

Bulletin

BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Council Raises Certificate of Occupancy Fee; Zoning Amendments Introduced

By Michael Ticktin

At its February meeting, the Borough Council adopted an ordinance raising from \$30.00 to \$75.00 the fee for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. A municipal certificate of occupancy, which is not to be confused with a certificate of occupancy issued by the Construction Official when construction or alteration work is completed, is required to be obtained by the seller or lessor of any house or apartment that is sold or rented to a new occupant. It is a certification by the housing inspector, currently Ed Goetzmann, that the house or apartment is maintained in accordance with all applicable ordinances. Any seller or lessor who allows a house or apartment to be occupied without first obtaining a certificate of occupancy is subject to a fine, unless the buyer, in the case of a sale, has agreed to accept responsibility for completing the repairs and obtaining the certificate.

The Council also introduced, and passed on first reading, an ordinance removing the Planned Community

Development (PCD) designation from the former Notterman tract between North Valley Road and the cemetery, which is now owned by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and transferring the portion of the Light Industrial zoning district that is located north of Oscar Drive to the Residential-Agricultural district. The rezoning of the former Notterman tract reflects the fact that the land is now permanently preserved. And planning projections, notably those by the the Monmouth County Planning Board, should not hold open any possibility of planned development there. The rezoning of the land north of Oscar Drive reflects the intention of the Council that the entire block be retained as agricultural, as well as the fact that the land is too wet for any industrial development. On the night following the Council meeting, the Planning Board, which had originated the proposal, reviewed the proposed ordi-

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ROOSEVELT BLOOD DRIVE

Roosevelt Borough Hall
Thursday, March 11, 2004
Hours: 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Please call Liz Possiel for an appointment at 609-448-1485.

We need you!

Seniors: Notice that the Blood Pressure Checks starts at 12 noon instead of at 12:30 p.m. from now on at the monthly meetings.

Don't forget about the Annual Winter Carnival at the school on Saturday, March 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. There will be something for everyone!

Remember to fill out and return the insert to help get the long awaited new Roosevelt Phone Book finished.

Are you using our library at the school? It is open every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Thoughtful neighbors pick up after their dogs.
Are you a thoughtful neighbor?

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Greetings Roosevelt residents, friends and neighbors. This is my first article for the *Bulletin* and I hope to be able to give you an overview about some of the goings on in the Borough. Since January we have been quite busy over at the Borough Hall. Many things are happening. This article will focus on some of those items and hopefully we can clear up some things for all of you.

A short time ago, a letter was sent to residents about our PO Boxes. This letter was somewhat scary since it implied that any mail that was not exactly addressed would not be delivered. At Council meetings, we heard from a resident who runs a home-based business complain that his clients were wondering if they were still around since mail from their clients was returned with a bad address! To get to the bottom of this, I spoke to our Postmaster - Ms. Lorraine Hirtelen - and got the correct information. The Postal Service throughout the country is attempting to increase its level of automation. At some of the big mail sorting facilities around the country, the Postal Service actually has machinery that reads the address on letters. That machinery expects to see a Post Office Box number on mail that is going to Roosevelt. Mail that does not have a box number on it often will be returned. Once it arrives at our Post Office, the staff will do their best to make sure it gets delivered but they must work within the rules and

regulations of the Postal Service. This type of returned mail is preventable. We all must make sure that when we give out our address, it is written as an optional number and street, then post office box number and then city, state and zip.

Another rumor floating around concerns our recent project installing water meters. As most of you know, all residences and businesses that are getting water from the Borough now have new water meters. This was not something that we wanted to do. The State of New Jersey has forced us into installing them, and also to read them and use them as the basis for billing. It does make some sense, since the State is interested in encouraging as much water conservation as possible. Some residents, however, have shown concern that their water bill would be going up due to the meter. While eventually some users will pay more, that should only be those who use excessive amounts of water. We expect that most will probably not see any appreciable change in the bills, and some may well see a reduction.

Last, I would like to bring up the issue of our Summer Camp, which is run by our Recreation Director, Mr. Eric Schubiger. This year we have successfully negotiated with the Pine Valley Swim Club to use their facilities for our Summer Camp. The twice weekly swimming will be part of a new program that will run daily from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.. In addition, we plan on a Summer Camp that will be a full

eight weeks. Eric is planning a full slate of exciting activities. Now many of the details are still being worked out, but you should all watch for future announcements about registration and other details. I think Summer Camp this year will be a wonderful experience for our children.

In closing, I would like to remind all of you that your Borough Council and I would like to hear from you. We have meetings the first three Mondays of each month. The first Monday is a committee meeting at 7 p.m. 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 or you can reach the Council by emailing council@borough.roosevelt.nj.us. If you want, you can call me at the Borough Hall (448-0539) and press 1.

Tidbit of information: Ever forget when recycling is going to happen? Or if the Building Inspector is going to be in on a particular date? Well the Borough Hall phone has a frequently updated schedule of events that you can check 24x7. Just call the Borough Hall and press 7. And if you have an item to add to it, call the Borough Hall and let us know. ■

From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

On February 11 we celebrated our 100 days of school! This annual event is organized by our kindergarten and first grade teachers, Ms Cvecich and Ms Brindle. All of the students in the school have an opportunity to participate in the activities that are run by the students of grades kindergarten and first grade. It's amazing how many activities can be created using the number 100. Whole school activities are worthwhile so that the students can help each other and learn from their school buddies of different grades and ages. And where did the time go? We are busy with many diverse projects and programs. Our goal is to enrich the lives of our students and impact achievement daily.

Since this past October, our fifth graders have been meeting twice a month with seniors from Roosevelt. The students have been meeting with senior citizens in the computer lab, where they are working hard to teach them technology skills. This project is a collaborative effort run by a team of Roosevelt teachers - our fifth grade teacher, Mr. Santanello; school nurse,

Mrs. Marko; special education teacher, Mrs. Goldfond; and technology coordinator, Mr. Grayson, have all contributed to make this a wonderful learning experience for everyone involved. In addition, our project was just recognized by the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and we were given a \$5,000 award! This money will go towards our technology budget. You can see a video clip of our project by going to our school web site: www.RPS1.org. In the lower right hand corner click on the link that says NJElite technology award. Enjoy!

Speaking of budget, that time is upon us. The Board Finance Committee meets diligently to go over the school budget item-by-item, line-by-line. This painstaking effort is what enables us to keep our budget well balanced and consistent from year to year. Our board has a history of fiscal responsibility that should be a model throughout the state. We are also a member of several consortiums, and that helps keep our costs down.

