

# Bulletin

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## Open Mic, Open Hearts

by Larisa Bondy

On one of the most beautiful summer nights of the year, young, old, veteran and newbie talents gathered at the FDR Amphitheater to showcase amazing performance arts. Open Mic night on August 19th, kicking off the 2023/24 RAP season, hosted by Gus Vuolle, was a resounding success. The filled amphitheater was an appropriately Rooseveltian backdrop for all the (mostly) local talent.

This First Open Mic night was a chance for singers, musicians, joke tellers, and poets to come out in our community and share their joy, their sadness, themselves. Performances ranged from iconic songs of Ron Kostar, Rick Pressler, and Pat Monteleone, to new and original songs from Gabe Saks, Clover Balon, and more. In addition, several families begged the nature or nurture question as the LeComptes, Sakses and Hezronys had multiple family members perform. Judith McNally shared her humor in several poems with Kevin McNally, while David Herrstrom, Abigail Schwendeman, and J.W. Lyric moved audiences with their word play. Alejandro Gonzalez-Palmer awed the crowd with not one, or two but

three different instrumental performances. Ethan Rips, Julia Gray, Barbara Gonzalez-Palmer, Evan Leonard, Lee Smyth, the list goes on and on. Angel Cloughly told a joke or two and riffed an old Joni Mitchell song with daughter Abigail. And of course, Host Gus Vuolle shared his talented song writing with the crowd as well. With well over 20 different performers ranging from ages 10 to 70s, everyone took a chance, shared their talent, opened their hearts, voices and minds to our community to make an enchanted Roosevelt twilight. Special note must go out to Joe Trammell and Eric Vuolle for audio mixing. The sound system was never better! As the crickets kept beat with the last few acts, it was clear a magical evening was enjoyed by



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 44th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. Issues run from September through July. We will not publish in January and August.

### Roosevelt Borough Bulletin Submission Process

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- Please include images as separate files.
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- Most submissions will also be added to the Bulletin web site. Allow up to one week for submissions to appear online after publication of the print edition.
- Please name your files with your last name, or the name of your organization, and the month.

It's natural that people have second thoughts about what they've written, but we want to discourage multiple submissions of the same thing, whenever possible. When this is necessary, the revised version should be clearly named as a revision.

The Bulletin board members are thrilled to see that people are utilizing the Bulletin as a forum for communicating about our community's most critical issues. And it is impressive that Roosevelt has supported this publication for so many decades by contributing both financially and intellectually. We are committed to providing you with the best publication possible—your support of our submission guidelines will enable our volunteers to most effectively meet that goal.

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

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An archive of all past issues of the Bulletin can be found online at [www.mazicmusic.com/rbb.htm](http://www.mazicmusic.com/rbb.htm), courtesy of Mark Zuckerman. Current and recent issues can also be found online at [www.rooseveltboroughbulletin.org](http://www.rooseveltboroughbulletin.org), the official website of the Borough Bulletin. To have the Bulletin sent to you by email, please send your request to [rpressler32@gmail.com](mailto:rpressler32@gmail.com).

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both participants and audience members, bringing the community together in music and words.

Resident and audience member Fran Hezrony said it best, "Couldn't have been more beautiful, sitting in the amphitheatre, sweet August evening, listening to so many of our neighbors and friends of our community share their gifts with us! One delightful expression after another. Can't wait for next year's open mic!"

## Photos from the Open Mic Night



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# Zoolie and Moish

## Part 2

By Albert Hepner

One morning, Moish got to work early and glanced at the bulletin board near the entrance of the building. He was waiting around for Zoolie so they could meander over to the cloak room together. He noticed that the Manhattan 86th Street post office was looking for pickers. This was a job to sort mail that had been delivered in large sacks in neighborhood sectionalized areas of the post office. The job they'd both been doing. But this meant they'd stay in one area of the p.o. and pick the mail from the sacks to distribute it to the large cloth pails the carriers used for their neighborhood. He told Zoolie what he'd read. Zoolie jumped at the idea. "Let's apply." "But then we'll have to ride to Manhattan every day," Moish complained. "Except, we'll be one step closer to the carrier's job," Zoolie ventured.

