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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Council Moves Forward with Solar Village Parking; Concern Expressed Over Swamp Formation

At its May 11 meeting, the Borough Council approved a motion stating its intention to enter into a long-term lease of the paved portion of Farm Lane east of North Valley Road, and the right-of-way south of the paved area, at a rental of a dollar a year, to the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation (RSCHC), the nonprofit community-based organization that owns the Solar Village, Roosevelt’s affordable housing project that has 20 apartments occupied by low income seniors and people with disabilities. The lease will enable the RSCHC to use community development block grant funds to construct additional parking spaces, many of which will be accessible for people using wheelchairs. At the May 26 meeting, the Council took the further step of approving the hiring of a surveyor to delineate the area to be leased. An ordinance to implement the lease is being prepared and will be introduced in the near future.

Also at the May 26 meeting, Nona Sherak expressed grave concern about high groundwater levels, which she believes may have been caused by stream blockages coinciding with the construction of new homes in the adjoining area of Millstone, not only causing the formation of a body of water that she has designated as “Lake Nona,” but also saturating the ground behind her house so that it is becoming a swamp. In response, Council members mentioned information that had been brought to their attention regarding rising water tables and the blockage of Empty Box Brook. The Council adopted a resolution calling upon the Environmental Commission to investigate the matter and seek assistance from Monmouth County agencies and from the Department of Environmental Protection, which has, in the past, denied permits for the unblocking of Empty Box Brook. ■

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP! HELP! HELP!!!

As usual, as we get closer to the end of our 2008-2009 season, we are having money problems! If you haven't already made a contribution or if you have and can add a little more there are still lots of empty spaces on our contribution page. **Please help us!**

Roosevelt Public School's Library is now open every Thursday evening for use by RPS students and Roosevelt residents 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

-- PTA activities at 6:30 p.m.

-- Story time 7:15 p.m. every Thursday night.

-- Computer lab available for use.

Check it out!

NOTE! New dates and times for the Council meetings. They are the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. Come and see what's happening!

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



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.

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

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

Mr. Michael Ticktin and I have been attending a series of meetings of the Monmouth County Panhandle Region, hosted by the Monmouth County Planning Board. The purpose of these meetings is to identify the mutual concerns and goals of the participating towns—Roosevelt, Millstone, Upper Freehold, and Allentown—and to allow members of the governing bodies and Planning Boards to meet and share their thoughts.

Seven major areas were identified as important to the

future planning of the Panhandle Region. These areas—Agriculture, Natural Resources, Historic + Cultural Resources, Transportation, Regional Cooperation, Economy + Marketing, and Housing + Development—have been discussed by the Regional Collaborative and many alternatives and strategies are being considered to address them. Members of the public are invited to assist us in preparing the Panhandle Region Plan. Please go to www.monmouthplanning.com or pick up a form at the Borough Hall to participate.

Thank you.
Beth ■

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Planning Board Hears Testimony Use of Water Tower by for Verizon Wireless; New Yeshiva Appeal to be Heard

At its May meeting, the Planning Board heard testimony from representatives of Verizon Wireless concerning installation of three antennas on top of the water tower. The representative testified as to the need for these antennas to be installed in order to provide adequate service to Verizon Wireless customers in and around Roosevelt, as part of the nationwide wireless telephone system. Since wireless systems are regulated under Federal law, which pre-empts state and local regulation, municipalities cannot zone out wireless antennas, but can impose reasonable limitations on where they can be located.

The Roosevelt ordinance on cell towers allow them to be located on municipal land in the industrial zone. At the time the ordinance was enacted, AT&T was proposing to build a cell tower, and the Borough was offering the use of the water plant lot, which is in the industrial zone. However, due to objections from the New Jersey Historical Commission regarding the visual impact on the Historic

District of a cell tower, the plan was amended to provide for installation of AT&T's antennas on the water tower, which is in the R-100 residential zone and therefore required a use variance. Since the ordinance was not changed after the decision was made to use the water tower, Verizon must also apply for a use variance.

Now Verizon proposes to install its antennas on the water tower as well, and also to build a structure at the base of the water tower to house the related equipment. In response to concerns about antennas atop the water tower tank being too visible, the Verizon representatives said that they had no choice but to put them there because AT&T has located its antennas in such a way that there was no space on the sides of the tank that Verizon could use, given the distances required between antennas.

Due to the late hour, the Planning Board deferred to the June 9 meeting any vote on the Verizon proposal. At that meeting, the Planning Board is also scheduled to hear an appeal by Congregation Yeshivas Me'on Hatorah of an order issued by Zoning Office Ralph Kirkland regarding the use of the house at 28 Homestead Lane as a residence for students. ■

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From the Office of the Principal, Shari Payson

Although the school year may be winding down, the activity level at RPS is in full motion. May began with NJ ASK testing and ended with our Spring Concert. We had our Spelling Bee, Pre-K and Kindergarten Orientations, class trips, Teacher Appreciation Week, and more. The Safety Patrol had their annual trip to Great Adventure. Our Safety Patrol students take on many school responsibilities. They are a big help during lunch and recess, helping to keep everyone safe. Looking ahead to June, our annual Field Day is scheduled for June 2nd (rain date June 3rd). Volunteers are always needed for this event. The creative talents of our students will be on display at our Art Show on June 9th. The show will feature artwork from every student, along with a variety of hands-on activities. The Talent Show will take place on June 15th. The last 3 days of school June 17th, 18th and 19th are 12:30 dismissals for students. The annual awards ceremony is on June 19th at 9:00 a.m. This is also the Last Day of School for students. I hope to see everyone at Sixth Grade Graduation, June 13th at 4:00 p.m.