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RCNS March Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

Spring is just around the corner when March arrives, and this year we will be especially happy to welcome spring! We are really looking forward to warmer weather. Our class will learn about changeable March weather and the meaning of the expression, "In like a lion and out like a lamb." The effects of the wind will be explored. Our projects will include colorful kites and hot air balloons.

Everyone loves to see rainbows. Using a prism, we will "catch rainbows" in our classroom and see that the colors of the rainbow are always in the same order. It will be so much fun to mix colors and make new ones. March 2nd is Seuss Day! Be sure to read a special book with your child to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will enjoy green eggs and make a special project.

The children always look forward to special days in school. We will have "pajama day" so the children can wear pajamas to school and other special days as well.

During March and April, our class will participate in the Book-It Program. The children need to read books at home to receive pizza certificates each month. They enjoy seeing just how many books were read at the end of each month.

It's already time to start planning for our next school year. Our annual Open House is being scheduled for the end of March. If anyone is interested in our school, please contact me at 609-426-9523. We welcome visitors! We would also love to see you at our Open House so that you may meet other parents as well. ■

February School Dates

March 2	Read Across America Day
March 4	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
March 5	Pizza Day
March 6	Winter Carnival
March 12	Pizza Day
March 15	State tests administered this week
March 30	Budget Hearing followed by regular Board Meeting

By David Schwendeman

Turkey Vulture Rescue!

First, a thank you to Tom Curry for rescuing two more Turkey Vultures from entanglement in the Roosevelt Public School soccer field nets. Noticed by many, since it was mid-morning the day of the RPS Winter Concert, were the large birds flopping about and twisted in the string of heavy netting. This was Tom's second rescue having freed one several days previously and he was well prepared with thick gloves, a large towel to cover the bird's heads to lessen stress and net clippers. After cutting many sections of net, both Vultures, apparently unharmed, sauntered off into the nearby woods. A little shaky, they both looked back at Tom with an awkward air of gratitude. The nets were then dismantled.

Wood frogs will be calling. As soon as there is a thaw in the ice cover, the diminutive male wood frogs will be calling to their mates. Usually heard in February or early March, they are the first frogs in this area to herald the coming Spring. I have asked friends

at the end of Pine Drive to call me if they hear them. The population was strong several years ago when the cacophony sounded like someone chain sawing in the woods. This annual event only lasts about three days! For me it is a thrill to witness and it happens right here at the beginning of the Roosevelt Woodland Trail Section A down by the water treatment plant.

In other news, the Boy Scouts of Millstone are scheduled for Saturday, March 27th to help with our trails once again. As a service to the community project they will help spread wood chips and perform general maintenance of Trail Section B between Tamara and Rochdale.

Many times in the past, the Boy Scouts of America have helped the Roosevelt Environmental Commission with our trail projects around town. Feel free to come out that day, cheer them on and try out the trails for yourselves! It should be a beautiful day! ■

By Ron Kostar

Items for this column can be submitted to Ron Kostar by phone 443-4179, 18 Pine Drive, or e-mail at ronkostar@cs.com.

Hightstown High School recently released its Honor roll students for the second semester and it included the following Rooseveltians:

High Honors:

Jesse Parsons, 12th grade
Lindsey Possiel, 12th
Tina Vasseur, 12th
Jennifer Iacona, 11th grade

Regular Honors:

Avery Axel, 12th grade
Lian Garton, 12th
Reuben Alt, 11th grade
Anthony Grasso, 11th
Danielle Petrics, 11th
Emily Silverstein, 9th grade
Cecelia Ticktin, 9th

If, as I'm sure is the case, I left your favorite student off the list, please e-mail or call me and I'll be sure to include him/her in next month's column.

Not much else, I'm afraid, is new, though the sun has been out the past few days and there are small signs of life rustling around in the trees and in the ground. It will be very pleasant when screen windows and doors are taken out of sheds and put in, and people start going outside again. I am getting to know Bill Press and Pat Buchanan far better than I ever wanted to, and more than one Rooseveltian has told me that, though they otherwise like him, Wolf Blitzer's monotone is starting to get on their nerves. March is welcome because at least it usually stirs things up! ■

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

To keep it alive, it needs to be used.

As CSA Weinbach has said:

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

Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Leadership on Domestic Partner Legislation Came from Roosevelt

By Ann Baker

On January 12, 2004 Governor James McGreevey signed the New Jersey Domestic Partnership Act into law. Among the jubilant crowd in the governor's office were Ann Baker and Carol Watchler of Roosevelt, who have been involved in developing this legislation for more than four years.

Baker was responsible for forming and chairing an effective coalition of 20 statewide organizations representing labor, religious, civil rights and civil liberties, feminist, senior citizen, education, and gay-rights interests called the Family Equality Coalition. Watchler chaired the New Jersey Education Association's Lesbian and Gay Caucus that provided NJEA with its energetic and committed activists who generated thousands of letters to legislators from NJEA members.

Two years ago after the Democrats won the governorship and a majority of the Assembly, the Family Equality Coalition identified the Assembly sponsors and worked with them to refine a bill drafted by the Office of Legislative Services to include a waiver of the inheritance tax, inclusion in health coverage provided through the State Health Benefits Plan, and the right to hospital visitation and medical decision-making for an incapacitated partner.

Although characterized by the media as a gay-rights bill, as it was originally drafted it was to provide significant relationship rights to many adult couples who choose not to marry or, in the case of lesbian and gay couples, cannot marry.

The bill that was signed extended

these rights to opposite-sex couples over the age of 62 and all same-sex couples, omitting most opposite-sex couples. The New Jersey Business and Industry Association pressed for that change out of concern that large numbers of opposite-sex couples would register as domestic partners and health insurance costs would escalate for employers. This is a gratuitous and unproven assumption. Furthermore, if those couples would marry and use their health benefits to cover their married partner, the result would be the same.

Apparently the governor and bill's sponsors decided it was better to give in to BIA rather than risk their active opposition to the legislation and the possibility that Republican legislators would follow the BIA lead. As it turned out, the Republicans did not need the cover of BIA to oppose the bill. The Republicans who did not support the bill in both houses of the legislature relied upon some of the arguments formulated by the religious right.