They applied and were accepted at the 86th Street post office. Within six months, they succeeded in getting Manhattan routes. "I really thought it would take forever" overjoyed Zoolie bragged, remembering that it had been his idea to move on as they had. "And" Moish grinned, "we have the same shifts so we can commute together." And so, they did. They'd take the 6:36 am to work every morning and the 4:10 pm back every evening. What was great was that they'd head home before the five o'clock rush, and always got a seat on the way home when they were tired.

One afternoon, while waiting for the subway, Moish noticed down on the tracks what he thought was a half-dollar coin with a head on it. "Hey, Zoolie, isn't that a half-dollar coin down there with a head on it?" Zoolie, always ready to make sure everyone noticed his superior skills said, "I think that's Washington." "They haven't minted those coins with the president's heads on them in five years." "Does that mean it's worth something, more than fifty

cents?" asked Moish. "I don't know!" That was something Zoolie hated to say out loud. "Why don't you go down and find out," teased Moish. Zoolie looked both ways to see if any trains were coming either way. "You wouldn't jump down there," Moish egged him on. "We've got time for the train." "That's crazy, but if anybody can do it, you can." With that, Zoolie took one leap down and nearly twisted his ankle landing on the track tie. He picked up the stray coin and glanced at it as a train was turning the bend into the station. Moish screamed, "TRAIN!" for Zoolie to come up, but his first clawing at the platform wasn't successful. He had to hop a second time, but the slowing train hadn't slowed down enough. The first car caught the bottom half of his body and threw him and his thigh on to the platform. Zoolie hung on to the Washington half-dollar but ultimately lost his leg.

Zoolie couldn't figure out why he never wanted to see Moish again, but he never allowed him to visit him during rehabilitation or after. Most of his time was spent in bed or in a chair reading until a nurse helped him adjust to walking with crutches. Doodling and drawing caricatures were his most satisfying preoccupations, second only to reading the news about how difficult it was for people to find work. Something that didn't make a difference to his future. The federal and city government liability insurances resolved any concern about having enough to live on. He'd collected enough to buy a small studio apartment in Manhattan, where he moved in as soon as he was sufficiently mobile.

He had had to get away from his family who couldn't stop ridiculing his choice to jump on to the subway tracks to recover a half-dollar coin. Their incessant bizarre joke was, "couldn't you have waited for a dollar coin?" The other influence to move out was that he wouldn't have to deal

with people. He cherished being alone, drawing, and visiting the Metropolitan Museum. At least their lower-case staircase leading to its entrance facilitated using his crutches. After-all, he went back every day to revisit the paintings he'd copied on his pad.

His aversion to people changed after he realized one day while standing outside the museum that some people weren't as fortunate as he was: they couldn't see the art on the museum wall, desperate for on-lookers. He noticed a man walking tentatively holding on to a white cane. "Hello, my name is Zoolie, I only have one leg, but two crutches and I love art." "If you're not in a rush, I could tell you all about some of the beautiful paintings and sculptures inside." "Hello, my name is John!" Hesitatingly, he continued, "I really don't know much about art, but I'm a good listener."

Four hours later, Zoolie was lending his arm to John so he wouldn't trip down the Met steps. He had a contented smile on his face, and one could discern a tear coming down his cheek; "I can't thank you enough. It was one of the most moving experiences I've ever had." "Thanks!" "No, no, thank you! But that will never be enough. I was born blind, so I've never seen except through other's eyes." "Oh!" Zoolie was surprised. During the entire time, Zoolie was so elated with his own artistic acumen, that he asked, "John, I hope I wasn't too vague." "Don't be silly. I had no idea there were so many colors and that they would have such a sensory effect on me." John was afraid he'd offended Zoolie. "No, I'm only trying to tell you how I felt about learning the nuance of color and shape. I think you filled a sinister void in my psyche with objects I'd only heard of but now feel I can envision."

