

# Bulletin

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

### Mayoral Recall Election Set for February 7; New Utility Rates Adopted; Hunt Resigns from Council

By Michael Ticktin

On November 18, Borough Clerk Krystyna Olejnik accepted a petition submitted by the Committee to Recall Neil Marko as Mayor of the Borough of Roosevelt. This action came after she rejected a previous petition for failure to comply with a statutory requirement that, if no reason for the recall is being given, the petition must so state. In response to her rejection of that petition, the recall committee filed an appeal with the Superior Court seeking to overturn her decision and find her personally liable for allegedly acting in collusion with Mayor Marko, a charge that she denied. Attorneys for the borough (representing Mrs. Olejnik), the recall committee and Mr. Marko appeared before Judge Alexander Lehrer on October 27, with the result that the personal allegations against Mrs. Olejnik were dismissed with prejudice, her rejection of the petition was upheld and the recall committee was given an opportunity to submit a new petition, with the language about there being no stated reason included, with the recall election scheduled for February 7, 2006 if the petition were submitted within the time allowed. A petition containing 212 signatures (210 of which were ruled to be valid) was submitted by the deadline and, barring a successful challenge, the court having retained juris-

dition, the election will proceed. At that election, there will be two questions, the first being whether Mayor Marko should be recalled and the second being who his replacement should be if he is. Each party committee will be entitled to nominate a candidate. Democratic Committeewoman Ann Baker has indicated that her committee intends to nominate Council President Beth Battel. Other candidates may file nominating petitions or receive write-in votes.

At its November 14 meeting, the Council adopted the ordinance establishing new utility rates. The base rate for residential users will remain at \$298 for two months. However, there will now be an additional charge of 4/10 of a cent per gallon for every gallon after the first 20,000 gallons in each two-month period. The ordinance also gives the Council authority to “grant adjustments to utility billing in order to resolve consumption-related disputes.” Though the first new rates take effect January 1, sample bills will be sent out before then so that utility users can see how much their bills would be if the rates had already been in effect. The reason that this is being done is to give people an opportunity to fix leaks and otherwise adjust their water usage before they get large bills.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: As usual, there will be no Bulletin in January. The next one will appear in the first week of February, 2006.

Please report any bear sightings to:

State Bureau of Wildlife Management  
Kim Tinnes  
Wildlife Control  
609-259-7955

## IMPORTANT TO ALL SENIORS!

A representative from the Office on Aging from Monmouth County will come to speak to seniors about the new medicine Paid D Prescription that will become part of Medicare. Borough Hall on 12/6 at 1:00 p.m.

## OPEN MIC CAFÉ

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2006**  
8 p.m. in the municipal building



**ATTENTION ALL ROOSEVELT RESIDENTS**, past and present, ages 13 through adult! ROOSEVELT'S 1ST ANNUAL OPEN MIC CAFÉ is just around the corner and we need to start planning. So, if you like to perform in an informal cafe atmosphere (singing, music, poetry, comedy etc.,) please fill out the short form below and mail it to either . . .

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Roosevelt, NJ 08555

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Roosevelt, NJ 08555

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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A short description of your performance

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How long will your performance last? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need any special props? \_\_\_\_\_

How much time will you need to set up, break down? \_\_\_\_\_

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The main item before the planning board at its November 15 meeting was concept review of a proposal by Kenneth and Carolyn Lecompte to build a one and a half story house on the Pine Valley Swim Club property. The proposal was well-received by the board. However, no action could be taken until a variance application was heard at a special meeting on November 28. Since the lot is smaller than the 100,000 square foot minimum lot size in the R-100 zone, a variance would be required before a house could be built. It would also be necessary to apply the setbacks for the R-40 zone, rather than those for the R-100 zone. The plan calls for the removal of the pool and tennis court. The cabana, however, would be made part of a new garage that would be joined to the house, which would be built on the site of the tennis court, by a breezeway.

The board also passed a resolution memorializing the preliminary approval, with conditions, of Richard Annunziata's site plan for a horse farm on Nurko Road and Rochdale Avenue. All conditions will have to be met before final site plan approval can be granted. The current plan is for

120 stalls and 15 foals. Jane Rothfuss questioned how often manure removal would take place. Beth Battel said that industry practice is once a week. Ms. Rothfuss also wanted assurance that "street trees" would be added to both road frontages. Though the conditions did not include any prohibitions of berms—something that several board members thought should have been raised as an issue—Michael Ticktin said that berms are typically something that is required by planning boards and an applicant is most unlikely to go to the expense of building them when not required to do so. Zoning officer Bob Francis asked for a checklist of the conditions of site plan approval so that he would be able to monitor compliance.

Mr. Francis also said that "Big Garbage Day" had gone well, but he may have to fine some repeat violators who do not comply with rules about what can be put out for collection and when it can be put out.

As Council representative, Beth Battel, the Council member representative, reported that Councilman Jeff Hunt had resigned.

Ed Moser, the planning board

member who also serves on the environmental commission, mentioned that the new owners of the Roosevelt Deli store had cut down a lot of the trees on the property, which he said was unfortunate but perfectly legal, in order to form a picnic area.

The planning board received correspondence from Community Options, Inc. indicating that they do not wish to accept the site offered by the borough for their group home because of wetlands restrictions on building within 150 feet of the property line and because of concerns about the gas station property.

Mr. Ticktin reported that he had been in contact with the holders of the liens on the properties at 20 and 21 South Rochdale Avenue, both of which have been designated as redevelopment areas. He made both lienholders aware that the borough could use eminent domain to take title to the properties if no progress was made on foreclosure and redevelopment. While there had been problems due to multiple lienholders in both cases both lienholders assured Mr. Ticktin that they would proceed with the foreclosure. ■

**SENIOR CLUB NEWS**

By Clare Sacharoff

On December 6th at 1:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall a state representative will speak to the group about Medicare Prescription Plans. He will answer questions from the audience.

The regular meeting will begin at twelve instead of one. This is open to all seniors who reside in the borough.

For our regularly scheduled month-

ly trip the club opted to go to Freehold mall. A bus provided transportation for this outing.

On November 30th, flu shots were given to all eligible seniors. People were requested to bring their Medicare cards.

Pat Moser suggested an "end of the year" party to be held December 30th

at 5:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. Each person will bring a covered dish. This will be open to all seniors in the community. Please call Pat to say if you plan to come and discuss any details.

Alan Newrath volunteered to be host for the December meeting. ■

# From the Mayor

Greetings everyone. As many of you already know, the recall committee has succeeded in getting their petitions certified. According to the clerk, we will be having a recall election on February 7th. I expected the committee to accomplish this, considering the fact that they could visit people in town and say what ever lies and half-truths they choose, and they did lie about many things.

One person in town who signed the petition told me about one of the Recall Committee's lies. Of course this person fell for the lie, as I expect many people did when given a completely one sided presentation. This big lie was the so called "conflict of interest." It goes like this: it is a conflict of interest for Neil Marko to be Mayor and also a trustee or even a member of the synagogue because of the Yeshiva.

First of all, there is no financial conflict of interest, at least not by me. I am sure those on the recall committee would not have hesitated to contact the County Prosecutor if there was even a hint of this. Secondly, there is no ethical conflict. Freedom of religion is a constitutionally protected right. Furthermore, the Constitution states there can be no religious test to hold public office. I interpret this to mean that a member of a synagogue or a church has the same rights as anyone else as far as holding office.

Then there is the lie that the Synagogue and the Yeshiva would improperly benefit in zoning applications because I was a trustee and the Mayor. This is the biggest lie of all. The Synagogue is located in the

R40 zoning district. One of the many half-truths told by the Recall/Anti-Synagogue Committee is calling that a strictly residential district. The R40 has three principal uses: detached dwellings on individual lots, parks and playgrounds and public schools. Furthermore, the state Municipal Land Use Law requires that if a municipality permits public schools, it must permit private schools.

My understanding of all this is that if I or any other public official had tried to interfere with the legal rights of the Synagogue, or any other resident, then it might have been a criminal act or at the least exposed the Borough to litigation. This is however, exactly what the Recall/Anti-Synagogue Committee wanted me to do. While I tried to refrain from discussing any Synagogue business at Council meetings, it was the Council, encouraged by Councilman Hamilton, who insisted that Synagogue business be discussed.

I have to point out another insidious aspect. So far, neither the Synagogue nor the Yeshiva, has come in front of any Borough board or official and made any form of request or application. What benefit could the Synagogue or the Yeshiva get if they have not asked for anything? To accept the notion of a conflict at this point would be to accuse me of events that have not occurred, just because of my membership in the Synagogue. There is a name for this; the name for accusing a person of a future behavior due to his membership in a religious organization is religious prejudice, something the Recall/Anti-Synagogue

Committee, Communists and terrorists seem to be good at.

