

Bulletin

B O R O U G H C O U N C I L N E W S

Council to Hold Budget Hearing; Local Purpose Tax to Rise 11%

By Michael Ticktin

The Borough Council will be holding its hearing on the 2002 municipal budget on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30. The budget includes an increase in the local purpose tax from \$62 to \$69 per \$10,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of just over eleven percent. However, as Mayor Michael Hamilton pointed out, the rate is still lower than the \$72 rate that was charged in 1999.

Major factors contributing to the increase include the cutting off of additional aid to all municipalities as a result of the State budget crisis and costs attributable to defense of the Borough's position in the lawsuit brought by U.S. Home Corporation seeking the right to build 266 houses in the area north of Oscar Drive and east of North Rochdale Avenue. ■

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PENNIES FROM HEAVEN!

To give you an idea how devoted some of our residents are to *The Bulletin*, we received a donation from someone who told us she took her box of pennies, counted them out, and gave us the \$26, twenty-six dollars, they added up to.

If everyone would do that, we wouldn't have to make this appeal. Please, count your pennies (or dollars!) and if you give them to us we will be in seventh heaven and be able to finish our publishing year in a solvent state.

If you haven't yet made a contribution, or are able to make an additional one, please help us. We need you!

EAST WINDSOR AREA HADASSAH IS FORMING A YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP

Young Women's Group of East Windsor Area Hadassah invites you to join them at the "movies" on April 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Public school lobby. The featured film is *Yidl Mitn Fidl* in Yiddish with English subtitles, a delightful comedy filled with music and charm starring Molly Picon. The program and refreshments are free. Babysitting available. Please call Helen at 609-448-1870 or Fran at 609-448-5330.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NOTICE

Dumping wood or garbage in the woods is dangerous and unlawful. The long drought has created very dry conditions in the woods, and the risk of fire is increased. Please keep your wood stored for a short time and the Borough will make arrangements to help you dispose of it in a safe and lawful way.

EDUCATION & RECREATION SURVEY

Have you sent in your survey to help the newly appointed Recreation Director, Eric Schubiger, develop a program for our residents? It was an insert in the March *Bulletin*.

We've been asking for something like this for years. Here's our chance!

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FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

New Jersey Law (N.J.S. A.

40A:60-5), states that "the mayor shall be the head of the municipal government" and "shall recommend to the Council such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the borough."

State funding.In my February column I outlined how school and municipal budgets are supported by state aid and how the amount of state aid that we receive annually can determine whether property taxes go up or down. As many of you are aware, the Borough acts as the collection agent for school, municipal and county taxes. School taxes comprise 74.7% of your tax dollar, the municipal budget 13.8%, the remainder is collected for county taxes.

By law, state budgets must be balanced.Governor McGreevey has indicated that he will seek to balance the budget by cutting back on aid to municipalities. This year, there is a state budget deficit of around \$3 billion. Next year the state budget

deficit may be almost twice that. The state has announced that aid for schools will be frozen at last year's numbers regardless of any increase in the number of students or expenses. Many municipal grants and programs may be eliminated as well.

State grants and programs are discontinued..Last year, by working with Assemblyman Joseph Malone, we obtained a \$30,000 grant to start a recreation group, a \$25,000 grant to install a new heating system in Borough Hall and a \$75,000 grant for a school regionalization study. None of these grants will be available this year. For example, one of the programs that have been discontinued is the Clean Communities Act. This popular state program provided Roosevelt with \$4,000 annually to pay for the town-wide litter pickup and fresh mulch in the school playground to protect children if they fall. We can continue to provide these services, but they will have to be paid for through municipal and school taxes.

The 2002 municipal budget...was introduced on March 11, 2002. The budget is the result of hours of preparation by the Mayor and Council, our Borough Clerk, and our Accountant and Chief Financial Officer. This year's budget calls for a local tax rate of 77 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value, an increase of 8 cents over last year's rate.

The public hearing on the proposed 2002 municipal budget will be held in the municipal building on Wednesday,

April 10th, at 7:30 p.m. Copies of the complete, line-by-line, borough budget are now available at Borough Hall. I encourage citizens to obtain a copy of the budget document prior to attending the meeting. As always, we depend upon your informed input in the budget process.

Cell phone antennas...On March 12th, Councilmen Neil Marko, George Vasseur and I met with representatives from AT&T to discuss the feasibility of leasing borough property to them for their cell phone antennas. Also present were Doug Kovats, our Borough Attorney; Jim DeMuro, our Borough Engineer; and Rod Tulloss, Chair of the Environmental Commission.