A huge thank you is extended to our PTA. They supported our many activities and provided the children with

enrichment programs second to none. PTA sponsored the plant sale, Book Fair, school dance, provided assembly programs, coordinated a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week, donated to the yearbook, and provided food for Field Day as well as other activities.

Members of The Board of Education worked diligently to provide whatever was needed in order to continue to provide the best possible educational programs to the children of Roosevelt. At the May 7th board meeting, Assenka Oksiloff was elected president and Natalie Warner was elected as vice president. Please join me in congratulating them.

Our dedicated, hard-working, and caring staff are second to none. Everyone has worked collaboratively to create a phenomenal learning environment for our students. The Roosevelt community, the Environmental Commission, RAP, the Recreation Commission, The Deli and Post Office have enriched our programs by sharing their expertise. I am grateful to each and every person.

The Borough of Roosevelt is sponsoring a summer camp for children ages 4 through 6th grade. The camp will run from July 6th through August 7th from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Contact Borough Hall for further information.

JUNE EVENTS

- June 2 Field Day
–Early Dismissal
- June 3 Field Day Rain Date
–Early Dismissal
–Staff In service
- June 5 Last Pizza Day
PTA Family Dance Night
- June 9 Art Show 7 p.m.
- June 10 PTA Meeting 7 p.m.
–Election of Officers
- June 13 RPS Graduation 4 p.m.
- June 15 Talent Show 7:00 p.m.
- June 17 Early Dismissal
- June 18 Early Dismissal
BOE Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- June 19 Early Dismissal
–LAST DAY
FOR STUDENTS

On another note, I am pleased to see children playing on the playground and using the ball fields in the evenings and on weekends. I am glad that children have a safe meeting place. However, with the additional use, comes more and more trash. Unfortunately, much of the trash is thrown on the ground and not in the garbage cans. Trash on the ground is both dangerous and unsanitary. Please show pride for your school and community, and keep it clean and safe.

We wish the graduating class of 2009 success in middle school.

To teach... By Susan Goldfond

To teach...that's the thing
that an educator desires
A simple thought
Yet a passion that inspires
A position, a commitment
and a collective insistence
to encourage each child
to go for the distance
To teach... that's the thing
to impart our knowledge
from the disinterested heart
or the reluctant acknowledged
To encourage to listen
to learn and explore
When something is difficult
to try once more

To teach...that's the thing
to be absolutely sure
with intuition and instinct
and patiently insure
the stimulation of interest and
the power of thought
to nurture and foster
the insight to perceive
the rhythms of life
and to empower to achieve

To teach...that's the thing
to think deeper and stand strong
to maintain one's conviction
no matter what comes along

To teach...that's the thing
with integrity and truth
a standard of good character
for all of our youth
to choose the path
most noble and true
and making the right choices
with wisdom and virtue

To teach...that's the thing



Roosevelt Community Summer Camp Rides Again

By Frances G. Duckett

Sponsored by the Roosevelt Recreation Department, the Roosevelt Community Summer Camp (RCSC) will be held as before in the Roosevelt Public School. Its schedule is similar, too. It's Monday, July 6 to Friday, August 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. RCSC is open to children entering grades 1–6 in September. The cost is \$300 for five weeks.

The nursery camp will admit 4 year-olds and children entering kindergarten in September. It meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the kindergarten room and will be taught by the experienced Ginny Weber. It also costs \$300 for five weeks.

RCSC has lined up Barbara Atwood to teach art, with Frances Duckett as backup. Margaret Schlinski will work with drama and William Edelstein will teach sports. A puppet theme has been suggested. It should be a lot of fun. All of us who worked at the camp before have happy memories and look forward to creating new ones for your child.

Please register no later than June 12. Call (609) 448-0539. The Borough Hall has application forms and the school plans to send them home also. You all come! ■

REVIEW: Mallach Piano Recital

By Gladys Nadler

“The Dawn of the Romantic Period” was the theme of Alan Mallach’s piano recital on March 14. Sponsored by the Roosevelt Arts Project, the concert drew a large audience that filled the Borough Hall.

To illustrate and explain the early beginnings of Romantic music, Mr. Mallach performed and talked about works by composers Mozart,

Clemente, Beethoven, Hummel, Field, and Schubert.

During the eighteenth century, music of the Classical Period emphasized order, balance, form, and structure. This changed during the early nineteenth century, when the music world became more interested in expressing moods and emotions.

Mallach indicated how the Mozart piece he played expressed feeling and passion more than the order and balance found in Classicism. The music of Clemente, he said, had “intensity and a mercurial quality.”

Beethoven’s work displayed a “continuous flow of melody,” Mr. Mallach said, adding that this long line of melody, another Romantic characteristic, influenced the development of opera.

When Hummel, a contemporary of Beethoven, was writing music, an interest in virtuosity developed, and soloists were becoming culture heroes.