Let me state however, that there have been improprieties in this affair, but not what the Recall/Anti-Synagogue Committee would want you to believe. The true conflict comes from members of the Council, acting as proxies for the Recall/Anti-Synagogue Committee, who have tried to use their position to interfere in proper legal Synagogue business by insisting on special inspections, by attempting to seize Synagogue property, and by insisting on discussing Synagogue business at Council meetings when clearly it was improper to do so.

Last, in the November 3rd edition of the Examiner, Recall/Anti-Synagogue Committee member Dolores Chasan said "I love Roosevelt. I have lived there for 65 years, and I want it to stay just the way that it is." Nothing can be more telling than this quote. Dolores, it is perfectly legal for you to go buy some thousand acre compound in Montana, put up a fence, patrol with guns, wear whatever arm band you want, criticize whom ever you want, and most important, deny anyone YOU want to live there. But in Roosevelt, New Jersey, you and your clique cannot stop your neighbors, or future neighbors from living here, conducting a legal business, raising their children and going to pray or not pray in any house of worship. It is my duty as Mayor, to see that those rights are protected, even if some people think they should not be.

In closing, I would like to remind all of you that your Borough Council

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RPS and HHS teach many fine civics lessons. What they might not teach is how difficult it is to exercise your constitutional right to vote in New Jersey. You probably know that power in the United States is supposed to reside with average citizens. Our New Jersey Constitution recognizes that ideal. It says:

“All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for the protection, security, and benefit of the people, and they have the right at all times to alter or reform the same, whenever the public good may require it.”

To make sure that the power stays where it is supposed to stay, the NJ Constitution gives us an absolute right to recall an elected politician. It states that:

“The people reserve unto themselves the power to recall, after at least one year of service, any elected official in this State...” For *any* reason, for *no* reason, or for *many* reasons.

That seems simple enough, doesn't it? But, of course, the writers of the Constitution did not have to deal with modern politicians and bureaucracy. If they had, they surely would not have left it to those same politicians and bureaucrats to write the rules. Politicians do not like being recalled, so they designed a law that made it as difficult as possible. Add bureaucracy to the mix and you have a real mess.

We, the Recall Committee, had to get help from the NJ Attorney General, the Election Law Enforcement Commission, and the courts just for us all to be able to hold this special election.

We had to register with the State as a political organization and file reports. Mayor Marko is subject to the same rules now that he is campaigning, though he has not bothered to observe this requirement of this law.

We gathered 292 signatures in two weeks, then we gathered 191 signatures in under 24 hours, and then, finally, 212 signatures, most over a single weekend. To put this in perspective, Neil Marko, who ran unopposed, was elected by a total of 165 votes. As Judge Lehrer said at the Superior Court hearing on October 27th, it is difficult to get five people in Roosevelt to agree, much less more than 200 people. Yet, all of these people agreed that Marko should go. It should have been simple, but it was not.

An example of the recall process bureaucracy: The law states that the Recall Committee shall prepare the form used for the recall petition and the Election Official, the Borough Clerk, shall certify it as correct.

In real life, though, the Borough Clerk refused to accept our form of petition and insisted that the Recall Committee must instead use the petition provided by the Borough Clerk. It was done as the Borough Clerk demanded. The Borough Clerk examined and signed each petition personally, certifying that it met the requirements of the law. *After* the signatures were gathered, the Borough Clerk rejected the petition.

Briefly, the clerk rejected her own original certification!! The Recall Committee also submitted signatures on a petition provided by the NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission (NJELEC). The clerk rejected that petition as well. Why? Because, on the advice of the mayor and town administrator, the Borough Clerk decided it did not comply with the law.

If the Borough Clerk had used the petition provided by the Recall Committee in the first place, we would not have been forced to go to court, and the Borough's insurance company

would have paid NO legal fees.

If she had accepted the signatures on the petition she approved and certified in the first place, we would not have been forced into court, and the Borough's insurance company would have paid NO legal fees.

If she had accepted the signatures on the NJELEC petition we might not have been forced into court, and the Borough's insurance company would have paid NO legal fees.

Most importantly, *if the mayor had been willing to face a vote, we would not have been forced into court.* As it is, the Recall Committee had to pay almost \$15,000 in legal fees out of our and our supporters' pockets.

Mayor Marko's defense has been paid for by the Borough's insurance company—and not by the taxpayers, as he continues to insist.

The *only* reason the Borough had to defend a lawsuit and Neil Marko did *not* have to pay for his lawyers is that he was given the opportunity to convince the Borough Clerk to reject the petitions. Under the recall law, the Recall Committee was then forced to name the Borough Clerk in the lawsuit. In other words, the Mayor encouraged the Borough Clerk to do the *only* thing that would cause her to be sued.

The law is difficult for everyone involved, including the Borough Clerk. Did you know that the law also requires her to obtain a “written acknowledgement of receipt of a copy of the Notice of Intention” from the Mayor? She is required to send it, or another notice, to the Recall Committee by personal delivery or certified mail. She did not do this. Does this mean she is incompetent or evil? No. It simply makes it clear that the law is both difficult and unclear.

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**“Knowledge in Youth is  
Wisdom in Age” (Proverb)**

**Understanding Zoning**

Conventional zoning ordinances divide a municipality or county into zones, define and designate the land use for each zone and stipulate for each zone and zoning category maximum densities and building heights, maximum lot coverage and minimum setback, yard and lot dimensions. Zoning regulations also often require minimum parking accommodations.

Historically, the purpose of zoning has been less as an urban design tool and more as a way to protect **public health, safety and welfare, and private property values.** Zoning presumably maps the future. Yet for many property owners, zoning’s primary benefit is ensuring that potentially harmful, incompatible uses of neighboring properties will not threaten their properties and their legitimate uses.

*Washington Post*

**Understanding Zoning Laws**

**5 Tips: Get the Zoning :Laws on Your Side**

*You may have big dreams of adding on to your home, planting a tree in the yard or even painting your door an unusual color. But you’ll want to make a pit stop before you actually put your plans into action: your local zoning ordinance.*

**1. Understand the ABZ’s of Zoning**

So just what is zoning? It’s the way city and county governments control the development of land as well as what individuals can actually build on their property. The

laws apply to residential, industrial, even commercial buildings.

**2. Scope Out the Situation**

Among the projects that zoning boards may take issue with are additions to homes, enlarged garages, surrounding fences, swimming pools, even changes to your roof.

**3. File a Variance Application**

If your proposed improvements do not meet the Boro’s zoning laws, you can file a variance application

**4. It’s All About the Aesthetics**

Residents who want to make improvements to their home should first contact the municipal zoning and or building department for an application.

**5. Be Careful About Where Granny is Living**

It is worth inquiring about what kinds of applications will fly for an addition and which will not. For those of you who work out of your home, most zoning ordinances have some kind of regulation about home-based businesses in residential areas.

Confucius quote

**“When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don’t adjust the goals, adjust the action steps.”**

For more information at [www.web2sons.org](http://www.web2sons.org)

Thank you



By David B. Schwendeman

It’s that time of year again! Many in town may have already cleaned up the leaves in their yards but if that is still a chore on your list, we have some guidelines for you.

The State of New Jersey has enacted new municipal mandates regarding leaf pick-up and storm water management. Since we have no specific program this year, it will be up to every individual homeowner to dispose of them in the best way possible.

- 1 Carry or drag them to municipal green acres and spread them out with the ‘wild’ leaves from the woods. This is okay for leaves but not for grass clippings.
- 2.Or you could create a composting pile. This is an ecologically sound way to make rich fertile soil for yard plants and gardens.
- 3.If the leaf drop in your yard is not too thick, you could mow the yard with a mulching type lawnmower one last time before winter. This will help nourish your lawn for next years’ growth.

Roosevelt is a very small town and we all should help the town to run smoothly whenever we can. One critical problem is leaves getting into the sewer system or clogging the grates preventing proper drainage of storm waters. If you have a storm drain in front of or near your property please take a few minutes to clear those leaves and make sure it drains properly. This could count as your good deed for the day and the whole town will thank you (or at least I will if I know about it!).

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# From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

The weather may be getting cold and dreary but we are humming brightly with activity at RPS. The week of November 14th was American Education Week. During that time parents/guardians visited the school to observe students and teachers in action during a regular workday. Our school wide Thanksgiving assembly took place on November 23rd. All of our students were given an opportunity to perform. It was amazing to see how comfortable the students were on stage.

The annual PTA holiday gift shop will take place on December 7th and 8th. The gift shop will be open December 8th in the evening. This popular event allows the students to purchase gifts within their budget, for friends and family. PTA parents work hard to help the students select just the right gifts for their families. Their efforts, as usual, really contribute to the welfare of our children, and they are greatly appreciated. Our Winter Concert is on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. We hope that you are able to attend.

Ms. Ilene's fourth grade class was the recipient of a "School Appreciation Award" for their entries in an essay contest called "Why I Love Nature in My Schoolyard." The sponsor of the contest, author and publisher Jane Kirkland, "was so flattered that the contest was interesting enough to teachers to use as part of their classroom curriculum" that she awarded the school a special commendation rather than pick one winner from the class. Ms. Kirkland will be visiting the school on December 5th at 1:00 to present Ms. Ilene's class

with the award as well as facilitate an assembly program. Ms. Kirkland will do a book signing after the assembly. She is also donating a set of her books to our library.