How did Roosevelt's members of the State Legislature vote? In the Assembly vote on December 11, 2003 Assemblyman Joseph Malone abstained, which had the same effect as a no vote, and Assemblyman Ronald Dancer voted against the bill. In the Senate vote on January 8, 2004, Senator Robert Singer voted against the bill.

At a May 13, 2003 meeting with Senator Singer, he told representatives of the Family Equality Coalition that he would not co-sponsor the bill but would support it when it came to the floor. At this meeting he said more than once that he was the "most liberal Republican" in the State Senate. He had also answered the AFT candi-

date survey question on domestic partner legislation in the affirmative.

What we do know is that after hearing from lots of constituents in the days before the vote Senator Singer was unwilling to state his support of the legislation when called by Carol Watchler on January 7. He told her that he had a meeting with "the clergy" that afternoon. It's not hard to see who prevailed. We know that many in Roosevelt called and wrote to their state legislators urging support for this legislation.

The final vote in the 80-member Assembly was 41 yes, 28 no, and 11 abstentions. The party breakdown was 37 Democrats, 3 Republicans, and 1 Green Yes; 26 Republicans, 2 Democrats No; and 9 Republicans, 2 Democrats Abstain. Since it requires 41 votes to pass legislation in the Assembly, Bill #A3743 squeaked through with the bare minimum.

The 40-member Senate vote was not quite a cliffhanger, with 23 yes votes, 9 no votes, and 8 abstentions. In the Senate 21 votes are required to pass a bill. 17 Democrats and 6 Republicans voted for the bill; 9 Republicans opposed it; and there were 3 Democrats and 5 Republicans abstaining.

This statute will take effect in 180 days from the bill signing. This 6-month period allows the non-partisan Office of Legislative Services to promulgate regulations for how the statute will function, e.g., the registration form that will be available in all municipal offices in the state and the fee, regulations governing hospitals and medical facilities, how the State Health Benefits Plan will be implemented, and directives to the Division of Taxation regarding the waiver of

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By Clare Sacharoff

Since the club members thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon at the cinema in January, they voted to attend another movie, at the February 3rd meeting, for their regularly scheduled February trip that fell on the 17th.

A Peddie production called *Footloose* was well attended by several members on February 20th.

On the afternoon of February 27th, 3:00 p.m., club members enjoyed a delicious chicken luncheon prepared by the McBrides.

Pat Moser, speaking as a Council member, discussed the possibility of an exercise program sponsored by the Recreation Commission. This program would be individualized to meet the specific needs of each member and led by a qualified therapist. The therapist will be invited to one of the senior meetings in the near future to discuss this further.

We welcomed a new member, Virginia Vuolle, who has just moved to a house on Pine Drive. She is Larisa Bondy's mother-in-law.

Our club members were deeply saddened to learn of the death of one of our former members, Sydney Socholitzy. Our condolences to Honey who now resides in Oakland, California. ■

Dear Editor,

Sometime in mid-July Carol Watchler and I will go to Borough Hall and fill out a state-required affidavit to register as domestic partners. After a loving relationship of more than 31 years, the State of New Jersey has finally seen its way to granting us a legal relationship – although with not nearly the full package of rights any male and female receives when they pay their \$28 fee to the State and get a marriage license.

Nevertheless, we will do this with great joy and celebration, and we invite other unmarried Roosevelt couples to do the same – both same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples over the age of 62.

The Domestic Partnership Act of 2004 now recognizes that there are families in the State that are not formed by civil marriage, and it extends important rights to us. It is the first step toward full relationship equality. The impact of the new law will mean that we will no longer pay for my insurance coverage because I can be included on Carol's insurance through the State Health Benefits Plan. It will mean that whoever is the surviving partner will not have to pay the inheritance tax of 16% from the first penny of our shared assets, heretofore assessed of non-family members who inherit property. Legally, we are finally a family.

It will mean that hospitals and medical personnel will be required to accept the right of a partner to make medical decisions for an incapacitated partner, even if there is no medical power of attorney to establish the right. This is vitally important because there are some families which have not accepted the relationship of their family member to a domestic partner and have prevented the partner from being involved in

hospital and funeral matters. This happens to opposite-sex partners as well as same-sex partners where a family rejects the relationship.

These are rights that married partners take for granted, but unmarried partners can not exercise regardless of the commitment to each other that is expressed, or the length of the relationship, unless they have made very specific written provisions. And until enactment of this bill, the inheritance provisions that automatically cover married partners have been a severe financial burden to surviving unmarried partners.

I am optimistic that the time will come when same-sex couples will be legally able to go to their municipal offices and apply for marriage licenses as other loving couples can. Until that time, Carol and I will be among the first in New Jersey to register as domestic partners, for our own protection and because the State of New Jersey now recognizes our status as a legal couple with rights and responsibilities.

Ann Baker
443-8780

Yo, everybody —————

Roosevelt would be a lesser place without *The Bulletin*. Thanks to each of you for bringing it forth and keeping us in the now and know.

My late husband, Ferris Stout, inevitably passed an issue around to visitors in the course of his proud paeans to our town. He also routinely packed a show-em *Bulletin* in his bag when we were, in turn, visitors.

So let's think of this small donation as Ferris's.

With appreciation,
Ginny Edwards



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nance, as it is required to do by law, and endorsed it as consistent with the municipal master plan. A hearing on this proposed ordinance will be held at the March 9 meeting of the Council. Notice of this hearing is being sent to the owners of the land proposed for rezoning and to all owners of property within 200 feet of that land.

Councilman Michael Hamilton reported for the Finance Committee that work will shortly begin on the budget and that the cellular equipment has been installed on the water tower and AT&T Wireless is already making rental payments to the Borough in an amount exceeding \$1,700 per month.

Councilman Jeff Hunt reported, on behalf of the Utilities Committee, that the wells, having been properly winterized, did not experience any breakdowns in the cold weather, that backwashing is being done every other day in order to keep iron readings down, and that water meter installations are complete with the exception of the school. In response to a question from Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hunt said that the committee would shortly begin work on devising a fee schedule. However, it may be desirable to monitor actual water usage first, so that the fee schedule will be fair and reasonable.

Councilman Dan Hoffman, reporting for the Public Works Committee,

stated that he had attended a conference on walkable communities and would investigate the availability of grants for pedestrian safety. In his capacity as liaison with the School Board, he reported that he had had discussions with school representatives regarding shared use of a bus and installation of a back-up generator in the school.

