

# Bulletin

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

### No Tax Increase in Municipal Budget Despite Reduction in State Aid; ATV Issues Discussed; “Big Garbage Day” Set for May 3

The April 12 meeting of the Borough Council featured the introduction of the municipal budget for 2010. Despite a decrease of over \$25,000 in State aid, the budget does not anticipate any increase in property taxes for municipal purposes—that is, not including school or county taxes. In fact, the average municipal property tax per residential property is expected to decrease slightly, from \$1,809 to \$1,771. As Councilman Jeff Ellentuck explained, this was made possible by a substantial decrease in the amount anticipated to be needed for legal fees this year. Mr. Ellentuck also indicated, however, that the minimum water-sewer utility bill would be increased this year by \$12 per month. There will be a public hearing on the proposed budget at the May 24 Council meeting.

Also at the April 12 meeting, Councilwoman Arlene Stinson expressed concern over the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on public land on Clarksburg Road. She stated that signs would be posted at that location warning that such use was illegal and that violators would be prosecuted.

During the public portion of the meeting, Bruce Reimbold called upon the Council to consider providing a safe opportunity for ATV use by children and teenagers. He called for the creation of an ATV club, under the auspices of the

Recreation Commission, and for the Borough to arrange for the transportation of the participants and their ATVs to tracks elsewhere in New Jersey where they can legally be used.

In response, Councilman Ellentuck questioned why the Borough needed to be involved in any such program and expressed concern about liability. Mr. Reimbold said that it was his understanding that Egg Harbor Township had such a program and Mr. Ellentuck said that he would look into it. At the April 26 meeting, Mr. Ellentuck reported that he had contacted Egg Harbor Township and was told by an official there that the municipality had no involvement in any ATV program and that, despite an offer of State funding for any municipality that would establish an ATV track, the official knew of no municipality in the State that had expressed any interest in hosting such a facility, due to liability concerns.

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**Make sure you and your family are counted. Pick up a census form at the Post Office, fill it out and mail it in. Only if everyone is counted will Roosevelt get all of the population-based funding to which we are entitled.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 33rd edition of the *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin*.

As usual, there will be nine issues starting with October 2009 through July, 2010, leaving out January 2010.

We will do our best to make the *Bulletin* both informative and interesting with the help of our devoted writers and production people.

If you want to contact the *Bulletin*, please look at our masthead to the right with our address and telephone number as shown.

Please report any bear sightings to:  
State Bureau of Wildlife Management  
Kim Tinnes, Wildlife Control  
609-259-7955

As well as to David Schwendeman, 443-6204



Though the *Examiner*, our weekly source of local and regional news, is not longer distributed free of charge in printed form, it can be accessed online at <http://examiner.gmnews.com>.

All artists are invited to Roosevelt Public School on Wednesday evenings from 7–10 p.m., to work on some form of art. No instruction, just a place to gather with other artists to do your own thing (no oils please). We will gather in the lobby of the school, except when that is in use, we will meet in the art room upstairs. For more information please call Barbara Atwood at: 918-0757 or e-mail her at: [barbatwood@comcast.net](mailto:barbatwood@comcast.net).

The annual membership meeting of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, the community non-profit corporation that owns Roosevelt Solar Village, will be held in on Thursday, May 6th at 8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. Elections will be held for board members and officers for the coming year. All Roosevelt residents who are members, or who would like to become members by paying a lifetime membership fee of \$5.00 per household, are invited to attend.

The Meals on Wheels program delivers prepared meals to Roosevelt seniors who need this assistance. Though meals are provided free of charge to recipients, the cost to the program is \$2.50 per meal. Donations to help cover these costs may be sent to Interfaith Neighbors, 810 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712.



"Keebah"

### PLEASE REMEMBER:

**Thoughtful neighbors  
pick up after their dogs.**

**Are you a  
thoughtful neighbor?**

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# From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

April was the month for the town wide Litter Pick-up Day. This type of event brings out the best of Roosevelt citizens, volunteers. All the individuals who came out to help should feel very proud of themselves for their community spirit. The environment, the borough and every resident benefited by their willingness to offer their time and effort to keep Roosevelt beautiful. Thank you! And a special thanks goes to Ron Kostar for organizing the Pick-up.

Beth ■

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS (CONT'D.)

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Mr. Ellentuck went on to say that he had learned that ATV use is quite dangerous, being responsible for over 800 deaths and over 150,000 hospitalizations a year. Baseball, to cite another recreational program, has, according to Mr. Ellentuck, been responsible for about 800 deaths *in toto* since its invention in the mid-19th century.

