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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Council Introduces Annual Budget; Verizon Presents Fiber-Optic TV Franchise Application

By Michael Ticktin

The Borough Council devoted a major portion of its April 10 meeting to hearing a presentation by Verizon in support of its application for municipal approval to offer telephone, internet and television services using a fiber optic network. Since fiber optic television service falls within the definition of cable television, municipal approval is required for that part of the service only. (Verizon is also seeking the passage of State legislation that would make municipal approval for such service unnecessary.) Verizon representatives argued that, by approving their application, the Council would introduce competition into the local cable television market and that Comcast would have to lower its prices in order to retain customers. They also showed a video touting the service and showing the hundreds of channels that it would provide. They were not able, however, to answer questions as to what Verizon's rates would be, or as to whether subscribers would still have choices in selecting telephone and internet providers if they installed Verizon fiber optic lines. Since part of the plan would be to replace existing Verizon telephone lines with fiber optic lines, there was concern that, as a consequence of such replacement, telephone subscribers would lose service immediately in

the event of a power failure, instead of continuing to have telephone service for at least eight hours, as is the case with existing lines. The Council did not take any action on the proposal. According to Verizon representatives, it has 45 days in which to act.

The Council also approved a resolution introducing the municipal budget for 2006. The budget includes an increase in the local purpose property tax from \$.697 per \$100 to \$.766 per \$100, an increase of about seven cents. Finance committee chairman Michael Hamilton explained that this was the first increase since 2002 in the local purpose rate (the approximately 16% of the total property tax that is controlled by the Council—the rest being school and county taxes) and that it was necessary in order to adequately fund emergency services. Mr. Hamilton said that the school and county tax rates are expected to remain level, or even decline slightly, and the average homeowner should see an overall increase of about five dollars per month. The hearing on the budget will be held at the next regular meeting of the Council, which will be on May 8.

Mayor Beth Battel reported that she had met with Mayor

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Taxes!

The Borough of Roosevelt has been ordered by the Monmouth County Board of Taxation to conduct a revaluation of all properties in the borough, to be effective in 2007. The revaluation is being done by Realty Appraisal Company. Credentialed representatives of that firm will be visiting all properties to do the required interior and exterior inspections. Everyone's cooperation is needed. While a revaluation may be expected to result in some redistribution of the property tax burden, it does not affect the total amount that must be raised, and the expected increase in total valuation will therefore result in a proportionately lower tax rate, all else being equal.

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Parents: It has come to our attention that many children as well as teenagers have been playing in the streets. Before there is an accident because of on-coming cars, please make sure that this practice is stopped.

Be a good citizen and attend the Borough Council Meetings on the first three Mondays in the month at 7 p.m. IF YOU DON'T GO, YOU WON'T KNOW!

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

During the winter months, the library has not been open on Wednesday evenings. But it may be visited from 3 to 4 p.m. most days when the staff is available to help check out books.

The rabies' vaccination clinic is scheduled for May 20th at the Borough Hall. Be sure to have your pet vaccinated.

Board Hears Application for Diamond Machine Company Expansion; Roosevelt Preservation Association Appeal Hearing Postponed

At a special meeting on March 28, the Planning Board heard testimony on an application by Valley North LLC, owner of the property in which Diamond Machine Company is located, for approval of the construction of a 4,751 square foot addition to its existing building and of a new 4,560 square foot building in the rear of the property, behind and to the right (as viewed from the street) of the current parking lot. Elona Pall, an officer of Valley North LLC and Diamond Machine Company, testified that separate structures were needed because of a sewer line that runs through the middle of the property and that the space was needed for the manufacture and storage of the prototype machines that the company builds. Testimony as to the design of the project was presented by Cyril Kucera, P.E.

Opposition to the proposal was presented by Bert Ellentuck, Arthur and Arlene Stinson and Mark Twitty, all of whom are owners of property within 200 feet of the lot and are therefore deemed to be interested parties. (Board member Michael Ticktin had to recuse himself because he is also an owner of property within 200 feet.) The main concern of the opponents was the visual impact of the project as proposed and what buffering ought to be required. Due to the extensive discussion that occurred, the matter could not be resolved at that meeting and it was rescheduled for a special meeting on May 23.

At its April 4 meeting, the Planning Board had been scheduled to resume hearing the appeal of the Roosevelt Preservation Association against the

zoning officer's refusal to find Yeshiva Me'on Hatorah's operation of a private high school at the Congregation Anshei Roosevelt synagogue to be in violation of the zoning ordinance. However, Board attorney Michele Donato realized that notice of the meeting had only been given to one newspaper, despite the fact that the Open Public Meetings Act requires that it be given to two. Once this situation was discovered, the meeting could not proceed. Since no action had been taken at previous meetings, it was agreed that there was no need to repeat testimony that had already been given, and that the matter would be continued at a special meeting to be held on April 25.

At its regular meeting of April 11, the Board conducted a concept review of a site plan presented by James and Lorraine Nappa for construction of a new home on their property on Nurko Road. The property had been designated as a redevelopment zone because of the dilapidated house that was there until the Nappas bought the property and demolished it. Despite the fact that the lot is under two acres and is in the R-Ag/400 zone, where there is a minimum lot size of ten acres, the construction of a house to replace the demolished house is allowed by the redevelopment ordinance. The only issue was the need for a variance as to compliance with the front-yard requirement.

Also at the same meeting, the Board was advised that correspondence had been received from Ronald Gasiorowski, Esq., attorney for the Roosevelt Preservation Association, advising of his unavailability on April 25. The Board therefore voted to con-

tact Mr. Gasiorowski, Yeshiva Me'on Hatorah attorney Edward Liston and Board attorney Michele Donato to ask them to arrange for a date on which all of them would be available for the continuation of the hearing on the Roosevelt Preservation Association appeal.

Affordable housing and redevelopment committee chairman Michael Ticktin reported that he and Mayor Battel had met with the CEO and the New Jersey director of Community Options, Inc. to show them sites on municipal utilities property that could, should the Council agree, be leased on a long-term basis for the construction of one or two houses, containing seven bedrooms, for people with developmental disabilities, thus satisfying Roosevelt's affordable housing obligation. He reported that the meeting went very well. He also noted that Board alternate member Tim Hartley had offered his professional architectural services to the Borough for the design of concepts for the re-use of the former service station site and recommended that the redevelopment function be divided between his committee and a new committee, to be headed by Mr. Hartley, dealing specifically with the former service station site. The Board agreed with this recommendation and voted to ask Board Chairman Ralph Seligman to appoint members to the committee. Mr. Ticktin said that, before Mr. Hartley designs anything, the Council should decide if the property is needed for municipal use or not. Councilman Michael Hamilton, who is the Council representative on the Board, said that he would convey that request to the Council. ■

From the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

Is it my imagination, or is this not one of the loveliest springs we've had in a long time? Numerous people in town deserve special thanks and congratulations for their beautiful yards and flowers, which are a delight to the eyes of everyone.