Councilwoman Pat Moser, reporting in her capacity as liaison with the Senior Citizens Organization, expressed her consternation over the failure on two occasions of the SCAT bus to appear on the scheduled day. It appeared the next day, without any notification from Monmouth County and, not surprisingly, no one was there to be picked up. Ms. Moser said that "it was ridiculous to expect that the bus would be 24 hours late" and that she had been "given a line of rubbish" when she called to complain. She is seeking a meeting with County officials to resolve this matter.

In other action, the Council appointed Mayor Neil Marko as liaison to the Monmouth County Transportation Council, appointed Ralph Seligman as State Plan Cross Acceptance Representative, appointed Amy Block as crossing guard on Pine Drive, replacing Ron Breslaw who had resigned, approved a resolution circulated by Senator Robert Singer calling for the decommissioning of the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant in Ocean

County, approved the 2004 budget of the Roosevelt Education and Recreation Coalition, which the Council oversees in conjunction with the School Board, approved an advance payment of \$750 to Roskam-Leech Murals for interior painting at the water treatment plant, and approved temporary emergency appropriations, which are necessary to keep the Borough operating pending approval of the annual budget. Mayor Marko also announced his appointment of Jane Rothfuss to a new four-year term on the Planning Board and of David Schwendeman as Chairman of the Environmental Commission.

At the close of the meeting, Herb Johnson, who had covered Council meetings for many years for the *Borough Bulletin*, expressed his satisfaction at the way in which the Council goes about its business of serving the people of Roosevelt, and at seeing so many people volunteering their time and energy for the benefit of the community. ■

Why I'm Here

Whenever I think about why I'm here, and I do that a lot being somewhat philosophically obsessed, I remember my Grandma Minnie Garber. Her husband, Grandpa Joe, had come to the United States some years before, leaving Minnie and her first born son, my Uncle Harry, back in what is today the Ukraine, some hundreds of miles north, north-west of the Black Sea port of Odessa. Grandpa Joe would find work, save money, send it to Minnie, who would then come over. You've heard the story before, or one like it, for it is the story of thousands and thousands of immigrants to this country.

Joe did find work as a "schneider" – that's tailor, in English – and did save money. But WWI intervened and the Russian Revolution. Thus, by 1917, there were a number of different political and military movements and forces vying for dominance in the region. As it was told to me, none of the forces - not the Reds, not the Whites, nor what others there were - thought well of the Jews, and so Minnie had to avoid contact with all the armies if she wanted to live.

She and Harry lived in a shack with an earthen floor. They dug out a hole big enough for Minnie and 3 year old Harry to hide in when the soldiers came by looking for someone to rape and/or murder. In order to be able to breathe in the hole, they used straws sticking delicately and unobtrusively out of the earthen floor. Minnie and Harry survived.

Later she put her son on her back and climbed over the hills and through the valleys to the port. From there, things went, as it is said "like a



Minnie Garber & David, Spring 1946

pianola." Western Europe, Ellis Island, the Bronx, another child, a daughter, mother-of-mine-to-be, Pearl. Pearl meets Alex during WWII. They are stationed in Greensboro, N.C., where I am conceived and born. A year later, war over, it's back to the New York area, Brooklyn to be exact, Sheepshead Bay to be more exact.

When I knew her, Minnie was a sweet, happy woman who cooked great flanken and drank her tea out of a glass with a cube of sugar in her mouth. She lived across the street from the Bronx Zoo. If you take the Bronx River Parkway, as you exit the zoo, her apartment complex is right in front of you, slightly to the right. It's got an inner courtyard with a fountain that saw many of my "firsts," first climb, first fall, first skinned knee, etc., etc.

The apartment had an overhead light with a long chord coming down

that I used to jump up to try and reach. When I was a teenager, it reached down to my Adam's apple. Grandma Minnie wasn't very tall. There was also a table in the living room with a glass top. Guess who broke it one day and got Grandpa Joe very angry.

My Uncle Murray, 6 years my mother's junior, was my childhood hero. He was a college graduate, an athlete. There was a picture of him on a horse near the doorway and I used to fantasize that I would have horses like Silver, the Lone Ranger's. Later he moved to Lawrenceville and worked for American Cyanamid. They worked him to the bone, actually.

Oh there's more, there's more. But I'm getting away from the main point, why I'm here. I'm here, to begin with, due to the unimaginable courage of my Grandma Minnie. She died in 1967. I was in Utah, on my way to San Francisco, when I heard. ■

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.

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If you missed it in the January 15th edition of The Examiner, here it is again with the kind permission of that newspaper.

An Uncommon Woman: An Uncommon Life

BY LINDA DeNICOLA
Staff Writer

ROOSEVELT - Like an opera in three acts, the libretto of Lois Hunt's life is dramatic and colorful, but for the most part, without the tragedy and duplicity that makes opera so melodramatic.

The first act - growing up in Pennsylvania and developing her powerful lyric soprano voice - also includes winning a prestigious prize that allowed Hunt entrée into the highest echelon of the opera world, the Metropolitan Opera. For five years, from 1949-53, she sang lead parts before crossing over into legitimate theater. There is no intermission before the long second act begins when she meets

Earl Wrightson and teams up with him as a musical theater duo who travel all over the country. They stay together as a couple until he dies in 1993, in their Oyster Bay, N.Y., home.

In most operas, the story ends when a leading character dies. In some ways, Wrightson's death is an ending for Hunt. She never performs again. After a five-year intermission, she redefines her life. The third act has her settled in an original, flat-roofed Roosevelt Bauhaus, across the street from her son, Councilman Jeff Hunt, and near the large extended family of her daughter-in-law, Jessica Hecht, whose descendants were among the first 200 residents to settle in the two square-mile borough.

"I was an only child, but I'm surrounded by family now," Hunt said. A small woman, she is still elegant, with a vibrant speaking voice and a



Earl Wrightson & Lois Hunt

joie de vivre that must have been at the heart of the girl who became the woman who sang "Musetta" from *La Boheme*, "Lauretta" from *Gianni Schicchi*, "Adele" from *Die Fledermaus* and "Papagena" from *Magic Flute* at the Met when she was still in her early twenties. Hunt's career spans more than 50 years.

