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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Notterman Tract Zoning Development Approved

by Herb Johnson

Amendments to the planned community ordinance for the Notterman tract between Farm Lane and the Roosevelt Cemetery were approved by the Roosevelt Borough Council at a special meeting on September 27. The ordinance for those amendments was introduced in June and had public hearings at every regular and special meeting since then. It reduces the minimum sizes for lots, widths, depths, setbacks, side yards and rear yards; and, it provided for a 100 foot buffer zone between any new lot line and "any residential property bordering the R-AG/PCD-I district." Anticipating passage of that ordinance, the developer of the PCD-I tract told the Planning Board in September that four variances will be requested to allow for buffer zones of less than 100 feet to bordering properties.

Several Roosevelt residents presented objections to the ordinance and to Mayor Lee Allen's attempts to maintain order. Two State troopers answered a call from a Council member to be present.

The only other matter on the agenda for the special meeting was the question of selling the FWD Fire Truck or donating it to the Monmouth County museum. The Council approved of the sale to John Piazza. It left Roosevelt on October 5.

The October 11 regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was only 42 minutes long. With no old business to consider, the Council approved unanimously (Michael Stiles was absent) of three resolutions and a motion, and the Mayor proclaimed the week of October 17 through 23 to be "Radon Action Week." He urged all residents to test their residences for unacceptable radon levels. Earlier, during the

public portion, Dr. Jill Lipoti pointed out that houses must be inspected before a sale, and that about one quarter of the last 35 houses sold were found to have above safe levels of radon. The remedy is an approved vent system. The three resolutions which were passed: (1) authorized the Borough to participate in the Monmouth County Cooperative Pricing System; (2) pledged support for the Roosevelt Board of Education's efforts to reduce local taxes; and, (3) appealed to the New Jersey Governor and Legislature to solve problems caused by tropical storm Floyd. The motion which was passed authorized the use of the Borough Hall on October 23 by Angel Cloughly and David Schwendeman for a party for children. When Lois Hunt asked if all residents of Roosevelt are informed that they can schedule times to use the Borough Hall, Mayor Allen asked the Borough Bulletin representative present to announce the policy, and to mention that alcoholic beverage

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Roosevelt Arts Project

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Directed by Margaret Schlinski.

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

Time Key to Homes Decision

By Bob Clark

As the Planning Board continued its heaviest meeting schedule in memory, time has become the most important factor in a developer's quest to build 65 homes on the 110-acre Notterman tract between the Cemetery and the Solar Village. At the conclusion of the Board's October 13 regular monthly meeting, its members urged the developer, Matzel and Mumford (M&M) of Hazlet, to grant a further extension of the period in which the Board is required by statute to decide M&M's application for preliminary major subdivision approval.

M&M, a division of building giant Hovnanian Enterprises, had just concluded its presentation of nine witnesses over seven meetings starting in July. M&M's attorney, Thomas Farino, said the applicant would agree to extend the period for the Board to decide the application to the end of one more special meeting on October 28. The applicant was not swayed to grant more time by indications that at least 20 more witnesses expected to testify, including five experts and about 15 members of the public. The Board's experts include Planning Consultant Alan Mallach, Engineering Consultant David Monie, Planning Consultant Michael Sullivan and Board Engineer James De Muro. Borough resident Henry John-Alder said he also would produce an expert witness.

Board Attorney Michele Donato said she would not recommend that the Board vote on the application without input from the public and the Board's own witnesses. In an exchange of letters she and Mr. Farino disputed whether the Board

has proceeded expeditiously in the matter. Mr. Farino said the timing of the decision is important "as it relates to [M&M's] contractual obligation with the property owners," Abby and Daniel Notterman, who have attended some of the hearings. Mr. Farino did not indicate the exact date when M&M's option to buy the tract would expire.

In an October 8 memorandum, Mr. Mallach described several factors for the Board to consider when it decides the application. Although 66 building lots are permitted by the current density requirements of the planned community development ordinance (PCD I) governing the tract, Mr. Mallach advised:

It is fully within the purview of the Board to impose requirements, as long as they are reasonable and consistent with the purposes of the ordinance, that result in the number of units that can actually be built being less than the maximum permitted by the ordinance.

The applicant wants 65 building lots, but its plan shows them encroaching on the 100-ft. buffer required by PCD I at four places near existing lots fronting Eleanor Lane. M&M's application seeks variances from the buffer requirement at those four places, and the developer has urged the Board to permit it to locate four lots elsewhere on the tract if the Board does not want to grant buffer variances. However, this might require a new or amended application that could restart the 120-day statutory period for a decision.

M&M's Landscape Architect, Linda Barie, indicated that the applicant would comply with all of the reforestation and planting specified by Mr. Sullivan in an October 11 supplemental report. She said this was being done "under protest" because the applicant believes that its original plans were in compliance with the Borough's landscaping ordinance.

M&M's Utilities Engineer, John Van Dorpe, said the applicant would meet its obligation to pay its proportionate share of sewer system improvements by replacing or relining 692 feet of sanitary sewer main under Rochdale Avenue. This would reduce infiltration of ground water into the sewer system, a major factor in limiting the capacity of the sewer plant. Mr. Van Dorpe said the developer would agree to meter the infiltration before and after the repairs in order to measure the reduction and would repair more main pipe and lateral pipe as necessary.

Mr. Van Dorpe indicated that M&M would build a new water storage tank at one of three potential locations: a high point on the Notterman tract, behind the Cemetery or private property up Witch's Hollow. He said M&M would pay the cost of needed water and sewer upgrades provided the Borough waived connection fees estimated to cost M&M \$357,000. Mr. Van Dorpe said M&M would agree to limit the amount of the Borough's contribution to the amount it would lose by waiving the connection fees. He said the developer would make no contribution for replacement or rehabilitation of either of the Borough's two wells because they are presently

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ages may not be consumed and the facilities need to be left in the same condition in which they were found. Residents must apply early enough for Council's approval.

In response to Dolores Chasan's inquiry, Councilwoman Rose Murphy said the Borough also offers a VCR and a TV set for public use in the small meeting room when not needed for official use.

Councilman Paul Hoogsteden expressed admiration for many residents who participated in the semi-annual community litter pick-up on October 3. He expressed hopes that residents who have litter in the common woods behind their properties would clean it out during Big Garbage Pick-up Day, October 18, and other days, seeing as it is not the responsibility of the litter patrol to clean up anywhere but along the local streets and County roads.

Preceding the discussions and actions taken at the October 11 meeting of the Council were: (1) approval of minutes, (2) correspondence, (3) reports, and (4) the first public portion. The minutes of the Borough meetings in September were approved by two yes votes by John Towle and George Vasseur and two abstentions by Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Hoogsteden. The six letters to the Council were described. Action was taken during the meeting in relation to three of them. No comment was made about the letter about the Eatontown Borough's appeal for all municipalities to join in the Monmouth County Mutual Aid and Supplemental Police Protection Agreement, nor the letter from the Board of Freeholders urging citizens to vote in favor of the State-wide Transportation and Local Bridge Bond Act Ballot Question. The Council had passed a resolution earlier this year showing its support for the subject of Spring Lake Borough's letter urging the New Jersey Senate and Assembly to pass bills to make handguns child-proof.

Trooper Reinhart asked what the Borough's parking restrictions were in relation to hunters' parking. The Mayor said only the cemetery and the sewer treatment plant were restricted parking areas. Tpr. Reinhart said some speeders on Route 571 have been ticketed and he would be at the home of a motor bike offender that evening to speak with the offender and his parents. Councilwoman Murphy said that no one has driven a motorbike in the woods between Farm Lane and Lake Drive for months.