Also at the April 12 meeting, Councilman Tom Curry said that the annual litter pick-up had been quite successful, with more participants than in prior years. Mayor Beth Battel commended and thanked everyone who participated. Mayor Battel also called upon all residents to pick up census forms at the post office and fill them out and send them in, since it is important that everyone in Roosevelt be counted, despite the fact that the Census Bureau was unable, due to its own procedures, to send forms to all residents at their post office boxes.

Borough Clerk Krystyna Olenik announced that the annual bulk trash collection, commonly known as "big garbage day," would be held on Monday, May 3. As always,

hazardous materials, tires and construction debris are among the items excluded.

At the April 26 meeting, Aaron Ashkinazy asked what options are available for a resident who has more garbage to dispose of than can fit into the single container provided to each household. In response, Council members told him that the options were to hold the excess garbage, if possible, until the next week or for the bulk pick-up, to take it to the Monmouth County solid waste facility at Tinton Falls, or to seek the assistance of neighbors whose garbage containers might be less than full.

Also at the April 26 meeting, the Council awarded a contract for \$2,500 to Root-Away Sewer and Drain Cleaning, Inc. to clear the storm sewer line on North Valley Road that has been backing up. Council members explained that the \$2,500 would cover the cost of checking the line and clearing out roots and debris, but that there would be additional costs if the pipes needed to be repaired or replaced. ■

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We look forward to and appreciate contributions which are needed to keep our publication going. Contributions are tax deductible  
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**From the Office of the Interim CSA/Principal, Shari Payson**

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you, and express my deep appreciation, to the Roosevelt community for their support of the school and the children. I am delighted to say the budget passed 118 to 50. This demonstrates to me, the strong connection between the school and the community. The school is the “jewel of the town” and I am truly grateful, in this tenuous climate, that the community agreed. The Board, teachers, staff, students, and I appreciate your support as we work to continue to provide an exceptional education to all our children. We are proud to serve you.

Three seats on the Roosevelt Board of Education were open this year; incumbents Kelly Yang and Jaymie Kosa were reelected to another 3-year term, and newcomer Ed Goetzmann, also won a seat on the board, replacing Linda Grayson. Although he is new to the board, Ed is not new to the town or the school. Ed served as CSA/Principal of RPS from 1972 to 1974. Please join me in welcoming Kelly, Jaymie and Ed to the school board. Please join us for our board meetings. Board meeting dates and agendas are posted on the Web site.

A huge thank you is extended to Linda Grayson for her twelve years of tireless, dedicated service to the school and the community. Thank you for your outstanding leadership, your commitment to education, for your support, and the countless hours of personal time you devoted to the school to ensure that our students received a wonderful education. Good luck in all your future endeavors.

The day after the budget passed, the Board and I received another piece of good news; RPS passed QSAC our state monitoring. RPS was designated as a high performing district in the five areas that were monitored: Instruction and Program, Governance, Fiscal,

Operations, and Personnel. I felt/feel privileged to work with such a caring, dedicated hard working staff. It was due to their dedication, efforts, and caring, that we received the score of 95.4%.

During March and the beginning of April when the budget was under review, and prior to the election, the Board and I spend many late nights at the school pouring over the figures to create a budget that would not compromise the integrity of the educational programs in the school. My husband said to me after the elections were over that, “things must be less hectic and winding down.” To which I replied, “... the work and the end of the year activities are just beginning.” To this end, the following are a few of the upcoming events and activities. The Board’s re-organization meeting is scheduled to take place on May 5th, NJ ASK will be administered, we have pre-K and K orientation, Spring Concert, Field Day, Spelling Bee, Art Night, Talent Show, assemblies, class trips, articulation with Kreps, Spirit Days, and our culminating activity, sixth grade graduation.

NJ ASK 5 & 6 will take place May 3rd-7th and NJ ASK 7 & 8 will take place April 28th- 30th and May 1st.

NJ ASK 3 & 4 will be administered May 10th-14th, over a three-day period for grade 3 and a four-day period for grade 4. The assessments consist of two types of questions, multiple choice and open-ended where students give a short or long written response. Students are also required to complete two writing tasks called explanatory essays.