Thanks also to the many people who participated in the Litter-Pick-up Day. With such help, we'll keep Roosevelt clean and charming, as befits the #1 town in New Jersey.

With the weather being so pleasant, now is the time to remove unwanted debris from your yard. Bundled sticks and limbs will be collected from the curb-side on May 1st, and large trash pick-up is scheduled for May 10th. Please see the insert in the *Bulletin* for details.

The bear has been visiting Roosevelt again this spring. He (she?) is fond of bird seed, and comes into yards to help himself at bird feeders. Please remember this is a large, wild animal, best appreciated from a safe distance—preferably through a window.

Speaking of animals, the Rabies Vaccination Clinic is scheduled for May 20th, at the borough hall. For your families' safety, please have your pets vaccinated. Rabies does exist in our area and is always fatal if untreated. The good news is—there has never been a known case of a vaccinated animal developing the disease. Children especially should be advised to avoid contact with wild or strange animals. With some simple precautions, we can all enjoy our interaction with nature, and the beautiful wild-life areas we are so lucky to have surrounding us.

Enjoy the season! ■

BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

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Bob Patten of Hightstown to discuss the possibility of expanding shared services. Hightstown and Roosevelt already have a shared services agreement under which Hightstown is paid for the use of its employees and equipment to repair streets and other public property in Roosevelt. Mayor Battel said that one possibility was the sharing of police services in the event that the State Police start charging to provide local services. Assessor Michael Ticktin pointed out, however, that the proposal included in Governor Corzine's budget message would exclude municipalities with tax rates above the county average or average property values below the county average, and Roosevelt is in both categories. Ms. Battel also reported that she and Mr. Ticktin, who chairs the Planning Board's affordable housing committee, had met with representatives of Community Options, Inc., a provider of housing for developmentally-disabled people, to discuss the leasing of municipal utility property for the construction of houses containing the seven bedrooms that we need to provide in order to satisfy our affordable housing obligation and thereby protect ourselves against a repetition of the builder's remedy lawsuit brought by U.S. Home Corporation several years ago. The Community Options representatives were very much interested in pursuing the matter. An earlier proposal to use the northern part of the former service station lot was rendered impracticable by new wetland buffer requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection that made most of that lot unbuildable. Mayor Battel also announced her appointment of Stuart Kaufman as an alternate member of the Environmental Commission.

Councilwoman Pat Moser, chairwoman of the administrative committee, reported that the Borough

was now in a position to proceed with a long-planned property exchange with Ms. Battel. In exchange for approximately 2.5 acres between her property and Clarksburg Road that she and her predecessors in title have been leasing as pastureland in accordance with the original agreement when it was sold to the Borough using Green Acres funding, Ms. Battel would transfer to the Borough approximately 12 acres located between the houses on the north side of Lake Drive and the border of the former Notterman tract, which is now part of the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area, thus extending the public open space design of the community to the area north of Lake Drive and east of South Valley Road. The transfer had been proposed by the Council prior to Ms. Battel's election as a Council member and now must be approved by the Green Acres Program.

Councilman Bob Silverstein, chairman of the utilities committee, reported that the sludge pump had been repaired, the fire hydrants had been flushed and that a meeting is being planned to plan action for the remediation and re-use of the former service station. Tim Hartley, who is an alternate member of the Planning Board, offered his professional architectural services, at no charge to the Borough, to assist in this process. Mr. Hartley asked if there might be any modification to the water rates to take account of the situation of those who do not use the system for extended periods of time. Mr. Silverstein said that there had only been one billing cycle since the metered usage took effect and more usage data would be needed before any changes could be considered.

Councilman Dan Hoffman, chairman of the public works committee, reported that potholes had been filled.

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Spring has Sprung - Spring Clean up Time

Don't forget the Zoning Ordinances.

On March 25, I attended a Planning/Zoning Board seminar at Brookdale College.

It was sponsored by New Jersey Planning Officials - www.njpo.org.

We had 3 classes and a test. We all passed. The instructor for the first class was a Planning Board Lawyer, for the second was a Planning Board Planner consultant, and the third was an Engineer for Planning Boards. The Master Plan was referenced as a legal document to look at when a variance is needed. But Zoning Ordinance dictates. Also, communication was used as the key to fix problems and set goals and objectives.

I have been busy with the visual inspection for April. Since this article has to be in before I finish the inspection my report will be in a future edition as soon as possible.

Any noncompliance or violation will get a visit from me to discuss what the problem is and how it can be corrected. Instead of sending out a notice, I like to meet the resident to discuss the problem. Most visits will be on the weekends and evenings because this is the best time for someone to be home. I hope this approach works for all residents so we can work together for a better Roosevelt.

The following is a partial index and summary of Ordinances and Zoning.

Borough of Roosevelt - Active Ordinances

H-2 - Providing for the adoption of the "Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey (1953)"

H-4 - Providing for the adoption of the "Swimming Pool Code of New Jersey (1955)"

H-5 - Establishing a "Code regulating the manner in which refuse shall be stored, collected and disposed of"

H-6 - Providing for the preservation of the public health, safety, general welfare, the abatement of nuisances and elimination of fire hazards

22 - Control and licensing of dogs

27 - Regulating parking and traffic

29 - Concerning alcoholic beverages

53 - Regulate the height of bushes, hedges and other plant life growing within ten feet of any roadway and within 25 feet of the intersection of 2 roadways

55 - Enclosing of swimming pools by fence

77 - Defining trailers and regulating, and restricting the parking, placing, and occupancy of trailers within the limits of the Borough

78 - Regulate and control the use of firearms, weapons and fireworks

88 - Accepting, amending and adopting the New Jersey State Housing Code

99 - Prohibiting the throwing, depositing, leaving or abandoning of litter or junk in public places or on private premises

107- Concerning on street parking

128- Concerning the inspection of buildings and premises

138- Controlling and regulating the design, construction and placement of fences and amending the Zoning Ordinance

139- Empowering the Governing Body to declare a water emergency and use restrictions

165- Establishing Administrative Code of the Borough of Roosevelt

167- Establishing building numbering regulations

182- Ordinance concerning the licensing and regulations of rental property for residential purposes

187- The Subdivision and Site Plan Ordinance

188- Ordinance establishing a code of disorderly conduct

190- Landscape Ordinance

194- Ordinance establishing restrictions on the use of water and penalties for violations

210- Administrative Code

211- Ordinance regulating the use of motorized bikes, go-carts and all terrain vehicles

Your Taxes At Work for Health, Safety, & Welfare of all Roosevelt residents. The zoning official works for you, please treat the zoning official fairly.

More information @ the UNOFFICIAL web site @ www.web2sons.org .

