



# ROOSEVELT NEWS

ROOSEVELT, NEW JERSEY

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## Planning Board:

### Prediction of Regional Growth and Plans for Recreational Areas

A site plan for the development of Assunpink Fish and Wildlife Management Area in Western Monmouth and Eastern Mercer Counties (in and adjacent to Roosevelt) was presented by George Alpaugh of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, at the Aug. 31 meeting of the Planning Committee.

On the same program, Harvey Moskowitz, planning consultant, formerly associated with the same state department, presented a preliminary survey of the predicted growth of the Roosevelt region. The population of this area is expected to increase steadily in the 1970's, particularly within the next five years. Growth in population to 70,000 by year 2000 was projected for Area #6 which extends from Allentown to Millstone Township.

These talks are part of the board's continuing series of master plan discussions on regional growth which directly the borough. Mr. Moskowitz reported that the number of housing units in the 13-municipality region including Roosevelt increased from 15,000 in 1960 to 31,000 in 1970. Four municipalities--East Windsor with 4200 housing units, Jackson 3200, Freehold 2600 and Manalapan 2200, are experiencing 77 percent of the expansion.

Mr. Moskowitz stressed that "as roads improve, there will be increased pressure for growth in this area." Interstate 195 is near completion and its tie-in with Route 537 almost finished. Furthermore, with the completion of the new Exit 7A on the Turnpike about 1 mile north of Allentown and completion of the Garden State Thruway to Toms River within the next five years, Roosevelt, Millstone and Upper Freehold will be at the center of the region expected to expand.

Later in the discussion, Mr. Alpaugh outlined the program for the Assunpink Fish and Wildlife Management Area which is now being developed. The Bureau is managing this conservation program on a 2100-

acre tract purchased by means of the Green Acres Acquisition Program. In cooperation with the Soil Conservation division, it is building two dams and reservoirs to be completed by the end of 1970. Recreational facilities will include overnight wilderness camping areas, swimming and picnic areas, horse trails, hiking paths, boat launching and trapshooting areas, and a model airplane field near Allentown. Only electric powered boats will be permitted on the lakes.

Mr. Alpaugh also explained that the Division of Fish and Game program is supported solely by the fees obtained from about 160,000 hunting licenses and 150,000 fishing licenses issued annually. He further noted that the small game season extends from November 6 till the end of January; pheasant till the end of December, quail till the end of January, and deer in-between.

Howard Chasan suggested that a committee be set up to include representatives of the council and the Bureau of Wildlife Management to outline out-of-bounds areas for hunters. Mr. Seligman, chairman of the board, adjourned the meeting with the prediction that "only with maximum cooperation between the council, the whole community and the state department, can at least minimal satisfaction be achieved for most of the people involved."

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**REMINDER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 3...** Since the council terms of Al Hepner and Sid Weisberger are expiring at the end of this year, two seats on the borough council are open for election. Esther Pogrebin Schleifer is the Democratic candidate for Council and Richard Schmalzbach, Republican candidate. Unless there is a sizable write-in vote for other persons, the election of both candidates to council seats will be uncontested.

To be eligible to vote, a resident must have reached the age of 21 by June 2, must have lived in New Jersey one year by that date, and have completed voter registration on or before Sept. 24, 1970.

## School Board ...

**LAST MONTH...** The Board of Education on Sept. 8 swore in Howard Chasan and Roy Terry to fill the unexpired terms of Judy Hughes and Michael Seitz who had resigned. Five positions therefore will be filled in February 1971 -- 3 for three-year terms and 2 for two-year terms.

**MORE ON VANDALISM...** Mr. Jelinek suggested that unbreakable windows be installed to replace damaged ones, but the expense of this replacement was reported to be prohibitive.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE...** The sole use of the gym, lobby and room adjacent to the lobby was approved for all meetings to be held in the school during the present academic year.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION TO HIGHTSTOWN HIGH...** The board pointed out that students attending non-profit private schools within a 20-mile radius of Roosevelt are entitled to reimbursement for transportation by the Roosevelt Board, according to state law. Since the present contractor is authorized to make stops only for students attending Hightstown High School, parents may receive up to \$150 per year to arrange other means of travel for each student attending other schools (with other contractors). Further, the contractor for the Hightstown bus is not liable for injuries incurred in the bus by a student not using the bus on a round-trip basis, nor for injuries to a student outside of the bus to which he has been assigned. In addition, students who do not meet the bus at assigned stops at scheduled times must arrange their own transportation.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT...** The school session opened as scheduled with 130 children attending, one absent and 49 Roosevelt students at the high school this year. Mr. Jacobson met with neighboring principals to discuss the possibility of a workshop for teachers on sex education, but found a lack of agreement among them on this topic. Further inquiry was requested on this matter. Mrs. Chasan and Mr. Jacobson attended meetings in Hightstown on the stimulation of drug awareness among teachers and the public. A member of the audience requested that informational material on this subject be distributed to Roosevelt parents.