NJ ASK assesses student achievement in the knowledge and skills defined by the New Jersey Core Curriculum in language arts literacy, mathematics, and science. Under the provisions of the federal legislation No Child Left Behind (NCLB), every state is required

**MAY/JUNE EVENTS**

**MAY**

- 1 PTA Plant Sale  
10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- 3-7 NJ ASK Testing  
Grades 5 & 6  
Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5 Reorganization Board  
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Pizza Day
- 10-14 NJ ASK Testing  
Grades 3 & 4
- 20 Spring Concert 7 p.m.
- 21 Pizza Day
- 26 Spelling Bee 9:15 a.m.  
Talent Show 7 p.m.
- 27 Pre-K & Kindergarten  
Orientation 10:00

**JUNE**

- 1 Field Day/Early Dismissal
- 2 Early Dismissal
- 5 Art Show 10 a.m.–12 noon
- 8 PTA Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16 Early Dismissal
- 17 Early Dismissal
- 18 Last Day for Students/  
Early Dismissal
- 21 Last Day for Staff

to administer annual standards-based assessment to all children in grades 3 through 8. The expectation is that each state will provide tests that are based on that state’s content standards and that assess students’ critical thinking skills in three content areas: language arts literacy, mathematics and science. NJ ASK scores are reported as scale scores in each content area. The scores range from 100–199 (Partially Proficient), 200–249 (Proficient) and 250–300 (Advanced Proficient).

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## PRINCIPAL (CONT'D.)

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Additional information along with sample assessment questions may be found by accessing the links below:

<http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/es/-NJ-ASK-3-4>

<http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/ms/-NJ-ASK-5-8>

<http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/hs/-HSPA-High-School-Proficiency-Assessment>

Our sixth graders have been working on service learning projects throughout the year. Children selected, researched, shared, and facilitated the activities. During the month of April, RPS celebrated Earth and Arbor Days. Three sixth graders, Ben Hezrony, Ari Anish, and John Eaton, under the guidance of their teacher Mr. Santanello, coordinated the activities for the annual Earth Day celebration. Activities included planting trees, picking up litter, a school-wide art project, and obtaining our guest speaker, Mr. Schwendeman, chairman of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission. The children did a wonderful job!

I must recognize the truly outstanding contributions of the PTA. They are an integral part of the school, and work behind the scenes to provide activities and events to supplement our educational program. Most recently they sponsored the Book Fairs, School House Hooky, donated money toward the yearbook, surprised staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, the Book Swap, and the Plant Sale. This year, the PTA instituted a new program. They provided grant opportunities to our teachers to foster our mission and enhance

our educational programs. Thank you Mrs. Murray, PTA President, for creating this program and thank you for all the wonderful activities and programs that you sponsored throughout the year. I am truly in awe of all that you do for the school.

This year's PTA grant recipients are Larisa Bondy, Ilene Levine and Susanne Shaw. Ms. Bondy's grant was to purchase supplies for the Student Council's collaborative planting project with the senior citizens. Ms. Ilene's grant was for supplies to enhance the Community Garden, and Mrs. Shaw's grant was to purchase a license for access to the Web site AtoZ.com, which provides material to enhance our guided reading program.

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

The school library is open every Thursday night from 6 pm – 8 pm. Please stop by. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Felong for coordinating this activity.

**Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 12 at 4:00 p.m..**

Please mark your calendars now and plan to share this day with us.

On a less positive note, there has been an excessive amount of vandalism to the school and school property. There has been graffiti written on the playground equipment; students broke into the building and sprayed a fire extinguisher all over the gym; alcohol cans and bottles were left on school property, and I have received calls relating to drug use on school grounds. I am working closely with the State police to address the entire situation and will hold those that vandalized the school accountable for their actions. The police and I are taking this very seriously. I implore you; let's work together to stop this now! Even if you think it's not your child, talk to him/her and remind them of the seriousness of vandalism, breaking and entering, destroying school property and underage drinking and drug use. Tell them the consequences.

Please feel free to call me to discuss this further.

Shari Payson,  
Interim CSA/Principal ■

## Please join us for The Roosevelt Arts Projects' Annual Community Meeting.

**RAP will hold its planning meeting on Sunday May 16 at 10 a.m. in the Roosevelt Public School lobby. This is an opportunity for everyone to bring ideas for events that you'd like to help develop for the coming season. Come share coffee, bagels and your visions for art in Roosevelt**

## JONATHAN SHAHN PART II

By Frances G. Duckett

Jonathan Shahn's exhibit at the factory on March 20 from 2-5 p.m. was well attended by local residents. The weather was fine and the gallery especially well lit. I considered it a privilege to view so many works, giving an intimate view of a man who has devoted his life to art.