From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

School News

Although spring has arrived with some “lion like” cold weather, there is no doubt that the warm weather will soon be upon us. We all look forward to the annual rites associated with the spring holidays and the much needed break. We also look forward to our chorus and band concerts, various class trips, assemblies, and special events for our students in the coming months.

We had an exciting month of activities in April. The entire school, along with the Environmental Committee, families and many community members participated in a tree planting ceremony to commemorate Earth Day and Arbor Day. The NJ Tree Foundation and the Arbor Day foundation donated trees for this occasion. Students learned about the care and feeding of trees indigenous to New Jersey and the significance of Earth and Arbor Days. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, food and the tools needed for planting. Our collaborative efforts made this a wonderful day for the students.

Math/Tech/Art was held on April 20th. The purpose of this night was to share and highlight through interactive activities some of the math, technol-

ogy and art concepts that students are learning. One of the highlights of the night was Ms. Ilene’s Star Lab, which is a portable planetarium.

Thank you to the 6th grade parents for coordinating the annual Talent Show. We have a school community of exceptionally talented students. Kudos to all who participated and helped plan the event.

Members of the safety patrol will go to Great Adventure in May. This is a special event planned for students across New Jersey who are members of their school safety patrol.

Our Spring Concert is scheduled for May 11th at 7:00 p.m. Please come out and join us.

We are looking forward to our May 17th trip to see the Lakewood Blue Claws in action. Thank you Mrs. Hickey for coordinating the day.

Kindergarten Orientation takes place on May 18th. To date, 8 students have registered.

Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 17 at 4:00. Please mark your calendars now and plan to share this day with us.

Congratulations to Daniel Garton, Mrs. Ronnie Levine and Ms. Ilene Levine. Daniel was the recipient

of the Monmouth County Student Achievement Recognition Award. He was selected for his outstanding academic achievement and citizenship. Daniel was honored at an awards ceremony at Colts Neck High School. Mrs. Levine, our Speech-Language Specialist, was the recipient of the Governor’s Teacher Recognition Award for her outstanding service and dedication to Roosevelt School. Ms. Ilene was the first person selected to receive the Environmental Educator of the Year Award presented by Stonybrook-Millstone Watershed.

Three new members were elected to Roosevelt’s Board of Education; Eric Vuolle, Anna Johnson and Natalie Warner. Please join me in welcoming them to the school board. Congratulations! Thank you to Sharlene Ellentuck, Mary Tulloss and David Ticktin (who are stepping down), for dedicating countless hours of your personal time to ensure that our students receive a quality education. Thank you for your outstanding leadership, for your commitment to education and for your support. Good luck in all your future endeavors.

Thank you Roosevelt Community for coming out to vote.

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May 2006 School Dates

1st WeekTeacher Appreciation	May 13Plant/Yard Sale
May 4PTA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	May 17Blue Claws Trip
May 5Pizza	May 18Kindergarten Orientation
May 9Ice Cream	May 19Pizza
May 11Spring Concert, 7 p.m.	May 24Ice Cream Day and Spelling Bee

FROM OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL, SHARI PAYSON

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Global News

The Internet is a wonderful tool for children and adults alike to access Web sites for research, communication, shopping, and much more. It makes the world seem a bit smaller; it makes communicating with family and friends quick and easy, and with a click of the mouse, you can visit anywhere in the world. Unfortunately, the Internet is also used for less positive endeavors as well. More and more Web sites are being created that may be inappropriate and unsuitable for children. You might think that children could not possibly gain access to these sites; however they are.

The focus of this article is to inform you of some of the Web sites that children are accessing that might be inappropriate and more importantly, to let you know of the potential danger to your child(ren). An Internet article was sent home with the middle school students detailing some of the sites that children are frequenting. I wanted to share the highlights of the article, as it is not only the older children who are accessing these sites but elementary school students as well. A concern is the accessibility and content of sites such as Myspace.com, tagworld.com and Xanga. Myspace.com is a site where one can chat with others, create profiles, post pictures (sometimes inappropriate), pose as someone they are not, etc. Children can pretend to be adults and visa versa. Profiles may include someone's name, age, town of residence, school, hobbies, etc. Postings include very personal information. These sites are major attractions for pedophiles, pornogra-

phers and other sexual predators. To be a member of myspace.com, you must be 16 years old. However, no one checks this. All one has to do is click on a disclaimer box claiming to be of proper age and they are granted access. Although they claim to regulate conversations, it is impossible to observe the 62 million users who communicate on this site.

You may think, not my child; or you may think that your child is doing something innocent such as chatting with friends. Regardless of your child's age, do some investigating. Go to www.myspace.com and type in your zip code and look at the postings. Don't be surprised if you know someone that is currently online. I am writing this to make you aware. Watch your child while they are on the computer. Look at the bottom of the computer; see what windows have been minimized; check out the history. This is not to meddle in your child's private life, but to keep them safe. Talk to your child. Let them know your concerns for their safety. For more information and tips on prevention and safety awareness, to Web sites such as www.i-safe.com, www.safeteens.com, or www.WiredSafety.org. Please call the school if you would like a copy of the full Internet article.

In response to the wide-spread use of these Web sites and the potential dangers, the Roosevelt PTA sponsored an Internet Safety Presentation given by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's office. I highly recommend attending a presentation such as this. This was certainly eye opening. ■

By Clare Sacharoff

Twenty people attended the April 4th meeting.

Rich Delfonzo from the Monmouth County Dept. on Aging spoke to the seniors on various topics of interest. He warned against telephone scams and cautioned seniors against divulging their social security numbers, medicare numbers and credit card numbers.

There are various services available to qualified seniors from house-keeping to home repairs based on economic limitations.

The club welcomed Helen and Leon Barth as new members.

Shari Payson, principal of our local school informed seniors of a computer training program provided to seniors by 5th and 6th graders. This program will be held every other Friday from 1130 to 12:15 at the school beginning April 21st for about 5 lessons.

Our regular trip held April 18th was to the movies preceded by brunch at the Prestige Diner.

April 28th was a chicken lunch at 12:30 at the Borough Hall. A foreign film was shown April 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Pat Moser provided great refreshments at the April meeting. Florie Johnson was the hostess for the May meeting. ■

If You Encounter a Bear

✳ **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.** People are not part of a bear's diet, but if you have food or items that smell like food, a bear may approach you. A bear may snap its jaws, make a "huff" noise or swat the ground. These are warnings, not a sign that the bear is going to attack you.

✳ **STAY CALM AND DON'T RUN.** A bear can easily outrun you. Stand up tall, avoid eye contact, back up slowly and in a calm, firm voice tell the bear to go away.

✳ **DO NOT CLIMB A TREE.** Black bears are excellent climbers. Instead, move slowly to a car or building if one is nearby.