Zoolie couldn't understand why he nearly couldn't breathe realizing the enthusiasm he felt he'd helped

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## Winery Proposal on Hold Pending Planning Board Review

by Michael Ticktin

An offer has been made to purchase a subdivided portion of the horse farm owned by former Mayor Beth Battel for use as a vineyard and winery. The use of the property to grow grapes is not at issue, since it is already zoned for agricultural use, but having a winery business may require changes to the zoning ordinance. Parking and noise issues will be among those needing to be addressed, to avoid creating any problems for nearby residents.

Since the proposal may involve changes to the zoning ordinance, it is required by law to be referred to the Planning Board for review prior to any Borough Council action. Municipal Planner Andy Thomas is currently reviewing the proposal and is expected to present his recommendations to the Planning Board at its September 19 meeting. If that happens, the Council will introduce a revision of the original proposed ordinance at or after its meeting of October 2 and, if it does so, be able to hold a public hearing and possibly adopt the ordinance at or after its meeting of October 16.

### On Blue

Bridge to Mackinaw  
A streak of black on blue  
Where yesterday was  
Is bleeding today's view  
Heading somewhere that's nothing  
Heading nowhere that's something  
Trying to be something that's someone  
Trying to be nothing that is no one  
You see!?! It wasn't oil!  
It was pigeons!  
A whole lot of them...  
It was...pigeons...  
Tunnel through Poughkeepsie A streak of white on blue  
Where today is  
Is blessing what's in view

-Gus Vuolle

### The Western Wall

Torn between sides,  
Belief or reality is the question  
No one can answer  
So I try to find it in myself  
When to scorn?  
When to agree?  
I thought I knew  
What I see is what there is  
Beyond the horizon is but emptiness and space  
My spirit is but reason itself  
I laughed  
Laughed at the unwavering tide  
So naive!  
So unaware!  
black hole, sucking them in  
Dragging them under  
Entangled in their chains.  
I am free!  
But you whisper,  
Are you?  
Impossible, surreal  
Solid against my hand,  
Old as the universe itself  
What are you?  
Uncertain, I look to the heavens,  
The never-ending cycle  
Of life and death  
The little signs  
I cannot explain  
You are always there.  
Tormenting  
Comforting  
The voice  
Within me  
Whispering,  
"Maybe..."

-Adina Saks

### Tree Removal Permits

Roosevelt Residents: tree removal requires a permit per Borough Ordinance 20-08. You can find the permit on the Borough website under the FORMS tab (<https://www.rooseveltnj.us/forms-home-page>). When you click on the link for the permit a copy of the ordinance is also attached.

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create in another. "John, I expect I'll be hanging out here often. So anytime you're looking to waste an afternoon, I'll be happy to fill your brains with aesthetic impressions." John graciously retreated into his cane as he nodded in gratitude. Zoolie watched him, almost with envy. He had filled John's world with seeming concreteness he'd never experienced before, and consequently, so had his world been filled with a worthiness he'd always sought. He'd found his calling.

By Steve Taylor

## Don't Blame Canada

This month's article highlights an invasive species that we need to discourage, Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*).

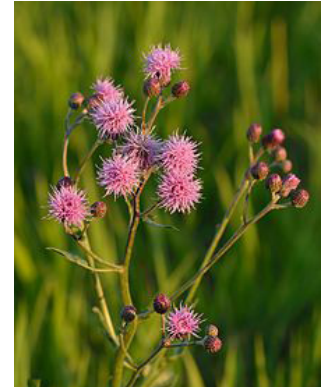
Despite its common name, we are not being invaded by our northern neighbors. The Canada or Canadian thistle is native to Europe. In the UK where it is native, this thistle is considered an "injurious weed". Around the world and in 43 states, it is considered a noxious weed, one of the worst. It has been pursuing its assault on the world for a long time. This invader is suspected of having been introduced in the North American colonies in the 1600s.