John Field, who studied with Clemente, had a poetic temperament and imagination, Mr. Mallach said. Field’s work expressed mood and no particular form or structure. He worked during the 1820s and 1830s, when opera was beginning. Field also invented the name and style of “the Nocturne,” later adopted by Chopin.

Then along came Schubert who, with his sensuous song and dance, became part of Romantic music, adding to the romantic concept a constant flow of melody and dance rhythm.

It was an informative and enjoyable evening listening to early Romantic piano music beautifully played by Mr. Mallach. ■

REVIEW: Roosevelt String Band Plays to Packed Houses

By Mark Zuckerman

The Roosevelt String Band brought the Roosevelt Arts Project’s season of Borough Hall presentations to a

triumphant culmination in front of capacity crowds on May 1 and 2. The final event of RAP’s 2008-2009 season is a sound installation house tour and photography exhibit on May 30.

To some area natives, “string band” might conjure the image of spectacularly-festooned, banjo, saxophone-, accordion-, and percussion-playing strutters in the Philadelphia Mummers Parade on New Year’s Day. Although their presentation and repertoire differ considerably, the Roosevelt and Mummers string bands do have important things in common: they are venerable musical institutions with strong regional following and they prepare all year for a single event.

RSB repertoire draws mostly from the American folk tradition, whose source until the advent of modern recording technology was from ubiquitous songs of anonymous origin but has since become the province of singer-songwriters in the folk music style. Four of the 21 numbers on this season’s concert were traditional songs from America and the British Isles and 12 were by American or British folksingers, with the remaining five songs (two by band members) from the pop and folk rock realms.

The RSB has been an annual fixture on the RAP schedule since 1987. Its core members—Rooseveltians David Brahinsky, Ed Cedar, and Paul Prestopino—have played together since the beginning, supplemented over the years by various transitory Roosevelt residents and other musicians, most mentored by or otherwise connected to David. For the past half-dozen or so seasons, the core players have been joined by Brooklynites Sarah Houtz and Joe Pepitone with special appearances from Howie Jacobson, who lives in Durham, North Carolina. This year, as in some recent seasons, Ed’s daughter Samantha Cedar was a guest vocalist.

Singer-guitarist (and former

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Borough Bulletin editor) David Brahinsky, who performs music locally and teaches philosophy and comparative religion at Bucks County Community College in addition to his musical career, is the RSB's guiding spirit, curator, and principal vocalist. Preparation for each season's concert begins the previous summer, when David collects material for all but the handful of specialty songs by guest singers and other band members in a program with two sets of 10 songs each (plus an encore). Virtually all the music is new each year.

In September, after determining the key for each song, David begins rehearsing with the others. He shares vocal duties with Sarah Houtz, a long-time family friend and classically-trained singer who now performs electro-pop under the stage name Kai Altair. Ed Cedar, who teaches music in the South Brunswick public schools and moonlights as a recording engineer, plays electric bass, guitar, and mandolin in the RSB. Joe Pepitone (no relation to the identically-named Yankee first baseman/outfielder of the 1960s), an electro-pop artist who performs as Dead Till Tuesday, sings occasional backup vocals and plays guitar when Ed plays bass and bass otherwise. Paul Prestopino, who plays six instruments in the RSB (banjo, dobro, guitar, harmonica, mandolin, and mandola—a mandolin pitched an octave lower), is in demand as a sideman with a number of well-known folk music groups, especially Peter, Paul, and Mary, with whom he appears regularly.

Under David's leadership, the band collectively designs the arrangements—deciding who plays what, when—which typically follow this pattern: Sarah takes lead vocals on songs by women or where the storyteller is female, and David otherwise; the lead vocalist is joined in the choruses by the other singer (and, occasionally, other band members), in harmony; Paul, as featured instrumentalist, determines which of his instruments

works best for the song and takes an instrumental solo; and Ed often takes an instrumental solo in songs where he's playing the guitar or mandolin.

Common language usage might imply that accompanists are mere hangers-on, but in musical ensembles they can play a crucial role in the overall atmosphere of a piece. Frequently a song is most readily identified and remembered by an accompanying instrumental lick rather than the tune or the words. The accompanying task is particularly acute when the same ensemble plays an entire concert and thereby runs the risk of quickly lapsing into sameness from one number to the next. Making each song sound distinctive while retaining the basic character of the ensemble requires consummate artistry and that challenge is met superbly in the RSB, where Paul and Ed assume the principal accompanying roles. Paul is particularly adroit in choosing an appropriate instrument and creating a part that is both idiomatic for that instrument and authentic to the song. Ed, who played bass on about half the songs in this year's concert and guitar on most of the rest, has a keen sense for rhythmic patterns and counter-melodies. Their instrumental figures are both inventive and well-integrated, frequently deriving what they play from what the other is playing – a product of their long experience together and the mark of a tight ensemble. They are well-complemented by Joe, who usually plays background but occasionally takes a guitar solo, as in the first number on the program, *Fifteen Cents*, a traditional song associated with Doc Watson.