Many of the fifty-one pieces were small drawings, which displayed elegance of line and subtlety of shading. The presentation was confident and simple, with no attempt at framing or pricing, although Mr. Shahn did assure me the work was for sale. Besides drawings, there were paintings, a woodcut, some fine terra-cotta masks and one large free-standing piece, which was labeled *Triple Self-Portrait*.

The focus of these works is about as local as you can get, and is entirely free of ideology, gimmickry, repetition, typography, and all the "isms".

My favorite piece was a dark self-portrait in a watch cap, but I also loved one 80s drawing of Jonathan with white ink on dark green paper. Also very interesting to me was a square plaster piece showing the sculptor at work.

In what used to be the Eleanor Gallery offices, a projector was set up to show, at half-hour intervals, a film by Wiska Radkiewicz entitled *The Head, Martin Luther King: A Sculpture by*

*Jonathan Shahn*. Ms. Radkiewicz was there to personally operate the projector.

The head of Dr. King, which was commissioned in 1999, now sits on a seven-foot granite base on one side of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Line at Jersey City, NJ. The stop is the Martin Luther King stop at Martin Luther King Blvd. It took months to make and according to Mr. Shahn, was completed in 2000 and cast by the Johnson Atelier. Opposite to it are benches and cast reliefs by Jonathan Shahn depicting scenes from Dr. King's life.

The black and white film *Ms. Radkiewicz* made follows the sculpture from the finished wooden armature through the cast bronze piece, which is very impressive. The film is educational for anyone who is curious as to how in fact something so large and epic can be created. This is the kind of art that was commissioned by popes and emperors and produced by underpaid peons like Michaelangelo in the distant past. It's public art that the possessors regard with huge civic pride.

The film was without commentary or subtitles. A recently added soundtrack by modern violinist Michael Goldstein added a certain dimension. Here's what I saw: The artist, using photographs, first produced a modest-sized head of Dr. King, quite finished, from which he ascertained angles and proportions. He then constructed a sturdy wood-

en armature on a table, which was covered with clay (not plasticene). Dr King's face was then sculpted in clay, which was kept moist by draping it with cloths when it was not being worked on.

What impressed me is the rare beauty Jonathan Shahn found in the full curves of Dr. King's face, while being truly faithful to the limitations of its form. The mold was constructed in the Shahn studio, not at the foundry. The first step was to cover the head with black rubber. Then, in the film one sees the plaster mold, heavily reinforced with metal rods and lastly, the bronze piece.

What the film does not show is that it would have been necessary to make a wax version between the black rubber mold and the bronze. Obviously the filmmaker was unable to show this part. Nor does the film show the sculpture in situ. I certainly would recommend to all readers that if at all possible you should go to Jersey City and see Jonathan Shahn's bust of Dr. King. You won't be disappointed. ■

## Special USPS Pictorial Postage Cancellation

By Lena Morrell

Roosevelt Post Office will have a special Pictorial Cancellation on Saturday, May 8th to commemorate the new "Adopt a Shelter Pet" stamp.

There will also be a local animal rescue organization here that morning from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with some adorable dogs that are available for adoption.

Please spread the word so these loving animals can find a forever home. ■



Wiska Radkiewicz

(Photo by Frances Duckett)



A self portrait  
by Jonathan Shahn  
(Photo by Gary Edelstein)

## TOWN TOPICS (CONT'D.)

### OUR EXERCISE CLASS

By Bess Tremper

About five years ago, Jeff Hunt who lived here in Roosevelt for many years with his wife was talking to their friend, Regina Sachs, who asked him if he thought she would be able to start an exercise

class in Roosevelt for elderly people who would be doing exercises "sitting down." He thought it was a novel idea and that she would be able to find enough older people in town who would be interested.

And so, our class was started led by Regina, a well qualified as well as a most attractive person whom everyone was immediately drawn to.

We would come to the Borough Hall once a week and spend an hour doing exercises, "sitting down."

But, little by little, Regina began to introduce "standing up" exercises as well and by this time, Regina gets us to do exercises that are literally using our whole bodies from our ankles to the tops of our heads.

The class now meets twice a week, every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and usually includes about ten men and women.