You may have found it difficult to get a signal on your cell phone in Roosevelt. While cell phone carriers have worked toward establishing a network of antennas for signal coverage along major thoroughfares, they are just getting around to filling in the so-called dead-zones where there is very little, if any, reception. AT&T is motivated by the fact that their roaming agreement with other carriers is going to end in December. Recent advances in technology have resulted in smaller antennas (6.3" in width). They can be flush-mounted and painted to match the structure on which they are placed. They can be placed on existing structures, such as a water tower, or they can be placed on a monopole that can be designed to look like a tree.

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From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

School budget time is upon us. If you were unable to attend the budget hearing on March 26, please review the budget summary that was mailed to each residence. The tax decrease proposed for the budget is a result of continuing vigilance by the Board of Education to control finances without sacrificing programming. Fiscal responsibility played a large part in neutralizing the negative effects encountered in many districts due to the freeze on school budgets. School elections will take place on April 16. I look forward to the community's continued support of the budget.

I had the opportunity recently to attend meetings that were meant to introduce school superintendents to the new Commissioner of Education and the new governor. Governor

McGreevey makes it clear that he wants to be the "education governor." He stated that he wants the Department of Education to support, rather than oversee, the districts in New Jersey. His focus in primary education is in synch with President Bush's "Leave No Child Behind" Act, thus this will be the last year that the state test (ESPA) will be administered in fourth grade. Next year a state designed/approved test will be administered in third grade, to determine if all third grade students are reading on grade level. This is an ambitious national and state goal. Research, however, certainly supports early intervention for students with learning problems.

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RCNS April Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

Spring is in full swing at our school. Our activities this month include the water cycle and umbrellas. The students will learn where rain comes from and its importance to our earth. We're also doing our best to keep our earth clean for everyone. We are making litter bags to remind people not to litter our neighborhoods. We have so much fun making "recycled masterpieces" too!

Our Annual Open House is scheduled for Sunday, April 14th from 12-2 p.m. Please join us and meet the teachers, parents and children to see how special our school is. Your child may make a craft and play outside on our playground as well.

Another special day in April is our annual mini march benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The children participate in many activities including an obstacle course. The children are already looking forward to a special day of fun. In addition, they will try to get an understanding that some children are sick and need their help to live happy lives. ■

April School Dates

April 5	Pizza Day
April 9	Health Fair, 7 - 9 p.m.
April 8 & 9	Kindergarten registration, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
April 11	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m.
April 16	Early dismissal , teacher professional development VOTE - ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION, 2:30 - 9 p.m. BOROUGH HALL
April 19	Pizza Day

Items for this column can be submitted to Ron Kostar by phone 448-5191, 18 Pine Drive.

Welcome to Spring and Spring, welcome to Roosevelt. Here is some of the news around town.

Schools

Roosevelt Public School

Third grade teacher Ilene Levine, who is often highly acclaimed and deservedly so, is a finalist in the Best Practices Award for New Jersey teachers. Ilene's science unit on studying the moon, by which she engaged students and parents alike, has been cited. The award will be presented later this month.

A number of RPS students have been honored for work entered in the Monmouth County Earth Day Fair. The students include: Rebecca Breslaw and Nicole Caruso (1st grade); Abigail Schwendeman (2nd grade); and, Cheyenne Dermody (3rd grade). Finalists will be honored at the Monmouth County Library.

Upcoming school events include:

April 9: Health Fair, 7-9:00 p.m. in the RPS lobby.

April 16: School Board Elections, in the Borough Hall.

Standardized testing for all RPS students will take place during April.

Hightstown High School

HHS announced its Honor Roll recently for the second semester. Included were the following Rooseveltians:

High Honors:

- Lian Garton, grade 10
- Molly Petrilla, Grade 12

Honors:

- Laurel Hamilton, Grade 9
- Avery Axel, Grade 10
- Jesse Parsons, 10
- Lindsay Possiel, 10
- Wesley John-Alder, 10
- Leah Howse, Grade 11
- Nathaniel Kostar, 11
- Christina Septak, 11
- Shiri Yeger, 11
- Shaun Conover, Grade 12
- Haley Reimbold, 12
- Sarah Skillman, 12

Avery Axel also achieved Honors during the fall semester but wasn't included on the list. Again, if anyone who made the Honor Roll was left off this latest list, please let me know and I'll include his or her name in next month's column.

Colleges

Mercer County Community College announced that resident Penny Lopez has been selected for inclusion in the "Who's Who Among students in American Junior Colleges."

Rowan College announced that Elizabeth Carroll made the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Birth and Other Noteworthy Events:

Gabrielle Lynsey Scheinert was born on December 23 in Hallendale, Florida to Jeff and Lisa (Katz) Scheinert. Gabrielle is named after her grandfather, the late George Katz, and her great grandmother, Litzie Katz. She is the granddaughter of Rooseveltian

Margaret Katz of Farm Lane and of Stuart and Sandy Scheinert of Florida.