✳ **MAKE PLENTY OF NOISE.** Making noise lets a bear know you are nearby and it will most likely avoid you.

✳ **DO NOT PLAY DEAD.** Remember that black bears eat dead things.

✳ **NEVER FEED A BEAR.** Bears that learn to associate food with people can become dangerous and may have to be destroyed.

THE BLACK BEAR IS BACK – BE BEAR AWARE!

There have been a number of Black Bear sightings in early April including:

The garbage cans ransacked three different nights behind the Teich yard on Tamara Drive, a sighting by hikers around 3 p.m. on the bike path between solar village and North Valley, and Ginney Edwards and Clancey saw the bear on their backyard patio at midnight on Easter weekend. Some residents are growing concerned so I reprinted the advice from the state "If You Encounter a Bear" as the lead in for this column.

I think it is important not to panic, adjust your lifestyles accordingly so we can live in harmony with another of God's creatures. So far I've only heard about bear sightings. I'm dying to see one in person myself. How about a photo? I'll give two tee shirts to the first person who presents the first printable image of a black bear IN ROOSEVELT so that we can print it in the Bulletin. It will be an historic picture for sure!

Please continue to report sightings and Bear (not Bare) incidents around town to me and the appropriate authorities. Thank you.

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission Membership

We again have a full slate of members including myself, Dave Schwendeman, Mark Aakhus, Ann Baker, Susan Dermody, Stuart Kaufman, Ed Moser, Robert Silverstein, Assenka Oksiloff, and Lorraine Hartley. You can contact anyone of us for matters or report of an environmental nature. Remember you are our eyes and ears and this is OUR town.

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm on May 17, 2006. Everyone is welcome 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 and I appreciate all your reports and calls. ■

TOWN TOPICS

2006 Community Clean-Up Held April 2nd

By Ron Kostar

Clean Community Coordinator

From the beginning the garbage didn't really have a chance. Unsightly stray papers fled, soda and beer cans rolled and big rusty objects dug in when they saw da people coming, but none of them could escape. No way, no how.

On the morning of April 2nd Rooseveltans gathered alongside the post office before fanning out. Then kids never went so eagerly to the school, picks in one hand and plastic garbage bags in the other, while strong handed adults trudged up or down Route 571. Smaller groups broke off in the direction of the Drives - Pine, Oscar, Tamara, Lake, you name it; even the most remote corners of town were searched, scrutinized and 'picked

clean" like a chicken. Have you noticed how green town is?

The list of participants read like a veritable Who's Who of Community Cleaners, and, regretfully but thankfully, is much too long to include here. However, I would like to extend a special thanks to Michelle and Lenny Hillis, Bob Clark, John Minton, Jonathan Shahn, Glenn Bernstein, Ann Goldman, Kelly Mitchell, and Deirdre

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Yoga

The Recreation Department is continuing its very popular yoga program this Spring at Roosevelt School. 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 welcomed to bring their own. Classes will be offered on Tuesday nights from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.. The cost of the 8-week program is \$80.00 per person. Walk-in fee is \$10. Program will continue throughout May and June.

Summer Camp

The Recreation Department has partnered with Millstone Township to offer a unique opportunity for Roosevelt students to participate in the very popular Millstone Recreation Summer Camp at the Millstone Elementary School. The partnership will provide Roosevelt students a great opportunity to interact with hundreds of students

from the surrounding area. The cost per child for the five-week program is \$395.00 if paid for by June 8th. Optional trips are offered each day for an additional cost. Before and After Camp hours are also available at an additional cost. More detailed information is available through the Roosevelt School and at Borough Hall.

Summer Workshops/ Programs

The Recreation Department will be sponsoring a week-long Science Workshop and a week-long Sports Camp in August! Detailed information will be available in June.

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! ■

James Chasan (silent lotus) the son of Howard & Dolores Chasan has been invited to be one of the opening speakers at the New England Department Of Peace Conference. Weaving A Tapestry Of Peace will be held from June 2nd - 4th in Charlton Depot, Massachusetts and is part of the national Peace Alliance movement to create a Department of Peace at the cabinet level.

New Jersey Congressman Rush Holt & Donald Payne are co sponsors.

For further information:

<http://www.tapestryofpeace.org/speakers>

<http://www.thepeacealliance.org/main.htm>

<http://www.silentlotus.net>

Your fortune is misfortune if it is not love.”silent lotus ■

We must report again we find ourselves in a situation where the many generous contributions we have received are not enough to pay the cost of all of our scheduled issues and we must once again request your help.

If you have not yet contributed, please do so.

If you have already contributed but can CONTRIBUTE more, also please do so.

This is your community newspaper—if you can keep it!

Benjamin Appel

Benjamin Appel was born in New York City in 1907, died in Roosevelt in 1977. The Appel family moved to Roosevelt in 1947; Sophie, Ben, Marianna, Willa, and Carla Appel owned the house at 27 Homestead Lane for 40 years.

With the recent republication of two of his early novels by Stark House Press, *Brain Guy* and *Plunder*, my father has been officially remembered as a noir writer. Benjamin Appel was the author of 16 novels and numerous short stories, generally characterized by reviewers as “hard-boiled.” *Brain Guy*, his first novel, originally published in 1934, deals with Depression-era gangs in New York City. *Plunder*, set in post-World War II Philippines, describes Manila under American occupation. Yes, my father grew up in New York City’s Hell’s Kitchen, absorbing the rough, gritty atmosphere of the place in the 1920’s and 30’s. Yes, he was the journalist on High Commissioner McNutt’s mission to the Philippines, and saw for himself how corrupt American soldiers could be. But there was more to him than tough-guy prose.

Dogs liked him. Little kids liked him, maybe because he was funny. Adults who weren’t offended by his sense of humor and habit of speaking his mind liked him a lot. As a younger man in New York City and Washington, D.C., he met like-minded people with whom he formed life-long friendships. Moving to Roosevelt, leaving Washington and ghost-writing for government figures, he found more friends. He fit right in to the town’s mixture of culture and left-wing politics.

Everybody called him “Bennie”,



Ben Appel

even his own and neighbor children. He liked the informality of Roosevelt, where doors were never locked and, in 1947, nobody had enough money to put on airs. Sitting all day at a typewriter, he liked to walk around town after dinner and drop in unannounced on Dave and Thelma Martin, or the Prestopinos, Shahns, Libsohns, Battaglias, Rosskams, Folsoms, or our next door neighbors Ilus and Fred Lobl and get beaten at chess by Fred. Conversely, any of those people could drop in on us and share dessert, my mother’s pie or cake. Pie and coffee and talk, lots of talk: international politics, local politics, art, art galleries, books, editors, publishers; also jokes and terrible puns. Bad puns were an integral part of Bennie’s character, as were extemporaneous stories and phoney dialects. He had a great ear for language, useful in a place where conversation was entertainment.