For the Utilities Committee, Mrs. Murphy said that "yellow water" was piped all over the Borough one day recently due to a difficulty in maintaining the proper pH level in water from well #3. As soon as the operator switched to well #4, the water cleared up. For the Public Works Committee, Mr. Vasseur said the South Rochdale road improvements — widening, repaving and installation of curbs — were completed and many compliments were expressed, even by out-of-towners passing through.

For the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, Councilman Towle said he followed up on the question about traffic lights and warning lights to make North Rochdale Avenue safer. There are eleven criteria and Roosevelt does not meet any of them. However, it may be possible to get a yellow flashing blinker by the side of the road, north of the garage near Oscar Drive.

Mayor Allen began to present the Planning Board representative's report just as the Rep., Councilman Parker, arrived. The Mayor said that he would make the report as Mr. Parker had not attended the last Planning Board meeting. He reported only that the Board continued its public hearing on the Notterman tract development proposal and its next meeting would be in two days, at which time it might vote on approving a lots-layout plan.

Dolores Chasan asked the Council or Mayor to insure that bicycles are not

ridden at night without lights on front and back. Vincent Vignuolo asked for the Mayor to do more to get extra State aid for the Roosevelt school, saying that his wife received a letter from a legislator stating that no Borough official had asked for tax relief. Mayor Allen said that it was hard for him to believe because he has steadily pursued legislators for tax relief for several years.

Jill Lipoti, elected to the Board of Education in April, said the Board's Finance Committee chair asked her to speak to the Council and Mayor about progress in their efforts to gain more State aid. The NJ Department of Education agrees that it has erroneously calculated that Roosevelt is a wealthier municipality than it is and that Roosevelt deserves \$300,000 more per year than it was given. However, there is no extra money in this year's budget so the Department cannot send anymore to Roosevelt. Dr. Lipoti suggested that pressure from the Mayor and the Council be made in requesting that the New Jersey legislature provide extra aid for Roosevelt.

The last exchange in the Public Portion was begun by David Schwendeman. He asked for improvement of air quality by not permitting school buses to park in residential areas. The school bus is parked at the home adjoining his, and he stated that it creates fumes every time it is started. The fumes come into his house and into his yard. He believes they may harm his five year old daughter. Mrs. Murphy said that the Planning Board issued a variance allowing the bus to be parked in that location. The Mayor supported her suggestion that the Planning Board be asked to review its decision, and he said the Environmental Commission could be asked to advise on a remedy. Mr. Schwendeman said he had two copies of a letter explaining the matter, and he gave them to the Borough Clerk, Krystyna Olejnik. The Mayor assured Mr. Schwendeman the letters would be delivered. ■

SCHOOL NEWS

School Board News

by Nancy Hamilton

The October 14th meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education was called to order by President Lauralynne Cokeley. Board members Ms. Grayson, Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Lipoti and Ms. Silverman attended the meeting as did Chief School Administrator Dr. Weinbach and School Board Secretary/ Business Administrator Ms. Minutolo.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Dr. Weinbach, who reviewed and explained the results of ESPA testing. The ESPA (Elementary School Proficiency Assessment) is given to all fourth grade public school students in New Jersey. It is a thorough assessment of abilities in the areas of language arts literacy, science and math. (Additional tests in the areas of social studies and visual arts are currently being developed by the State.) The scores from the ESPA are used to determine students who may need instructional intervention. In addition, ESPA scores help measure to what extent school based programs are aligned with the Core Content Curriculum Standards. ESPA scores are ranked into three categories, advanced proficient, proficient and partially proficient. Roosevelt fourth grade students made an impressive showing, particularly in the areas of math and science. Forty percent of the students tested scored in the "very proficient" range in both math and science. The remaining 60% were in the "proficient" range. Within the language arts literacy area, 70% of our students scored in the "proficient" range, while 30% were in the "partially proficient" range. Dr. Weinbach will set up conferences to explain individual test scores to parents.

Dr. Weinbach also reported on upcoming school events. All classes will have a trip by the beginning of December. A Roosevelt Public School Safety Patrol is being formed for fifth and sixth graders, with the support of AAA and the State Police. A Child Assault Prevention program will begin in January. With monies from our technology grant, the RPS web page will be linked with other community web pages, such as the Roosevelt Arts Project web page. Access to Board members will be made available through the web page. The technology lab is open to the community on Monday evenings.

Faculty accomplishments were also highlighted. The Board wrote a letter of congratulations to Ilene Levine for being invited to participate in the 1999 New Jersey Science Convention. The committee of teachers who developed

the new Spanish program may seek outside recognition for this comprehensive and ambitious world language curriculum.

The school has implemented an Instructional Council, a committee of faculty and Board members. This Council will be a forum for faculty and staff to communicate directly with the Board.

The Board continues its efforts to offset taxes by gaining additional State aid. Ms. Ellentuck has compiled a chronology of Board activities toward this goal. At the advice of Assemblyman Malone, a petition has been circulated throughout the Borough to assess the level of community support for the Board's efforts to obtain more State aid. A letter explaining the purpose of the petition has been sent to all Borough residents. A recent letter (9/24/99) from Assistant Commissioner David Groff indicated that there will need to be special legislative action to address our concerns. Assemblyman Malone has been contacted regarding the specific legislative changes necessary. Ms. Lipoti spoke for the School Board at the Borough Council meeting of 10/11/99, and answered questions regarding Board activities and the current state of affairs with regard to our funding. She reported that the Council passed a resolution commending the Board for their hard work on behalf of Roosevelt's taxpayers.

Ms. Silverman, chair of the Policy committee reported that there are many policies to be reviewed, updated and approved by the Board. The Building and Grounds committee continues to supervise the removal of an underground oil tank. Although the tank has been removed, and the surrounding soil has been confirmed to be clean, there are questions about the details of a recent bill for the storage of the tank. Mr. Ticktin has arranged for free sod to repair the grounds covering the tank.

The Quality Assurance Annual Report (QAAR) has been written and submitted. This report outlines the district's progress towards its stated goals for curriculum areas as well as facilities, mandated programs and community support.

In recognition of many years of service to the school, a dinner to honor Helen Barth and to commemorate her retirement will be held on October 22 at the Paddock restaurant. ■

SCHOOL NEWS

From The Roosevelt PTA

by Kelly Mitchell, Secretary

What more can you say
Except Hip, Hip Hurray
It's back to school
Hurray! Hurray!

Open House was a delight
Old faces and new
Lots of yummys in sight
Ooh, which one to choose

Fall Fundraisers is here
all done and complete
Hope everyone got
something neat

Around the corner
The Book Fair has arrived
So many books
It's hard to decide

To all "Trick or Treaters"
With costumes so neat
Hope you liked your little treat

Membership is coming along
Still need help to make
our list long

Into November
Many fundraisers going on
Many Helpers needed
To move things along ■

Roosevelt Community Nursery School

by Ginny Weber

In October, our class went on a field trip to Rossi's. The children were very excited to see how pizza is made. They even helped out a little. Of course, the best part was eating the pizza. Thank you to Mike and Keith for such a wonderful time.

We also had a very special visit from Fire Chief Kim Dexheimer. He showed us all the special equipment he needs to fight a fire. We also learned how to keep safe and get help if there is a fire.

This month we are learning about day and night. We will talk about what happens during the night and during the day and why we have day and night.

Our class is having a special election this month so that we can find out how elections work. We will also find out about Uncle Sam, our flag and other things that represent our country.

The children always wonder what happens to animals in winter. We will discuss migration, hibernation and camouflage as a means of survival for animals.

To get a better understanding of the Thanksgiving holiday, the children will see how the pilgrims and Indians lived and helped each other. It's a perfect time to show how people could be so different and yet get along so well. If you want to know how to cook the best Thanksgiving turkey, just ask one of the RCNS students. They are sure to have some great ideas! ■

SCHOOL NEWS

From The Desk of Dale Weinbach, CSA

The staff and students at Roosevelt Public School are quickly learning the meaning of "mixed emotions". After over twenty years at RPS, our school secretary, Helen Barth, is retiring at the end of October. Naturally we are happy for Helen as she embarks on the next chapter of her life. However, our happiness is bitter-sweet, as we will truly miss her smile that accompanies all the many things she does for us at RPS every day.