We are all enthusiastic about having found an inexpensive way to "get moving." If anyone is interested, come to the Borough Hall on either Tuesday or Thursday at 10:45 a.m. and join us for a free session. ■



Participants in the exercise class at Borough Hall: Florie Johnson, David Burdick, and Bess Tremper

### DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

#### Two Square Miles of Stories

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

For information telephone:

Pearl Seligman 448-2340  
Bess Tremper 448-2701

## PET ADOPTION DAY

Saturday, May 8 • 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Roosevelt Post Office

Stop by and visit some adorable dogs looking for their forever homes

Local Animal Rescue Organizations on site

Raffle Tickets on sale for a chance to win a Basket of Pet Supplies

Gift bags of treats & biscuits available for purchase to help the homeless animals

For more information or questions

Contact 609-443-4386

Or visit [http://www.Petfinder.com shelters/NJ568.html](http://www.Petfinder.com/shelters/NJ568.html)

All 4 The Dogs Rescue • PO Box 204 • Roosevelt NJ 08555

By David Schwendeman

## LITTER PICK-UP SUCCESSFUL!

The weather cooperated, it was warm and sunny for this traditional rite of spring for Rooseveltians. The turnout was exceptional with many regulars and new faces lining up to sign in and receive their street assignments, pokers, safety vests. New this year were the white gloves instead of brown. Ron Kostar, CEO of Roosevelt's litter pick-ups, said this was so that he could see how hard volunteers worked by how dirty their gloves got. There was no penalty for returning clean gloves, as feared after I suggested that clean gloves merely meant that they were using the pokers properly. We got into a little tussle but it was broken up quickly. Luckily I had extra band-aids in my car and we all had a good laugh. I wondered quietly to myself what color the gloves will be next year but dared not ask.

Young Sean Curry organized the RPS student contingent who scoured the school grounds for garbage. His flyers distributed in the school helped to get the word out and several families were thus inspired to participate. "We could always use more people" said Mr. Kostar "There are many areas to search and we don't do all sites each time so more volunteers are always welcome." John Minton, the County coordinator, also thanked everyone and drove off with his truck three quarters full which was a bigger haul than average.

There was a glitch that cancelled this year's 'Post Litter Pick-up Brunch'. Ron promised to work out any problems for this fall's semi-annual event. Thanks and a hat tip to all who participated even if you only watched the

table and gave lost drivers direction advice while everyone else was away picking up garbage. See you all—in the fall!



A crowd gathers to sign up for the semiannual Roosevelt Litter Pick-up' (Photo by David B. Schwendeman April 11, 2010).

## EARTH DAY AT RPS

"We live in a great little town. We are surrounded by grassy fields, wooded hills, streams and swamps. This variety of habitats encourages a wide diversity of plant and animal species. Nature is all around us and it's a perfect place to celebrate the 40th Earth Day." And so began my talk to the students at RPS as a representative of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission. We feel it is important to reach out to the students and involve them whenever we can so I was glad to give my talk six times! (I was one of six stations the students rotated to and from throughout the day).

I brought our family Nature Notebook in to share. Some children read passages written by daughter Abigail when she was in 1st and 2nd grade. Those memories are cute and precious now and they tell a story of nature shared with special people and places. The students were told to draw pictures in their notebooks and color them. Always record the date, time and location of sightings or events. If a

plant or animal is not known, resort to the field guides in the library. The Roosevelt Environmental Commission donated a whole set



Mounted Beaver by A.J. Schwendeman (circa 1940) posed for teaching about Nature. Also rented to the Hudson River Museum for the 400th anniversary of the Hudson River discovery by Europeans. (Photo by David B. Schwendeman April 15, 2010).

to the RPS library and we encourage all to use them.

Then, with parent's permission, the students can record observations on the [recgreen.ning.com](http://recgreen.ning.com) Web site. They can chat with others about their sightings, get help with identifying plants and animals and even post pictures! I made the challenge again to be the first person to take a photo of a live beaver in Roosevelt. Actually, hardly anything has been posted so far. You could be the first to post a photo of a gray squirrel, but only the beaver at this time will receive special recognition.

I did have help. Besides John, Arie, and Ben, my student aides and computer techs, I had 5 taxidermied animals from my collection. A Turkey Vulture, a male turkey strutting, a female turkey, the famous mounted beaver, and a pretty male wood duck were used to tell a story about animals sharing our habitat, building nest boxes, rising water tables, and so on. Everyone learned from this presentation including me. The contribution by the Roosevelt Environmental Commission was

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**REMEMBER, IF YOU NEED HELP, JUST DIAL 911.**

**There are still houses in town that either do not have house numbers or have house numbers that are too small or otherwise not easily visible, especially at night. Please check to make sure that you have numbers posted on your house that are large and distinctive enough so that the State Police and Fire and First Aid personnel can see them from the street.**

Patronize our business sponsors. Most of them are our neighbors.