These perennial plants grow 2 to 4 feet tall. They prefer a sunny location and do not do well in the shade. They die down to the ground in the fall, although some have a rosette of leaves over the winter. In the mid to late spring the new growth appears. Blooms appear in July and August on male and female plants. The latter bear fluffy seeds that put dandelions to shame. The wind can carry the seeds for long

distances, and seeds may survive for up to four years before they germinate. Each year, Canada thistle costs tens of millions of dollars in crop losses. Control measures also cost millions. This is not your average nuisance weed.

For an invasive plant, it does have a few positive characteristics. It provides nectar for the bees, it has some medicinal uses, and it is reported to be edible, if you can get rid of the thorns, hence the name 'lettuce from hell'. These do not compensate for their invasive nature. Canada thistle goes by numerous names, none of which relate to positive characteristics. The most appropriate name is perhaps the creeping thistle, because the plant forms large colonies from spreading deep underground roots. The roots go really deep, over 10 feet in some cases. If you dig up a plant, you will inevitably leave some roots behind. These will send up shoots that form new plants. Established colonies are a challenge to eliminate. It can take years of repeated herbicide applications (as per label instructions) to eliminate a

colony. Alternatively, repeated mowing or hoeing will at least prevent seed production, and may over time weaken the plant. New seedlings can and should be hoed or dug out before they become established.



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Issue/ Problem	Call
Power outage	JCP&L - 1-888-544-4877
Telephone outage	Your telephone provider (phone # is on your bill)
Loose or lost dog	Animal Ctrl: 609-234-4862 or State Police 609-584-5000
Road obstruction	911 /State Police 609-584-5000
Trees down	911 /State Police 609-584-5000
Health Emergency	911
Comcast outage	1-800-COMCAST
FioS outage	(800) 837-4966
Wildlife Issues	877-927-6337

### Recycling Reminders

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission would like to remind our fellow citizens of a few recycling tips. All of the following information (and more) can be found in the "Recycling 101" article written by Steve Taylor in the March 2019 Bulletin (available at <http://rooseveltboroughbulletin.org>).

Please remember:

- Do not put items inside of plastic bags in the recycling container; keep them loose.
- Plastic bags can be recycled at local grocery stores.
- Most clean paper can be put out for recycling.
- Cardboard should be flattened. Packaging tape and staples need to be removed.

## Small Farm Brings Rustic Charm to Community

by Adina Saks

Alongside Clarksburg road, coming out of Roosevelt, you are sure to encounter the Rising Sun Farm, a small town farm expanding nearly 30 acres, with flower fields and picturesque views. You may recognize the farm by the red barn on the side of the road, with an eye-catching sun painted on its side. The country store, open 9 AM to 5 PM, Friday to Sunday, offers fresh produce and locally sourced products such as jams, organic honey, baked goods, farm-fresh eggs, seasonal flowers, fresh coffee, and similar goods.

Brianna Coppinger and her fiancé have been working hard to transform the farm into a vibrant cornerstone for the communities of Millstone and Roosevelt. Born and raised in Jackson, New Jersey, Coppinger has always had a lifelong passion for farming and fell in love with Rising Sun Farm since buying the property in October 2019.

“When we got here, we saw that it was a beautiful farm with beautiful land and we wanted to do something that would be warm and inviting and show people what it’s like to be on a farm,” Coppinger said. “It was something that we definitely wanted to show the public and let them experience it for themselves.”