"I starting singing when I was very young and immediately went on the road," she said. "The Academy of Music in Philadelphia was my shrine. I used to sneak out of high school to go there." She was a young woman when she had her concert debut at the Barkley Hotel in 1946 and had been singing professionally for three years when she won the prestigious Metropolitan Opera's Audition of the Air in 1949. "That was a major event in the country," she said. "Smaller

things were important in those days." Hunt said she was encouraged to audition by the assistant manager of the Metropolitan Opera. "They knew me because I made my opera debut in Central City, Colo., in *Fidelio* in 1947." She sang the part of Marzellina, the daughter. "The staff and conductor were from the Met [Metropolitan Opera]. People at the Met kept track of new singers. They looked for integrity as an artist," she said. Not only did she perform live at the opera house, but she also was in the Metropolitan Opera's first television production of "*Die Fledermaus*" in 1953, directed by Garson Kanin.

While she was singing at the Met, Earl Wrightson, a baritone, was making a name for himself with his own television shows, the "At Home Show," which followed the "Arthur Godfrey Show" on CBS, and the "American Musical Theater."

"I was a soprano at the Met at the time. He invited me to sing on the 'At Home Show.'" The two got along so well that she became a regular guest star. Around that time, Robert Q. Lewis was starting a daily TV variety show and was looking for two singers.

"He hired us, and we did that for 2 1/2 years, from 1953-56, five days a week, and a radio show on Saturday mornings," she said. "In those days, there was a demand for us across the country. We got a lot of exposure singing about town. We were traveling all of the time. We began to concertize in winter and do musicals

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LEADERSHIP ON DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

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the transfer tax to the surviving partner. The statute will not automatically provide relationship rights to New Jersey's domestic partners when they are outside of the state.

New Jersey joins California and Hawaii in legislating important relationship rights for domestic partners. In 2000 Vermont went further by extending all the state rights of marriage to same-sex couples through the newly-formed institution of civil union. It remains to be seen whether other states will recognize those rights, or the rights of domestic partnership. Eventually, there will be a national policy on non-marital relationships, either by establishing the right of domestic partnerships, civil unions, or full marriage equality at the federal level, probably by court order.

Monkey Business

By Frances Duckett

This year, the Chinese New Year is The Year of the Monkey. In celebration, June Counterman's Tai Chi Classes met at the Borough Hall on January seventh at 7:00 p.m. for a covered dish buffet.

The normally drab room was stylishly decorated in brilliant colors creating a warm, festive atmosphere. Over the forty-eight students and guests floated a friendly monkey balloon.

After the delicious and highly varied dinner, there were two brief demonstrations of Tai Chi. First, the skilled and graceful Russ Konst performed, explaining some of the martial arts derivation of some of the moves. June Counterman, radiant in blue silk, demonstrated the Yang short form, and then led a group of students in the first paragraph of that form.

We all had fun!

The Poetry Reading

By Gladys Nadler

As the audience filled the hall, the Roosevelt Drum Circle pounded out their welcoming rhythms. Then the lights were dimmed, and David Herrstrom strode forward to introduce the program of a double gala to celebrate Valentine's Day and a new publication. (See related story.) The program of the Roosevelt Arts Project Poetry Reading then began at the Borough Hall on February 14.

Rod Tulloss read nine short poems, replete with variety, wit, and sharp images. In keeping with the holiday theme, one was a love poem to his wife Mary called "All Morning." Another was a song that he sang to a Woody Guthrie tune.

Judith McNally called her tribute to her husband Kevin "Home." She also read nine short witty poems.

Wes Czyzewski's poems "Let's Get Old" and "Gone to Seed" pondered the phenomenon of aging.

David Keller read "Graveyard Pie," "Jan Severson and in That Iowa Town," and "Full Moon, Music." His moving poems are about memories, friendship, and love.

David Herrstrom dedicated "Love and Construction" to his wife Connie. His "The Wood Engraver's Burial" was a moving memorial to Stefan Martin. Herrstrom also read "What Water Wants," "There and Back," and "In Constant Weather by Reliable Light."

Scott Carpenter offered a mixture of sadness, desire, and wit in the poems he read. These included two poems about grief and father-son relationship over three generations.

Robert Axel gave a dramatic reading of several of his poems. "Thinking of You" was his love song to his wife.

As usual, during the last part of the program, "The Open Mike," volun-

teers from the audience read their own poems. This year, Liz Socolow, guest speaker and co-founder with Rod Tulloss of the U.S. 1 Poets Co-op, contributed two thought-provoking poems: "Of Newton and the Apple" and "Pondering Bankruptcy after Buying another Fern."

Other Open Mike readings included poems by Andrew Seaton Elliott, David Brahinsky, Frances Duckett, and Zohair Zaidi.

At various intervals between readings, the Drum Circle played, enhancing the atmosphere of celebration.

The Book

By Gladys Nadler

The fact that it was Valentine's Day was obvious. Our local poets were reading love poems, among others. It was only later during the Roosevelt Arts Project Poetry Reading at the Borough Hall February 14 that the poets revealed their secret.

LEAVES, a collection of poems by poets who live or formerly lived in Roosevelt, has just been published. The announcement was made by Liz Socolow, guest speaker and co-founder with Rod Tulloss of the Route 1 Poets Cooperative.

Six of the poets whose work is represented in **LEAVES** originally met in the U.S. 1 Poets Co-op before RAP was formed. They are Rod Tulloss, David Keller, Dina Coe, Judith McNally, David Sten Herrstrom, and Pablo Medina. Other poets in the book are Robert Axel, Scott Carpenter and Wes Czyzewski.

Creation of this beautiful book was a cooperative effort involving the poets and others. On the cover, **LEAVES**, the title, is printed against a

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With over 100 days of school already passed, The PTA is a well oiled fundraising/fund spending machine by now...well, at least lightly oiled, like the 100 bags of popcorn served at the Schoolhouse Hooky day the end of January. Thanks to all the stuffers and to Angel Cloughly, Mike Hamilton and Ron Kostar for drumming with the kids!

The 100th day of school was celebrated by all with activities run by the Kindergarten and 1st graders and cupcakes and balloons provided by the PTA. Thanks to the bakers and the fillers/knotters/ribbon cutters! And of course the room parents made sure Valentine celebrations were properly filled with sugar rushes where necessary.

As always, we work on the long awaited phone book. Paul Gerling was busy revising and we are giving residents one last chance to verify with the insert in this *Bulletin*. We are also collecting artwork from students to be a part of the phone book. And after that, no one in Roosevelt is allowed in or out, call it "Town Arrest" because

we never want to do this again!

After several years there has been a full school picture taken and it turned out wonderfully. The school is selling 8"x17" copies as a fundraiser to supplement Yearbook costs. There is one in the lobby, go check it out.