The First Aid Squad has responded to 40 emergency calls from January 1 to March 31, 2010. When someone experiences a medical emergency, such as difficulty breathing, a stroke or a fall, or there is a motor vehicle accident or a fire, the Squad calls the Millstone First Aid Squad for assistance under our mutual aid agreement.

The training in April was patient assessment skills and reviewing the Squad's new Pediatric backboards.

We are always looking for new members. We will pay for the training that is needed. If anyone is interested please contact a Squad member or stop in during our training for an application and an EMT training schedule. By receiving your Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), you can help your community and have a great opportunity to start a new career as an EMT. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT please e-mail [FMFD7568@verizon.net](mailto:FMFD7568@verizon.net).

We would like to thank all the residents of Roosevelt for their generous donations to the Squad. Without your support we could not operate. Thank You!!!

If any one wishes to make a donation, you can send it to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad at P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Remember, all donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

**First Aid Squad History:** In January 1963 the Squad changed their elections from January to November. Members of the Squad in 1965: H. Katzenellenbogen, H. Melvin, B. Surasky, L. Cohen, J. Yudin, J. Manzi, J. Drapola, N. Richter, L. Vasseur, J. Terry, A. Carmen, T. Maldera. April 1958 the local JWV invited the First Aid Squad to march in the Memorial Day parade.

• • • • • **Health Notes:**

**CONTROL BLEEDING OPEN WOUNDS**

First, **if the wound is bleeding badly always dial 9-1-1.** Cover the wound with a dressing and press firmly against the wound with your hand. We call that **direct pressure.** If the wound is on an extremity, elevate that extremity above the heart. Cover the wound with a dressing and a roller bandage. If the bleeding doesn't stop apply additional dressings. If the bleeding continues, find a pressure point. The body has four points. There is one in each arm, the brachial artery, located inside of the arm, the femoral artery is located in the groin area. If you use the femoral artery as a pressure point you must push down very hard due to a lot of muscle at that point.

Head wounds will bleed a lot. **Don't apply direct pressure on the wound if the skull is broken.** With any bleeding always watch for signs of shock: restlessness or irritability, altered consciousness, pale, cool, moist skin, rapid breathing, and rapid pulse.

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Remember if you need help please "Dial 911".

Jack Rindt, EMT-D  
Captain  
Roosevelt First Aid Squad  
[FMFD7568@verizon.net](mailto:FMFD7568@verizon.net) ■

## ENVIRONMENTAL (CONT'D.)

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greatly appreciated; and finally, after teaching them all how to call wild turkeys anytime, anywhere by themselves, Earth Day was just only half over. Hat's off to all our teachers. I was exhausted after half a day and they put in a full day 180 times a year!

Watch how the butterfly garden evolves now after just waking up today after its long winters sleep.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MEETING

Nearly everyone was there and the topics were light and fun. There was no planning board meeting so no report. The Council report was about the RTV's and the possibility of encouraging the use of larger tracks outside of town that would provide much more fun for the operators and eliminate environmental damage and neighborhood disturbance in town.

Then we learned that skunk cabbage plants are used in some ceramic sculpture and the beaver near Solar Village has a regular human visitor. The building of wood duck nest boxes will begin this summer and we may add bat boxes to the itinerary. Wetlands delineation is still on the table but we are trying to get the most bang for least cost. Finally, a map of schoolyard trees was distributed for all to try and identify trees they knew for sure. Once a definitive list is obtained, the weather proof tags will be attached and the 'official' map will be created for distribution.

The meeting was adjourned but we continued to talk about fishing, wild bats and looking at cute new pet pictures.

## OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on May 19, 2010. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is a chance for public comment and questions during each meeting.

If anyone has a newsworthy nature note of interest or comment of environmental concern, please give me a call at 609-443-6204 or drop a note to P.O. Box 203. Thank you for reading this column and please visit and contribute your thoughts and observations to the [recgreen.ning.com](http://recgreen.ning.com) Web site.

## ... AND PLEASE WALK THE ROOSEVELT WOODLAND TRAIL

(See spring wildflowers, birds courting and nesting, trees leafing out ...but lots of pollen—be prepared!)