Mrs. Barth is a long term resident of Roosevelt. She attended Roosevelt Public School, as did her three children. She is an active member of the Historical Commission, and those who know her know that she is a walking encyclopedia regarding the history of Roosevelt. She is also involved with the Yiddish Club of Hadassah. The school will be honoring Helen at a dinner at the Paddock Restaurant in Manalapan.

Helen has told me that she, too, has mixed feelings about leaving. She has reminded me repeatedly that although she is leaving the school, she is not leaving the community. She intends to continue to lead groups as they learn about the school mural, and be available if we need her. We all wish Helen well, with a reminder that we know where she lives and we intend to take her up on her offer to remain a part of our school.

In other school news, plans are under way to begin a school safety patrol under the direction of Mrs. Masella.

By participating in the patrol, our fifth and sixth graders will be gaining critical experience in a leadership role that fosters responsibility and care of others. State Trooper Osborne, who brings the DARE program to RPS, has offered his assistance, as the troopers are also involved with student safety programs.

Our first session of internet instruction for the community was well attended and feedback was most positive. Our own RPS web site is being developed. Our web address is <<http://www.RPS1.org>>. Links to different classes are not yet complete, but are being developed by students in our after school computer club.

Students are enjoying the glorious autumn weather by visiting turkey farms, pumpkin patches, Waterloo Village and observing the many changes that nature produces this time of year. The fifth graders are involved in a gardening project and will be planting bulbs for senior citizens in Freehold. The sixth graders will soon be selling delicious pies for the Thanksgiving holiday, and all classes are preparing for a Thanksgiving assembly. Newly elected student council members will be announced at the assembly.

Thanks are extended to the Borough Council for passing a resolution supporting Board of Education efforts for tax relief. We are a real TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More! ■

Senior Citizens' Club News

by Helga Wisowaty

The Senior Citizens' Club met on October 5 for an important meeting concerning a number of changes. While no one has volunteered to become the chairman of our group, Thelma Thompson has agreed to continue to act as chairman, a function she's been performing since Jeanette Koffler died. I have decided to resign my secretarial post and Herb Johnson has agreed to take over. I know Herb will do an excellent job.

In addition, Dolores Chasan will be the new treasurer with Clare Sacharoff as assistant treasurer. I know they too will function well.

Box lunches in the community room of Solar Village will be given, the last Friday of each month.

Until next month, with the new officers...

NOTE: The *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin* wishes to thank Helga for the fine and devoted job she has done all these years and hope she remains active in the club.

Please note that due to Election Day, our November meeting must be postponed until the second Tuesday, November 9. After that, back to our usual meeting time. ■

Report On the Fund for Roosevelt, Inc.

by M.T. for Rod Tulloss

By the time you read this, the Fund for Roosevelt, Inc. will have sponsored its first public fund raiser: a benefit performance on October 23rd by the popular Roosevelt String Band. We hope that many readers will have attended and enjoyed the concert and "conservation mini-fair." The Fund is also celebrating the successful signing of its first option to purchase farmland in the Borough of Roosevelt.

The first option is on land including approximately 120 acres in Roosevelt and between eight and nine acres in Millstone adjacent to the Roosevelt property. The fund was in competition for the land with a developer and paid a competitive price for the land. The land includes a pond

of significant size, upland and wetland forest and top quality farmland. The preservation of farmland has been made easier since the recent farmland preservation actions by the State and the availability of nearly 100 million dollars a year on a state-wide basis for open space preservation and historic preservation. The Borough will not have to pay anything for this land to be conserved.

For an up-to-date look at the activities of the Fund as well as information about the flora and fauna of Roosevelt and links to other information about our borough, please check out the following website;
<http://pluto.njcc.com/~ret/ffr/fund.html>. ■

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capable of providing sufficient water to exceed demand anticipated by the new development and the rest of the town. Mr. Van Dorpe said that rehabilitation of the water treatment plant by M&M will improve the quality of the water leaving the plant.

Angel Cloughly and David Schwendeman of Tamara Drive wrote a September 2 letter to the Board asking it to review a variance allowing the next door neighbor to park a school bus in a residential driveway. They cited a change in the occupants of their house and the times they are there for now making the bus' presence a detriment to sleep and health. There had been no objection by neighbors at the time the variance was granted years ago. The Board

asked Ms. Donato to provide an opinion at its next regular meeting on November 10.

Zoning Officer John Reuter reported that three residents had removed unlicensed vehicles. He sent a formal notice to a fourth resident. Following a traffic accident at the intersection of Rochdale Avenue and Pine Drive, Mr. Reuter learned that residents at the intersection considered it too dangerous to themselves trim trees on their property that obstructed views. Mr. Reuter noted that Councilman George Vasseur then contacted Monmouth County officials and through the Shade Tree Commission, and with the assistance of Public Works Director Diana Moore, the trees were removed. ■

RECYCLING DATES

NOVEMBER 10
NOVEMBER 24
DECEMBER 8
DECEMBER 22
JANUARY 5
JANUARY 19

LETTERS

Dear Roosevelt Friends and Neighbors,

I am asking for your support by writing in my name, Lee Allen, for Mayor on November 2, 1999. During election time many things are said and done that are simply politically motivated and sometimes not true. Please try to remember that I have steadfastly committed myself to reducing taxes in our community because I believe that to continue as we are with high taxes hurts our school, hurts our neighbors and hurts our ability to control our future as a community.

One of the most important reasons for the things that I am trying to accomplish as your Mayor is the need for us to take care of our own. While we should pursue State and County help with our problems, it is only a Band-Aid and not a solution. It has been my experience, as well as the experience of many of your neighbors, that an over-reliance on the State or the County to assist in providing the types of services that we deserve or controlling the taxes that are ridiculous is historically short lived and, therefore, a short sighted plan. We must continue to pursue a more permanent solution by expanding our tax base in an appropriate manner that includes the wishes of all of the people in our community.

Roosevelt is a very special place with very special people. We have the opportunity to be part of something very special by electing a mayor through a write-in vote as we have in the past. We can and will succeed. Write-in Lee Allen for Mayor and choose to continue with good, effective, committed and caring leadership.

Your Mayor,

Lee R. Allen

Dear Neighbor:

Because the next four years will be a period of unprecedented change in Roosevelt, I am asking for your vote for mayor on **Tuesday, November 2**. The choices to be made during the next mayor's term will directly affect the quality of life in our town. The mayor will need to lead Roosevelt in a way that values and respects our unique community.

Recently, yielding to pressure from developers, the Council voted to overhaul Roosevelt's land use ordinances. These changes allow for the construction of 66 four-bedroom houses on 1/5 acre lots in the open fields behind the houses on North Valley Road (PCD 1). Another ordinance was amended to allow for the construction of a 350-unit adult housing community off Oscar Drive (PCD 2). Because of these changes, the Council and the Planning Boards are faced with critical decisions that will determine whether development will benefit our taxpayers or cost us money.

The 65-Unit Development (PCD 1)

The proposal for the 65-unit M & M development is in the final stages of approval by the planning board. There are no claims that this development will reduce taxes, and no one knows what the final cost to Roosevelt taxpayers will be. Some of the costs that Roosevelt taxpayers are already being asked to bear for the 65-unit development are:

- **\$357,500** in waived water/sewer hook-up fees. Borough ordinances require that the owner of each newly-constructed house pay approximately **\$5,500** in fees to hook up to our water/sewer system. The developer, M & M, has offered to pay an amount estimated by their engineer for their 65-house development's water supply system. In exchange they demand that we waive our hook-up fees. The M & M engineering study is available at Borough Hall.
- **\$60,000** for trash collection, and other services, according to the Roosevelt Borough Government's 1998 Fiscal Impact Study.