David sings in a resonant baritone, subtly inflected with an accent that fits the song but always with careful diction so that every word is clear, a virtue too often underestimated or overlooked in today's hyper-stylized vocalizing. Sarah has a sweet soprano that is especially compelling and affecting when simple and unadorned, as in Joni Mitchell's *Big Yellow Taxi* in the second set. The two sing well together, but their most touching performances were solos: David's

rendition of Bill Morrissey's intimate vignette *Birches* in the first set (made all the more moving by Ed's gentle mandolin) and Sarah's of Iris Dement's poignant *Letter to Mom* in the second. Other highlights with these singers were *Man of Constant Sorrow*, a "roots music" song made popular recently by the Coen Brothers' 2000 film, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"; Kate Wolf's spirited *Like a River*; Greg Brown's lusty blues *You Drive Me Crazy*, with Paul's evocative harmonica; Richard Farina's sober *Birmingham Sunday* about the KKK's 1963 bombing of the Birmingham, Alabama 16th Street Baptist Church that killed four girls; and Tom Paxton's endearing *The First Song is for You*.

Taking a respite from his accompanying role, Paul sang lead (with the rest of the band harmonizing in the chorus) in an a cappella version of *The Golden Vanity*, a 17th century English song about a lowly cabin boy who single-handedly sinks an enemy vessel on the assurance of grand rewards by his captain, only to be left to drown when the captain reneges. The Old Crow Medicine Show's *Wagon Wheel* was covered with remarkable vigor and command by guest singer Samantha Cedar, perhaps heralding a promising addition to the RSB's roster.

The second set featured songs written and performed by each of the RSB's Brooklyn contingent, Joe Pepitone and Sarah Houtz (as her alter ego, Kai Altair), from their electro pop repertoires. Both Kai's *Sail Away* and Joe's similarly-themed *Next to Me* were sensitive and heartfelt, delivered with sincerity and commitment. Both songs were accompanied by the other RSB members, although each of the songwriters usually provides their own accompaniment, which, enabled by modern audio technology, sometimes sounds like a sizeable band. Their music can be explored on www.deadtilltuesday.com (Joe) and www.myspace.com/kailight (Kai).

Each set closed with a number by

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Howie Jacobson, a former student of David's (and former Princeton cantor) originally from central New Jersey who now drives 16 hours round trip from Durham, North Carolina, where he works as an internet marketing consultant, to contribute two songs to the RSB's annual concert. He chooses his own music—sometimes adapting existing songs with his own lyrics—and his performance usually is wry and deadpan and is always a highlight of the show. This year, Howie ended the first set with the tender *Handle With Care*, recorded originally as a B-side for George Harrison's *This*

Is Love by the Traveling Wilburys, a band consisting of George Harrison, Jeff Lynne, Bob Dylan, Roy Orbison, and Tom Petty that formed ad hoc in Dylan's Malibu studio to record this song and went on to record several albums and go on tour. (The track is perhaps best known for the half-choruses sung by Roy Orbison, among the last recordings he made.) Howie's show-stopper, though, was the topical close of the second set: Tom Paxton's 1980 classic *I'm Changing My Name to Chrysler*, about the first Chrysler bailout—for a billion dollars, when that seemed like a lot of money. Howie sang two versions: Paxton's original and one Howie wrote for the occasion. Paxton recently updated the

song for the current financial crisis (*I'm Changing My Name to Fannie Mae*), but Howie's adaptation—*I'm Changing My Name from Hustler*, about recent pleas for bailouts by pornographers Joe Francis and Larry Flynt—was more pointed.

As an encore, the RSB sang *American Land*, a paean to America's immigrant roots by Monmouth County's own Bruce Springsteen (born in Long Branch, raised in Freehold, and now living in Rumson).

CDs of the Roosevelt String Band and of David Brahinsky alone are on sale at most RAP events or can be obtained directly from David. ■

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

2008 - 2009 Season

EVENTS OF INTEREST BEYOND OUR TWO SQUARE MILES

Sunday, June 14, 3:00 PM, Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, 310 Mounts Corner Dr., Freehold NJ
Presentation of the video “Jersey Homesteads, In the Architectural Vanguard”, followed by discussion by Ben Johnson and Michael Ticktin.
Call 732-780-1220 for directions.

Sunday, June 28, at 3:00 PM, Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, 310 Mounts Corner Dr., Freehold NJ
David Herrstrom reads his poems. Settings, interludes, and accompaniment by David Brahinsky. Call 732-252-6990 for directions or go to
<http://www.jhmomc.org/contact.html>.

Voluntary Contribution: For most events \$5 per adult

Visit RAP's Web page 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. ■

A Little Family History of June Counterman

I moved to New Jersey in 1961 and settled in Roosevelt. I have lived here ever since. Let's go back to the beginning of my life.

I was born in Baltimore, Maryland. My mother, Beatrice Turner, emigrated from England as a teenager. My father, John Oetken, was born in Baltimore, Maryland. His mother and father both came from Germany.

The first place I lived in that I can remember was in the country. We lived in a wooded area. My sisters and I covered every inch of the 10 acres. I remember the little stream of water and seeing the salamanders and newts. The woods had many wild flowers such as lady slippers, wild daisies, and buttercups. In the spring the woods were decorated with lots of flowering dogwood trees. During the summer months my sisters and I would pick wild blueberries and blackberries. My mother was an excellent cook and would make pies, muffins, and jams.

It was at this time I began school. My brother and sisters would walk about a mile to the bus stop. We did this rain or shine. We did not mind because everyone had to walk quite a distance. Many times I would run all the way home because I wanted to be the first one home.