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On a personal note: For those readers of the Roosevelt *Bulletin* interested in taxidermy and what I do, please see *STILL LIFE - Adventures in taxidermy* (a book by: [melissamilgrom.com](http://melissamilgrom.com)).

Schwendeman's Taxidermy Studio is featured in several chapters and it is a good read. There will be a discussion and book signing by the author at 1 p.m. June 12 at the Milltown Public Library with tours of our studio in Milltown right after. All Rooseveltians are invited. ■



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counted  
will Roosevelt get  
all of the  
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entitled.**

By Ron Filep

A WARM WIND ON THE MOUNTAIN and the sky darkening, the clouds looping black underbellies until a huge ulcer folded out of the mass and crack like the earth's core rending rattled panes from Winkle Hollow to Bay's Mountain.

—CORMAC MCCARTHY, from *The Orchard Keeper*

**MARCH**

A warm wind was blowing in March in Roosevelt and the clouds brought plenty of rain, too. The month's average temperature was 6.7 degrees above normal. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association data shows that the global average temperature was also above normal. Globally, it was the warmest March on record. Back home in Roosevelt there were 544 heating degree days. That's 210 fewer than normal.

Rainfall was well above normal. Three times more than normal precipitation. We had a little less than 12 inches of rain in March. Five days had greater than one inch of rainfall. Two days had rainfall over two inches.

The balmy start to April brought out flowers and trees earlier than normal this year. April 2 through 8 saw high temperatures in the 70's and 80's.

**OUTLOOK**

The Climate Prediction Center has forecast that our area will have equal chances of above average, below average or average temperatures for May. The forecast for summer calls equal chances of above average, below average or average temperatures and above average rainfall.

The Old Farmer's Almanac says May will be warmer and wetter than normal.



**Weather Words**

**Turkey Tower and Accessory Clouds**

Turkey Tower: A narrow, individual cloud tower that develops and falls apart rapidly.

Accessory Clouds: Clouds that are dependent on a larger cloud system for development and continuance. Accessory clouds associated with the thunderstorm include roll, shelf, mammatus, and wall clouds. ■

**Safety tips for walkers/runners**

- Wear light colors or reflective material at dusk or night.
- Walk/run on left side FACING traffic.

—[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped\\_bike/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/)

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Heat'g Degree Days	Cool'g Degree Days
15	45.9	41.4	43.7	0.93	21.4	0.0
16	61.3	39.7	50.5	0.25	14.5	0.0
17	64.2	32.5	48.4	0.00	16.7	0.0
18	67.3	35.2	51.3	0.00	13.8	0.0
19	70.0	36.9	53.5	0.00	11.6	0.0
20	72.1	40.8	56.5	0.00	8.6	0.0
21	76.5	42.8	59.7	0.00	5.4	0.0
22	62.6	54.5	58.6	0.00	6.5	0.0
23	56.5	46.6	51.6	1.14	13.5	0.0
24	62.8	44.8	53.8	0.33	11.2	0.0
25	68.9	35.8	52.4	0.00	12.7	0.0
26	60.6	37.4	49.0	0.14	16.0	0.0
27	47.7	29.1	38.4	0.06	26.6	0.0
28	54.0	30.6	42.3	0.00	22.7	0.0
29	55.9	48.9	52.4	1.26	12.6	0.0
30	52.9	41.4	47.2	0.60	17.9	0.0
31	61.7	42.1	51.9	2.70	13.1	0.0
1	68.0	39.6	53.8	0.00	11.2	0.0
2	72.0	40.6	56.3	0.00	8.7	0.0
3	72.3	42.1	57.2	0.00	7.8	0.0
4	73.8	46.9	60.4	0.00	4.7	0.0
5	78.6	47.1	62.9	0.00	2.2	0.0
6	84.9	54.9	69.9	0.00	0.0	0.0
7	87.3	60.8	74.1	0.00	0.0	4.1
8	84.2	60.4	72.3	0.00	0.0	2.3
9	69.3	44.1	56.7	0.48	8.3	0.0
10	60.8	42.4	51.6	0.00	13.4	0.0
11	72.9	43.5	58.2	0.00	6.8	0.0
12	67.5	41.9	54.7	0.00	10.3	0.0
13	55.0	46.4	50.7	0.00	14.3	0.0
14	64.9	35.8	50.4	0.10	14.7	0.0
15	70.7	41.2	56.0	0.00	9.1	0.0
<b>Totals</b>				<b>7.99</b>	<b>355.6</b>	<b>6.3</b>