The Rising Sun Farm grows varieties of zucchini, pepper, tomatoes, and cucumbers. The farm offers flow-

ers such as zinnias, cosmos, sunflowers, and wildflowers that make lovely bouquets. Visitors are encouraged to visit the flower fields and explore the farm at their own leisure. Utilizing its unique atmosphere, the farm is also open as a wedding venue and has a wedding arch overlooking the rolling fields. Inspired by a farm wedding she had attended for a family member, Coppinger has always loved the special charm a farm brings to a cherished event.

The decor of the country store is not easily forgotten; vintage paintings, trinkets, and posters blast you right into the past. Photos of cowboys and Native Americans, an old jukebox, and a vintage fortune-telling machine create an atmosphere of old-time charm and an escape from the modern day. The barn, which serves as the country store, has been around since the 1800s, adding to its historical charm. Coppinger and her fiancé have always loved antiques and enjoy finding their decor in unexpected places.

“There’s something warm and special about the old way of living, especially with a farm,” Coppinger explains. “To me, that’s always been the beauty of farming and growing your own stuff because it’s kind of an old way of life. It’s classic.”

With every small business comes its challenges, and Coppinger and her fiancé find themselves working hard to keep the farm going. When they are not tending to their crops, they are preparing for the days when the country store opens; working with other small businesses and farms for products to sell, and making general repairs to the property.

“There’s a lot of work to do and it’s just a couple of us,” Coppinger



said. “But it’s fun. It keeps you busy.”

Katarina Stupakova, a Roosevelt local, has enjoyed going to Rising Sun Farm with her family and friends on the weekends to chat and enjoy the relaxing ambiance of the country store. After visiting a couple of times, Stupakova quickly befriended Brianna and the other farm regulars. Stupakova believes that the farm and country store offers more than just fresh produce; it offers a cornerstone for communal connection.

“It’s very warm and inviting,” Stupakova said. “It definitely brings a place for the community to hang out and meet other people.” She looks forward to possible events in the future, chances for the nearby communities to spend some time together, and is hopeful that the Rising Sun farm and country store will continue to strive for more. “Because they have such a passion and a drive for their store, they can get to that point,” she said.

Coppinger and her fiancé are excited to be a part of this journey to bring the magic and wholesomeness of farming to everyday life and look forward to what is to come.

“Life changes in mysterious and exciting ways,” Coppinger said. “I couldn’t be happier being here and learning as much as we’re learning; it’s been an amazing experience.”





## RPS Dragons Welcomes a New Administrator to the Team

By Karen Barry

Dr. Karen Barry, Chief School Administrator, along with the Roosevelt Board of Education, approved a new principal at the May 25, 2023 Roosevelt Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Gina Morrone, a resident of Millstone for over twenty years, comes to Roosevelt with 14 years of teaching experience in Millstone Township School District. At the beginning of her teaching career Mrs. Morrone spent her years at the Millstone Middle

School teaching mathematics, special education, and social studies before transferring to the primary school to teach second grade. In addition, Mrs. Morrone served as the district's Data Specialist/Instructional Coach in her last year. Mrs. Morrone is excited about being a part of the Roosevelt Public School team and becoming a part of the community as well.

The Roosevelt Public School parents will have a chance to meet Mrs. Mor-

rone, if they haven't already, at Back to School Night on September 21, 2023. In addition, the school will be hosting their annual Spooky Walk on school grounds on October 15th and a Pizza & Bingo Night on October 25th. Keep an eye out for our annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale as well. It was a huge hit last year and we would love to break last year's record pie sales. Check for flyers at the Post Office for all upcoming events.

### OCCASION OF LOONS On an Adirondack Lake

Walking the trail by  
these woods by the lake, I hear  
the unseen loons sing.  
But wonder, is it the trees  
now celebrating themselves?

\*

Lone loon floats forward  
across the lake plane as if  
its motion mindless.  
She disappears at its edge.  
Will she ever be again?

\*

Try as we might we  
cannot ignore the certain  
lake ignoring us.  
It speaks loon, wave. But I know  
also its language of loss.