The newly elected Student Council is holding a community wide clothing drive at the school on December 6th and 7th. The company that we are using to pick up the clothes collects linens, belts, pocketbooks, and shoes in addition to clothes. They will pay the school ten cents per pound. All proceeds will then be donated to charity.

Our sixth graders are proving to be resourceful entrepreneurs as they continue to develop their fund raising prowess. At last count they sold over 150 pies for Thanksgiving. We would like to thank the community for supporting the school and the students.

With the possibility of inclement weather and school closings, an emergency phone chain is in place for students in grades K-12. In addition, school delayed openings or closings will be announced on News 12 New Jersey, 101.5 FM radio, and WABC TV.

On behalf of the staff and students at RPS, have a happy, healthy and safe winter season, filled with love, peace and understanding. ■

By Jill Joyce and Deidra Pizzarelli

We started our November PTA meeting by being very thankful. We are thankful for all the parents that helped coordinate and volunteer for the following events: Fall Fest, Trick or Treat at the School and the Book Fair.

Our next big event is the Holiday Fair. This event will take place on December 7th and December 8th. We are trying a "new idea" this year. Our gifts will be purchased from the 94 cents store, which is located on Route 130, in East Windsor. For our past Holiday Fairs, we have used a vendor and the dollar store for our gifts. This year we decided to purchase everything from the dollar store. We would like to thank Geryl Hickey and Deidra Pizzarelli for coordinating and selecting the items. It should be a huge success.

We will not be having a PTA meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on January 10th.

Happy Holidays! ■

## School Dates

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By Linda Grayson, President of the Board of Education

You may recall that the State statute S1701 places strict limits on school districts' administrative costs. In order to assure that our Budget will be approved next year, the Roosevelt Board of Education analyzed whether our administrative hiring efforts could be structured in such a way to reduce our administrative costs. Two main considerations influenced our approach. First, our administrator would need to spend a portion of her time in direct student contact so that some of her salary could be apportioned from the teaching budget rather than all of it coming from the administrative budget. Second, the sharing of administrative services between districts, through the execution of inter-local agreements, is a concept being encouraged by our County Superintendent.

In response to these factors, the board revamped its approach to RPS's chief administrative position. Instead of filling our existing Chief School Administrator (CSA)/Principal position, we advertised for a Principal/Teacher, and hired Ms. Shari Payson in that capacity. Concurrently the board initiated discussions with the East Windsor Regional School District (EW) to explore expanding our current relationship with EW to gain the services of their Superintendent. Over the summer we explored that option; however, we decided not to enter an inter-local agreement for this school year. Instead, the board has hired a CSA on a part-time basis.

Our new CSA is William Presutti. Mr. Presutti previously served as RPS's CSA/Principal from February 1995 through December 1998. He is currently the superintendent for the Fair Haven School District; however, our contract is with Mr. Presutti (i.e., it is

not an inter-local agreement with Fair Haven). The arrangement has been approved by the Monmouth County Superintendent of Schools, as well as the Commissioner of the Department of Education for the State of New Jersey. Gaining these approvals delayed finalization of the arrangement past the start of the school year.

There are several reasons that the board opted to hire a part time CSA rather than enter an inter-local agreement with EW at this time. They include:

- A potential conflict of interest exists due to the fact that Roosevelt already has a sending-receiving relationship with EW. Time is needed to evaluate whether issues that pose a conflict can be isolated (i.e., tuition negotiation).
- By law, districts proposing to share the services of a CSA through an inter-local agreement must get certain approvals, as mentioned above. Since EW is in Mercer County & RPS is in Monmouth County both County Superintendents would need to approve the arrangement in addition to the Commissioner of the Department of Education.
- One of RPS's primary goals is cost savings. Through an inter-local agreement with EW, RPS may be able to realize cost savings in other areas, in addition to administrative costs. More time is needed to evaluate the full scope of the agreement, and identify areas where RPS could realize other benefits such as curriculum support, professional development, etc.

- Over the years Roosevelt has considered sending our 6th graders to EW, where we know they would be welcomed. However time is needed to investigate all aspects of this option. The investigation would include a full analysis of what is best for our children both educationally and socially, consideration of what the Roosevelt community wants, and a determination of whether it would make sense financially. RPS believes it would be more appropriate to explore this option without the perception of any influence on that decision by EW. We believe that we can have a more balanced and deliberative process with a neutral CSA.
- RPS will realize significant cost savings in hiring Mr. Presutti on a part-time basis. This short-term arrangement will afford RPS time to monitor pending amendments to S1701 and to determine whether the new administration will take a different position regarding small school districts.

While Mr. Presutti will not routinely be in the school building, he will be in the building periodically and will be attending board meetings. Ms. Payson remains in charge of all day-to-day school operations and decisions. Parents should continue to address any concerns to their child's teacher and, as necessary, to Ms. Payson. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Presutti back to our school community. ■



## Yoga

The Recreation Department is continuing its very popular yoga program this fall at Roosevelt Borough Hall. Classes will be instructed by Kym Kulp, a certified yoga instructor who teaches at The Peddie School and throughout the area. While yoga mats will be provided, participants are welcome to bring their own. Classes will be offered on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. The cost of the program is \$60.00 per person. Please contact us for specific dates. Walk-ins are welcomed!

## Foreign Films

The Recreation Department invites all area residents to Borough Hall on December 6th at 7:45 for the first of many Foreign Films.

### *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*

Tomas is a doctor and a lady-killer in 1960s Czechoslovakia, an apolitical man who is struck with love for the bookish country girl Tereza; his more sophisticated sometime lover Sabina eventually accepts their relationship and the two women form an electric friendship. The three are caught up in the events of the Prague Spring (1968), until the Soviet tanks crush the non-violent rebels; their illusions are shattered and their lives change forever.

## Community Dance Night - "Dancing with the Stars"

The Recreation Department's Community Dance Night on October 29th was a huge success. Over 50 people attended the first of hopefully many dance nights at the Roosevelt School Gymnasium. Candace Woodward-Clough led the group with instruction and open dance from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. Look for another special dance night in January or February 2006!

For further information on any Recreation Department programs, please contact (609) 448-0539, x3. The Recreation Department is also looking for ideas for new programs, activities, and trips. Please let us know what you would like to see offered to our community! ■

By Linda Silverstein

Fall is now well under way. Students are back in school and the first semester is nearly complete. Thanksgiving has come and gone, with the winter holidays almost upon us. What is new or changing in your home or larger circle? PLEASE pass it along (TheSilversteins@aol.com) if you'd like the applause. Remember, this article is only as good as the information provided (I'm not a snoop or clairvoyant, so you'll actually need to contact me with your news).

Haley Reimbold, who is now a senior at Hamilton College in New York, has several pieces of good news to share. As the recipient of the Emerson Grant, she was able to study the education systems in both Sweden and Germany this past summer, as she has already done in the U.S. A \$25,000 scholarship from Target was also recently sent her way. She received this gift for her numerous volunteering efforts, including work with HAVOC, her school's main community service organization.

Grades are not yet in, but HHS students already have some good news. Junior Cecelia Ticktin was selected to participate in Governor's School for Musical Theater and recently participated in All-State Choir in Atlantic City for the third year in a row. Fellow junior Emily Silverstein was recently accepted into the National Honor Society and will be inducted as a new member in early December. Let us know what your teen is doing (think outside the box – we know they are very busy people).

Fellow resident Larisa Bondy was recently hired as the new Kindergarten teacher at RPS. She started at the beginning of October, replacing the former teacher, Ms. Civich, who relocated. We wish her well in her new position! ■

**Are you taking advantage of the  
Roosevelt Library in our school?**

**To keep it alive, it needs to be used.**

**"A town library would be a terrible thing  
to lose!"**

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To the Editor:

It seems since July I've been indoors. Or at least in the factory. As you all know by now, I spent the majority of my summer converting the somewhat raw space in the factory into my studio/workspace as well as the Eleanor Gallery.

It was a great undertaking, yet oddly enjoyable, even during the stretch of 90 degree days that seemed to go on and on. But for all my hard work, there are some people I feel I should recognize in regards to the assistance, comradie and mental support during my sojourn at dream making.

Thanks for many reasons and to the people who did the things that they did: First, without realizing it I'm sure, Sara and Paul Prestopino, who at the beginning of the summer allowed me a glimpse into Sol's world, and whose generosity helped me believe even more in the direction I was taking. Thanks for my family who is always there. To Noe Dominguez for your caring and the creativity you bring to me. And your patience. To Margaret Schlinski and her daughter, Evelyn for their "Meals on Wheels Program: Artist Chapter," feeding me when I'd almost forget. To Ani Roskam for her energy, humor, and suggestions. To Gary Edelstein, whose instruction and allowing me to reduce his craft and artisanship to production, made the difference in the Gallery's picture rail. To Jonathan Shahn for his quiet reserve, resolve, and patience. To Jenn Kohlepp from the *Examiner* for her incredible article. And thanks, of course, to the all the artists who showed their works. They truly made the show and my labor worthwhile. Thanks to the Artistic Heritage of this town that makes it easy to be proud of doing this. And finally I am thankful just to be able to realize a dream and make it something to share. Here's to things to come.