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## ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2009 - 2010 Season

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May 22, 1:00 PM, Borough Hall

### **ROOSEVELT'S ARCHITECTURE: THEN AND NOW.**

#### **Schedule of Activities:**

- **1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Self-guided tours/open houses (sign up at Borough Hall)**
- **1:30 p.m., Screening of *Jersey Homesteads: In the Architectural Vanguard* (Borough Hall)**
- **3 p.m., Conversation on the Shahn mural (Roosevelt Public School)**
- **4 p.m., Panel discussion: Transforming Roosevelt's houses (Borough Hall)**

**Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the panel discussion**

**Suggested contribution \$5**

**For further information, call 609-448-4616**

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May 22, 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Assifa Space, Linz/Bowen House, 40 Tamara Drive

### **WORKS ON PAPER AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY LOCAL ARTISTS**

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#### **Voluntary Contribution:**

For most events \$5 per adult, for the String Band \$10 per adult,  
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Visit RAP's webpage at <http://music.columbia.edu/roosevelt>.  
Use the link at the top of the page to sign up for our e-mail list.  
For further information call Robin Gould at (609) 448-4616.

Since Shirley has brought one of her wonderful cakes to our Senior meetings, we asked her for this recipe.

## *Texas Coconut Oatmeal Cake*

Cook and let cool: 2 Cups quick oats with 2 sticks of butter in 2 ¼ Cups boiling water.

Then mix with: 2 Cups white sugar, 2 Cups brown sugar, 4 eggs, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 2 teaspoons baking soda, and 1 ½ Cups flour.

After mixing, pour into a 9" x 13" x 2" greased and floured pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 50 minutes.

While cake is baking, make frosting: ¾ Cup white sugar, ¼ Cup milk, 1 stick butter. Bring these ingredients to a boil and add 1 Cup coconut, 1 Cup chopped nuts, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract. Spread on cake while it is hot.



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## MAY

3 - 7 Mon.–Fri.	Teacher Appreciation Week PTA, Meredith Murray, President, 371-9714
7 Fri.	PIZZA DAY RPS
8 Sat.	PTA Mother's Day Plant and Bake Sale, Meredith Murray, 371-9714 Official USPS function: Adopt a Shelter Pet Pictorial Cancellation Art, Lena Morrell, 609-448-5105
10 a.m.–2 p.m.	Pet Adoption Day (outside Post Office), All 4 the Dogs, Starr Bowman, 443-4386
10 Mon.	12:30 p.m. Blood pressure check, Borough Hall 1:00 p.m. Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall, Gerry Millar, President 448-0351 7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
11 Tues.	7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713 Last day to register to vote in June 2 primary; contact Borough Hall, 448-0539 or Ann Baker, 443-8780
12 Wed.	RECYCLE 
16 Sun.	10:00 a.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475
18 Tues.	8:00 p.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad Business Meeting, Neil Marko, President 443-3748
19 Wed.	7:30 p.m. Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Dave Schwendeman, Chair 443-6204
21 Fri.	PIZZA DAY RPS
22 Sat.	1–5 p.m. Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) Activities: <i>Roosevelt's Architecture: Then and Now</i> (see RAP Calendar, page 13)
24 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
26 Wed.	RECYCLE 
31 Mon.	School Closed, Memorial Day

## JUNE

1 Tues.	RPS Early Dismissal, Field Day
2 Wed.	RPS Early Dismissal, Professional Development Staff
5 Fri.	PIZZA DAY RPS PTA Dance, Meredith Murray, 371-9714
6 Sun.	10:00 a.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475 8:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Paddle for Pink <sup>sm</sup> , Mercer County Lake, Roosevelt Dragonboat Team, Linda Silverstein, Co-captain, 443-5786, Mary Tulloss, Co-captain 448-5096
8 Tues.	Primary Election Day, Borough Hall, polls open 6 a.m.–8 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
9 Wed.	RECYCLE 
12 Sat.	4:00 p.m. RPS Graduation
14 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
15 Tues.	8:00 p.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall, Neil Marko, President, 443-3748
16 - 17	RPS Early Dismissal
18 Tues.	RPS Early Dismissal, Last Day for Students
TBA	Luncheon for Staff who are PTA members, Meredith Murray, 371-9714
23 Wed.	RECYCLE 
28 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701

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