Some other significant costs have not been sufficiently considered:

- **\$371,214**, the estimated cost of educating the children that can be expected to move into the 65-unit development. School cost comprise about 72% of Roosevelt's tax dollars. The number of children in this estimate is based on an average of one child per four-bedroom house. We can reasonably expect forty K-6 children in the Roosevelt Elementary School at a total cost of about **\$121,214** annually. We can also reasonably expect twenty-five 7th-12th grade students who we will need to send to East Windsor Schools at a total tuition cost of about **\$250,000** annually. These estimates do not include any building renovations to the Roosevelt School, nor do they include the cost of educating and transporting any out-of-district special education students.

(It should be noted that the Roosevelt Board of Education would receive some indeterminate amount of state aid for these additional students. The amount of aid will depend upon the state funding formula that is in place at that time. Currently Roosevelt taxpayers pay 75% of the cost of educating every public school student.)

In a letter to the Roosevelt Board of Education dated August 1998, Planning Board Chair Joe Zahora estimated that as many as forty K-6 children from this development could attend Roosevelt School. Mr. Zahora gave no estimate for the number of 7th-12th grade tuition students; my experience as a long-time member of the school board indicates that we might expect about twenty-five 7th-12th graders. The cost of additional K-6 students (\$121,214) is from 9/9/98 Roosevelt Board of Education letter to Planning Board.

Other additional municipal services will certainly be needed:

Will these residents require additional ambulance and first-aid services? What about snow removal? Will we need additional borough employees? What will be the added cost to Roosevelt taxpayers for street lighting for this development? What will be the total cost to accommodate this increase in population?

According to the Roosevelt Borough Government's 1998 Fiscal Impact Study of the proposed 65-unit development, we can expect annual tax revenues of approximately **\$339,000**. However, school costs alone are **\$371,214**. When all of the other costs are added up, it seems likely that this development will result in a significant **tax increase** for the average Roosevelt homeowner.

The U.S. Homes 350-Unit Adult Development (PCD 2)

In the case of the proposed 350-unit adult community to be located on the farmland off Oscar Drive, Sydney Israel, the representative of the developer recently stated that he would also ask for many concessions. In the August 5, 1999 issue of the Examiner, reporter Brian Donahue quoted Mr. Israel: "It is difficult for (these new retirees) to pay high taxes."

Mr. Israel further stated that he would ask for lower water/sewer hook-up fees and reduced monthly water/sewer bills for adult-community homeowners. He demanded lower taxes for property owners in the U.S. Homes development. Mr. Israel called these concessions "necessary in order to make it a successful project."

Why should the residents of the proposed adult community be given preferential treatment? Why should they have lower taxes and water/sewer bills than the rest of Roosevelt's taxpayers? In fact, will there be an adult-community development? Remember that currently there are no formal applications before the Planning Board to build any adult-community.

Roosevelt's Future Depends Upon Your Vote on November 2

Whether or not development will be beneficial for Roosevelt taxpayers will depend upon how carefully we assess builders' proposals. If I am elected, I will always fight for the best interest of Roosevelt taxpayers. Because many people do not have the time to attend meetings, I will regularly report to the public about town issues and I will respect citizen input during public meetings. Above all, I believe that we must discuss our concerns openly. I am committed to making decisions based upon careful research and thorough analysis.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Hamilton
Democratic Party Candidate for Mayor
443-5227

Neighbors,

As members of the Borough Council and Planning Board, we would like to recognize the leadership and effort which has been displayed over the past decade by Mayor Lee Allen and offer him our full support. During his tenure, Lee has sought out alternatives to the many problems of our town in an open minded and fair manner. His leadership has guided us to the receipt of grant money, improved streets and infrastructure while stabilizing the municipal tax rate as well as water and sewer fees. As an experienced community servant, Lee possesses the skills and contacts necessary to ensure that all of the issues which confront us are dealt with in an impartial manner which is most advantageous to our entire community, not just a select few. Under his continued direction, we strongly believe that Roosevelt will continue to flourish in the future.

In a similar manner, we endorse Mike Stiles and George Vasseur in their run for Borough Council. During their tenures, Mike and George have worked hard in evenly evaluating the issues that have come before them, offered solutions to the problems of our Borough and implemented these solutions. Their familiarity with the needs of our community and their commitment to public service will continue to serve us well.

Accordingly, please join us in voting for Mayor Lee Allen as a write in candidate for Mayor (line 5) as well as Council President, Mike Stiles and Councilman George Vasseur for Borough Council in the election on November 2.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Hoogsteden, Councilman
Rose D. Murphy, Councilwoman
John Wisowaty, Planning Board
Joseph D. Zahora, Planning Board
Paul Henry, Planning Board

Harry W. Parker, Councilman
John E. Towle, Councilman
M.G. Roberts, Planning Board
Dianna Moore, Planning Board
Louis Esakoff, Planning Board

Dear Neighbors,

The invitations are written and mailed. The date is set and everything is arranged: the place, the ring, the gown, the food, who will sit here, who will sit there. The only problem is, the bride-to-be is having second thoughts. Does she go along with the marriage because she is afraid of hurting feelings or losing face, or does she have the courage to say it was a mistake and "I'm sorry" and cancel the proceedings?

Does this tale remind you of what's presently taking place in the Borough Hall concerning the future of our borough.

If it does, please, this November when you cast your vote, vote for someone who won't say "I do" to development unless he is quite sure of making a commitment that is good for us. That candidate is Mike Hamilton. Think of why you moved to this town. Let's not lose the peace and quality of life we have for a pittance of tax savings, if any, from development.

Peacefully yours,

Greg McGrath

To the Editor:

To be honest, I'm not sure why I am writing this letter. In the eleven years I've lived in Roosevelt, I've seen many letters to the editor of the Bulletin and, I must admit, I've skipped or ignored most of them, preferring to keep my own counsel. I don't pretend that anyone will change his or her mind about the upcoming mayoral election based on what I may say or think. But the stakes are so extraordinarily high and the choices are so clear, I'm writing my first letter, to urge my friends and neighbors to vote for Mike Hamilton.

Other people can discuss the technicalities of the development plans far better than I can. For me, the focus has been and continues to be the process, which has been filled with exclusion, arrogance and misrepresentation. As the leader of that process, Mike would bring a creative intelligence that would consider potential solutions other than the one we seem to be locked into. He appeals to a broad range of interests in the Borough, not just the developers, as demonstrated by the high voter turnout in his favor in the primary election. He has the training and skills to really listen to and synthesize a widely diverse group of opinions and he welcomes those voices rather than trying to silence them.

A characteristic that is especially important to me is that Mike has the courage to make mid-course corrections instead of travelling down the wrong road just because he's already there. We need a better reason to continue on a course of action than "we've put a lot of time in on this" and we need the guts to end negotiations when no acceptable offer is likely to be made. When a plan that may have looked good on paper goes bad, we need someone who's able to recognize that fact and do something different. Instead, we seem to be engaged in a high stakes game of chicken except our side is afraid to end the game.

We also need someone with a long view, not a Mayor who looks for a quick fix regardless of the enormous costs later. For example, just in one evening of observing the style of M & M, I can't figure out why we ever would deal with them. Their attorney (who reminded me of why attorneys have such a bad reputation) had his witnesses so carefully prepared that they use words like "under protest" to try to slide half-promises by the Planning Board. They've reserved the right to challenge the tree planting plan after approval without disturbing the approval and, when discussing the payment for the water/sewer improvements, they've never promised to pay whatever it costs. They very carefully only promise that our costs would be capped at the enormous amount we're giving away in uncollected connection fees. They have not said that they'll make up the difference. This not only sets a precedent to force us into similar deals with any future developer but it also creates a huge incentive to try to recoup those waived fees by further development, which many of us don't want. But I wasn't going to get into the development issue.