Loon conversation  
haunting the lake, still taunting  
silent trees and us.

\*

Red geraniums  
hanging on the porch, speaking.  
The loons will answer.

\*

Only loons know how  
to get answers from the lake.  
They question silence.

\*

Like no other bird  
I can see the voice of loon.  
It shows what's to come.

\*

War and then there's war  
and more, yet the lake level.  
We move with the loons.

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Dawn can wait today.  
Evanescing within me  
already, loon song.

- David Sten Herrstrom



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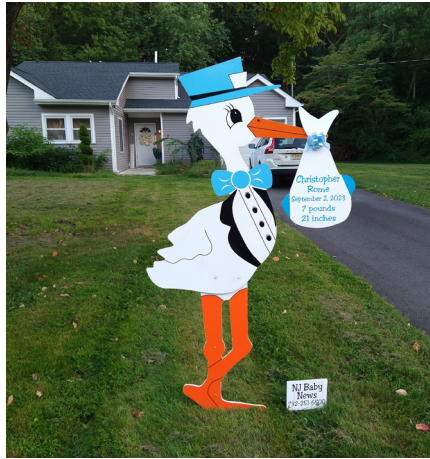
By Larisa Bondy

This column will serve to introduce new (or newish) neighbors and family members to the town. If you are new, or newish, to town, or just had a new addition you would like to announce, please submit your story to [Rooseveltbulletinsubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:Rooseveltbulletinsubmissions@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you!

Pine Drive has a new addition as of April, welcome to baby Louisa Bahamonde. This new baby girl joins new(ish) Roosevelt residents Alison and Alex. Some of you may recognize them as the pet parents of the striking Border Collie "Gordo". Alex and Alison moved to Roosevelt in February of 2021 from Brick. They met while working for Rock Coffee and have been there for nearly ten years. Alex is head of Production and is a professional coffee roaster. Alison has recently resigned to enable her to stay home with Louisa. So far so good in the neighborhood, Alison says, "we never want to live anywhere else!"

And just next door to the Bahamonde's, the stork has landed with baby boy Christopher Rome, born in September. Pine drive is growing! Congratulations to all!

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



### Seed Library, Seeds, Plants, and Crop Swap

by Ellen Silverman

Noon until 4:00pm Saturdays in September through November at 10 North Valley in Roosevelt. Also the Fence Line Gallery, has up it's new September show. Please come by.



Roosevelt resident Willow Pressler has been named to this year's #JuniorInnovators Top 300. Founded and produced by the Society for Science, the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge is the premier STEM competition for middle school students.

### Sign Up for Code Red!!

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Stay safe!

Stay informed!

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Roosevelt residents, please use caution when using the bike path between Farm Lane and Lake Drive. There is a large hornet's nest in a tree next to the creek.



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Why is locally grown food important?

- It tastes better because it's picked when fresh, not harvested in advance for long-distance shipping.
- It's better for your health because fresh food contains more nutrients.
- It's better for the environment because it maintains open space and promotes sustainable practices.
- It's better for the community because it supports and creates a connection with local farm families.
- It's better for the climate because it reduces carbon emissions from long-haul transport of food.

In Roosevelt, locally grown food is available at Mendies Farm, which operates a roadside stand and CSA (Community Supported Agriculture, where members buy a share of the produce grown on the farm). The farm is owned and managed by Roosevelt residents Lawrence and Heidi Mendies.

### Mendies Family Farm; Farm Stand and CSA

65 N Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ

609-820-8809

<http://www.mendiesfarm.com/>

In neighboring towns, locations offering locally grown food include:

**Produce Paradise:** (roadside stand) Assunpink Wildlife Management Area, on the Clarksburg-Robbinsville Road, by the large sycamore trees.