It was a comfortable town for him,

an easy commute from Roosevelt into New York where he could meet editors, sell them his next novel, and stay in contact with writer friends. Roosevelt friends illustrated his books, drew or painted the jacket covers, posed and photographed him for author shots. They lent him a car and a room for a work-studio. Fred Lobl, the owner of Roosevelt’s store, gave him groceries when he was particularly broke. Most of all they provided companionship.

Bennie was a communicator. He could talk well and listen well. He was very social, both a boisterous life-of-the-party and a quiet keeper of confidences. At the same time he was a full-time writer, the practitioner of a solitary art. Self-disciplined, he kept regular working hours 6 or 7 days a week, alone in a room with a desk and a typewriter. While his talent for conversation was lost when he died, his talent for written communication remains. You can find Benjamin Appel’s *Brain Guy/Plunder* on amazon.com.

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:

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2006 COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP HELD APRIL 2ND

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and Devin Kostar without whom the event would not have been possible. And among the more unusual objects dragged from the woods this year were a rusty refrigerator, a shopping cart and, inexplicably, a stack of about 150 coat hangers (which won this year's award Most Unusual Piece of Junk Award).

Let it be said that Rooseveltans turned green this past April 2, and then after cleaning they converged on Michelle and Lenny Hillis' for good company, better food, and some cool literary Jon Shahn T-shirts, which are still available if anyone wants one.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Spring, 2006 Clean Up and invite all of you, and more, back in the fall.

Female Perspective: The Women Artists Of Roosevelt

By Frances G. Duckett

If you missed the latest show at Jim Hayden's Eleanor Gallery, which opened March 25 and ran on weekends through April 15, you missed a show which was both entertaining and educational. It spanned three generations and demonstrated that art in Roosevelt is an extremely common phenomenon, an integral part of life. The show of selected works by 30 women included drawings, painting, collage, ceramics, printmaking, fabric art and sculpture.

The strongest theme in the show was that of the natural world. I was fascinated to be able to check out Bernarda Bryson Shahn's lovely etching of our woods. Nature was also celebrated in paintings by Robin Axel, Frances Duckett, Sheila Linz, and Judy Nahmias, a pastel by Ellen Silverman and in photographs by Tristen Herrstrom.

The second most salient theme in the show was the female body. Seven works featured the female nude. Four,

by Sheila Linz and Pearl Seligman celebrated pregnancy. Two pictures showed childhood--a beautiful 1944 photograph by Louise Roskam, and a fine drawing of a young boy by Diana Mueller.

In the realm of the abstract were Elly Bermowitz' yarn-covered geometric piece, Amanda Slamm's jewel-like beadwork, Jolene Gallego's colorful painting, and semiabstract photos by Kate John-Alder.

Serendipitous were Augusta Chasan's painting, Liz Dauber's fauve painting of buildings and trees, and Shan Ellentuck's colorful lamp, cut with tin snips and constructed from brilliantly decorated commercial cans. Seeing these three pieces was a treat.

Still lives celebrated the domestic scene: A fine painting by newcomer Mary Macher, two small pieces by Deirdre Sheean, and photographs by MaryAnn Rossi and Julia Luongo McArdle.

It is hard to show three-dimensional pieces without a lot of floor space. The 3-D items were carefully placed so as not to obstruct traffic. They included Naomi Brahinski's subtly colored and unique ceramic designs, Amy Medford and Victoria Estok's clay nudes, and Shan Ellentuck's lamp. Especially interesting were Gabrielle Balon's organic and rather elegant ceramic forms, which appear to be growing from the table like gilded mushrooms.

Also from the younger group of artists--and by "younger" I mean those not yet deceased or retired--was a collage/painting, by Ani Roskam, a true professional. Celebrating mood were a striking collage/painting by Claudia Luongo, and a subtle pencil-drawn figure by Barbara Atwood. Notable also was a small but elegant portrait by Robin Middleman.

Standing out as the only foreign subject in the show was Zelda Burdick's

lithograph of the red light district in Amsterdam.

It was great to take in such a mixed bag of media and styles, demonstrating once again the vitality of the artistic tradition in this town. The opening of the show was well attended and lots of fun. Mainly, the works offered for sale were at reasonable prices. Greeting cards were for sale, seating and refreshments were available, and on the whole the gallery experience was inspiring. This writer looks forward to future shows at the Eleanor Gallery and wishes its owner the best of success.

Next on the Eleanor agenda is DAN HODGKINSON - A MAN ABSTRACT. This show is slated for April 22- May 12. Mr. Hodgkinson is a Hamilton resident with a unique story. Also on the agenda is a RAP show of pieces from private collections. Do you have a work you're proud of but do not wish to sell--something you would like to share with the town for a few days? If so, call Jim and tell him about it!

The Eleanor Gallery

By Jim Hayden

The Eleanor Gallery will be presenting: Dan Hodgkinson - a man abstract, as part of its Outsider Series of exhibitions, showcasing fine works from artists outside the borders of the artistically rich town of Roosevelt.

The opening reception and weekend was April 22 & 23, 2006, 12-5 p.m., with the Artist present. The show will continue on Saturdays and Sundays, 12 - 5 each day, through Saturday, May 13th.

This young man's story is what makes his art unique. His art is fine in its own right, but how he got to his recent works is a journey no one person should have to travel for their talent. Dan is a gentle giant of a man, 6'5", humorous, and an ex- Hockey

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star. All-American boy. Dan always painted, but what he paints now is far different from the landscapes and portraits of his youth.

At age 23, Dan survived a serious car accident. A chance encounter with a deer on a dark road in Pennsylvania one evening was what landed him in a semi-conscious state. A car down an embankment, after an unexpected night of dancing, trying to elude and dissolve some memories of a relationship gone wrong, would nearly dissolve Dan



of his life. His mother informed of the accident, packed up his dog, along with some of his paintings and took the three hour trip to Scranton. He had cracked his skull and had frontal lobe damage. He was in a coma, lingering on life support for about two weeks, when one day on one of his mother's visits, she walked in, and he was awake and sitting up with his eyes open! She screamed and alerted the staff to her son's condition, and within a few days he was taken off the machines.

What came next was a long and slow convalescence. He had lost most of what we all take for granted, for he had to learn how to walk again. And talk and count. And many other cognitive functions utilized on a daily basis. The fact that he was frustrated and he couldn't drive home when he was released, further tells you of Dan's determination.

Home, he turned to painting. Dan had always painted at times of frustration, a pattern set after his father's unexpected death two years before. But this time painting was frustrating

in itself. The accident left him with double vision, among a few other things that have since improved. But he didn't take this as a negative. He quit painting for a month, then decided

not to fight his vision "impairment."

He started painting abstractly using bright primary colors, for he knew all others colors are an addition or subtraction of each. His backyard barn/studio quickly became filled with bright imaginative abstract paintings.