Birthdays

Louise Rosskam celebrated her 92nd birthday on March 27th, and Bernarda Shahn celebrated her 99th birthday on March 7th.

Long live longevity, and may this spring be colorful and mild and unallergic! The rumor that this, April, is the cruelest month is highly overrated, I think, though we could use a little of what T.S. Eliot called for in his famous poem:

Only a cock stood on the rooftop
 Co co rico co co rico
 In a flash of lightning.
 Then a damp gust
 Bringing rain

Thanks for your contributions, and please keep them coming next month!

Notice:

The Planning Board Meeting has moved to the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM in the Borough Hall.

THE CANVAS OF HER LIFE

Bernarda Shahn, at 99, is still looking forward

This article by Amy Westfeldt of The Associated Press was distributed at the Ben Shahn Gallery of the William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ, during the recent art exhibit of Bernarda Shahn's work which ended on March 8th.

In a white shed filled with memories, Bernarda Bryson Shahn is touching up a painting she started 20 years ago.

"When I finish it, I think I'm going to like it," she says, staring at the canvas of a woman standing on Rome's Appian Way.

In her spare time, she's doing a little light reading: Hegel's dialectic, work she read in college but didn't enjoy. She thought she'd give it another try.

Shahn, after all, hasn't been to college for nearly 80 years. The widow of 1930s artist Ben Shahn forged an impressive career of her own: painting, completing public murals, illustrating books.

She turns 99. And after all these years, she's still curious and active enough to keep creating even on a canvas she started decades earlier.

A retrospective of her work runs through March 8 at the Ben Shahn Gallery at William Paterson University in Wayne.

Sitting in a sun-filled room surrounded by her work in Roosevelt, Shahn offers few secrets to her longevity.

"I drink wine and eat potatoes," she says with a laugh. She thinks she has a happy disposition, but "if you think you're going to live a happy life, forget it."

Shahn is simply an artist, motivated by the images that pass before her eyes, and by her imagination. This has been her driving force as long as she can remember.

When she was a child in Athens, Ohio, her father would give her colored chalk. She used it to draw on the walls of her bedroom. At night, she would go to sleep listening to her parents recounting Homer's "Odyssey." They would recite "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner." The exploits she read about were fuel for her drawings.

She tries to explain her passion.

"It's something that gets hold of you," she says. "If you're not doing it, you want to be doing it."

After studying painting, printmaking, and philosophy at Ohio State University, Shahn indulged another passion – writing. She wrote news articles on the arts for the *Ohio State Journal* and in the 1940s wrote and illustrated the children's books "The Zoo of Zeus" and "Gilgamesh."

Her artistry ranged from lithographs portraying the decline of the American frontier to sketches illustrating Emily Bronte's "Wuthering Heights," and portraits of celebrities interviewed in *Parade*, *Fortune* and *Scientific American*.

She met Ben Shahn in 1932 while interviewing Diego Rivera in New York City and they drove together across the country. It was during their trip that Ben Shahn captured images of the depression.

The community, named after former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was one of several New Deal utopias founded by garment workers. It later became a sort of artists' colony.

Widowed since 1969, Shahn lives today with her granddaughter,

Amanda, also an artist, in the home she and her husband purchased. Their son, Jonathan, a sculptor, lives next door.

Shahn is completely engaged in the world, eager to talk politics and art. She spends her days reading and working in the studio behind her home. She walks without use of a cane. Little betrays her age, besides a hearing aid and an extraordinarily well-lined face.

Her work is still informed mostly by people's day-to-day lives and hardships.

"I have always been aware of how people are living," she says, leaning forward in her chair. "What are people being eaten up by?" Besides the "unfinished" canvas of the woman in Rome, several drawings line the walls of her studio: politicians testifying during the Watergate hearings. Their hands cover their mouths. She plans to add former President Richard Nixon to complete the work.

At least 60 of Shahn's works are on display at William Paterson. The art spans about 80 years and includes early etching from the Depression and illustrations from her books.

Also included is a favorite of Nancy Einreinhofer, director of Shahn Gallery. "Passage" is a portrait of a female figure cloaked in a sheet, moving through a landscape.

She believes it is Shahn's self-portrait.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND RECREATION NEWS

The Roosevelt Community Education and Recreation Coalition (RCERC) is sponsoring the following programs for the Spring of 2002:

Yoga Classes – Two programs will be offered at the Borough Hall beginning April 9.

The Adult Program (18+) will meet each Tuesday and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and the Senior Citizen Program (55+) will meet each Friday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The program will run for eight (8) weeks and the cost is \$50.00. The possibility exists for an expanded program in the evenings in the near future if there is enough interest.