**Fun Fridays in Hightstown:** 6/21 – 9/19 that takes place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. Along with locally grown produce, there will also be food trucks, craft vendors and live music. Location: Association Park, Grant Ave, Hightstown, NJ  
Operated by Hightstown Parks and Recreation <https://www.hightstownborough.com/events/fun-fridays-2/>

### Appelget Family Farm

135 Conover Rd., West Windsor, NJ

609-902-8372

<https://www.appelgetfarm.com/>

### Windsor Farm and Market

1202 Windsor Road, Windsor, NJ

(609) 443-9379

<https://www.windsorfarmandmarket.com/>

### Robbinsville Farmers Market 6/25-8/27 Tuesdays, 3:30-7:00 pm

The Shoppes at Foxmoor

1095 Washington Blvd, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Robbinsville Farmers Market Contact:

Kevin Holt, [kholt@robbinsville.net](mailto:kholt@robbinsville.net)

609-259-3600 x1131

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## RESOLUTION

- A It's the New Year!
- B What of it?
- A We get to start over, try again.
- B You mean as in New Year's resolutions, that get broken in two minutes?
- A You're being a grouch.
- B No; just realistic.
- A Thank goodness for different realities.
- B No one really changes.
- A Oh?
- B Friends who were obnoxious thirty years ago, are still as obnoxious as ever.
- A Which means that you've changed.
- B I have?
- A If you'd recognized them as obnoxious thirty years ago, you wouldn't have made friends with them in the first place. So even if they haven't changed, at least you have.
- B But not overnight. Not from a New Year's resolution.
- A The New Year is a time of reckoning. Bells are ringing: out with the old, in with the new!
- B I'm supposed to eat less ice cream?
- A As long as you save some for me.
- B I'm supposed to dig up my imperfections, my shortcomings, my impatience at the world not getting it together?
- A I'm waiting with you.
- B One thing more...
- A And what would that be?
- B Oh, just something I've been getting up the courage to ask you.
- A My ears are agape.
- B I do have a New Year's resolution.
- A Out with it, then...
- B Will you marry me?
- A Along with the evergreens that rejoice all their life: yes, my love. Yes!

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- Judith McNally

## Wood Burning for the Homeowner

By Dave Teich

Currently I'm a member of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission. The Environmental Commission promotes public awareness and conducts projects to improve the environment of Roosevelt, such as forest management, control of invasive plant species, trail maintenance, and more. We also do a monthly presentation series called "Dessert and Discussion" where we have covered topics such as recycling, birds of Roosevelt, and building a rain barrel. We also share desserts, which have been pretty spectacular. Our next presentation will be on wood burning for the homeowner, and some of the following essay is based on information that is part of that presentation. We meet at the Boro Hall the 4th Tuesday of every month.

I moved into Roosevelt in 1976, during the Bicentennial. In our house was a conical, free standing fireplace made of sheet metal, and we would get oak scraps from a factory up the hill that made wooden pallets. It was fine for an occasional romantic fire, but was terribly inefficient as a heater. In 1979 there was an oil crisis. Gas went from 80 cents a gallon to \$1.20, which seems almost nostalgic now. Home heating oil rose as well. There was some panic, and folks became interested in alternative means of heating, such as passive and active solar and wood heat. We purchased and installed a top of the line Vermont Castings wood stove (it was also capable of burning coal)



and never looked back. Although we still have a gas furnace, wood makes up about a quarter to a third of our current heating needs. Because we live in a one story house, heat doesn't move as well as it would in a two story, where it would rise to heat the upper floor, so we have more than one stove, one in the master bedroom which takes care of the evening and overnight hours, and one in the sunroom off our kitchen which we burn every morning. The system works out well.