Sincerely,

Jim Hayden ■

Thank goodness for the courts. When Judge Lehrer heard this case he was sympathetic to the Roosevelt voters. He said "I cannot see how the original petitions were in any way misleading" and "I am inclined to rule in favor of the Committee".

However, the Judge said he believed that Marko would try to prevent a recall vote by appealing and re-appealing the decision – at the taxpayers' expense.

Fortunately, the Judge took a practical approach and arranged for the parties to agree on a new form of petition. Originally, the petition had a large blank space where reasons for the recall could be stated. The Committee and Marko agreed to include the words "*The Committee has chosen not to set forth a statement of reasons for the recall*" at the bottom of the cover page of the court-approved petition. The Judge had already made it clear that the omission of these words in the original petition was not misleading.

Why did the Judge agree that there was nothing misleading about the original petition? He believed Roosevelt residents have some intelligence; that Roosevelt residents could figure out that the empty space in the petition meant "*The Committee has chosen not to set forth a statement of reasons for the recall.*"

The Judge knew that Marko had cried to multiple newspapers, a television station, this Borough Bulletin and the Community bulletin board that no reasons were given by the Committee, and that Marko had given his own reasons for the recall.

The Judge also knew that the *Notice of Intention to Recall* also contained the words "*The Committee has chosen not to set forth a statement of reasons for the recall*" and that this Notice was

published in local newspapers by the Borough Clerk, as required by law. Under these circumstances, it is no wonder the Judge concluded that the Mayor would appeal any ruling the Judge might make.

In its lawsuit, the Recall Committee objected to the Mayor's review of the petition and filed a civil rights claim. Why did the Recall Committee later agree to drop that claim? Because the Judge gave the Committee what it wanted—an election date, an approved form of petition, and retained jurisdiction. If the Committee had not dropped the claim and had won, the Borough would have had to pay the Committee's legal fees. We will pay them ourselves. We think the results are worth it.

We all now have the opportunity to vote, despite Mayor Marko's attempts to stop us. We can do what the Constitution and the law *guarantee* us. We can vote Neil Marko out of office. We can replace him with a fair-minded, effective and diplomatic individual, who values and respects every resident of Roosevelt. We can replace him with someone who puts the interests of Roosevelt first and listens to its residents. We can replace him with someone who is able to work with the Council, the School Board, the school personnel, the PTA, the Fire Department, and the other institutions and groups in Roosevelt who make our Borough a great place to live.

The Recall Committee urges you to vote on February 7, 2006. We have fought long and hard for our right to do so. ■

# Life on the Road

For a lot of years, I toured the country in many different musical and theatrical venues, from the Met's Spring Tour in 1950 to my last one in 1980, which was a National company of *The Sound of Music*, (98 cities in six months). From 1953 'til the end, most of my road-work was as 1/2 of the singing team of Earl Wrightson and me.

Our work ranged from starring with 35 of the country's major symphonic orchestras (from Lewisohn Stadium in NYC to The Hollywood Bowl) and the East Room of the White House, to really chic supper clubs and tacky 'club dates.' In between, we headlined in Summer productions of Broadway Musicals also in theatres from coast to coast.

We planned on one day writing a book to be called 'The Songs Are Easy,' which would cover all the other things about careers such as ours: agents, travel, production problems, concert committee ladies and the like.

Earl died in 1993 and the book never got written. Over the years my recollections had faded until my son and his wife invented a game. The game is: mention a city and Lois must come up with a personal story, or an event connected to it.... Here are a few of them which you might find to be fun.

Columbus, Ohio!! We played Columbus nearly every year for several years in the 60's and 70's, in various venues. We sang concerts there and starred in many Musical Theatre productions in summertime. But the beginning of our relationship with this really interesting mid-western city was a concert at the Ohio State University campus.



Earl Wrightson & Lois Hunt

Our booking came in the middle of winter and we had arrived in plenty of time to allow for possible bad traveling weather. The concert committee was most gracious, picking us up at the airport, dropping us off at our hotel, taking us to the concert hall and being generally attentive. The chairman invited us to a reception at his home, post-concert. We accepted, and then were left to our own devices to prepare for the concert. (ie) checking the piano, lights, backstage facilities, etc.

The concert was splendid (if I do say so myself), with a full house of both students and civilians. We were delighted with the response. Several encores were pressed upon us and the audience responded with what was then not as automatic as it has become: a standing ovation.

Meanwhile, while we were singing, out in the real world, a full blown

snow storm had developed. During the performance 5 inches of snow had fallen. When the lights came up in the auditorium the audience fled for the exits, including the OH! so hospitable committee, its equally warm and hospitable chairman, and with them the whole swell-elegant reception.

Now, as you probably know, singers can't sing a full concert on a full stomach. So what they usually do is to snack, or eat very lightly several hours prior to curtain-time. That was exactly what we had done on the occasion of the OSU concert, counting on the anticipated announced reception.

Sooo there we were, the three of us, soprano, baritone and accompanist, totally abandoned backstage in an empty auditorium, really let-down after our triumph, still reeling from the 'high' that a well received performance always produces.

What to do, what to do?? Being fairly resourceful, we called a cab, which surprised us by actually showing up, in the 5' of snow. We threw ourselves on the cabbie's mercy to find somewhere where we could have our OH! so late dinner.

This good soul took us to a place called KonTiki, an enormous replica of a Polynesian Long-House, with fake palm trees, iridescent lights, water-falls, etc, etc...IN THE SNOW-STORM! We couldn't have been more pleased.

We were very fond of this particular cuisine and especially fond of the exotic island libations, with which we wasted no time before ordering. While we waited for our order we took

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stock of our surroundings. Because of the storm, which was still in progress, there were only two other tables occupied in this huge space. In the distance there was the sound of a soft jazz flute and gentle rhythm. It was very peaceful and atmospheric.

At which point there was the sound of a great gong, struck only once, announcing the procession of three young girls in gorgeous sarongs proceeding down the center of the Long Room, holding high wooden bowls filled with some flaming liquid, in which white gardenias were floating. The girls headed to a twenty-foot tall Tiki God on the altar set up at the very end of the place. There they knelt most ceremoniously, at which point, much to my embarrassment, Earl and Freddie (our pianist) burst out in loud guffaws. I hushed them most vehemently assuring them that they would offend the 'natives.' They barely stifled their laughter.

The girls then left the altar and headed straight for our table to deliver what we had obviously ordered. They arrived, served the bowls, knelt again, and left while Earl and Freddie pelted me with their napkins pointing out to me that the 'natives' were just a trio of Columbus, Ohio teenagers picking up a couple o' bucks after hours, and not the Island God worshippers I had been beguiled into believing,

I do know, there has to be some charm in a certain amount of gullibility. or open-mindedness, depending on your vantage point. Anyhow... "Quiet, you'll offend them" was always good for a giggle thereafter.

**HENNY** So, we're on this plane from La Guardia to Chicago. (Earl Wrightson and I) to a gig at the Hilton in honor of Thanksgiving. One of our planemates just happens to be the ever-lovely Henny Youngman, whom we've known for many years in the

club date business. Henny is always a hoot and a half, off stage as well as on. He keeps the whole plane in stitches all the way to the windy city. Henny really traveled a lot, and had learned to travel light. His total luggage consisted of a garment bag, with his tux, which he carried over his arm; and a violin case which held his fiddle and tooth brush, and hopefully a change of something. That's all.

En route, he spent some time engaging in guy-talk with Earl, who mentioned that this day just happened to be my birthday. So...Henny unpacked his violin and played Happy Birthday to me and wished me well, and that's the end of that. Not quite. In those olden days of air travel, one frequently exited the plane by way of a steep staircase out of the stern. On this occasion, waiting at the bottom of the stairs was the whole crew and several of the other passengers, all singing 'Happy Birthday' to me, conducted and accompanied by Henny Youngman and his infamous fiddle.

Earl and I never forgot this tender (sic) moment and thereafter always shared a wink at each gig-encounter. He was loved by so many for not only his signature brand of one-liners, but surely for his gentle thoughtfulness. Happy Birthday to me, thanks, Henny.

Club Date, Chicago This was another one-nighter in the windy city. To be perfectly clear, a club date is not a nightclub engagement. Rather, it is usually the closing event of a convention, or a major banquet celebrating something-or-other. There is traditionally a long, impressive head table for the celebrants, and many mid-sized round tables for the hoi-polloi.

On this particular occasion, we were engaged to perform on the last day of a convention of carnival owners from around the country. (No doubt a very

classy group.) The affair was held in the grand ballroom of a no-star hotel in mid-town Chicago at, oddly enough, cocktail time.