When I was in the second grade, my parents moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. We lived on a big farm near the Chesapeake Bay. I did not like the school there. It was a one room schoolhouse. Three grades were in the one room. There were two rows for first grade, two rows for the second grade and two rows for the third grade. We had a pitcher pump outside for drinking water. We would all line up for a drink. You would pump with one hand and block the end of the pump with the other hand while we drank.

My sisters and I would spend most of the day outside in the summer. We would run through the fields to get to the bay. We loved to swim. I would usually end up getting sun



June and her older sister Gloria
on a sunny day in May

burned. One day as I was running through the field, my mother yelled for me to stop. I did and sat down on the ground. When I looked up a big cow was looking down on me. Needless to say, I jumped up and ran out of the field. I did not know that the cow would not hurt me.

Later that year, we moved back to a small town called Elvaton, Maryland. It was near Annapolis. I attended another small school but this one was more fun. Every May Day (May 1) they would make it a special celebration. My mother would make dresses and put crepe paper petals and leaves all over them to look like a rose or

some other kind of flower. Each grade would represent a flower and everyone would take part in the May Day Celebration. The picture is of my older sister and I dressed for the May Day celebration.

As we did not have telephones, television, or air conditioning we spent a lot of time outdoors. My parents did finally get a phone when it became available in our area. Our phone number was Elvaton 24J, a party line. They also were able to get a black and white television.

I graduated from Glen Burnie High School in 1957. Later that year, I met Bill Counterman who was in the Navy and stationed at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland. We were married in 1961 and moved to Roosevelt, New Jersey. This town reminds me so much of where I grew up. I enjoy the trees, the flowers and the birds. Thanks to everyone who helps keep Roosevelt the way it is with all its beauty. ■

About Two Square Miles Of Stories

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

For information telephone:

Pearl Seligman	448-2340
Bess Tremper	448-2701

BIRD NESTS IN THE BACKYARD

I was taking a break from cutting the grass (or, as my grandmother used to say in French, 'Mow de Lawn') on May 17th just sitting quiet in the backyard and I noticed a small bird fluttering about near our back door. The behavior was repetitive. I identified it as a wren (probably a Carolina Wren) and it kept visiting a hole in the back of an outdoor angel statue in need of repair. After it left again I cupped my ears and at about twenty feet away I heard the chirping of baby birds. I quickly called my teenage daughter Abbie to come and sit with me a minute. She did and I said to watch the statue. Soon she saw the bird and watched it disappear behind the statue. It quickly re-appeared and she watched it fly away again. I said now listen. A big smile appeared on her face as she exclaimed, "Baby birds!" "Very good. Now, let's go count the young nestlings. Carefully she peered into the improvised nest cavity and counted five closed eyed baby birds which were still and quiet probably, instinctively, sensing danger as we tilted the statue ever so slightly. Okay, let's move away again. "Dad," Abbey said. "When the bird flew away from the nest it had something white in its beak. Do you know what it was?" "Good eyes," I said. "That's actually called a 'fecal sac.' Baby birds 'poop a lot' (another French word) and the adult birds remove the poop or feces to keep the nest clean. Pretty cool, huh?" "Yeah, pretty cool Dad," she replied. "Can I write about this in our Nature Notebook?" "Sure," I said and I smiled.

That was a special moment on a number of levels. Interesting things can happen when you pause to smell the flowers.

Do you have or have you had birds nesting in your yards? I'd love to hear your stories in person or post them to our recgreen.ning.com Web site and share it with the entire world!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 22, 2009 is the last day of turkey hunting and the woods should be weapons free until mid September again.

Ralph Warnick reminded me that the Monmouth County Park System has a calendar of trips, outdoor activities and nature things to do all summer and into the fall. He and Nancy have attended several events and had a great time. Check out the calendar of events at monmouthcountyparks.com.

WHO'S A 'HUMMER' FEEDER?

I was surprised to hear about so many Rooseveltians that feed Hummingbirds. Here are a few suggestions brought to my attention by Lorraine Hartley:

—Be wary of commercial hummingbird nectar mixes that contain Red 40, a red dye derived from coal tar that has been linked to various health problems. The red of the feeder is enough to attract the hummingbirds, they are attracted first to the flowers, not the nectar which is naturally clear. Also, the red dye makes it more difficult to see if the feeder's nectar is spoiled.

—Make your own "nectar." Standard recommended recipe is to use a mix of one part pure, white, non-organic, granulated table sugar to four parts water. Bring to a boil and then cool.

—Change the "nectar" every three days during the hottest days of summer. If the feeder is in the shade or the weather is cooler, changing it every five days will do.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST MEETING (5/20/09)

Verizon wireless communications is renting space on our water tower for special antennae placement. Apparently Roosevelt is one of those

"dead zones" you hear about on those TV commercials. Soon we will be no longer a "dead zone." We found no environmental conflicts with the environment and this project and will so report to the planning board and town Council.

Our new Roosevelt Environmental Commission budget was prepared, discussed and will be submitted. Last year, as in most recent years, we spent about one-third of our approved budgets. We on the environmental commission treat the town's money as if it were our own. Perhaps that's what some of our State and National policy makers should do and reign in some of those budgets.