I love cutting and splitting my own wood. There's a primal connection to who knows how many generations of ancestors. It's great exercise. And it's therapeutic — there's nothing better for frustration, anxiety, restlessness or discontent. And there is a spiritual healing from just sitting and looking at a fire. When you think about it, most green plants, including trees, are, in a manner of speaking, made of sunshine. It's where they get their energy to convert water and carbon dioxide into glucose. What's nice about burning wood is you get the sunshine back — in the form of light and heat. Also, a woodpile is an amazing thing. I gaze at my woodpile and feel secure. Unlike my IRA, which fluctuates in value, I look upon my woodpile as my true wealth. It never fluctuates. There will always be the same number of BTUs contained in any given woodpile, no matter what. And my family and I will be warm, no matter what.

Building, replenishing and maintaining a woodpile is a fair amount of work. And although I am cutting wood all year long, following each winter I usually make a purchase from one of the local tree specialists. I get good quality seasoned hardwood that's cut to length for my wood stoves, although it needs splitting. I used to be able to stand out there with an axe and split up a cord of wood, but no more, at least not all at once. So once a year I



have a splitting date with my grandson Jesse. We rent a splitter and go through the whole load, usually two or three cords, then stack it. Jesse is an expert wood stacker, unlike myself. If I can get the stack to remain standing I consider myself successful. When Jesse stacks wood you can't get a piece of dental floss between the logs. Throughout the year I'm gathering kindling, sometimes picking up dead wood along the roadways, sometimes just allowing storms to drop it in my yard. Then there's more chopping, sorting, and storing for the winter. When we start burning in October or November, it's exciting, romantic.

The holidays are coming and wood fire just makes the whole experience deeper and connects us to the past — not just the centuries of celebrating the way we do, but to hundreds of thousands of years of human history. Of course, the holidays come and go, and there's still three months of winter left, so by March, it gets to be kind of a chore. I'm still sorry to see it go. But then, the whole purpose of all this work, of building a woodpile, is to burn it down. Then start over. It's a marker. And right about when wood season ends, gardening season begins, so the separation isn't too painful.

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as deeply wedded to his heart  
as keel of kayak to the water,  
as the tunes of the loon to the waves of the lake.

Cords of wire and of voice angled  
across the hearts of man and of loon.  
Strings speak. Voice cords

of loon speak. Their tunes hovering  
in conversation above the lake.

*for Tommy6string*

- David Sten Herrstrom

## The Summer Day

I woke up  
Got out of bed  
Got my swimsuit on  
And then bumped my head

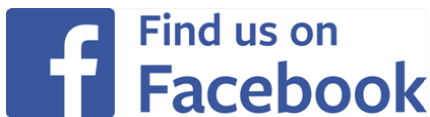
We all jumped in the car  
Ate a quick snack  
And then we were there  
And then someone gave me a glare

We sat down on our towel  
Then went to the water  
It was super warm  
And then I thought I saw a thunderstorm!

It turns out I was right  
There was lightning all over  
Then my mom said we had to leave  
We ran to our car in a breeze

Then we got home  
It was a fun trip  
But a short one  
But it was still fun!

- Jude Trujillo, 5th grade



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13	Weds.	Recycling Pickup 
18	Mon. 7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
19	Tues. 7:00 pm	Planning Board Meeting Borough Hall
20	Weds. 7:00 pm	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall
21	Thur.	Back to School Night
<b>23 Sat.</b>	<b>1:00-4:00</b>	<b>Art and Garden Tour. Roosevelt Arts Project. Visit Roosevelt's gardens. Map at <a href="https://www.rooseveltartsproject.org/">https://www.rooseveltartsproject.org/</a></b>
27	Weds.	Recycling Pickup 

## OCTOBER

2	Mon. 7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
11	Weds.	Recycling Pickup 
<b>14 Sat.</b>	<b>1:00 - 4:00</b>	<b>Eighth Annual Art Walk and Open Air Gallery Roosevelt Public School and Roosevelt Woodland Trail More info. on the RAP website <a href="http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org">www.rooseveltartsproject.org</a></b>
15	Sun.	Spooky Walk Roosevelt Public School
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25	Weds.	Recycling Pickup 
31	Tues.	Halloween

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