He has since shown at several shows at Mercer County College. He has studied under Mel Leipzig, a well know area artist and faculty member at MCCC, and has sold his paintings to private benefactors as well as having them displayed at Bristol-Myers Squibbs gallery in Princeton.

His color and movement seem to be universally attractive and he continues to gain a larger exposure and following.

Dan's journey to this point in his life wasn't easy, and he faces challenges leftover from the accident every day and may never lose his double vision, but he's not so sure he wants to see as he did.

His triumph of spirit, and physical challenges, and positivity, and intelligence can be glimpsed in many of his vibrantly and lively executed paintings.

An Evening With Schubert

By Gladys Nadler

For almost twenty years, the Roosevelt Arts Project has provided a platform for our local artists. Now RAP is carrying the process a step further by

inviting a new generation of artists to join the old-timers in performing. Such a program delighted the audience April 8 at the Borough Hall, when pianist Alan Mallach introduced Cecelia Ticktin, soprano in *An Evening with Schubert: Lieder and Piano Music* by Franz Schubert.

The program was organized as a delicious sandwich, with piano solos at the beginning and end, and five lieder sung by Miss Ticktin in the luscious middle part.

Alan opened the program by playing *Two Impromptus* that Schubert wrote in 1827. These pieces and Alan's brief comments about the short but creative life of this prolific composer introduced the program.

He then accompanied Cecelia, who sang five of Schubert's lieder written between 1815 and 1817. They were *Erster Verlust*, *Heidenroslein*, and *Der Wanderer*, before the intermission, and then *An die Musik* and *Ganymed*, based on a poem by Goethe.

Cecelia Ticktin, who will be 17 years old May 23, is an attractive young lady with a charming stage presence and a lovely lyric soprano voice. I found her rendition of the Schubert songs refreshing, meaningful, and beautiful.

Cecelia, whose parents are Gail and David Ticktin of Roosevelt, is now a junior at Hightstown High School. She started taking voice lessons when she was eight years old. In March 2006, she played the leading role of Maria in *The Sound of Music* at the high school. She has been singing in the New Jersey Central Region Choir for two years, and the New Jersey Allstate Choir for three years. Asked about the future, she said she plans to pursue a career in acting and singing. "I want to go to a conservatory and to continue with this forever," she said.

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Alan concluded the program with Schubert's lovely *Sonata in A Minor*. As an encore, he played a Scherzo that Schubert wrote at the age of twenty.

Thanks are due to Alan Mallach both for introducing a new talent and for his own rendition of Schubert's music.

Roosevelt First Aid Squad Training & Response News

By Jack Rindt, Roosevelt First Aid Squad Training Officer

In the month of March, the Squad responded to 12 first aid calls. There were five medical emergencies in Roosevelt, and six in Millstone. One call in Manalapan was canceled before we arrived on the scene.

The Squad responded to 37 emergencies from January 1 to March 31.

The training that was conducted in March was Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) at the awareness level. This training was sponsored by the New Jersey State Police and the EMTs received CEUs for this training. Taking this course enabled the members to keep their certification up-to-date.

In the month of April, Mercer County had an auction and the squad bid on one of East Windsor's old ambulances. We have not heard about it as yet.

The squad has started to put away funds for the new ambulance. Any contributions for the new ambulance would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate that your contribution is for the new ambulance fund. Please make out checks to Roosevelt First Aid Squad and send them to P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. The First Aid Squad is always thankful for any contributions. A second ambulance in town will help insure that one will always be around.

Do 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, you can contact any squad member or stop in during our business meeting on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall, or the second Sunday of each month when we hold our monthly training, which starts at 10:00 a.m.

The squad has only five active Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) of whom one is now servicing our country in the U.S. Army. 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 a paying position with a career ambulance company.

In case of an emergency, dial 911.

Thank you.

Vote For "Village" Trustees

By Bob Clark

The Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, a non-profit organization which owns the Roosevelt Senior Housing Village (sometimes called the "Solar Village"), will hold its Annual Meeting at the Municipal Building at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 4. More than 40 members of the Corporation are eligible to elect the Board of Trustees and attend to other business at the meeting. The Corporation owns the 21-unit complex located at the intersection of North Valley Road and Farm Lane. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development, holds

the mortgage on the property, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, provides rent subsidies for qualified residents who have been approved to live there. An Agent manages and maintains the facility with money from the residents' rent payments and the federal subsidies.

The Corporation's by-laws require at least 35 Corporation members, who all must reside in Roosevelt. We encourage residents of the Village to become Corporation members. Roosevelt residents who want to join the ranks of those already members should contact Bob Clark, Secretary of the Board of Trustees (443-5883) or Pat Moser, President (448-4865). To become new members they need only make arrangements to pay to the Corporation, through its Treasurer, Bill Counterman (448-3182), \$5, as required by the Corporation's by-laws. Multiple residents of a single household may become Corporation members upon payment of a single \$5 fee. The fee confers lifetime membership.

Each year, on the first Thursday in May, the Corporation holds an annual meeting, where its members nominate and vote into office a seven-member Board of Trustees, including a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. All seven must be members of the Corporation. All serve without compensation.

Current trustees of the Corporation are Pat Moser, President; Bill Counterman, Treasurer; Bob Clark, Secretary; Leonard Sacharoff; Louise Baranowitz; Edna Patterson; and Louis Esakoff. Solar Village residents are encouraged to seek nominations to become Board of Trustee members. Ms. Baranowitz and Ms Patterson are residents. ■

BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

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He also reported, on behalf of the recreation committee, that arrangements had been made for Roosevelt to join with Millstone in offering a summer camp program. Councilwoman Peggy Malkin, chairwoman of the environment, health and safety committee, said that she would be meeting with representatives of the Millstone Fire Company to discuss options for contracting for services or merging fire departments.

In the public portion, Jack Rindt asked whether there were any minutes of a meeting that had been held concerning emergency services. He was concerned that his name had been mentioned at the meeting and wanted to know just what was said. Council members Jeff Ellentuck and Peggy Malkin, both of whom had been at the meeting, said that no minutes were taken, but that they could assure Mr. Rindt that they did not hear anyone say anything negative about him. Mr. Rindt also expressed concern about the location of his Roosevelt Fire Department personnel file, saying that he had asked to see it and no one was able to produce it. Ms. Malkin told Mr. Rindt that she would get answers to his questions by the next meeting.

Also in the public portion, Betty Witherspoon recommended that the Council look into the inter-local use of a van for the recreation program. She also commended those who volunteer their services for the first aid squad and fire company, pointing out that Hightstown, with a considerably larger population, is no longer able to offer volunteer first aid service.