As an elected official and School Board President, Mike has the experience and, maybe more importantly, the desire to negotiate and work with people respectfully, based on principle rather than position. He's committed to finding common areas of agreement and building consensus from those points rather than putting people on one side or another and then dismissing their ideas because of which side they're on. Right now we seem stuck on a course none of us really think will be good for the town. It's time to let somebody else try to find a more acceptable solution. Nothing is inevitable, not even development.

Eleven years ago I could have moved anywhere, and gotten much more house and lower taxes for the same money I paid. I chose Roosevelt because of the community, the size of the town, the trees, the quiet, the school and the people. I'm voting for Mike Hamilton as the clearest hope for our town to survive without destroying the very parts of it we treasure in the process.

Thank you for your attention....Judith Trachtenberg

Dear Roosevelt Voters,

Mr. Hamilton's October letter to the *Bulletin* states "Matzel and Mumford... asked the Roosevelt Borough Council to change our zoning ordinance to allow more units on smaller lots... The Planning Board has advised the Council that it may not be in Roosevelt's best interest to do so."

FACT: Matzel and Mumford asked the Planning Board to change the zoning ordinance and it was the Planning Board who recommended that the Council do so. (This is a matter of public record.)

Under *Managing the Cost of Development*, Mr. Hamilton asks how the utility improvements required by development will be financed and what will be the taxpayers "share of the development costs."

FACT: It is a matter of law that developers pay the cost of utility upgrades required by development. (This is also a matter of public record and has been discussed at many public meetings at which Mr. Hamilton was present.)

FACT: Regardless of whether or not we ever get development, Roosevelt is going to need a new water tower and other infrastructure repairs that will cost over \$100,000. Without development, present residents will bear the whole expense.

Under *Working With Our State Representatives*, Mr. Hamilton quotes Assemblyman Malone as stating "this was the first time in his experience that Roosevelt elected officials sought to work with State officials in order to provide tax relief for property owners."

FACT: Last spring *The Examiner* carried an article in which Assemblyman Malone was quoted as praising the efforts of Mayor Allen and then CSA Messner on behalf of school funding and relief for taxpayers.

FACT: Some five years ago, Mayor Allen and the Council passed a Resolution urging the Governor and Legislature to reevaluate the issue for school funding because of the burden on property taxpayers. The Resolution was forwarded to the School Board requesting the School Board's support. There was no response.

FACT: In 1995 with the support of the Borough Council, Mayor Allen initiated the formation of a School Finance Committee within the League of Municipalities to address the issue of school financing and the burden on property taxpayers. He has met with NJ State Board of Education, the NJ Education Association, the leadership of the NJ School Boards Association and members of the NJ State Department of Education. (These efforts are on-going and a matter of public record.)

Mr. Hamilton is accurate when he says that developers want to maximize their profits - a reality not a sin. I also agree that "Our next Mayor needs to be a good manager and a skilled negotiator." In addition this Mayor needs to be able to understand the issues and needs and rights of the whole community, not just the special interest groups.

And it is Mayor Lee Allen who has proven that he has these and other qualities and deserves to be returned to office.

We urge you to join us in writing in Lee Allen for Mayor on line 5 on November 2. It's not all that difficult and instructions will be available.

Mary Alfare

Bill Counterman

Dear Neighbors,

My husband and I moved into Roosevelt from up-state New York 11 years ago because of the historical character of the town and the wonderful respite it gave us from the overcrowding of the communities around us. Little did we know that what so attracted us - the open space, the woods and fields, the sense of space - was in peril to be sold down the river bits by bits.

A few years ago, under the leadership of Mayor Allen, we almost became the only town in the northeast to welcome a nuclear waste dump. Now, we face the perspective of seeing a large part of the woods around the cemetery clear cut so that 65 houses can be built there. We could also see the population of our town double and the open space separating us from Hightstown gobbled up by development. All that to save taxes, right?

The number of children expected in the 65 houses has been disputed from the start. In Cranbury, where I teach, 8 classrooms were added in 1995 to accommodate new development. After one year's respite, teachers are again sharing classrooms and the average class size in my case has passed from 18 to 25 due to unforeseen high enrollment. Could that happen in Roosevelt or do we have special dispensation? The traffic on Route 571 has increased dramatically over the past 3 years. Under Mayor Allen's leadership, the study done on the impact of new development would have us believe that the traffic will be unaffected by the development. Does anyone with half a brain believe that?

While all over New Jersey, voters consider saving what is left of open space, under Mayor Allen's leadership, we have steadfastly gone the opposite direction. We are about to trash the most lovely vista in Roosevelt: i.e. the cemetery walk - so as to allow developers to make money. You and I have been paying high water & sewer rates to facilitate developers' profit. Doesn't that make you happy?

Now, we have a chance to elect Mike Hamilton who, in sharp contrast to Mayor Allen, has done something to lower our taxes. By opening communication with the State, he gave us a real chance of obtaining a sizable rebate on our taxes while conserving what makes our quality of life so special.

I, for one, would welcome a tax relief, but NOT if it means destroying the beauty of my town.

Vote for Mike Hamilton on November 2, and vote for someone who will lead our borough in a responsible way.

Michele Guye-Hillis

To the Editor and the people of Roosevelt,

In his letter announcing his candidacy for Mayor, Lee Allen appeals to the wants of all voters — lower costs of living and a better quality of life. There is no doubt that those things are desirable. But it's how Allen claims we will get these desirables that should be examined. Allen says that developers will pay for infrastructure improvements to our sewer and water system, thus resulting in lower rates for *existing* homeowners. When is the last time you heard of developers paying for more than their share? Right now in New Jersey there is a proposal to require developers to pay impact fees towards the costs of schools, parks and other needs generated by new housing. Who is the biggest opponent of this proposal? The New Jersey Builders Association! Developers in Roosevelt may pay for expansions to our sewer/water system needed due to their development's additional burden on the system, but they will NEVER agree to pay even a nickel towards costs that the rest of us already bear! Voters should know that Mazel and Mumford, the proposed developers of the Notterman Tract, have already announced they want connection fees waived, and the agent for the builder of a senior development is also looking at lowering *their* costs by requesting reduced hook-up fees! (August 5 issue of the *Examiner*.) If you believe Lee Allen and think the developers are going to throw in a few extra bucks for YOUR sewer and water bill...IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN!

Lee Allen claims that he wants to preserve open space along Route 571. He asserts that revenue from the proposed senior housing could provide the financing. This claim should also be viewed skeptically. Neither Allen nor his Council has announced any plan to preserve open space. To the public's knowledge, no conversations have gone on with property owners, State open space folks, the Fund for Roosevelt or anyone serious about making it happen. Apparently, Allen sprinkles his comments with "open space preservation" because it sounds good. Secondly, Allen claims that a senior development will also lower our taxes. How can we get lower taxes AND open space preservation funds? How many times can the same money be spent? This is especially unlikely considering the developers have stated they may ask for a *reduced* tax rate for their units (so they are easier to sell.) If you believe Lee Allen and think you are going to get open space AND lower taxes out of this deal...IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN!

All of us would love to find a simple fix for our problems. Who wouldn't want lower taxes and sewer/water rates along with open space preservation? But we need look no further than at neighboring communities to see that the promises of developers and their supportive elected officials often come up empty. Over-developed communities all around us continue to struggle with high taxes, loss of open space and congestion. People choose a candidate for many reasons, but if voters in Roosevelt fall for Lee Allen's promises and give him their vote believing his claims that development is going to cure our ills...IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN!