Then we talked briefly about illegal driveways, not using coal tar to patch driveways, composting and Roosevelt Woodland Trail maintenance. I will elaborate in future columns.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meetings will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on June 17, July 15, and August 19, 2009. 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 the recgreen.ning.com Web site. ■

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND PLEASE WALK THE ROOSEVELT WOODLAND TRAIL



The First Aid Squad has responded to 42 calls in and out of town for the year of 2009. Our emergency calls included a medical emergency, cardiac emergency, fire stand-bys, motor vehicle and bicycle accidents, emergency transport, difficult breathing and mutual aid to Millstone Township.

The training was reviewing the equipment that is on both ambulances and their operation. A lot of our time was in writing specifications for our new ambulance. The company that received the bid is First Priority form Manchester, NJ. The ambulance that we are going to receive is a 2009 Ford E-450 McCoy/Miller. Delivery should be late July or early August.

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.

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 anyone 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: Emergency Calls that the Squad responded to:

In 1963, 105 calls, in 1964, 128 calls and in 1965, 150 calls. In May of 1964 the Mayor proclaimed the week of June 7th to the 14th as "First Aid Week." In January 1984 the President of the Squad was Alana Porter and the Vice-President was Irene Block. On December 29, 1987 Helen Barth became a Life Member.

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Health Notes:
Allergic Reaction

Allergic Reaction is not caused directly by an outside stimulus such as a particular food or a sting. Rather, it is an exaggerated reaction by the body's immune system in susceptible persons. When a susceptible person comes into contact with a certain stimulus the immune system begins to release chemicals in abnormal amounts to combat that stimulus. Among these chemicals are *histamines* and *leukotrienes*. Histamine responses can be normal; a mosquito bite normally results in a single, small hive that itches for a short time. This is a minor, localized histamine response to a foreign protein.

Anaphylaxis is an extreme allergic reaction that involves multiple organ systems. In severe cases anaphylaxis x can rapidly result in death. There are several common signs of anaphylaxis. Wheezing is a high-pitched, whistling breath sound similar to that of an off-key organ, usually resulting from blockage of the lower airways and heard on expiration.

Stridor a harsh high pitched respiratory sound is caused by blockage of the upper airway and heard on inhalation. Widespread *urticaris* or hives small areas of generalized itching or burning that appear as multiple, small raised area on the skin.

Insect stings particularly from bees, wasps, yellow jackets and hornets are known for their tendency to cause anaphylactic reactions. Some ants, especially the fire ants, inject a particularly irritating *toxin*.

COMMON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ALLERGIC REACTION

Respiratory System:

- Sneezing or an itchy, running nose
- Tightness in the chest or throat
- Irritating, persistent dry cough
- Hoarseness
- Respirations that becomes rapid, labored, or noisy
- Wheezing and/or stridor

Skin:

- Flushing, itching or burning skin; especially common over the face and upper chest
- Urticaria over large areas of the body both internally and externally
- Swelling especially of the face, neck, and/or tongue
- Swelling and cyanosis or pallor around the lips
- Warm, tingling feeling in the face, mouth, chest, feet and hands

Circulatory System:

- Decrease in blood pressure as the blood vessels dilate
- Increase in pulse rate (initially)
- Pale skin and dizziness as the vascular system fails
- Loss of consciousness and coma

Other Findings:

- Anxiety, a sense of impending doom
- Abdominal cramps
- Headache
- Itchy watery eyes

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 Please check the numbers posted on your house to ensure that they are large and colorfully enough so Emergency Services and State Police can see them from the road. There are many houses in town that do not have numbers or cannot be seen from the road especially at night. Remember if you need help, please Dial 911.

Jack Rindt, EMT-D

Captain

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DO YOU RECALL that night
in June,
Upon the Danube river?
We listen'd to a Ländler tune,
We watch'd the moonbeams quiver.

I oft since then have watch'd the moon,
But never, love, oh! never,
Can I forget that night in June,
Adown the Danube river.

from *The Danube River*, by Hamilton Aidé

The regional forecast for summer (June, July and August) from the Climate Prediction Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association is calling for an above average chance for warmer than normal temperatures along the eastern seaboard. They are forecasting equal chances of normal, above normal or below normal rainfall.

For the less scientific look ahead, the *Old Farmer's Almanac* says the summer will be cooler and drier than normal. The hottest periods are expected in June and mid-July. The *Almanac* says there will be one summer hurricane that effects our area. It will occur in late August.

Looking to the heavens, the next full moon will be the full Strawberry Moon on June 7. Where June's full moon's name comes from is obvious: Strawberries are harvested in June. In Europe, June's full moon is called the Full Rose Moon.

Space is the place for solar storms (see Weather Word below). Fortunately, we are heading into a period that should be relatively calm. NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center predicts the Earth-threatening solar storms will be at their weakest since 1928 this summer. But this is only a forecast and the earth could still be hit with a severe solar storm.

April in Roosevelt

It was hotter and wetter than normal in April. The average temperature was 54.2 degrees. That's exactly 4 degrees above the normal average for the

month. There were two days with above 90-degree high temperature readings, April 26 and 27. The warm weather was reflected in the cooling degree-day count for the month. Normally, there are no cooling degree-days for April. This year there were about 27. Heating degree-days numbered 368. That's 78 less than normal.