And of course, our biggest and "funnest" event of the year approaches. **SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH FROM 10 AM TO 1:30 PM IS THIS YEAR'S WINTER CARNIVAL/AUCTION.** We have some old games and some new. There are crafts and balls to throw, faces to be painted and hockey to be aired! And the auction ranges from free haircuts and dinners to a framed Monet print and stuffed Unicorns. Please come and join the fun while supporting the school.

Our next meeting is **Monday March 15th**. Beware the Tupperware of March! We will be combining with the 6th grade fundraiser and having a Tupperware party so please join us—if not to work on school functions at least to shop! Hope to see you there! ■

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You are probably reading about the McGreevey Administration initiative to force schools into sharing administrators. Sharing is nothing new here at Roosevelt School. We all have several roles, and we do share personnel with other school districts. Some citizens believe this initiative is an effort to divert attention from the failure of the state to provide sufficient state aid to school districts. In 2002-2003, New Jersey ranked 45th nationally in the percentage of school district funding supplied by state government. In 2002-03, 49.6% public school funds came from state governments nationwide, while in New Jersey, that figure was 37%. (National Education Association, Rankings and Estimates: Rankings of the States 2002 and Estimates of School Statistics, 2003, May 2003).

Regardless of where this initiative goes, we will continue to bring the best possible education to our students.

As an early announcement, Joy Marko, our school nurse, is busy coordinating a family health night for the evening of April 21. There will be many interesting workshops filled with good information. More information will follow.

Our PTA is working hard for the school's annual winter carnival. This is a wonderful time to bring youngsters of all ages to participate in the games, and take a chance to win something special at the auction. The carnival is planned for Saturday morning, March 6. ■

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AN UNCOMMON WOMAN AN UNCOMMON LIFE

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in the summer in tent theaters all over the country.”

The list of musical theater productions in which she had major roles includes *Brigadoon*, *Carousel*, *Desert Song*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Gigi*, *The King and I*, *A Little Night Music* and *South Pacific*.

She was working on the Lewis show when her son was born. “My mother lived with us and took care of Jeff all of the time,” she said. “She was a violinist and taught him piano and sports.” Hunt’s mother, Bertie, was always supportive of her daughter’s singing career. “She was a chief cheerleader, supporter and chauffeur,” Hunt said. “She came to every class, every lesson, and drove me to every rehearsal for a lot of years.”

Hunt started studying voice in junior high school in the late 1930s. Her last tour, with Wrightson, was in *The Sound of Music* in 1979-80. “We did 97 cities in six months, 198 performances,” she said. “We were the only two members of the cast whose understudies never went on. We were consummate professionals who took great pride in our professionalism and integrity. We wanted the music to be right. The orchestras were so happy to have our music in front of them. Our music was rich and lush.” “All I knew was music,” she added. “It was my fun, my life, my work. I never went on vacations. I was having fun all of the time. There was a lot at stake.”

Hunt never needed amplification - not in her long singing career, nor in her interesting life, and certainly not on stage at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City or at the many other opera houses where she performed before crossing over to legitimate theater. After making the decision to focus on musical theater, she sang in classical and pop concerts over the radio and on television, and in

churches and synagogues.

“I did a lot of oratorio,” she said. “I love singing in church. We sang in the Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove,” she added. Hunt and Wrightson also sang in Canada and did two around-the-world Rotterdam cruises. They have recorded over 45 albums with Columbia and RCA. But one of the highlights of her career was singing at the White House during Lyndon B. Johnson’s presidency and in the Johnsons’ home at “The Elms,” when Johnson was vice president. Hunt wrote about that experience in the *Roosevelt Bulletin*. She and Wrightson were starring at the Blue Room of the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., when they received a phone call from Liz Carpenter, Lady Byrd’s social secretary, asking them to perform at a luncheon in then Vice President Johnson’s home. The luncheon was for the wives of Japanese cabinet ministers who would be attending a meeting at the White House.

The evening before the performance, they were invited to see the room where the luncheon was to be held and to join Lady Byrd for a drink. The First Lady said that the vice president was upstairs in the bedroom with a bad cold, but that he wanted to meet them.

“Mr. Vice President was indeed upstairs in his green bedroom, in his green silk pajamas with his initials, LBJ, embroidered from just below his shoulder to just above his ankle,” Hunt said, laughing at the fact that the first time she met the man who was to become president of the United States, he was in his pajamas.

That was only the first of a number of singing engagements when Mrs. Johnson needed some “classy entertainment,” Hunt said. Hunt and Wrightson made the “audience feel as comfortable as warm hands,” one reviewer wrote in the *Palm Beach Daily*

News. The show was titled, “On the Lighter Side,” and the reviewer said that they were “hams of premier quality.”

Hunt’s son and daughter-in-law have a game the family plays in the car when they go on trips. “They name a city and I have to come up with a story,” she said. “I’ve been in so many of them [cities].” But living for so long at such a high pitch has worn her out. “It was very demanding, very tiring and extraordinarily exhilarating,” she said.

“I knew 60-odd roles by the time I stopped singing in 1987. I loved it all. I loved the atmosphere and the people. I loved communicating with all of those people. I was a big proponent of opera in English.”

Hunt and Wrightson - or Wrightson and Hunt, as they were always billed - shared music and their lives. “I loved working with Earl,” Hunt said. “We respected each other as artists so much.”

She misses her beloved Earl Wrightson a great deal, but she is tired now and content to listen to the music of her friends and family and, on occasion, to listen to her own exceptional recordings with Wrightson.

The libretto for the third act says to picture Lois Hunt at home. She has added a large, light, plant-filled music room onto the back of her house in the woods to hold the piano that her daughter-in-law uses to give lessons. Her daughter-in-law is playing the piano, and her son is sitting next to his mother on the comfortable couch, listening.

It is December and one of Hunt’s beautiful sequined gowns is draped over a round table for Christmas, and another is wrapped around the bottom of a Christmas tree. She is content to be at home in her small town.

The third act is unfinished. Hunt is surrounded by friends, family, flowers, cats, a “granddog” and the deer that come up to her back door for the corn that she buys for them. ■

TOWN TOPICS THE BOOK

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background photograph of trees that have lost their leaves. The cover photo and design are by Pearl Seligman. A lovely poem by Dina Coe prefaces the volume and is reproduced here:

Rare as the wood turtle in the wood by our houses; rare as the serious artist, musician, craftsman, poet in the illusory fellowship of mass entertainment—rare is that town that cares for its woods and wood turtle and artist.