Zoning Officer Bob Francis said that he was doing visual inspections around the town, looking for violations of ordinances, and wanted to thank residents for their cooperation in correcting any violations. He repeated his call for the Council to take whatever action might be necessary in order to get PSE&G to repair the damage to the new blacktop on Lake Drive that it caused when it made repairs to gas lines. He also reported that he had attended a March 25 seminar on planning and zoning at Brookdale Community College.

In other business, the Council introduced an ordinance to allow the Borough to have the maximum benefit of the budget cap law, despite not having increased the budget to the extent that that law would allow, as well as an ordinance providing for

reconstruction of a portion of Lake Drive and appropriating State grant funds for that purpose. It passed resolutions authorizing temporary emergency appropriations pending adoption of the budget and awarding a contract to Dr. K. Lawn Service for seasonal maintenance of public lands. It also passed a motion to appoint Joe Petrick as deputy emergency management coordinator and to authorize the municipal engineer to advertise for bids for the Lake Drive project. There was also a discussion of the need to move the siren, which is currently atop the pumphouse on the water tower lot. The siren is disturbing to people in the immediate area and inaudible in much of the town. Council members agreed that a central location was needed. Michael Ticktin reported that Ken LeCompte, who will be living in a new home that he will be building on the lot formerly owned by Pine Valley Swim Club that is right next to the water tower lot, had said that he will get information about a system used in Point Pleasant that has several small sirens located on lamp-posts around the town which obviate any need for a very loud noise. ■

Silverstein, Stinson and Ellentuck File for Democratic Nomination; No Republican Candidates File

by Michael Ticktin

Two recently appointed incumbents and one first-time candidate are the only candidates whose names will appear on the ballot for local office in the June 6 primary election. Councilman Bob Silverstein, who is currently serving the third year of Jeff Hunt's term, will run for a full term,

along with Arlene Stinson, who is running for the seat that will be vacated by Michael Hamilton. Councilman Jeff Ellentuck, who was appointed to the seat vacated by Beth Battel when she was elected mayor, will run to complete the remaining two years of the term.

No candidates filed for the

Republican nomination, although a candidate could be nominated on write-in votes in the Republican primary. Anyone wishing to run as an independent candidate has until the day of the primary, June 6, to file a petition with the municipal clerk. ■

Clara's Antipasto



- 1 eight-inch diameter head of cauliflower
- 2 medium carrots
- 2 stalks of celery
- 1 green pepper
- 1 four ounce jar of pimiento, drained
- 2 ounces stuffed green olives, drained
- ¾ cup white vinegar
- ½ cup salad oil
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon oregano
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup water

Break the cauliflower into small florets and cut the carrots, celery, pepper and pimiento into strips about ¼" x 1½". Combine all the ingredients in a large skillet and bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce the heat, cover, and simmer 5 to 7 minutes. Refrigerate for 24 hours – or at least overnight.

Serve as an appetizer or salad as is – or – add, as desired: quartered hardboiled eggs, anchovies, cubes of salami and/or cheese, olives, bottled artichoke hearts, etc.

This makes two quarts of salad and will keep at least a week, refrigerated. ■

I'm truly sorry that those of you who've come lately to Roosevelt never had the chance to know George and Clara Levenson.

George was a rotund little man with the most infectious laugh I have ever heard. When George laughed, everyone in the room laughed – even if they had no idea what they were laughing about.

He and Clara were wonderful hosts. They entertained frequently, particularly in summer, when carloads of friends and colleagues of George's would come from New York to join Roosevelt friends and neighbors for a swim in their backyard pool and an endless picnic.

The mainstay of these picnics was always Clara's special salad, a combination of vegetables cooked in a simple vinaigrette sauce and embellished generously with hardboiled eggs, anchovies, and cubes of salami and cheese. It served as an appetizer, a salad, and a side dish to whatever meat was on the grill. Best of all, it was always made a day or so earlier, freeing Clara to fuss over her guests.

When she gave me the recipe, Clara called it "Pickled Garden Relish" but it is far more substantial than a relish, so I simply think of it as "Clara's Antipasto". And when I think of Clara's antipasto, I think of George, and George's inimitable laugh, and at the very least, I smile. There's no other food (except chocolate, of course) that can make me smile like that - just thinking about it.

March was a dry month in Roosevelt. There was only 1.99 inches of precipitation for the entire month. Almost all of the precipitation occurred on one day, March 13. Normal precipitation for the month is 3.88 inches. March was also warmer than normal. The normal average temperature for March in our area is 40.7 degrees. This year the average temperature for the month was 43.0 degrees. March 2006 had only 683 heating degree-days, normal is 755.

Now that spring is well underway, it's time to get ready for the severe weather challenges the warmer months can bring. Among those are the possibilities for severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes.

Is there a real risk of tornadoes in our region? Yes. One hundred and forty-three tornadoes have hit New Jersey since 1950. Many of those twisters have occurred in Monmouth, Mercer and Middlesex counties. Here, from The Tornado Project (<http://www.tornadoproject.com/>), is a list of some of the most notable tornadoes to cut a path in New Jersey before 1950.

- The historic June 19, 1835 tornado moved east, cutting a devastating path through the heart of New Brunswick. Five people were killed, 40 injured.
- On August 3, 1885, a funnel moved northeast from south Philadelphia across the Delaware River to Camden, New Jersey killing four people and injuring 50.
- A small twister on June 30, 1892 along the shoreline at Camden killed two people and injured three when a pavilion shelter collapsed.
- Three people were killed and 30 injured in an area, north of Hackensack on July 13, 1895. Four homes were destroyed.
- On May 28, 1896, after killing two people in Pennsylvania, a tornado killed two more people south of Trenton. Eight people were injured.
- Two people were killed and 100 people were injured on July 22, 1903 when a tornado moved across the southern part of Patterson. Six homes were destroyed.
- A twister destroyed a bridge over the Delaware River and destroyed a barn west of Blairstown on April 1, 1929. One person died and four were injured.
- On August 25, 1941, one person died when a tornado at Swedesboro blew down a chimney and crushed a truck. Twenty-four people were injured.

In our area, the peak months of tornado activity are June July and August. However, tornadoes can occur at any time of the year. Tornadoes can also happen at any time of the day or night, but they are most likely to occur between 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m..

Now that we're all suitably scared, here are some suggestions on how to deal with tornadoes from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"If a Tornado Warning is issued or if threatening weather approaches:

- In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
- If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture.
- Stay away from windows.
- Get out of automobiles.
- Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car; instead, leave it immediately.
- Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes and should be abandoned.

Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that advance warning is not possible. Remain alert for signs of an approaching tornado. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most deaths and injuries."

The people most at risk when a tornado hits are people in automobiles; the elderly, very young, and the physically or mentally impaired; people in mobile homes; people who may not understand the warning due to a language barrier.