Precipitation was above normal. 4.89 inches fell. The normal long-term average is 3.94 inches for April.

The April 2009 temperature for the contiguous United States was below the long-term average. The average April temperature of 51.2 degrees was 0.8 degrees below the 20th Century average. Precipitation across the contiguous United States in April averaged 2.62 inches, which is 0.19 inch above the 1901-2000 average.



Weather Word

SOLAR STORMS—Solar storms are eruptions of energy and matter that escape from the sun and may head toward Earth, where even a weak storm can damage satellites and power grids, disrupting communications, the electric power supply and GPS. A single strong blast of "solar wind" can threaten national security, transportation, financial services and other essential functions. ■

April 15, 2009 - May 15, 2009

Day	High	Low	Avg Precip		Heating Degree Days	Cooling Degree Days
15	47.8	42.3	45.1	0.54	20.0	0.0
16	61.3	31.5	46.4	0.24	18.6	0.0
17	68.4	33.1	50.8	0.00	14.3	0.0
18	78.8	40.6	59.7	0.00	5.3	0.0
19	66.4	46.6	56.5	0.00	8.5	0.0
20	50.7	44.2	47.5	0.00	17.6	0.0
21	68.9	49.1	59.0	0.71	6.0	0.0
22	47.1	46.9	47.0	0.19	18.0	0.0
23	61.2	40.5	50.9	0.10	14.2	0.0
24	73.1	36.9	55.0	0.00	10.0	0.0
25	89.4	45.9	67.7	0.00	0.0	0.0
26	91.7	67.3	79.5	0.00	0.0	9.5
27	92.7	65.5	79.1	0.00	0.0	9.1
28	86.5	69.4	78.0	0.00	0.0	8.0
29	70.9	43.8	57.4	0.00	7.7	0.0
30	69.6	40.5	55.1	0.00	10.0	0.0
1	75.7	53.2	64.5	0.00	0.5	0.0
2	69.1	55.2	62.2	0.22	2.9	0.0
3	60.1	52.9	56.5	0.10	8.5	0.0
4	54.9	51.8	53.4	0.40	11.7	0.0
5	57.9	51.3	54.6	0.74	10.4	0.0
6	68.2	50.2	59.2	0.55	5.8	0.0
7	75.9	52.3	64.1	0.96	0.9	0.0
8	79.3	54.3	66.8	0.25	0.0	0.0
9	83.5	60.6	72.1	0.05	0.0	2.1
10	72.3	56.5	64.4	0.00	0.6	0.0
11	70.0	46.2	58.1	0.00	6.9	0.0
12	73.0	43.5	58.3	0.00	6.8	0.0
13	74.7	41.7	58.2	0.00	6.8	0.0
14	74.8	54.0	64.4	0.00	0.6	0.0
15	77.0	59.5	68.3	0.48	0.0	0.0
Totals				5.53	212.2	28.6



LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Roosevelt Community,

In reference to the wonderful showing of volunteers for the school fairs, I would like to mention that Larisa Bondy should especially be thanked for her many years of volunteering for so many fundraisers for the school. I always see her going out of her way to help others and the school, and she should be commended for her efforts.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Majorczyk

Dear Roosevelt Community

Summer is almost here and when school is adjourned we need your help to keep an eye on the school and playground.

The School Board is asking for every community member to dedicate a portion of their time this summer to walk, run or drive by our playground and just check in on it. If you see some trash on the ground, pick it up. If you notice someone destroying public property or if you see signs of vandalism, please call the school immediately at 448-2798. If we work together, we can help preserve our school property as a peaceful place for everyone in our community to play and relax.

Sincerely,
Roosevelt Board of Education

Simple Heart-Felt Thanks from a Simply Heart-Broken Family

This message to you, our Roosevelt neighbors and friends, seems like it should flow with ease. But like all of our communications, both written and verbal, over the last 5 weeks, it does not. We are distinctly different people than we were before April 9, 2009, the day our beautiful and honorable daughter Emily Rachel Silverstein was murdered. Each day is filled with a tremendous sense of loss and physical and emotional pain as we struggle to get through that 24 hour period, for the next to begin too soon again. Our formation of The Emily Silverstein Fund (Emilyfund.org) has been one of only two tangible comforts that has aided us through this tragedy. Feel free to peruse the site; you can see the wonder of Emily and understand our mission to push forward with the socially responsible causes she has worked so passionately on for the last 2 years during her very focused college life.

The other comfort I referred to is "support." Our family has received the most generous, ongoing show of human compassion and connection during this time. We continue to be graced with cards, food, visits and general words of warmth and comfort from extended family, friends and all of you special Rooseveltians. We literally did not have to think about food or household items at all in those first weeks. You not only helped the three of us, but also the whole host of visitors we shared our home with, because we needed them physically to push us forward

through the day. Our families, likewise, have been greatly touched by this outpouring and acknowledge your great warmth. Emily, I know, would be proud of this generosity of spirit, as she was one in the same, and was always proud of this small town she called home. In fact, her Gettysburg friends and associates remarked upon their visit here for her memorial (several had been here before for visits during school breaks) and then again at her Gettysburg service later that week, that they were not surprised at all by Emily's hometown. They knew that a person as unique and special as Emily would have had to come from a place like this—a place called Roosevelt.