Sincerely,

Jane D. Rothfuss

Dear Sir,

The issues of the current mayoral election have been drawn into sharp focus by the ongoing hearings concerning the application for a sub-division on the Notterman tract. The testimony of the developer has redeemed the wisdom and restraint of the Master Plan, whose guidelines would allow 54 houses. This same testimony has thoroughly discredited the Mayor's ill-founded conviction of profit through excessive residential growth, making it clear that concessions made by the Mayor to allow more houses would certainly not be to our financial benefit. These concessions may benefit the developer (although even that point is debatable), but they will not be to our gain.

So, there is really no choice in the election. We can vote to control our destiny consistent with our character and Master Plan. Or, we can vote to compromise our values by ceding our fate to outside corporations. We face a stark contrast here, I will go with the first choice. I will vote for Mike Hamilton.

This election is not about growth versus no growth as the Mayor would have us believe. Instead, it is about reasonable growth according to our Master Plan, as supported by Mike Hamilton, versus excessive growth according to some corporation's plan, as supported by the current mayor. It is about 11 houses too many — 11 houses that push the proposed development plan beyond acceptability. Without those 11 houses, there are no issues with re-forestation, tree replacement, buffer averaging, buffer infringement, grading and tiny yards. Without those 11 houses, we have a proposal that fits our character.

Now that a plan for the Notterman tract has been described before the Planning Board, it is clear by the developer's testimony that we will see little if any change in our taxes and utility bills. In fact, we will be lucky to break even, depending on new educational obligations. And, those 11 extra houses will be the ones to break our back. So, what good is that? By hastily supporting a change in our zoning ordinance, the Mayor allowed further profit for the developer without first verifying that we would benefit. Whose side is he on?

In his letter in last month's *Bulletin*, the Mayor wrote of compromises to be made. How can these words be reconciled with the Mayor's track record. Here is a man who has systematically excluded more than half of the Borough from any effective role in the decision making process, and now we are in a real pickle. We may be forced to accept a development beyond the guidelines of our Master Plan, and we may have to pay for it too! By "compromise", the Mayor must have meant that he will compromise with outside corporations to compromise our Borough's future.

Mike Hamilton does not have all of the answers to our problems. None of us do. But, Mike has proven his ability to work cooperatively for administrative and special legislative relief without selling us down the river. Mike has proven his eagerness to follow the promising strategy that is so close to being successful for the School Board.

Mike cannot promise to lower our taxes and utilities. None of us can. But Mike is the only candidate for Mayor willing to take a new and creative approach. Mike is the only candidate for Mayor willing to acknowledge the futility of seeking relief through excessive development. At the end of the day, Mike will have been sure that the borough where we live will still be in possession of and prideful of its special qualities, even after it has grown.

Mike Hamilton is the only choice for Mayor.

Sincerely, Henry John-Alder

To The Editor,

I'm writing to express my concern over the future of our borough. For the better part of the last eight years, I have been listening to Mayor Allen and his Borough Council talk on about the affordability of living in Roosevelt. Slowly we have moved from development plans carefully crafted after much community deliberation to Mayor Allen's vision of what is best for Roosevelt. I strongly disagree with Mayor Allen's formula for our salvation. The Council appears to have bought his argument, as they repeatedly allow him to do all the talking at Council meetings (This is curious considering our form of government is referred to as a strong Council, weak mayor, municipal arrangement).

The apparent philosophy of both the Mayor and Council is that development is inevitable, and as such, bigger is better. They moved from a PCD II plan for the northern 500 acres in town which tried to balance our history and resources with the need for housing by allowing a reasonable number of homes on the entire northern 500 acres, to a PCD II modification that allows 350 homes on the east side of Route 571 alone!

If this abomination would somehow drastically reduce costs to live in Roosevelt, I would do my best to subdue my ingrained respect for nature and watch it happen. But the 350 unit developer hasn't even given us a formal proposal (the Council changed PCD II to entice him to Roosevelt before we even knew if he was serious!), and we are already hearing that he wants concessions! Concessions on sewer fees, concessions on tax rates, concessions on infrastructure improvements, and on and on... This disaster is going to leave us with more costs, taxes as high as they were before if not higher, and little of what attracted us to Roosevelt in the first place...open space. Space for our kids to run safely among the fields and woods, space for our souls when we finally get enough time to slow down from the hectic pace of modern life, space right where it is most needed...around our homes, around our community.

Just as the Governor and Legislators are making open space preservation the new social issue, we in Roosevelt are letting our elected officials throw away what is so unique to Roosevelt...space planned into our lives. We read today of towns that have lost what Roosevelt still has are now frantically trying to protect what little space they have left. Let's not lose what we have! All credible studies on the costs and benefits of residential development offer the same conclusion...residential development is a net loser for tax relief! If, however, we develop homes because families need them, not as a tax relief plan, we will get a development that is appropriately sized for our town.

Mayor Allen does not have the correct vision for Roosevelt — bigger is not better. Mayor Allen should listen to the results of the primary election that he lost to candidate Mike Hamilton and accept our thanks for his past efforts and move on. We need new ideas, not old ideas other towns are giving up on!

Vote for Mike Hamilton for Mayor.

Sincerely,

Kirk Rothfuss

Dear Neighbors,

Thanks to Lee Allen, the present Borough Council, and a planning board partly appointed by Allen, a development firm seems about to carry out its wish to build 65 homes on the agricultural and wooded land between North Valley Road and the cemetery. The development will irrevocably alter the character of our borough (unless you like the prospect of lots of car traffic where there was little, a vista of crammed together look-alike houses where there was a field and a big new water tower where there was open sky), and it won't put a red cent in anyone's pocket except the developer's.

The only reason any Council or Planning Board member has given for going ahead with this development is money, yet it won't make the cost of living in Roosevelt go down. Since hook-up charges are being waived in return for the developer building us a big new ugly landmark of a water tower, which we otherwise might do without, our water and sewer rate will not go down. If the School Board knows what it's talking about and 65 houses put us over the amount of children our school can handle, our taxes won't go down; indeed they'll go up.

Thanks again to Lee Allen and the Borough Councils we have had in the last ten years, the developer is interested in us because we have put in place a sewer system larger than our needs, a virtual welcome mat. Thanks also to Allen and most members of the present Council for obliging the developer by raising the allowed number of houses in the PCD I from 54 to 65, and by granting most of the variations the developer desires in a revision of the PCD I amendment, the developer has no intention of going away. Indeed from the M & M lawyer's attitude at Planning Board meetings, I'm getting the sense that the developers - and maybe Allen and the Council and Planning Board too - believe that they own us. I get the sense that they think we're here to make them richer at our expense. At our incalculable expense I might add, for I, for one, moved here precisely for all the qualities that will in the event of development be lost.

No thanks to Lee Allen, our taxes are going down. Thanks to the mayoral candidate Mike Hamilton our borough is being reclassified for the purpose of State aid for the school, which will substantially lower our taxes. And, we have already received the first of what will in a few years be a minimum 1,000 dollar Homestead Rebate, the largest in New Jersey.

No thanks to Lee Allen, many people in Roosevelt are standing apart from the common but out-of-date "wisdom" that development is the only way to go in a world more and more valuing what precious open space is left. Many are aware that development most of the time raises a community's costs and are looking for other solutions to our problems. Mike Hamilton is one of these, one who has shown extraordinary dedication to the Borough, thoughtful deliberation and cogent action both on the School Board and as an involved citizen; one who happens to value the qualities of community, history and natural space that make Roosevelt unique - the reasons I for one moved here and have remained for twenty-one years, longer than I've lived anywhere else.

Thanks to Lee Allen's responsibility in endangering the future of the Roosevelt we know, Mike Hamilton is running for Mayor on November 2 and I'll be voting for him. And, I will vote for any write-in candidate opposing the development policies of incumbent Council members. I am voting for my home.