Now, for a typical club date our act consisted of an opening number with the small band, several very chic Broadway tunes with appropriately chic repartee between, and a fast-paced finale (usually followed by a couple of encores). About 45 minutes in all.

The rehearsal with the band in the afternoon went really well, but something was most unusual. The Ballroom was set up with a huge Hors d'ouerves table in the center, featuring an enormous ice sculpture of a circus elephant in full cry, with its front legs and trunk held high. There were no other tables set up. The center table groaned under a load of nosherei of every description. There were three stages set up around the room so that there would be continuous entertainment. We were to perform on one of these stages. The other two were for a band and a dance team.

When we got down to the ballroom at show time, we found that the wine, etc. had been flowing fast and furiously for a couple of hours, and the snack table was being constantly replenished. By the time we were 'on' the audience was feeling no pain and there was no way they could settle down for our fare. Nor could they applaud our efforts, with a drink in one hand and a cracker in the other, had they even been interested in repartee of any kind. We slogged through our opening number to a loud round of stamping feet and cheers, the peoples' hands being otherwise occupied. The emcee grinned and slipped us the 'cut' sign, and we went straight to the finale. I was presented with the obligatory bunch of red roses...and we

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fled, to a tumultuous round of stamping and cheers.

So...being in Chicago with essentially a night off, we spent the rest of the evening --enjoying great jazz on State Street and supper at Trader Vic's. Oh, about the red roses. They ended up arrayed in the toilet of my hotel room for the pleasure of the chambermaid. As much as I appreciated the thought, could you picture me carrying them on a commuter plane at 8 a.m. the next morning? I did mention that it was a one-nighter, didn't I?

Beverly Hills Country Club Oddly enough, the Beverly Hills Country Club was neither in Beverly Hills nor was it in any sense a country club. Rather, it was an after-hours restaurant, supper-club, gambling spot across the Ohio river from Cinninatti, in Covington, Kentucky. Earl Wrightson and I were engaged to headline in the supper club for two weeks in the late '50s. This was a beautiful rambling one-story southern mansion situated on a hillside overlooking the river, with a very long (perhaps a mile) curving driveway leading from the road below. The supper-club was elegant enough, but was totally outdone by the casino. It was a room with great gambling tables, sumptuous buffets, wall-to-wall draperies, grand mirrors etc., all you might expect to see in Las Vegas. It was my first experience in such a place, not being a gambler, myself.

On about the third or fourth night of our engagement we were visiting in the casino with the owner, a very genteel Southern gentleman, when we heard an alarm sound. Within two or three minutes this casino was totally transformed. Gambling tables disappeared and were replaced by dining tables laden with food, wine and place settings at which the customers were seated, the croupiers had become attentive waiters, the drapes

were drawn back revealing glassed-in kitchens. It was a miracle! What had happened was that the alarm which I heard was triggered electronically at the foot of that graceful, curving mile-long driveway, and a well-planned police raid was on its way.

During our engagement, after our show, Earl and I would frequently be invited to dine in the casino with our most gracious host. John Croft was his name, and a charming southern gentleman he was, most proper and well spoken. He and Earl would exchange old southern recipes, I remember one about Red-Eye gravy. It was all very relaxed and pleasant, but I was never unaware that the alarm might go off at any time, so I was always just a little bit edgy while thoroughly enjoying all of the goodies at the Beverly Hills Country Club.

Sheboygan, Wisc. This cultural Mecca's main claim to fame, as far as I know, is its wurst expertise.

That is, to be precise, the manufacture of wursts of various kinds, to wit: brat, weiss, knock and liver. And so when Earl Wrightson and I were performing the roles of King Arthur and Queen Guenevere in the Milwaukee company of Camelot, we felt singularly honored to be invited to be King and Queen of the annual Sheboygan Bratwurst Festival.

Sheboygan is located just up the road a piece from Milwaukee, and we were escorted there in a fine limousine. The air for many miles around was redolent with the aroma of the barbecuing brats. We entered the town through a heavy fog of the wurst smoke and were transferred from our comfy limo, to an appropriately decorated open convertible. As Bratwurst Queen and King we were positioned regally, seated on the convertible's folded top. The entourage lined up for the main event of the festival, this major parade up Main

Street to wind up at the fair grounds. The high school band played, the flags flew, and the brats smoked. We were all set to go, when the wisenheimer at the wheel of our chariot gunned the motor....sending the Queen careening backward, most unregally, heels over head. Fortunately, I had good enough reflexes to grab on to the King's jacket, ripping out its pocket but breaking my flight. Strangely enough, except for the ensuing torrent of apologies, that's about all I remember of Sheboygan, the West's Wurst Wonderland. ■

### About Two Square Miles Of Stories

Everyone in our two-square mile town has old family photographs and memories of the people in them. These pictures and your memories are narratives waiting to enrich us all. So, join us in a Roosevelt Show and Tell project - find an old picture or two and tell us a story in a few paragraphs.

For information telephone:

Pearl Seligman 448-2340

Bess Tremper 448-2701

## Great New Gallery Opens in Roosevelt!"

*By Margaret and Evelyn Schlinski*

If it were to be a letter I would say: "Jim Hayden, Where You Been Hidden?" Anyway, what it boils down to is that Mr. Hayden gave many of us a good show at his Eleanor Gallery opening on October 22, at the historic factory building.

Showcased were eight diverse talents. Six Roosevelt artists: Jim Hayden, Bill Leech, Amanda Slamm, Ani Roskam, Frances Duckett and Gabrielle Balon contributed selected works, as well as, artists John Weiser from Holmdel and Nicholas Defonte from Morganville.

My first impression driving to the building was how crowded the street was in front. We couldn't park. When we finally got through the big iron doors of the factory into a dim interior, we saw a spotlight on a panel with photos of the WPA and Jersey Homestead and a history of the factory building. A sign directed us into the gallery door. We stepped from factory into fantasy. The impression of yours truly: "WOW! We're not in Kansas anymore". It was bright and dazzling white. There the art pieces elegantly displayed caught our eye. Each seemed to have it's own display area and could be enjoyed. We saw a varied collection of art and artifacts. A very pleasing surprise and stimulating as we moved from one piece to another. The crowd was as varied as the works.

Then we wandered into the second part of Mr. Hayden's place, The Factory Store a.k.a. art studio and classroom. Again, the clever lighting showed a room with many areas. Easels lined one wall with an art rack filled with his eclectic collection of

chairs along another. The wonderful factory windows are partly in view behind huge sheets of white plastic curtains. Opposite was a comfortable coffee table, books, orchids and chilling bottles of wine. Very Classy.

I was impressed, We were impressed with the "awesome" results of all Jim Hayden's hard work. We're glad he decided to undertake and complete this dream of his. It is a gift to our community.

Look for future notices about The Eleanor Gallery Shows and activities to happen in the factory Store. Come visit and participate.

## Review - Jacob Landau's Open Studio with Art Exhibit

*By Jim Hayden*

The day of Nov 5th was warmer than normal for this time of year. The sun was bright and the air seemed clean. And it was fall. The time of year when unexpectedly, a beautiful weekend can suddenly appear. Helping melt away those first few cold and bitter days of the season, and lending itself to daydreaming. And this day, more than just the weather, held some other surprises for me.

I thought about the past year so far, as I made my way to Jacob Landau's Dome, for the 4th Annual Studio Opening and Event hosted by Rosa Giletti. This year's theme was entitled, "Nurturing Dreams- Embracing Possibilities" and included quite a number of Jacob's original drawings, lithographs, woodcuts, and paintings. As I walked along I re-counted my own year of embracing possibilities.

Jacob's Studio has always been a place of inspiration for me since the first day I met him and growing with each visit. And although Landau is gone and missed, it is his legacy of capturing

mankind and humanity that is left to be seen, appreciated and digested. To Be Nurtured, and Embraced, to understand the hope beyond his images.

I thought about the past year as I entered the dome, and reflected on the events: the hurricanes; the disasters; human suffering; the war; even the town of Roosevelt itself in a state of tumult! I gazed at Jake's work, and it met me with harsh, unblinking realities. The images seemed to accompany my thoughts. His images speaking of humanity, and frailty. Discourse and disaster. Light and dark. His woodcut images forboding and black and stark. His prints and paintings colorful and bright. Yet, offering us a familiar glimpse of something that might otherwise make us feel uncomfortable. But beyond all of this, Hope.

It struck me that Jacob's work was truly a tableau for man's plight. Both of Happiness and Hurt. It is beautiful and tragic, like life. It forces thought and provokes conversation. And so much of it has not been seen. And that's what was unique with this show. Because the man was so prolific, just when you think you're familiar with his work- there's still more! For me, the showing of pieces rarely or not seen, was a deeper look into the artist. He truly felt and recognised the beauty and pain in life and tried to convey it in many ways.

