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of detailed ordinance to govern development in the northern farmlands.

In addition to Mr. Ticktin, members of the Fiscal Impact Study Committee include Board Chairwoman Gail Hunton, Board Member and former Mayor Bert Ellentuck, Mayor Lee Allen, Councilman Howard Prezant, a former Borough Treasurer and Robert Eisner, a former Borough Auditor.

The Borough's land use decisions will have the greatest economic impact in the areas of education and utilities, according to Professor David Listokin of the Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers. Dr. Listokin donated his services as coordinator of the Fiscal Impact Study after discussing the project with Ms. Hunton and Mr. Mallach. He had been impressed by Roosevelt's proactive approach to planning, appreciative of the community's historical significance and sympathetic with its inability to engage an expensive consulting firm. Ms. Hunton has characterized Dr. Listokin as "the guru of fiscal impact studies." She has emphasized that all conclusions of the final Fiscal Impact Study will be made only with the approval of Professor Listokin. Thus, decisions will be based on findings validated by an impartial expert from outside the community.

Mr. Ticktin reported at a previous meeting that, since it is possible to require a developer to bear the costs of any upgrading of the utilities systems necessitated by a new development, the single most important factor in the fiscal impact

analysis for Roosevelt will be the impact on school expenses and revenues. Professor Listokin provided guidelines for the number of school children in elementary grades that different sized dwellings produce on average. Building on those numbers, Mr. Ticktin's progress report gave education figures for various growth alternatives.

Calculating costs of children inhabiting three bedroom homes and expenses and state financial aid if they were sent to East Windsor or attended Roosevelt Public School (RPS), Mr. Ticktin determined that each house would generate an annual surplus of revenue for the town so long as no addition to the school would be required. Amounts of the surplus varied from \$79 for a \$135,000 house if Roosevelt sent all of its students to East Windsor to \$2,587 for a \$150,000 house if the existing school system (K-6 RPS/7-12 East Windsor) remained.

Mr. Ticktin also reported on whether additional houses could be built in Roosevelt without having to expand RPS. He noted that there are currently 334 dwelling units in town (312 houses and 22 apartments). Because 20 units are restricted to senior citizen occupancy and one is an efficiency, 313 may send children to RPS. Assuming the average unit is a three bedroom house, Mr. Ticktin calculated that 97 students may be expected from the existing housing stock. Dr. Listokin had indicated that an average .31 K-6 students inhabit three bedroom houses; therefore, $313 \times .31 = 97$. Mr. Ticktin added that since the actual current enrollment at RPS is only 85, "it may be advisable to await household size and composition figures based on the

1990 census before arriving at any definitive conclusions."

Mr. Ticktin further reported that RPS's capacity is 140, based on an average class size of 20 when the current school renovation and expansion project is completed. This is 43 more students than the current housing is likely to provide, according to Mr. Ticktin's calculations. Four RPS pupils would come from three bedroom houses on the 14 possible "infill lots" scattered around town ($14 \times .31 = 4.34$). 17 students would come from the Notterman tract, whether it develops with 54 single family homes as allowed by zoning or the alternative of 46 single family homes and 30 apartments. The northern farmlands could contribute 22 more students to this mix to reach RPS's capacity of 140 ($97 + 4 + 17 + 22 = 140$). Mr. Ticktin concluded that 71 three bedroom homes could be constructed on the northern land without necessitating any additions to RPS ($71 \times .31 = 22.01$).

It has been estimated that, under current zoning, up to 44 houses could be built on the northern acreage, which includes a lot of non-buildable wetlands. Thus, 112 to 134 new housing units could be built in town under existing zoning ($54 + 76 + 14 + 44$). Those houses on ten-acre lots would likely have more than three bedrooms each. If the zoning were changed to allow an additional 27 houses, and all of the houses were restricted to smaller lots more likely to contain three bedroom houses, RPS would be occupied to capacity, according to Mr. Ticktin's calculations.

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission, created in December 1990, is preparing a Natural Resource

Inventory (sometimes called an Environmental Resource Inventory), which will be part of the overall Impact Study. The Commission used a \$2,500 DEPE matching grant to pay a coordinator, Professor Jean-Marie Hartman of Rutgers' Landscape Architecture Department, to prepare the Inventory. It will include a wetlands analysis that will guide development limitations to protect environmentally sensitive areas. "Viewsapes," long cherished by Rooseveltians, will also be noted. Early this year, about 15 volunteers took to the fields to plot streams and delineate surrounding wetlands for maps prepared by Dr. Hartman. Volunteering her expertise to assist the group was Borough resident Kate John-Alder, a landscape architect. The Environmental Commission has obtained a second \$2,500 matching grant to conduct more detailed studies.