Sincerely,

Dina Coe

Roosevelt Weather Almanac

by Ron Filepp

In mid-September Hurricane Floyd battered North Carolina. When the storm reached New Jersey on September 15, it was no longer a hurricane, but a tropical storm. Even at this diminished status, Floyd blew through the State with gusts over seventy miles-per-hour. The storm dumped from seven to over 12 inches of rain across the State.

Roosevelt was spared the devastating flooding that plagued many areas of New Jersey. We were fortunate because a total of only 7.20 inches of rain fell here during the two storm days. In addition, the Borough's greenways and surrounding farmland helped to protect us from flooding that might have resulted from excessive runoff.

Roosevelt's Public Works Department did a good job of keeping the town's storm drains open. A drive through Roosevelt during the storm revealed no serious street flooding. Nevertheless, there was some flooding in town. Some basements in town had flooding. At our home, there was flooding of a few inches in our garage. Our flooding was caused in large measure by clogged drainage pipes at the attached and dilapidated HUD-managed house at 23 Pine Drive that was abandoned over five years ago.

The rainy days of September wiped out the year's precipitation deficit. September brought a total of 10.50 inches of rain. Normal rainfall for the month is 3.99 inches. By the end of September, the total precipitation for 1999 was nearly six inches above normal. The rains that replenished New Jersey's reservoirs, lakes, streams and rivers offered little comfort to gardeners who lost their crops or had reduced yields because of the drought in June and July.

September was warm as well as wet. The average temperature was about three degrees above normal. The first half of October was also warmer and wetter than average.

Looking ahead, winter is just a few weeks away. How cold and snowy a season will it be in our area? The forecast from the Old Farmer's Almanac says temperatures will be above normal in December and February. Below normal temperatures are expected in January. Little snow is forecast for the season. Only one big snowstorm is predicted. The Almanac says it will occur near the end of January. ■

Weather Event

On November 25, 1950, a storm swept the state with southeast and easterly gales. One gust reached 108 miles per hour in Newark. In Burlington over nine inches of rain fell. Across the State, thirty-two people perished.

Weather Word

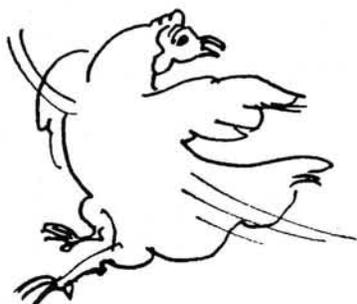
Wind shear is a dramatic vertical or horizontal change in wind speed and/or direction over a short distance.

September 15 - October 15

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	72.0	66.0	69.0	0.03
16	76.0	62.0	69.0	1.12
17	69.0	58.5	63.8	6.08
18	72.0	59.5	65.8	0.00
19	74.0	52.0	63.0	0.00
20	78.0	55.0	66.5	0.00
21	66.5	62.0	64.3	0.12
22	67.5	52.0	59.8	0.63
23	70.0	47.0	58.5	0.00
24	74.0	53.0	63.5	0.00
25	76.0	56.0	66.0	0.00
26	69.0	53.0	61.0	0.00
27	78.0	54.0	66.0	0.00
28	84.0	64.0	74.0	0.00
29	78.5	66.5	72.5	0.00
30	68.0	54.0	61.0	0.47
1	66.0	45.0	55.5	0.25
2	68.0	49.0	58.5	0.00
3	75.0	47.0	61.0	0.00
4	70.0	60.0	65.0	0.10
5	58.0	45.0	51.5	1.25
6	66.0	38.0	52.0	0.00
7	56.0	39.5	47.8	0.00
8	66.0	34.0	50.0	0.00
9	74.0	50.0	62.0	0.00
10	66.0	61.0	63.5	0.25
11	70.0	50.0	60.0	0.30
12	65.0	41.0	53.0	0.00
13	70.0	44.0	57.0	0.00
14	62.0	44.0	53.0	0.10
15	62.5	34.5	48.5	0.00

Total Precipitation 10.70

Eating In Paris



by Bess Tremper

In Paris last month, we were taken to a restaurant that specializes in the cuisine of the Burgundy region of France to sample a particular favorite of our hosts: poached eggs in red wine. It is served as a first course and when it is presented, the two blobs of white poached eggs sitting in a plate of red wine look very dramatic and taste delicious served with crusty French bread.

At an American friend's house later, when I mentioned the dish and wondered if I could possibly reproduce it at home, our friend went to her bookcase and found the recipe in a Julia Child's cookbook.

I'm happy to share it with you although I must admit I haven't tried it yet. But if it turns out to be only half as good as the restaurant version we had, it will be sure to please.

Serves 4

- 2 cups of good, young, red wine
(typical French description)
- 2 cups of brown stock or canned beef broth
- 1/2 bay leaf tied with 2 or 3 parsley springs
- 1/4 tsp. thyme
- 1 clove mashed garlic
- 1 tbs. minced shallot or green onion
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- Pinch of white or black pepper
- 1 1/2 tbs. softened butter
- 2 tbs. flour
- (optional) 1 tbs. red currant jelly
- 8 eggs

Bring the stock and wine to a simmer, add the herbs, garlic, shallots or onion and seasonings and then boil down rapidly until it has reduced to 2 cups.

Remove parsley and bay leaf.

Blend the butter and flour to a smooth paste and beat it into the wine mixture with a wire whip off the heat. Boil the mixture for 30 seconds, beating in the optional currant jelly for color and flavor and correct seasonings.

Poach eggs and arrange 2 on each of the 4 soup plates on which the sauce has been distributed. ■

Remembering Evelyn

My oldest friend, Evelyn Datz who lived in Roosevelt for many years with her husband Aaron and children Joe and Dodie, died on September 22 in Laguna Hills, California. She and Aaron had moved there nine years ago, after having lived here for so many years that this town was in their bones. When I spoke to their daughter-in-law last week, she related to me that when she was in California after Evelyn died, one of their friends told her that among their group of friends, there was always a bet on as to how soon in a conversation either one of them would bring up Roosevelt, New Jersey.

Our relationship started in a math class in Brooklyn College when we were about twenty years old and gradually developed into a friendship that survived until now.

I loved Evelyn for many reasons: she was perky, attractive, positive, smart, a little crazy, highly intelligent and interested in the world around her. Being with Evelyn made

me feel alive in response to her intensity. But most of all, she was a good friend. She figured in so many periods of my life, the most important of which, of course, turned out to be that she introduced me to Roosevelt.

If one could measure these things, one would say that for most of her 85 years she seemed to have a good, happy and successful life with a loving and devoted husband, children and many friends and good health. But then, a year or two after they moved to California, Dodie and then Aaron died and her health suddenly began to fail. I know that those last, unhappy years for her, although they were only a small portion of her life, cancelled out many of the really happy ones, which saddens me very much.

I know that everyone who has known her mourns the loss of this vibrant woman. She will be missed.

By Bess Tremper ■

Evelyn and Aaron were among the first people I met when I moved to Roosevelt in 1957. My friendship with Evelyn began during the period when I was bearing and rearing my children. Her exuberance about the arts, especially literature and music, rekindled my own interests that had become dormant with the busyness of feeding, nurturing and washing.

Evelyn was special. She had the courage and honesty to be herself and to speak the truth as she saw it. She was intelligent, wise and caring. She was full of humor and passion for beauty.

We attended many concerts together. After a particularly moving performance, her eyes would glisten. You could see the excitement in her face. At home, we took long walks together and talked about many things. At times, she would burst forth with a penetrating critique of a book she had read or a play or film she had recently seen. At other times, in conversations about our daily lives, she'd make wise observations.

Though Evelyn never held public office, she made contributions to this town. She was an active member of the PTA, of the local NOW chapter and of the Roosevelt

Nuclear Disarmament Committee. Years ago, Evelyn was one of the people who helped organize a library committee to improve the workings of the Roosevelt Public Library which at that time operated in a small building of its own. Besides helping to classify books and increase the collection, Evelyn organized a successful poetry reading in the library.