This book of poetry is an act of such caring, conceived of and produced by Roosevelt townspeople. Wherever our poems take us, we as poets are grateful to write and speak from such a community.

(See page 17 for details about the book.)

First Aid Squad News

By Carol Watchler

A day in the life of a Roosevelt First Aid Squad volunteer could include a call to aid a community member here in Roosevelt or a call to a neighboring community in a “mutual aid” response. We never know what our day might bring.

But one thing members can count on is a monthly training session to build skills and teamwork. In these sessions we review the use of equipment on the ambulance and other vital skills to be sure we are prepared when any call comes in. In some situations, the EMTs earn those all important credits toward recertification.

During our January session, one of the coldest days in a very cold month, squad members upgraded our preparation for a situation dealing with hazardous materials by visiting the Roosevelt Water and Sewer Plants

through the courtesy of our water/sewer operator, Toby Moore. We were shown the storage facilities for chemicals used in water purification and sewage treatment and the extensive precautions that the Borough takes to insure safe use of these materials. We first aiders came away with a clearer picture of the alert systems that are in place and any special steps we would take in the event of an emergency that involved either one of the plants.

February’s skill session centered around use of splinting materials. We added some new splints made by training officer Jack Rindt and reviewed use of other splints to stabilize fractures. We tried out some of the specialized equipment such as that used in a motor vehicle accident to safely remove an injured person from a car and were able to assess which equipment needed replacement. Funds to replace equipment come from individual donations to the First Aid Squad and a yearly donation from the Borough of Roosevelt.

Squad members can also take advantage of training sessions offered by other local squads—such as Millstone and East Windsor—or select continuing education courses from regional sites to upgrade their skills.

Full training to gain certification as an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) is offered in several locations in spring, summer, and fall time frames. Any person who would like to get training and join the Roosevelt First Aid Squad should contact Elise Cousineau, 371-3344, or elisecousineau@comcast.net. ■

THIS JUST IN!

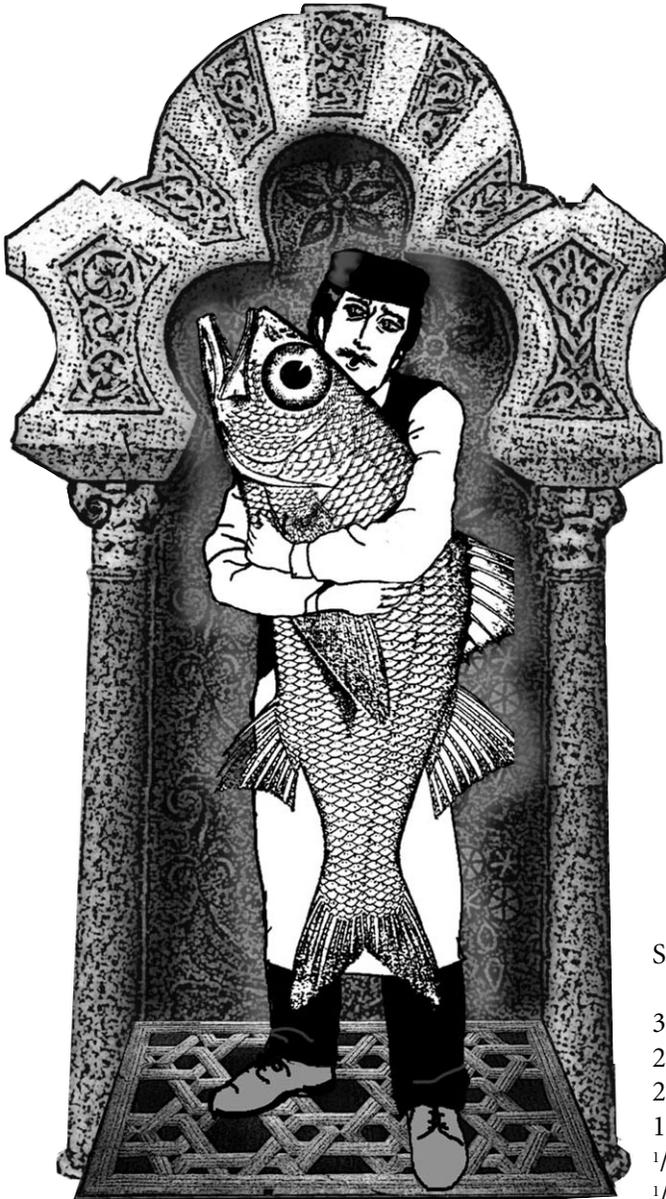
Mark Zuckerman Awarded Fellowship

Roosevelt composer Mark Zuckerman has been awarded a fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA). The fellowship was one of two given to New Jersey composers. Overall, the NJSCA granted fellowships to 26 New Jersey artists out of a pool of 303 applicants in 5 artistic disciplines. The sole evaluation criterion for the awards is artistic excellence.

Zuckerman’s music ranges from virtuoso solo pieces to music for chamber and large ensembles. He has written extensively for chorus, including a set of internationally recognized arrangements of Yiddish songs. His work has been performed and recorded by prominent musicians throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Zuckerman studied at Juilliard, the University of Michigan, Bard College, and Princeton University, where he earned a PhD in composition under the tutelage of Milton Babbitt, J.K. Randall, and Peter Westergaard. He and his wife, Judith, a psychotherapist with Jewish Family Services of Southern Middlesex, divide their time between Roosevelt and Hoboken.

The NJSCA’s Fellowship Program, cosponsored by Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, recognizes artistic excellence in New Jersey artists and assists their professional development. According to NJSCA chairman Sharon Harrington, “New Jersey is home of nearly 50,000 professional artists. The Fellowship Program is a key component of the Council’s effort to recognize and support their work.” ■



Tunisian Fish Soup

Serves 6 to 8.

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| 3 tbs. olive oil | 2 1/2 to 3 tbs. lemon juice |
| 2 onions – chopped | 1 1/2 qts. fish stock or water |
| 2 cloves of garlic – chopped | 4 lbs. of mixed fish and seafood,
washed and prepared |
| 1 red pepper – chopped | 1 bunch of Chinese parsley and
one bunch of Italian parsley
– chopped |
| 1/2 tsp. saffron – crumbed | 1 head of fennel, cut into cubes
salt & pepper |
| 1/2 tbs. cumin | |
| 1/2 tsp. cinnamon | |
| 4 tomatoes – peeled and cubed | |
| 2 large potatoes cut into cubes | |

Having had a delicious main dish fish soup at Michele's house, I thought it would be a great recipe to share with our readers and I asked her to write it for us. She told me she was too busy this month to do so but if I liked, I could have the French cookbook from which it came and so, here it is. Since my French is not good enough, I asked Wishka to help me.