The non-profit Trust for Public Land (TPL) may assist the Borough by arranging compensation for owners of developable land consigned to open space as a result of zoning changes derived from the Impact Study. A December 1990 resolution by the Borough Council endorsed the concept of planning to balance limited development with preserved open space and farmlands "in a manner best consistent with the environmental, landscape, social and economic character of the community." The TPL required the resolution as a clear statement of the Council's support for its efforts. The April 1991 Master Plan amendment provided further encouragement for the TPL's activities.

If Roosevelt's Impact Study leads to zoning changes consistent with the

TPL's aim of preserving accessible open space, the TPL may seek to gain control of affected lands by purchase or acquisition of development rights. To recoup its investment and costs the TPL would sell to developers only those lands deemed appropriate for development purposes. The developers would have to abide by zoning and other restrictions that would maximize the amount of open space preserved in perpetuity. The goal is to curtail the ability of a few landowners and developers to adversely alter the environment, character and economics of Roosevelt.

In other action on May 13, the Planning Board passed a resolution requesting the Council to take all appropriate measures to preserve trees during the reconstruction of Farm Lane. The resolution suggested that this could be accomplished by retaining a narrower roadway, while restricting parking to one side to maintain the width needed for vehicles and pedestrians. It also recommended that a landscape architect review the plans to suggest ways to preserve trees.

Mr. Ticktin proposed the resolution, which was adopted by a 6-2 vote after lengthy discussion of safety, aesthetics, curb alternatives and structural damage from tree roots. Mr. Ticktin, Deborah Metzger, Ms. Hunton, Harry Parker, Jeffrey Hunt and Paul Henry voted in favor of the resolution. Mayor Allen and Melvin Friedman voted against it. Council member Peter Warren was not present for the vote, and Board members David Leff and Bert Ellentuck were not present at the meeting.

The Council has planned to widen

the road to 30 feet for its entire length. Many residents along Farm Lane prefer to retain the present width in order to avoid removal of trees. The issue is complicated by the fact that many elderly pedestrians from the Solar Village travel Farm Lane to the Post Office and Deli, and there is no useable sidewalk.

The Board also granted a variance to Diane and Claude Rocchia of Tamara Drive allowing the construction of an enclosed sun porch on their attached house. They were permitted to deviate from the side yard clearance required by the Zoning Ordinance because of hardship occasioned by their lot configuration.

Property Treatment Helps reduce risk

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certification.

Then interview the applicator to be sure he or she possesses the knowledge and expertise to do the job properly. That includes knowing when and where to treat and with what.

For more information on pesticides and those who apply them, call the DEPE at (609) 530-4123.

For more information on property control in general, and on selecting and scheduling property treatments, contact your local Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service:

* In Monmouth County, call
(908) 431-7260.

* In Mercer County, (609) 989-6380.

* In Ocean County, (908) 349-1245.

* Burlington County, (609) 265-5050.

Et Nos In Illis... And We Change Too

by Peter Warren

New Kids on the Block... None.

Moving In... No one.

Moving Out... No one.

On the Market... As of May 15, 16 houses for sale.

Building... On Nurko Road, just outside of Roosevelt, 11 5-bedroom, 2 and 1/2 bath houses on 38 acres plus five already built, starting at \$229,000.

Awarded... Jack Guyette, First Aid Squad Captain, Hightstown 1991 Community Service Award by Knights of Columbus; Bettie Witherspoon, Executive Director of Better Beginnings Day Care Center, by Cherish the Children Foundation; 2nd place in regional Students Invention and Technology competition to Christopher Lepore, 7th grade; High Honors, HHS Third marking period, to Rachel Brahinsky, Traci Connaughton; Honors to Barry Kanzcucker, Alemayehu Kassahun, Harris Kaufman, Christopher Suk, Teresa Turiano.

Exhibited... At State Department of Education, art by Jeanette Castro, 4th grade; Sarah Henry, 6th grade; and Cristine Feigenbaum, 1st grade....At Mercer County Artists Show in the Communications Center of Mercer County Community College from May 29 through June 27, one painting each: Robin Middleman Filepp, Sue Libsohn, Judy Nahmias and Liz Dauber Prestopino.

Earned... \$650 by First Aid Flower Show and Bake Sale.

Thrown... Opening baseballs by Mayors Allen and Gable at the new 14-acre Millstone-Roosevelt field on Sweetman's Lane on May 9.

Foiled... By Manny Koffler, would-be theft of cherry trees from Jersey Homesteads Triangle.

Not Foiled... Vandalism at Roosevelt Memorial.

Vaccinated... Against rabies on May 9: 26 cats, 21 dogs.

Licensed... As of May 15: 125 dogs of about 140 in town.

Details... In 1990 census: Roosevelt population 884; 91% native-born, 40% college degree, 63% lived in same house since 1985.

Postponed... Until August: 1,300 feet of sewer line reconstruction along Empty Box Brook to adjust the two-week work schedule to spawning habits of wood turtles.