We thank all of you, from the bottom of our hearts, for all that has been mentioned as well as all the preparation, time, energy, financial donations and loving care that were put into making Emily's memorial service on April 13th the special event that it was. We appreciate your efforts at a time when we were immobilized. You enabled us to memorialize our wonderful daughter/sister in a manner that befit her; she was a gift to us all. Our gratitude is yours.

From our loving
(still broken) hearts,
Linda, Bob, and Jamey Silverstein

PS: As some of you may know, my sister, Beth Babeu Kelly, is looking for a home to rent in Roosevelt (preferably 3 bedrooms). They are able to move as soon as an opportunity is available. Please call Beth @ 908-812-2717 or e-mail bbabeu@comcast.net, a.s.a.p. to discuss the possibilities. Thanks! Linda

WHAT WOULD I DO IF I DIDN'T HAVE OUR "FAMILY COOK BOOK" when Bess gives me a call for a recipe for the *Bulletin*?! This time I'm using a recipe that our son Steve submitted. When Steve was a Senior at Freehold High School he signed up for a cooking class and he enjoyed it very much. That was the beginning of his enjoying spending time in the kitchen. He and his wife Joanne work in D.C. and are marathon runners. When you visit them for a weekend you can be sure to have a wonderful tour of some special place plus delicious meals the whole weekend!

Crème Brûlée French Toast

½ C (1/2 stick) unsalted butter	5 large eggs
1 C packed brown sugar	1 ½ C half and half
2 T corn syrup	1 tsp vanilla
1 8-9" round loaf country-style bread or challah (unsliced)	1 tsp Grand Marnier liqueur
	¼ tsp salt



In a small heavy saucepan melt butter with brown sugar and corn syrup over moderate heat. Stir until smooth and pour into a 13" x 9" x 2" baking dish. Cut six 1" thick slices from center portion of bread, trim the crusts. Arrange bread slices in one layer in baking dish, squeezing them slightly to fit. In a bowl, whisk together eggs, half and half, vanilla, Grand Marnier, and salt until combined well and pour evenly over bread. Cover and chill bread mixture at least 8 hours and up to a day.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and bring bread to room temperature. Bake uncovered in middle of oven until puffed and edges are pale golden, 35 to 40 minutes. Serve hot French Toast immediately.

Serves 6

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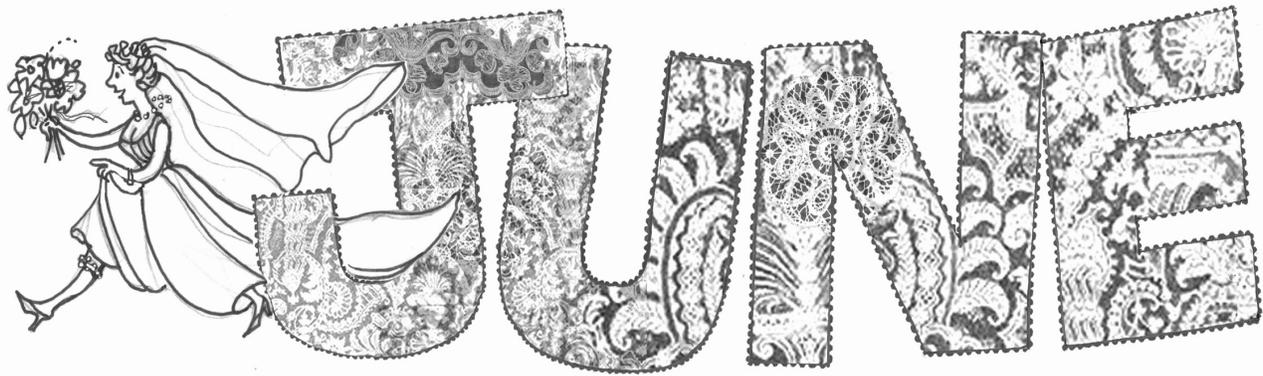
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JUNE

1 Mon.	12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure check, Borough Hall 1:00 p.m. Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall, Gerry Millar, President, 448-0351
2 Tues.	Primary Election Day, Borough Hall, Polls open 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik, Clerk, 448-0539 RPS Early Dismissal, Field Day
3 Wed.	RPS Early Dismissal, Professional Development Staff
5 Fri.	PIZZA DAY
5 Fri.	PTA Dance Night, Meredith Murray, 371-9714
8 Mon.	7 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
9 Tues.	7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
10 Wed.	RECYCLE ♻️
10 Wed.	7 p.m. PTA Executive Meeting, Meredith Murray, 371-9714 7:30 p.m. PTA General Meeting, All Welcome
13 Sat.	4:00 p.m. RPS Graduation
16 Tues.	8:00 p.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, Borough Hall, Neil Marko, President, 443-3748
17 Wed.	7:30 p.m. Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Dave Schwendeman, Chair, 443-6204 RPS Early Dismissal
18 Thurs.	7:30 p.m. RPS Early Dismissal Board of Education, RPS Library, Assenka Oksiloff, President, 918-1529
19 Fri.	RPS Early Dismissal, Last Day for Students
22 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701

24 Wed. **RECYCLE** ♻️

28 Sun. 10:00 a.m. Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training,
Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-9475

JULY

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