You can get more safety tips for many types of disasters at the Red Cross website http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_501_00.html

If you're not impressed enough yet about the dangers of tornadoes, look at the oldest know photograph of a tornado by visiting <http://www.photolib.noaa.gov/historic/nws/wea00206.htm> on the Internet. The picture was taken August 28, 1884. The photographer is unknown. It's a fantastic and frightening photograph.

Weather Word

A *tornado* is a rotating column of air ranging in width from a few yards to more than a mile and whirling at destructively high speeds, usually accompanied by a funnel-shaped downward extension of a cumulonimbus cloud. ■

March 15 - April 15, 2006				
Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	49.3	37.4	43.4	0.00
16	50.4	31.5	41.0	0.00
17	48.9	31.6	40.3	0.00
18	43.9	28.2	36.1	0.00
19	46.6	28.9	37.8	0.00
20	48.0	29.5	38.8	0.00
21	45.3	21.6	33.5	0.00
22	49.6	30.2	39.9	0.00
23	51.8	35.1	43.5	0.00
24	56.1	30.2	43.2	0.00
25	53.2	37.0	45.1	0.00
26	53.8	37.4	45.6	0.05
27	58.3	32.5	45.4	0.00
28	58.5	31.1	44.8	0.00
29	62.4	32.5	47.5	0.00
30	68.7	35.4	52.1	0.00
31	74.5	41.4	58.0	0.00
1	78.3	55.2	66.8	0.00
2	66.4	47.1	56.8	0.00
3	58.1	38.5	48.3	0.00
4	57.2	44.8	51.0	0.07
5	47.0	32.7	39.9	0.15
6	57.0	33.8	45.4	0.10
7	68.4	36.0	52.2	0.00
8	61.7	37.9	49.8	0.00
9	56.5	33.6	45.1	1.10
10	60.4	32.0	46.2	0.00
11	70.0	36.5	53.3	0.00
12	76.8	43.7	60.3	0.00
13	75.6	54.3	65.0	0.00
14	67.6	46.8	57.2	0.00
15	79.3	48.2	63.8	0.10
Total Precipitation			1.57	

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

2005 - 2006 SEASON

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Saturday, May 20, 2006

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Saturday, June 17th, 2006

**ART BY ROOSEVELT ARTISTS SELECTED FROM PRIVATE
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All events are at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building except where otherwise noted.

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 at (609) 448-4616.

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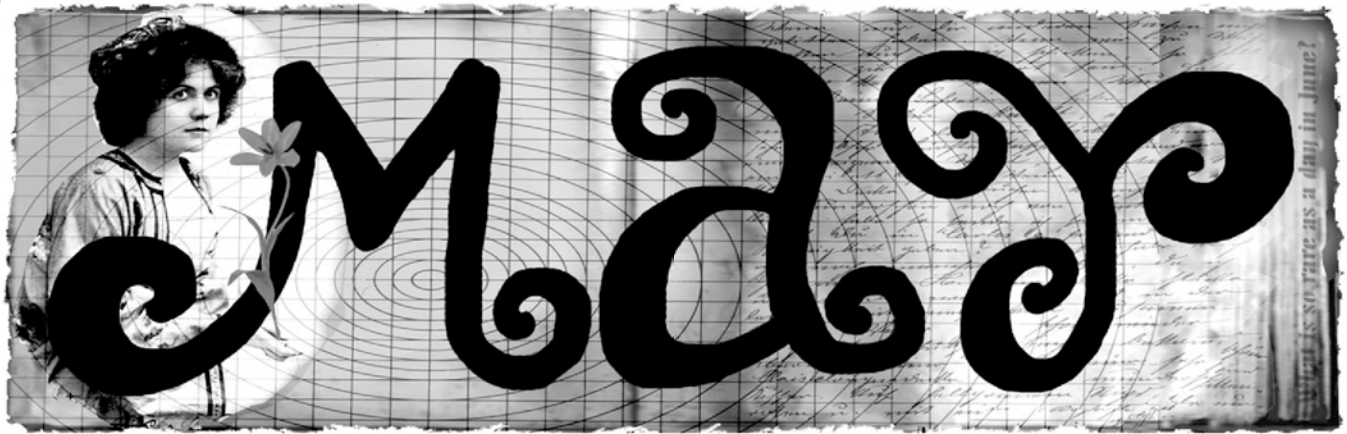
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May

1	Mon	7 pm	Council Committee Mtg Pat Moser, President	Borough Hall 448-4865
		8 pm	Council Agenda Meeting, Beth Battel, Mayor	Borough Hall 448-7701
2	Tues	12 pm	Senior Blood Pressure Check	Boro Hall
		1 pm	Seniors Meeting Gerry Millar, President	Borough Hall 448-0351
3	Wed		RECYCLE	
4	Thurs	7:30 pm	PTA Meeting RPS—Jill Joyce, 443-9423 or Deidre Pizzarelli, 448-2126	
5	Fri		RPS Pizza Day	
7	Sun	10 am	First Aid Squad Training, Jack Rindt, 448-9475 (Call 9 am to 6 pm)	Boro Hall
8	Mon	7:30 pm	Council Action Meeting, Beth Battel, Mayor	Borough Hall 443-7701
		7:30 pm	Planning Board Meeting Ralph Seligman	Borough Hall 448-2340
9	Tues		RPS Ice Cream	
11	Thurs	7 pm	RPS Spring Concert	
13	Sat	9 - 12:30 9 am	Plant Sale & 6th Grade Bake Sale, Post Office PTA Town Yard Sale	
14	Sun	10 am	First Aid Squad Training, Jack Rindt, 448-9475 (Call 9 am to 6 pm)	Boro Hall
15	Mon	7:30 pm	Council Committee Mtg Pat Moser, President	Borough Hall 448-4865
16	Tues	7:30 pm	First Aid Squad Business Mtg Jack Rindt	Boro Hall 448-9475
17	Wed		RECYCLE RPS Blue Claws Trip	
18	Thurs		RPS Kindergarten Orientation	

19	Fri		RPS Pizza Day	
		7:30 pm	Environmtl Com. Mtg Dave Schwendeman, Chair	Borough Hall 443-6204
20	Sat	8 pm	RAP Program—"Bits of Art" (see RAP Page)	Borough Hall
23	Tues	7:30 pm	Planning Board Meeting Ralph Seligman	Borough Hall 448-2340
24	Wed		RPS Ice Cream RPS Spelling Bee	
26	Fri	7:30 pm	PTA Spring Dance RPS—Jill Joyce, 443-9423 or Deidre Pizzarelli, 448-2126	
29	Mon		Memorial Day, RPS Closed	
31	Wed		RECYCLE	

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2	Fri		RPS Pizza Day	
5	Mon	7 pm	Council Committee Mtg Pat Moser, President	Borough Hall 448-4865
		8 pm	Council Agenda Meeting, Beth Battel, Mayor	Borough Hall 448-7701
6	Tues	7 pm	RPS Field Day	
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