And later that evening David Brahinsky's concert proved to be a thoughtful arrangement of songs with great lyrics and sensitive delivery. David was joined this year by Denny Kronemeyer and Mark McKusker, who added their own talents to David's renditions. The set started with "Its the phone," a song dealing with today's blight of cell tunes and tones and one way conversations.

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Next followed, "Talking Cavan," set in Cavan County, Ireland and then "Slow Food" a great piece, and nearly spoken word commentary on the comfort of real food and the difference between today's "Eat It" society. "Hank and Fred," by a favorite composer, Loudon Wainwright, continued the music, about a man who visits Hank Williams' grave the day Fred Rogers dies. A brief poem "Thinking about the past" was read as an introduction to "the Poets Game". "Forty-five years" and "Tangerine Love" ( a song written by David, for Naomi, almost 20 yrs ago), "the Randall knife," "Mary Ellen Carter" and "Canned Goods" rounded out the group's moving and entertaining selections. David's encore, as always, was icing!

The following day, at 2 p.m., a personal friend of Jacob for over 20 years, and noted Political Scientist and Speaker, Dr. Saliba Sarsar, gave a wonderful talk on Jacob and his work. Dr. Sarsar was integral in gaining an Honorary Doctorate for Jacob at Monmouth University. Dr. Sarsar spoke of Landau as a friend, hero, witness, and prophet. But none in the conventional manner. He spoke of Landau's philosophy behind his art and his spirit of creativity. He spoke of how Jacob would rail against the ills of the day and truly believed that art was as important as science as the foundation for education.

Dr. Sarsar closed his lecture with a poem he had written for Jacob Landau. It was entitled "Transformation" and dealt with man's ability to grow and hope for change. And try to effect that change. And the line "When will you seek shelter in the shadows of God's wing," sums up man's inability to cast aside his ego and allow himself to truly be a child of faith.

A beautiful day, a powerful weekend, and a feeling of hope beyond. Something to be said of Jacob, although it could be said of many, was his ability to touch and reach people, even posthumously. But, what can only be said of Jacob Landau, is that his prolific works and legacy of understanding should be embraced and understood by a greater many.

Who would've thought a couple of beautiful fall days could bring such a greater understanding for those who came. And I for one, can't wait until next year. But until then, I'll continue to nurture dreams and embrace possibilities.

### Roosevelt Community Shares Agriculture

*By Carol Watchler*

*Roosevelt Community Shares Agriculture* which grew organic vegetables and distributed the produce to approximately 30 shareholders had its "share" of ups and downs during the 2005 season and is looking toward the prospects for the next growing season.

In a recent conversation, farm owner Ed Goldstein stated that he appreciated the feedback from a survey of shareholders. He plans to "address the many comments and make improvements where needed."

A meeting is planned in January or early February for all persons interested in learning about the 2006 plans. Current shareholders will receive information about this meeting. Anyone who is not a current shareholder and would like to be notified when the date and location is set for this meeting can leave contact information, including e-mail if available, with Bobbi Teich at 609-448-5036 or [bobbiteich@comcast.net](mailto:bobbiteich@comcast.net). Please make any calls before 9:00 p.m.

### Women's Fund of NJ Award

*By Carol Watchler*

Ann Baker was the recipient on November 16 of an award from the Women's Fund of New Jersey recognizing her "lifelong dedication to the women of New Jersey." Ann has served on the board of the Women's Fund of New Jersey which raises funds through workplace giving for a broad variety of organizations providing services to women.

### Your Town – Your Mural!

*By Judith McNally*

Imagine a Roosevelt town mural, made for and by the Roosevelt community!

The mural could be outside or inside, made of tile, or paint, or other, as suggested by you. There could be images, words, photos. It's all up to you, including the size.

Inspired by the new tile mural in the Princeton Public Library, members of the Roosevelt Arts Project have joined to act as facilitators for the process of making a community mural. The mural's location, materials and content are up to the community.

To begin the process, you're invited to a brainstorming meeting on Wednesday, December 14, at 7 p.m. at the Borough Hall. In addition to discussion, there will be paper for your thoughts.

If you have ideas for a mural but can't make the meeting, please e-mail Deirdre Sheehan: [deirdresheehan@hotmail.com](mailto:deirdresheehan@hotmail.com)

If you have questions before the meeting, please call either Naomi Brahinsky, 443.1898, or Deirdre Sheehan, 443.4179.

Completion of the mural is hoped for by spring of 2007, as part of the Roosevelt Arts Project's 20th year

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

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Utility Collector Sam Cannizaro will be available to review bills with any users who might have questions or concerns.

During the course of the public hearing on the ordinance, several residents had questions for the Council and its financial professionals. Jacqui Carpenter wanted to know where the 10,000 gallon base allowance came from. Councilman Jeff Hunt said that it was derived from the US Environmental Protection Administration's determination that the average usage for a 3-bedroom house was 300 gallons a day. Ann Baker expressed hope that people would conserve water in order to avoid higher fees. Bert Ellentuck asked if the rates were prescribed by the State and was told by Jerry Stankiewicz, the municipal auditor, that they were not. In response to a question from Ms. Carpenter, Mr. Stankiewicz said that there would be no "rollover gallons," meaning that usage below 10,000 gallons in one two-month period could not be used as a credit for any overages in later periods. In response to a suggestion by Councilwoman Beth Battel that future adjustments of the rates include lower rates for low users, Mr. Stankiewicz said that that could be among the adjustments that might be made once we have some experience with the rate schedule being adopted. He further said that it may take as long as five years to "get the numbers right." In response to a request from Councilwoman Pat Moser, he said that monthly statements on utility revenue will be provided to the Council. In response to a question from Councilman Dan Hoffman, Chief Financial Officer George Lange said that the revenue anticipated from the new fee schedule would be about \$36,000 higher than current revenue, assuming no change in usage.

In his report to the Council, Administrator Bob Clark said that

Borough Engineer Carmela Roberts had been instrumental in obtaining two proposals for the use of the remaining State grant money to remediate the contamination at the garage, rather than just continue to study it, as Schoor-DePalma, the firm currently doing the work, was proposing. He also reported receipt of a letter from Community Options, Inc. indicating that they were no longer interested in developing a group home on the lot subdivided from the gas station lot and zoned for affordable housing because a 150-foot wetlands buffer established by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection does not leave enough room for construction of a house with a well and septic system, and also because of concern about the unresolved contamination issues at the gas station. This decision by Community Options will make it necessary for the borough to find another way of satisfying its affordable housing obligation. Mr. Clark also recommended the closing of South Valley Road south of Lake Drive and the creation there of a "pocket park" in conjunction with the reconstruction work being done on Lake Drive, the reason for this being the need to eliminate the hazardous intersection at the corner of South Valley Road and Clarksburg Road.

In the public portion, Gary Shiner complained about speeding on Lake Drive by a white school van. In response to a question from Bert Ellentuck, Mr. Clark identified the van in question as a vehicle that transports students to the yeshiva that is at the synagogue and also picks up the children of the yeshiva's rabbis, who own homes on Lake Drive, and takes them to their schools. He said that the speeding incidents should be reported to the State Police, who would be able to watch for the van at the hours when the speeding was reported, but

that he believed the yeshiva would take necessary action to correct the situation.

Dolores Chasan asked that something be done before one of the children riding bicycles after dark with no lights is hit by a car. She also complained about walkers who shine lights in the eyes of oncoming drivers. Administrator Clark said that parents must take responsibility if their kids are riding without lights or without helmets. Mayor Marko said that he often stops kids to warn them if they are riding without helmets. Councilman Hunt said that this is part of a problem of kids playing in the streets, and even doing reckless things like lying down in the middle of the street. Councilman Dan Hoffman suggested that the borough provide reflectors for people to wear. Councilman Mike Hamilton agreed, saying that people should be able to walk safely in the streets. Ann Baker suggested that the borough provide reflective vests to all walkers, but Ginny Edwards said that such vests are difficult to put on over heavy garments in cold weather. Councilwoman Battel urged that the *Bulletin* advise readers to "Please be seen on roads." (All readers should consider themselves duly advised.)

Councilman Jeff Hunt announced that he was resigning from the Council, effective at the end of the meeting. He did not state his reasons for doing so, but said that he would make a statement at a later date. A real estate sign posted at Mr. Hunt's home indicates that his property is under contract to be sold.

In other business, the Council approved resolutions awarding a contract for \$990.00 for core drilling and testing of the new asphalt on Lake Drive, authorizing a second change order for the Lake Drive reconstruction project, establishing a salary of \$15,000 for the purchasing agent, hiring Gregg

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## YOUR TOWN - YOUR MURAL

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anniversary and gift to the town.

Please lend your voice to this exciting community project, to include the town's children, seniors, and any and all community members who would like to play a part in the mural. It's up to you!

P.S. Look for the community bulletin board suggestion sheet, and let your voice be heard there!

### Roosevelt First Aid Squad Training & Response News

*By Jack Rindt, Roosevelt First Aid Squad Training Officer*

In the month of October the squad responded to 12 first aid squad calls. In Roosevelt, three were medical emergencies, one motor vehicle accident, and eight mutual aid calls to Millstone Township were all medical emergencies.