Flowing... Month of April: sewerage 182,000 gpd (DEPE ceiling, 250,000 gpd); water, 110,000 gpd (conservation goal, 90,000).

The Way We Were

by Gloria Hazell

This column will show that what we think are new problems in this small rural town, have been through their paces before. I will be looking through the old issues of the Bulletin for items that are hot now, then the paper will re-print the words that have been said in years past. If nothing is occurring, then I'll find an interesting historic article that will let the newer folks in town see how Roosevelt came to be as it is now, and for the "oldies" I hope you'll get great memories. Enjoy.

The issue this month is the widening of Farm Lane, the cutting down of trees, and the fear of the residents that the flavor of the road will alter. Let's see what has been written before...

Part of an article titled "Report from North Valley Road," which was written in April 1986, by an unnamed author states,

"Last September when the building on North Valley Road began and rumors started to fly like paper cups around the place, a group of residents wrote the Mayor and the Borough Engineer, Mr. Birdsall. We hoped to save the trees remaining along the road and to avoid having it widened, actions which appeared to be imminent." "The Planning Board did resolve to ask the builders to do all they could to spare the trees along the roadway." "Having issued their decision, neither anyone on the Planning Board, nor the Building Inspector, have taken action to see

that the builders were in fact trying to avoid damaging trees. The builder does not seem to have informed any of the 15 or so men who have been operating front-end loaders, bulldozers and blades." "After removing the lovely apple trees on the corner of Farm Lane, the builders have left most of the tree trunks but have done all they could to make certain these trees do not survive long."

"One of the issues brought up in connection with the development is that of street width. Mr. Birdsall wants our roads widened. He says that the state "likes streets to be a minimally thirty feet wide, some six feet wider than North Valley Road. Apparently the state will not give aid for roads narrower than that." "There are too many rumors that such widenings are only to allow for the increased car traffic, development of the area will bring. Though wider roads make it easier for traffic, they increase the distance between people; wide roads often give the appearance of many, separated neighborhoods rather than a single community..."

The Historic Preservation Ordinance which was introduced in March 1986, gives definitions according to a Council report written by Peter Gould at that time.

..."Historic District," "Historic architectural area," "improvement," "demolition," and "principle historic structure" are all

defined. The Ordinance "recognizes the pioneering nature of Roosevelt's balance of homes and greenbelt" and "It provides a statement affirming our interest in keeping the greenbelt concept."

When the developers were wanting to build in March 1988, which would have made the town into a mini-Twin Rivers, and would have taken away the unique, personal, beauty of Roosevelt, David Brahinsky said in a Viewpoint article:

..."Should I say: "The Town is Dead, Long Live the Town?" There are those who think this way - new town, double, triple in population, new money... Or should I be a little nasty and say that those who think this way don't understand the value of open fields before their eyes, open air to breathe, land for wildlife to flourish - some quiet in an ever increasingly noisy world?" "We who still wish for openness are suffering. We are losing a long, mostly silent war. The Developers are coming! The Developers are coming! In their wake they leave the corpse (of this and many, many other places and towns as they were when the quality of the environment was considered essential to the quality of life). And we mourn."

As we all know the trees on North Valley Road where the new houses were built no longer exist, and the developers decided to build elsewhere, to the relief of at least half of the town.

Environmentally Speaking....

by Gloria Hazell

Andy and I have just started running an environmentally oriented program for children, where we whet the kids' appetites for all the wonders of nature and the world that we live in. The part of the program that fascinates the kids, and the adults who accompany us, is listening to the heart-beat of a tree.

Since the beginning of time humans have looked at trees and have seen a tall rugged plant with leaves in the summertime, and bare branches in winter. They knew that they could cut it down and use it for warmth, and shelter, and that often food grew on certain types. One thing that they accepted was that the tree had a spirit, that it was alive as they were, and that that life should be respected. They never heard its heartbeat, they didn't need to because they could feel it within themselves. If they had to cut a tree they would pray and ask for permission, they would only cut what they needed, and would not waste anything. As time went on, man lost the ability to feel the life of inanimate objects, they looked and only saw power. A tree turns into building materials, or fuel for keeping factories awake, which changes into money, which brings about power for the person who owns the land that the trees grow on. It was found that a big old green tree, can give us humans oxygen, and that it takes into itself the bad air that we do not want. In fact, all trees assist with cleaning our air. Did that make any

difference to us humans? No, of course not; money in our age means more to people than the air that we breathe, and so we continue to cut our friends, the trees, down. We care not that the tree is a wonderful, living, breathing organism, as we are.