Any fish or seafood will suffice with the exception of fatty fish such as mackerel or sardines. If you like, you may use the heads, tails, skin and the bones to make the fish broth, which of course will have to be prepared ahead of time.

In a large pot, heat the olive oil and sauté the onions until they are tender and transparent but not brown. Add garlic and red pepper. Cook 2-3 minutes. Add remaining spices, lemon juice, potatoes and fennel. Add broth or water, stir everything and bring to a boil. Let cook on a very small flame for 20 minutes until the potatoes are almost cooked. Add the fish and tomatoes. If necessary, add more broth or water. Boil again on a very small flame until the fish and seafood are cooked.

Decorate with the fennel tops and serve with good bread. ■

January 15 - February 15, 2004

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	22.8	8.8	15.8	0.00
16	24.8	3.0	13.9	0.00
17	34.5	12.2	23.4	0.00
18	36.3	29.3	32.8	0.50
19	34.2	21.7	28.0	0.45
20	29.5	18.1	23.8	0.00
21	28.0	14.7	21.4	0.00
22	39.2	15.6	27.4	0.00
23	17.4	13.3	15.4	0.00
24	25.5	11.8	18.7	0.00
25	20.8	5.4	13.1	0.00
26	26.1	15.1	20.6	0.15
27	27.3	20.7	24.0	0.00
28	33.6	19.9	26.8	0.45
29	27.9	13.8	20.9	0.00
30	24.1	14.0	19.1	0.00
31	25.9	12.4	19.2	0.00
1	35.6	9.7	22.7	0.00
2	38.5	11.8	25.2	0.00
3	42.8	18.5	30.7	0.00
4	42.3	34.5	38.4	0.78
5	37.4	24.6	31.0	0.00
6	39.2	32.2	35.7	0.19
7	44.6	34.5	39.6	1.90
8	35.8	21.2	28.5	0.09
9	43.9	22.6	33.3	0.00
10	47.1	30.4	38.8	0.00
11	39.6	29.5	34.6	0.00
12	40.6	25.2	32.9	0.00
13	41.4	28.6	35.0	0.00
14	44.8	30.7	37.8	0.00
15	30.7	22.1	26.4	0.00
Total Precipitation 4.51"				

The total snowfall for winter 2003/2004 through February 18 in Roosevelt is 29.75 inches. That's nearly six inches more than a typical snow-season brings. And there is a good chance for significantly more of the white powder this spring. The *Old Farmers' Almanac* is calling for a northeaster in our region sometime between March 3 and 7 that will bring heavy snow inland and mostly rain near the coast. The last ten years of weather observations for Roosevelt also indicate that March has the potential for heavy snows. Meanwhile, the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center current 90-day forecast is calling for equal chances for above or below normal precipitation and temperatures for March.

Among the positive aspects of March are its longer days. There is about two hours more daylight at the beginning of March than at the beginning of January. Sunrise on March 1 was at 6:31 a.m.; sunset at 6:22 p.m. we had over 11 hours of daylight. By the last day of the month, the length of the day will have increased to 12 hours and 39 minutes. But March winds can blow wild and cold, and can bring major snowstorms.

In the first Roosevelt Weather Almanac (*The Bulletin*, April 1993), I reported about a notable March snowstorm. The "Storm of the Century" dumped a total of 11 inches of snow in Roosevelt on March 13 and 14. While we have had many other storms that dropped more snow, the area that this 1993 storm covered was immense. The system covered almost all of the eastern states at one time. The significant snowfall from the storm was not a fluke.

In the ten Marches from 1993 through 2003 a total of over sixty

inches of snow has fallen in Roosevelt. The only years that haven't had measurable snow in March were 1995, 2000 and 2002. March 1996 was the snowiest March of the last ten years in Roosevelt. The total for the month was 13.80 inches. Nine of those inches fell on March 2. Other significant March snowfall totals occurred in 1993, 12.50 inches and 1994 10.50 inches. In 1997, the total for March was only 8.25 inches because a storm that started on March 31 did not end until April 1. Had the remainder of the snow that fell overnight from March 31 into April 1 been added to the total for March 1997 the total for the month would have been 10.50 inches.

Weather Word

Něṽ - The upper part of a glacier where the snow turns to ice.

Niveious - Like snow, snowy.

Weather - A social invention to facilitate small talk. ■

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March

1	Mon	7:30 pm	Council Committee Meeting Borough Hall Mike Hamilton, President 609-443-5227
		8 pm	Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall Neil Marko, Mayor 609-443-6818
2	Tues		RPS - Read Across America Day
		12 noon	Blood Pressure Check Borough Hall
		1 pm	Seniors Meeting Borough Hall Gerry Millar, President 609-448-035
5	Fri		RPS Pizza Day
6	Sat	10 am to 1:30 pm	RPS PTA Winter Carnival, RPS Larisa Bondy 443-7430
8	Mon	7:30 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Neil Marko, Mayor 609-443-6818
9	Tues	7:30 pm	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall Ralph Seligman, Chairman 609-448-2340
10	Wed		♻️ RECYCLE
11	Thurs	5 pm-9 pm	Blood Drive Borough Hall Call Liz Possiel for an appointment 609-448-1485
12	Fri		RPS Pizza Day
15	Mon		RPS State Test administered this week
		7:30 pm	PTA Meeting RPS Larisa Bondy, President 609-443-7430

7:30 pm Council Committee Meeting
Borough Hall
Mike Hamilton, President
609-443-5227

17 Wed 7:30 pm Environmental Commission
Meeting
David Schwendeman, Chairman
609-443-6204

18 Thurs 7:30 pm Synagogue Board Meeting
Neil Marko
609-443-6818

20 Sat 8 pm RAP Program
Story of Pietro Mascagni
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Pianist Alan Mallach
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24 Wed **♻️ RECYCLE**

30 Tues 7:30 pm Board of Education Budget
Hearing followed by Regular
Meeting RPS
Jill Lipoti, President
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April Preview

5-12 Mon RPS closed Spring Break

6 Tues 12 noon Blood Pressure Check
Borough Hall

1 pm Senior Meeting
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