The training that was given in October was administrative paper work.

The squad has responded to 82 emergencies from January 1 to October 31. Last year the squad did a total of 73. Our calls have increased.

If you want to be challenged, help your community, maybe start a career or just help people, join the Roosevelt First Aid Squad. We Need Members!

If you would like to join the First Aid Squad, make contact with any squad member or stop in during our business meeting that is held on the third Tuesday each month starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Boro Hall or the second Sunday of each month when we hold our monthly training which starts at 10 a.m.

Upcoming Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) courses:

In Monmouth County at the Marlboro First Aid Squad Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting January 9, 2006 and ending March 18, 2006.

In Mercer County at the Mercer County Fire Academy Monday through Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. starting December 12, 2005 and ending March 3, 2006.

The squad only has six Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) at this time. We are always looking for new members to join and we pay for all training. New members can join at the age of 16 and become New Jersey Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Becoming an Emergency Medical Technician with the Roosevelt First Aid Squad could lead to paying positions with career ambulance companies.

The squad has started to put away funds for new ambulance. We welcome any contributions for the new ambulance. Please make out checks to Roosevelt First Aid Squad, P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. The First Aid Squad is always thankful when anything can be contributed. A second ambulance in town will help insure that one will always be around.

Thank you.

### At Ease

In October Jim Chasan (son of Howard & Dolores) known as *silent lotus*, was one of the poets who was invited to read at The Bowery Poetry Club in NYC, organized by the editors of the spiritual literary journal *Tiferet*, which published his poem **A Moment**. Also this fall he has been published once again in the journal *Sacred Journey*. You can also often find his poems on their website. This year he participated at a RAP poetry reading and his paintings were included in the RAP group show that took place in the factory. Last year in Belgium a singer together with a dancer created an hour performance inspired by his poetry. His website is: [www.silentlotus.net](http://www.silentlotus.net).

*At Ease*

*Is*

*Your love*

*As deeply rooted*

*As the redwood trees*

*Do you feel the silence*

*With which they*

*Are at*

*Ease*

*Are you ready to let go*

*Like the divine colors that flow*

*In an autumn*

*Breeze*

*Silent lotus* ■

### RESIDENTS!

This is your newspaper. We would be happy to hear from you either in the form of letters or articles which we would be pleased to include in our publication each month.

That's what this paper is for — to help us to get to know one another as well as to let you know what is happening in the town.

Let us know what you think, what you do.

How about it?

## BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

*Continued from Page 16*

Possiel as a back-up utility plant operator, hiring Jay Goldman as a back-up public works employee, making end-of-year transfers of appropriations, authorizing payment of two invoices to Schoor-DePalma for site investigation at the former gas station, appointing Ron Kostar as Clean Communities coordinator, adjusting the salary for Joseph LaRosa as a part-time utilities operator, appointing Administrator Clark as the recycling coordinator, and adjusting Mr. Clark's salary to provide some compensation for the extra hours he has worked. Motions were approved authorizing renewal for 2006 of the senior citizen food shopping agreement with the Monmouth County Division of Transportation, awarding a non-exclusive contract for sanding and salting of the roads to Hendrickson Excavating and allowing the Roosevelt Babysitting Co-op to use the Borough Hall on December 3 for a party. ■

## FROM THE MAYOR

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and I would like to hear from you. We have meetings the first three Monday's of each month. The first Monday is a committee meeting at 7 pm followed by an Agenda meeting at 8. The next Monday is our Action meeting at 7 p.m. The third Monday is another committee meeting at 7 p.m. You are all welcome and encouraged to come to all. If you can't make a meeting, perhaps you want to email us. My email is [mayor@borough.roosevelt.nj.us](mailto:mayor@borough.roosevelt.nj.us) or you can reach the council by emailing [council@borough.roosevelt.nj.us](mailto:council@borough.roosevelt.nj.us). If you want, you can call me at the Borough Hall (448-0539) and press 1.

**Tidbit of information:** During the McCarthy Era, some citizens of Roosevelt formed a Civic League to put pressure on fellow citizens who they thought to be too far to the "left" politically because it didn't conform to their idea of what Roosevelt should be. It didn't work then. It won't work now! ■

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NOTICE

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### **Rabies Alert!**

No need to panic, but there have been several cases of rabid animals in neighboring counties. The Home News Tribune had recent (November 8th and 15th) stories of a rabid raccoon and a rabid skunk in Middlesex County and my concern was raised when my daughter and friends found three abandoned kittens near our backyard in late October and one had died.

Here are some guidelines concerning rabies from the county health department.

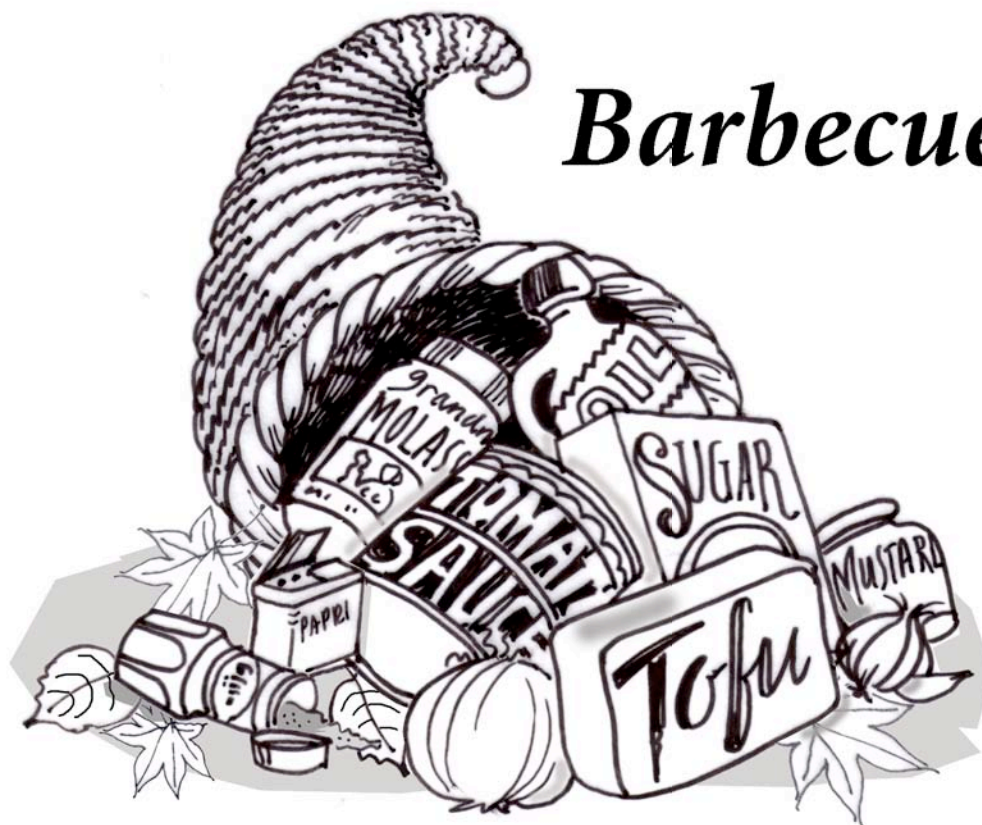
- Immediately report a bite from a wild or domestic animal to the local or county health department and consult a physician.
- If bitten, immediately wash the bite wounds thoroughly with soap and water.
- Report any wild animals showing signs of excessive drooling, aggressive behavior or a sick appearance. Unusual behavior such as wild animals with no fear of humans or nocturnal animals active in the middle of the day warrant suspicion and should be reported to local officials.
- Do not feed or handle wild animals.
- Make sure family pets are up to date with rabies vaccinations.

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm on December 21, 2005. Everyone who is anyone is welcomed to attend and if anyone has a newsworthy nature note or comment of environmental concern, please give me a call at 609-443-6204. Thank you for reading this column. ■

## December & January 2006 School Dates

Dec 2.....	Pizza Day
Dec 7 & 8.....	Holiday Gift Fair
Dec 15.....	Winter Concert - Evening Performance, 7:00 p.m.
Dec 16.....	Pizza Day
Dec 22.....	Board of Ed Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Dec 23.....	Fabulous Friday - Early Dismissal
Dec 24 - Jan 1.....	School Closed
Jan 2.....	School Reopens
Jan 6.....	Pizza Day
Jan 12.....	Board of Ed Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Jan 13.....	PTA SchoolHouse Hooky Day
Jan 16.....	School Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 20.....	Pizza Day
Jan 26.....	Board of Ed Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Jan 30.....	School Closed

# Barbecue Tofu



## Sauce for Marinating

This is a recipe in our “Family Cookbook” compiled as a Christmas gift from grandson, William, and granddaughter, Katie, a few years ago.

It just came to the attention of my daughter, Evelyn. It was served at the graduation party for David Vitola when he got his Ph.D. (The Vitolas’ lived at 3 School Lane and are now in California.) The recipe was brought by Maggie Keegan, a co-op member, as many other families were at the time.