Maybe you think that because we live in Roosevelt this whole scenario doesn't touch us. Oh, how wrong you are! Did you know that right at this moment our elected officials are thinking of cutting a number of old growth trees on Farm Lane? "What reason?" you may ask. Well, because the road has to be 30 feet wide, as are all the other roads in town, and that they have been given a grant to make the road better. How taking trees down makes a road better is beyond me. Also, that there may be another 75 houses built at the Solar Village end of the road, and the increased traffic would need the wider roads. There are no safety reasons for the trees to come down; if there were, I and my fellow residents of Farm Lane who were at a meeting on May 11th (reported elsewhere in the Bulletin) could understand and accept it. We cannot accept our trees which make our road so appealing, and which go to make Roosevelt unique, being cut down for no reason other than money, and uniformity. Would you? If so, please attend one of our programs, and listen to the heartbeat of a tree.

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consulted on the appropriate placement of new and existing trees. Hopefully, a resident of our community with these skills would volunteer their services to satisfy all of our concerns.

I hope that this memo will show to the Planning Board the amount of thought, energy, and deliberation that has gone into this project in such a short amount of time and that the Council has remained true to the objectives of maintaining the health, safety, welfare and character of our community, and its residents. Each of you are encouraged to attend the Council Committee Meeting at 7:30 P.M., Monday, May 18, to discuss any particulars regarding this project. If I can be of more assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Lee Allen, Mayor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Two years ago my wife, daughter and I moved to Roosevelt. Our first impressions were that this small rural community would be a wonderful place for our daughter to grow up and a quiet setting for our family to spend our free time.

What we found was much more.

We found a unique community where the people are friendly and warm. Where else do you find people to volunteer to clean up the roads, buy food together thru a food co-op and have monthly gourmet dinners? It was wonderful to see how people, most of whom do not have children of the age to attend the local school came out and voted to support it.

Although not perfect, there is a lot right about the town. The only way I know how to help keep things right and make improvements where needed is to get involved.

I am running for council because I think I can make a positive contribution. A few years ago, when I lived in northern New Jersey, I was President of the Young Democrats for 2 years and involved with the Garden State Youth Club.

My management and organization skills as a Labor Relations Manager for Kmart Apparel can be translated into helping make things happen here in Roosevelt.

There is a lot that can be done when people work together.

Regards,

Nestor R. Sabogal

To the Editor

For the casual reader, Gloria Hazell's letter about the recent history of the Borough Bulletin may leave a mistaken impression, in the category of "Oh how soon they forget!" At a moment of real crisis, one in a fairly long line I might add, Mark Zuckerman took the initiative and put the paper squarely on its feet. We became a non-profit corporation with by-laws, officers, a Board of Directors and everything. Our finances were rationalized and we stayed in the black for the next four years. Above all, we provided an open forum for the community in a time of high conflict and tension. In my opinion, the hi-tech production system under Mark was a class act.

It must be said though that whenever a transition to a new leadership has to undergo a seriously rocky period for months at a time, it probably means that those who came before failed in some important way.

But I would be very unhappy if a truly major contribution to this town were to be so lightly dismissed. So far, this paper has had its smoothest run in the nearly four years that Mark had it in hand.

--Addie Weiner

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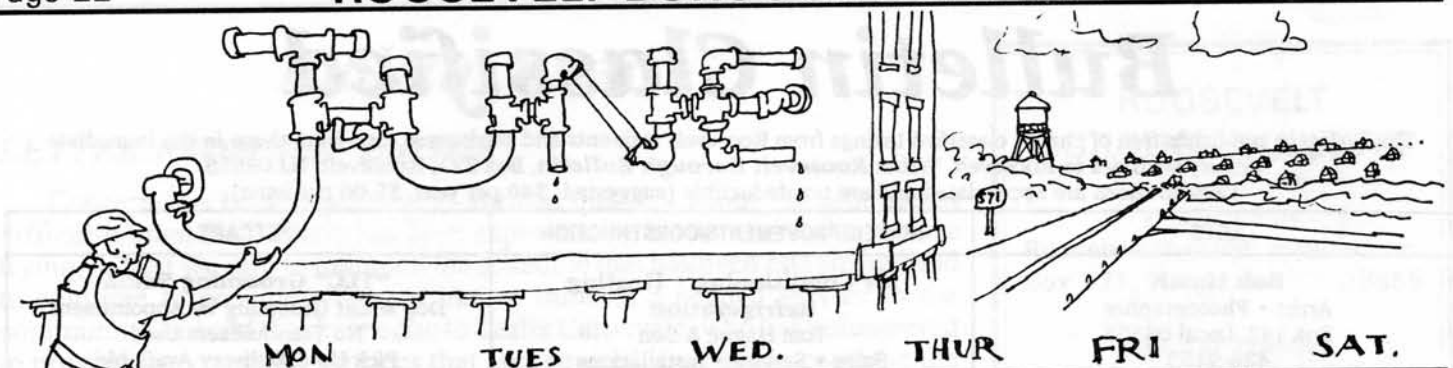
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