**OCTOBER 13 MEETING...** Melvin Friedman was sworn in to replace Roy Terry who had been appointed to the board in September. Terry has lived out of state long enough to lack the two-year residency requirement.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT...** The board referred Mr. Eisman's report criticizing last year's financial procedures and suggesting several improvements to the finance committee for study.

**TEACHERS' COMMITTEE...** Fred Jacobson was suspended on Oct. 8, four months after assuming the post of school principal.

The vote to terminate Mr. Jacobson's contract was 6 to 1 in favor of termination, with the newly appointed member abstaining. Only Leslie Wiener voted against the motion, explaining he felt "the charges did not suggest the dismissal." Despite some residents' requests, the charges against the principal were not made public.

Board President Ed Johnson explained the board members thoroughly discussed the problems for days before deciding to make the suspension "for the betterment of education and the children." (Note: Mr. Jacobson told the NEWS that his dismissal followed his request for a pay increase, a 5-year contract, vacation with pay, and shorter, and less frequent, board meetings. He suggested "for every child's success that much remedial and individualized work in the instructional reading program is needed to bring the children up to an acceptable educational level").

Until a new principal is hired, the workload will be assumed primarily by Arlene Esakoff, board secretary, and Lillian Irwin, assistant to the principal.

**NEW TEACHERS...** The board also hired Jan Taylor as a one-hour-a-day substitute teacher in 5th grade science. Dorothy Beinlin and Rita Getter were also added to the substitute list. The three teachers who are attending reading workshops during school hours were asked to prepare an interim report. Approval was also given for a heating plant survey, issuance of a boiler maintenance contract, and a change to a cheaper supply of heating oil. No immediate action was taken on a recommendation that the board re-examine its present school lunch program in light of recent federal legislation.

### CALENDAR

Nov 3 - Election Day - Borough Hall, 7 am - 8 pm  
- Pioneer Women Cake Sale in front of Borough Hall. Inform. - F. Anish, 448-2365

Nov 10 - Board of Education - School, 8 pm

Nov 11 - Borough Council - Borough Hall, 8:30 pm

Nov 16 & 30 - Bookmobile - market parking lot, 2-4:30 p

Until Nov 29 - New Jersey State Museum - exhibit  
"Children's Art From Around the World"

**LIBRARY WINTER HOURS...** Tuesday 2-4, 7-9 pm,  
Thursday 7-9 pm, Friday 3-5 pm.



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# Council...

**GREEN ACRES LANDSCAPING...** At the Sept. 9 meeting, the borough clerk, Izzy Sackowitz, was authorized to establish a contract with James A. Krajcovic of Hightstown, who was the lowest bidder (\$1,185), for landscaping a 7-acre Green Acres tract on Clarksburg Road, expected to begin within a few weeks.

**NURSERY SCHOOL...** A request by Mrs. Steinberg, sponsor of the Roosevelt Nursery School, to occupy the borough hall for the remainder of the regular school year was granted.

**PUBLIC WORKS...** The council also approved a preventative \$150 per year maintenance contract for the borough water well with Layne New York Co. of Linden, with a stipulation of at least two inspections annually. The public safety committee reported that volunteers for school crossing guards are being sought

**BOOKMOBILE...** The Monmouth County Library wrote that it is reconsidering the assignment of the bookmobile to Roosevelt on Saturdays.

**ANIMALS...** A member of the audience questioned the possibility of an ordinance to bar farm animals from residential areas, citing the example of a close neighbor who houses a sheep which emits objectionable odors. He was informed that nuisance odors constitute a violation of the public health code and the offending party had received a notice of violation. Again, there were several complaints about dogs running loose. Complainants were advised that a complaint to the police is the only procedure for punishing offenders.

**ROOSEVELT NEWS CITATION...** A council citation to Edna Esakoff for her competent and unselfish handling of news for the Roosevelt community for the past six years was noted.

**BURIAL RULES CHANGED AT OCT. 14 MEETING...** Following impassioned pleas by Sarah Goldberg and early settlers including Morris Chasan and Irving Plungian, the council approved an amendment to the ordinance regulating the community cemetery to allow burial of former residents if they or their spouses had resided in the borough for 25 years, or if they are spouses of public office holders. Currently, the only non-residents who are allowed to be buried in the cemetery are those who once held elected public office.

**VANDALISM...** A letter from Ed Moser requesting better protection for himself and his family from recurring vandalism was referred to Wilbur Loftus, our part-time officer, for investigation and action. Council agreed to request state troopers from Hightstown to make additional patrols of the borough to curb vandalism. Residents were again urged to immediately report any such disturbance to the police.

Several members of the audience requested additional patrols for Halloween and suggested that compelling the parents of children who commit acts of vandalism to pay indemnity for the damage. This would help to decrease the incidence of these frustrating disturbances.

Other projects approved by the council included a \$41 allotment to purchase new books for the library, hiring a bulldozer for one day at \$15 per hour to clean up the old dumping ground, donations of \$400 and \$100 to fund campaigns of the Greater Freehold Area and Princeton Hospitals respectively, a transfer of the liquor license from Sol Berg to the new owners of the Roosevelt Market, Philadelphia-based Depth Industries, and a council study of existing ordinances concerning farm animals.

## VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION

Jeanette Koffler, local tax assessor, has suggested that new residents who are entitled to this tax benefit contact her as soon as possible at 448-2259.

## COFFEEHOUSE RAP - exclusively for teens (13-20 yrs.)

At the last council meeting Jeff Ellentuck asked whether we could use the old library building and told them we're willing to supply manpower for repairs. Councilman Sacharoff replied that council funds for repairs are not available this year but a new meeting place would be found. Mayor Marton says a permanent Coffeehouse would be a great idea and he has asked Mr. Barth (recreation committee) to get an estimate repairs and elimination of fire hazards in the old library. Meanwhile, we'll use the borough hall on Saturday nights.

The Coffeehouse was set up over two months ago by the Community-School Association. Admission is 25¢ for old members. A new member pays 50¢ for his first visit and can bring with him three guests, who pay 25¢ each for the one visit. We provide conversation, dancing or listening to records, and refreshments. A member who has a birthday on a Saturday night can celebrate it with the crowd at the Coffeehouse. Some of the younger adults in town take turns as chaperones. We need more volunteers. For details, contact a committee member: Paula Wisowaty, Liz Farnell or Kathy DiGiorgio.

## VIEWPOINT...

Signed letters (double-spaced) to the editor are welcomed from Roosevelt residents conveying information or expressing opinions concerning the good and welfare of the community. However, the NEWS reserve the right to edit any letters submitted because lack of space.

The ROOSEVELT NEWS is published by a volunteer staff and distributed free of charge to the community. We would welcome more staff members.

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In behalf of the entire community, we most warmly thank Edna Esakoff for the years of Zeal and devotion in putting out this paper.

Sincere thanks for financial contributions to the Klein, Wisowaty, Gurvitch and Spelkoman families, J. Albanese, R. Bauman, and I. Plungian....

Now that we are back in production, we can use as many contributions as possible... solely for printing and distribution of this newspaper.

SOCIAL AND CLUB NOTES..

Residents of the Roosevelt area are invited to submit news of clubs, births, marriages, etc., and upcoming events. Please send your copy to Box 23, local, or call 609-448-5937 evenings or Saturday and Sunday.

THE COMMUNITY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The CSA aided the Community Task Force on Drug Awareness Week Oct. 5-10 at the Hightstown High School. This drug education program was aimed at teaching students to "know your poison" so that if drugs are used, they are used with knowledge that minimizes risk. Parents of teenagers are urged to attend programs of this nature to improve their understanding of drugs and drug problems. For information, call 448-7227 or 448-1640. Donations to continue the awareness program and help for addicts will be welcomed by the CSA.

BIRTH ... George and Laura Danzinger have a son, Jason, born Oct. 7.

THESE RESIDENTS HAVE MOVED...

Richard & Susan Marchon to 24 S. Rochdale  
Mel & Gloria Adlerman to 56 Pine Drive  
Mr. & Mrs. John Gibbons to 12 Homestead Lane

THE ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY CHORUS is inviting residents who enjoy singing to join their group. Ability to read music is not required. The chorus will meet every Friday at 9 pm at 26 Cedar Court. For details, phone Eve Hecht at 448-1812.

New Residents...

George & Laura Danzinger, 23 Pine Drive  
Alan & Betty Moeser, 4 Homestead Lane  
Jordan & Laura Schwartz, 25 Tamara Drive  
David Davies, Sr. & David, Jr., 1 School Lane  
Horace & Katie Reischberg, 15 Pine Drive  
Edwin & Helene Schmalzbach, 1 Lake Drive  
Ronald & Marge Sackowitz, 16 Homestead Lane

Y TRIP...

The Hightstown-East Windsor YMCA will conduct another in its series of trips for local youth on Friday, November 6. The "Y" group will travel to the American Museum and Hayden Planetarium.

Boys and girls 6-12 years of age are invited to travel to New York City. Fee: \$3.00 for members and \$3.50 for non-"Y" members; this includes transportation, admission and drink, youngsters will need a sack lunch.

Bus schedules are as follows: Twin Rivers Temporary School parking lot, 8:00 am pick-up and 4:30 pm return; YMCA property (Leshin Lane) 8:15 am pick-up and 4:15 return and Brooktree Swim Club 8:30 am pick-up and 4:00 pm return. Registration must be made in advance. For further information and registration call the "Y" at 448-1357 or stop in the office at 157 S. Main Street, Hightstown.

Classified Ads...

ROOSEVELT NEWS Classified Ads will help you (youth or adult) sell worthwhile things you no longer use, such as furniture, bicycles, musical instruments, etc., or to find a much needed item. Perhaps you desire or can offer a necessary or unique service--babysitting, tutoring, dressmaking, lawn-cutting, etc. Reach buyers or sellers easily through an ad--15¢ a line. Send your copy to Box 23, Roosevelt, N.J. 08555.

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-  ROAD (UNIMPROVED)
-  TRACT BOUNDARY
-  POND
-  STREAM
-  FRESH MARSH
-  WOODLAND
-  WOODLAND - FIELD EDGE

Circles mark approximate location of reservoirs.