Evelyn gets asked to make it for get-togethers. It is so well liked that it is requested for birthday parties. Even non-tofu persons request this vegetarian main course. The barbecue sauce is wonderful on Boca burgers and chicken!

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|---|---|
| 2 lbs. or 2 – 14 oz. firm tofu (use frozen tofu to provide a chewy texture) | 1 tbs. hot paprika (or regular paprika) |
| 3 tbs. peanut butter  | 1/4 tsp. black pepper                   |
| 1/3 cup oil   | 1/2 tsp. garlic powder                  |
|   | 1 tsp. salt                             |

Thaw tofu and squeeze out moisture, cut into 1” x 3” strips. Mix together sauce ingredients. Whip until smooth. Place tofu slices close together in a pan, spreading sauce over strips as evenly as possible. Marinate 1 hour, prepare barbecue sauce.

## Barbecue Sauce

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1/3 cup oil             | 1/4 cup water         | 1 tsp. allspice          |
| 1 medium onion, chopped | 1 cup brown sugar     | 1 1/2 tsp. dried parsley |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced | 1 tbs. molasses       | 1/2 cup lemon juice      |
| 2 1/2 cups tomato sauce | 1/2 cup salad mustard | 2 tbs. soy sauce         |
|                         | 1/2 tsp. salt         | 3/4 tsp. cayenne powder  |

Saute oil, onion, and garlic until onions are transparent. Stir in remaining ingredients (except lemon juice and soy sauce). Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for about one hour. Add lemon juice and soy sauce and simmer 10 – 15 minutes more.

Preheat oven to 350. Lay tofu on cookie sheet which has been spread with 1/4 cup oil. Bake at 350 for 25 minutes. Then turn pieces over and bake about 25 more minutes. Pour barbecue sauce (generous amount) over all the pieces and bake 15 more minutes. ■

**Bushland Weather**

Robin and I took a vacation to Bushland in November. You may know that place better as the private school/Ivy League current president's "hometown" of Midland, Texas. We went to visit Robin's brother and family and to look around the big state a little.

The weather was fine. The sky was not cloudy all days. There was just one day with a very brief shower. Average annual precipitation in the area is 13 inches. In Roosevelt annual average precipitation is about 46 inches. It's dry in west Texas and there is less air and light pollution.

The night sky is much brighter. Even with a moon waxing to two-thirds full during our stay, each night revealed a sky with many more stars than we can see in Roosevelt. They all twinkled more intensely, too.

Temperatures were much higher than normal on all but one day we were there. It reached into the upper 80's on a couple of days. We almost worked up a sweat on our hikes in Big Bend National Park and the Guadalupe Mountains. If it weren't for the dry air we would have been dripping.

During the same period, high temperatures here ran well above normal, too. While in the warm Texas air I got to thinking about how Bush doesn't put much stock in global warming. Not that a week or so of warmer than normal weather proves anything. It was just Indian Summer up here and a

warm spell down there. But, how does he explain away the extending summer ice-melt of the arctic icecap, or the apparent shift of the Atlantic Gulf Stream, or the growing intensity of hurricanes and other weather events, or the fact that the ten highest mean annual global temperatures since 1880 have occurred since 1990?

A note about the following weather table: Because I was out of town and could not take complete readings from November 4 through November 14, the temperatures and some precipitation data for those days was taken from the Weather Underground Web Site <http://www.wunderground.com/US/NJ/Trenton.html>. In the past I have found that their temperature readings compare well to ours in Roosevelt.

**Weather Word**

Chubasco—A severe thunderstorm with vivid lightning and violent squalls coming from the land on the west coast of Nicaragua and Costa Rica in Central America.

Don't you just want to say it? Chubasco! ■

**Walkers!**  
 Be visible on the  
 road at night.  
 Wear reflective  
 clothing.

**October 15 – November 15, 2005**

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
115	70.5	59.0	64.8	0.28
16	64.6	50.9	57.8	0.00
17	62.4	49.5	56.0	0.00
18	69.6	47.1	58.4	0.04
19	68.2	43.5	55.9	0.00
20	59.4	48.7	54.1	0.00
21	53.4	47.3	50.4	0.00
22	56.5	50.2	53.4	0.52
23	59.0	41.5	50.3	0.58
24	55.4	37.0	46.2	0.00
25	50.2	41.9	46.1	1.45
26	52.7	38.7	45.7	0.50
27	53.8	33.6	43.7	0.00
28	50.5	35.4	43.0	0.00
29	49.5	34.0	41.8	0.00
30	61.9	35.8	48.9	0.00
31	63.7	38.1	50.9	0.00
1	67.1	43.5	55.3	0.00
2	56.5	40.1	48.3	0.00
3	62.6	38.5	50.6	0.00
4	69.0	42.0	55.5	0.00
5	72.0	42.0	57.0	0.00
6	74.0	47.0	60.5	0.00
7	62.0	46.0	54.0	0.00
8	65.0	45.0	55.0	0.00
9	67.0	37.0	52.0	0.25
10	68.0	48.0	58.0	0.00
11	48.0	42.0	45.0	0.00
12	59.0	32.0	45.5	0.00
13	66.0	29.0	47.5	0.00
14	64.8	49.0	56.9	0.00
15	71.1	48.9	60.0	0.00
<b>Total Precipitation</b>	<b>3.62</b>			

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# ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

## 2005 - 2006 SEASON

### **NEXT EVENT:**

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Saturday, December 10, 2005

#### **ROOSEVELT POETS- AN ALMOST WINTER SOLSTICE READING**

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Saturday, January 21, 2006

#### **OPEN MIC CAFÉ:**

Roosevelt residents to present music, song, poetry, and comedy. Sign up with Judy Nahmias (443-5290) or Deirdre Sheean (443-4179)

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Saturday, February 11, 2006

#### **SCHUBERT'S SONGS AND PIANO MUSIC, WITH ALAN MALLACH, PIANIST, AND CECELIA TICKTIN, SOPRANO**

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Saturday, March 11, 2006

#### **FATHER-DAUGHTER, SINGING TEAMS**

David and Rachel Brahinsky and John and Lily Parrott bring us music and song.

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Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, 2006

#### **THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND**

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Saturday, May 20, 2006

#### **BITS OF ART- THE LATEST IN DIGITAL MUSIC AND ART, WITH GARTON & RADKIEWICZ**

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Saturday, June 17th, 2006

#### **ART BY ROOSEVELT ARTISTS SELECTED FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS IN ROOSEVELT**

The exhibit will be in the Eleanor Gallery in the factory, 11a.m to 7 p.m.

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All events are at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building except where otherwise noted.

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#### **Voluntary Contribution:**

For most events \$5 per adult. For the String Band \$10 per adult, \$5 for seniors and children.

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For Further information call Robin Gould, 448-4616. See also [www.music.columbia.edu/roosevelt](http://www.music.columbia.edu/roosevelt)

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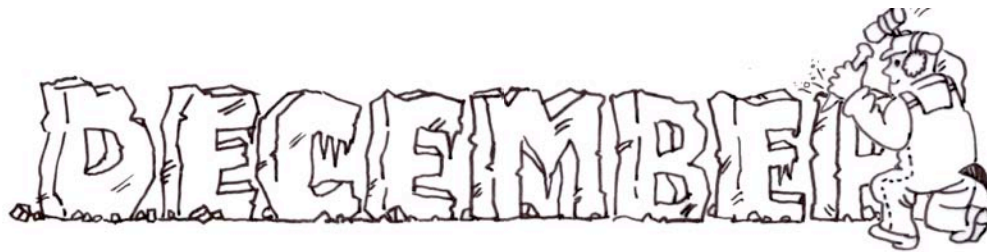
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## December

<b>2</b>	Fri	RPS Pizza Day
<b>5</b>	Mon	7 pm Council Committee Meeting Boro Hall Beth Battel, President 448-7701
		8 pm Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall Neil Marko, Mayor 443-6818
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		1 pm Seniors Meeting Borough Hall Gerry Millar, President 448-0351
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<b>8</b>	Thurs	PTA Holiday Gift Fair RPS—Jill Joyce, 443-9423 or Deidre Pizzarelli, 448-2126
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<b>15</b>	Thurs	7 pm RPS Winter Concert Shari Payson, Principal 448-2798
		7:30 pm Synagogue Bd Mtg, Elly Shapiro, 443-3575
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<b>22</b>	Thurs	7:30 pm Roosevelt School Board Meeting RPS Linda Grayson, President 443-6462
<b>23</b>	Fri	RPS Early Dismissal - Winter Recess Begins
<b>25</b>	Sun	Xmas Day & Hanukkah begins at sundown
<b>26</b>	Mon	RPS Closed, Hanukkah, Kwanza Begins
<b>28</b>	Wed	RECYCLE

## January 2006

<b>1</b>	Sun	New Year's Day
<b>2</b>	Mon	RPS Resumes Classes
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<b>30</b>	Mon	RPS Closed

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