For their many friends, Evelyn and Aaron's house was a relaxing, enjoyable place to go for companionship, good food and intellectually stimulating conversation. Despite her claim that she lacked talent, Evelyn was an artist in the kitchen. A gracious hostess, she excelled in delectable baking and cooking. When Evelyn got an ice cream maker for her birthday, she held ice cream parties on her lawn. When we made our New Year's eve cooperative dinners, she'd bring the most glorious desserts I'd ever seen or tasted.

My friendship with Evelyn provided inspiration and support through various critical phases of my adult life.

Thank you, Evelyn

By Gladys Nadler ■

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 1999 - 2000 SEASON

The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 1999-2000 calendar of events, featuring a wonderfully varied array of readings and performances, a concert of computer music, an exhibit of the works of emerging artists and the return of your favorite performers and poets.

All events take place at the Borough Hall and will begin at 8:00 p.m., except for the Storytelling, which begins at 7:30 p.m.. At most events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, only \$4.00 for students and seniors. This year, we will ask \$10.00/ \$5.00 for admission to the Roosevelt String Band concert. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and the Bulletin for additional details.

Saturday November 6

Under Milkwood, a play for voices. Written by Dylan Thomas Performed by the Roosevelt Players, Directed by Margaret Schlinski. A tale of a small peculiar town retold as only a small peculiar town can tell it.

Saturday December 11 An Evening of Storytelling

The Second Annual storytelling evening presented by RAP, featuring professional storytellers Jamie Reeber Kosa, David Brahinsky, Arthur Shapiro and special guest, Susan Danoff, founding director of Storytelling Arts, Inc. of Princeton. Special time - 7:30 p.m

Saturday January 8 Poetry

Join the Roosevelt poets for an evening of winter introspection (carrying coals to Newcastle) with musical accompaniment.

Saturday February 5 Piano Concert

Following his Beethoven Sonata recital last year, Alan Mallach will return with a new program drawn from the master-works of the classic piano repertory, along with his usual illuminating commentary.

Saturday March 4 An Evening of Creative Technology

Roosevelt resident, Brad Garton, is Director of the Columbia University Computer Music Center. Join us for a "concert" of new music and performance works by Garton and students/faculty/researchers working at the CMC - new interactive performance technologies and state-of-the-art music interfaces will be the norm!

Friday & Saturday April 28 & 29 Roosevelt String Band

Returning for the thirteenth year, the band, featuring Paul Prestopino, David Brahinsky, Ed Cedar, Judy Trachtenberg and Howie Jacobson, will play and sing old favorites and introduce you to its new musical discoveries.

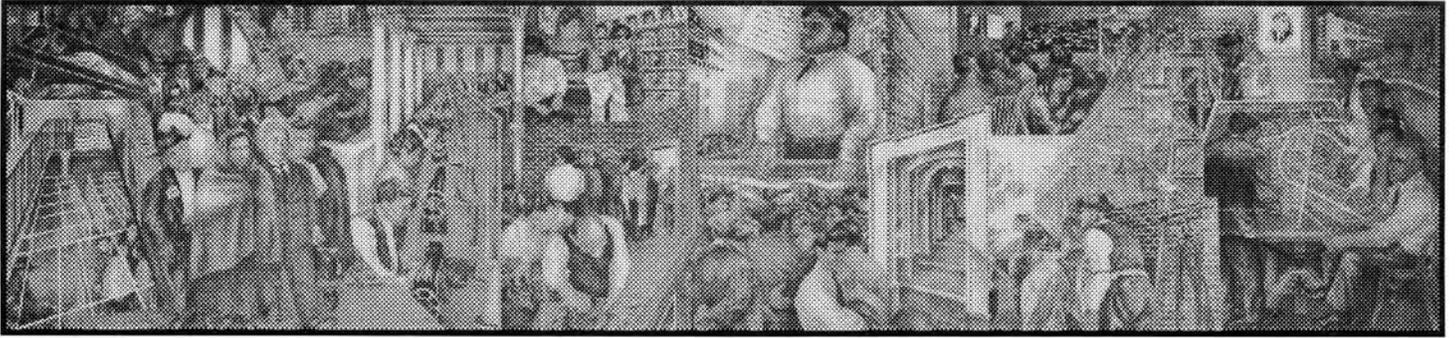
Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 19, 20 & 21 Light as a Feather

Works by six Roosevelt artists will be on exhibit, each inspired by a single feather from birds as diverse as the Peking Duck and a Raven living at the Tower of London. Opening reception on Friday evening, 6-8:00 p.m. with gallery hours Saturday and Sunday.

We hope to see all of you at these exciting new performances, exhibits and events.

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BEST WISHES ON YOUR RETIREMENT:

Mary Tulloss of Lake Drive is retiring after 29 years with Telcordia where she did quality assurance and software testing. She plans to return to school to get her certification to become a math teacher.

Helen Barth of North Rochdale is retiring after 23 years as RPS School Secretary. Her plans include enjoying her grandchildren, more traveling and exploring available opportunities.

FOND FAREWELL TO:

Evelyn Datz, formerly of Pine Drive, died September 22 at the age of 85. Condolences to her family and friends.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The First Aid Squad needs members. The squad pays for training. For information, call Herb Johnson at 443-1947.

For information on joining the Roosevelt Fire Department, contact Chief Kim Dexheimer or leave a message at the Borough Hall, 448-0539.

FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Many Thanks to Lian Garton for the following information: Brandan Tyers and Bryan Davis have joined the International Flag Football Team; Tina Vasseur is playing Varsity Field Hockey and Meredith Lawson made Varsity Soccer. Lindsay Possiel is a KICKS cheerleader.

Playing in the 8th Grade Band are Eric Cokeley and Lian Garton. Molly Marko, Danielle Petrics, Reuben Alt and Josh Nulman play in the 7th Grade Band.

To have items included in this column, call Mary Alfare at 443-4243 or mail to P.O. Box 58, 08555. Please include contact name and phone number.

As of January 2000, I will no longer be writing Neighborhood Notes. Many people value the column and I have enjoyed the sharing of news and the community contact that comes with writing it. The Bulletin needs someone to take over the column and of course make it their own. I will make myself available to help in any way possible. Please call me or Bess Tremper if you're ready for a fun challenge.

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2	Tues.		ELECTION DAY				
			NO senior meeting				
4	Thurs.		RPS Four-Hour session	17	Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, June Counterman, 448-3182
			Parent conferences			8:00 p.m.	Environmental Commission Meeting, Borough Hall, Wayne Cokeley, 443-6287
6	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	RAP Program at RPS - Reading of "Under Milkwood", Directed by Margaret Schlinski, Robin Middleman, 426-4583	22	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Michael Stiles, President, 426-4185
8	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Lee R. Allen, Mayor, 448-6978	24	Wed.		RECYCLE
9	Tues.	2:00 p.m.	Senior Meeting, Borough Hall			10:00 a.m.	TaiChi Class, June Counterman, 448-3182
10	Wed.		RECYCLE			7:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting, RPS, JoAne Parker, 448-5619
		10:00 A.M.	TaiChi Class, June Counterman, 448-3182	25	Thurs.		Thanksgiving - RPS Closed
		8:00 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Joseph Zahora, 426-4187	26	Fri.		RPS Closed
11	Thurs.		Veteran's Day	28	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	SchoolBoard Meeting
			RPS Closed	29	Mon.		PTA Holiday Gift Fair
			NJEA Convention	30	Tues.		PTA Holiday Gift Fair
			Borough Hall Closed				
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, Karen Minutolo, Board Secretary, 448-2798				
12	Fri.		RPS Closed -				
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15	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Michael Stiles, President,				

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