“Mad Science” Program – This hands-on science program will be offered at the Roosevelt School on Wednesdays beginning April 17 from 2:45-3:45 pm. This eight-week program is open to students in Grades K-5 and the cost is \$50.00.

Youth Golf Lessons – Golf lessons for students in Grades K-6 will be offered at the Applegarth Golf Center on Wednesdays beginning on April 17. Lessons will be instructed by P.G.A. professional Rick Bichsel from 5:15-6:00 p.m. This program will run for four (4) weeks and the cost is \$25.00.

Junior Bowling Club – An instructional bowling program for students in Grades K-6 will be offered at Brunswick-East Windsor Lanes on Tuesdays beginning April 16. Lessons will be held from 7:00-8:00 PM for eight (8) weeks and the cost is \$50.00.

*** Registration forms are available at the Roosevelt Borough Hall. ***

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS

The RCERC is now accepting Summer Employment Applications for our Summer Camp program. The Summer Camp program is an eight (8) week program from June 24 – August 16. Applications are available at the Borough Hall and are due by May 15.

For more information, contact Eric Schubiger at Borough Hall, (609) 448-0539.

The Roosevelt Community Education and Recreation Coalition has been funded initially by a Department of Community Affairs start-up grant and is a cooperative venture between the Roosevelt Board of Education and the Roosevelt Borough Council.

A Cookbook for The Ages

By Bob Clark

The archivists of Rutgers University have devoted much attention to Roosevelt over the years. Thus, when they heard that a *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin* Cookbook had been published many years ago, they decided to try to acquire a copy for their New Jersey Cookbook Collection.

Bulletin Managing Editor Bess Tremper agreed to track down a copy. The task was daunting. These culinary tomes reside in many Roosevelt households, but could Bess locate someone willing to donate a precious copy to the Archives? Former Mayor Freda Hepner generously agreed to do so.

Rutgers will make the *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin* Cookbook available for reference and research in the Reading Room of Special Collections at the Alexander Library, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick (732-932-7006). Now, people from all over the world may learn how to feast as Rooseveltians do.

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Project REVIVE Save Our Squad

By Jeff Hunt, Councilman

On Tuesday, March 5th, a meeting was called by the chairpersons of the Roosevelt Council's Community Development and Health and Safety committees to revive the First Aid Auxiliary, whose main purpose will be to raise new members for the First Aid Squad.

For several years the Squad has managed to survive with only a minimal crew, which has meant an increasing dependence upon Millstone's response team. This development has not been without its problems. Response times, as you may be able to tell from the number of repeat calls by the siren, are on average significantly longer than in the past. In addition, the Millstone squad, when responding in Roosevelt, has not always accepted the patient's preferred choice of which hospital to be transported to at times (anecdotally) when they might well have. In all fairness, the ultimate choice of destination is often determined by a senior emergency official such as a paramedic, and is based on several factors such as severity of the emergency, distance, weather conditions, time of day and anticipated traffic conditions. However, the wishes of Roosevelt residents, who frequently prefer to be transported to Princeton, are often countermanded by those emergency personnel who are dispatched from Freehold or Millstone. The situation has become increasingly unacceptable to our residents even though most are grateful for the coverage Millstone continues to give us, as well we all should be. It should also be noted that Millstone receives a \$10,000 annual donation to insure

their continued support.

In order to resuscitate our squad, to improve essential response times, and to reverse the above situation, it is essential to raise new members for the Squad – to make it fully viable again so that an adequate response can be produced from Roosevelt residents at any time of day. On Tuesday March 12th, the First Aid Auxiliary, which has changed its name to Project REVIVE organized, voting to elect Irene Block temporary Chairperson and Delores Chasen as Vice Chair. An initial meeting schedule was chosen and an initial start-off event is being planned in conjunction with the school's Health Day festivities on April 9th.

A call now goes out to all Roosevelt residents willing to devote a small amount of time and effort to assist Project REVIVE and the all important Squad it supports. In order to raise new members of the FIRST AID SQUAD, a larger group of citizens is needed to make that crucial agency visible, and to keep the ongoing and pressing need for trained First Aid members in the public consciousness. Duties may include telephone and mailing campaigns, fund raisers, bake and flower sales, and a rotating shift at the Post Office on Saturday mornings to sign up new recruits. Training and information will be made available to auxiliary volunteers, and through them to those willing to become FIRST AID SQUAD members. For those already interested, the initial training is no more of a commitment than taking a one semester college course – it consists of two evenings a week for a three month period and two or three Saturday commitments. The benefit, however, will be far greater for the individual and the community than any course could offer!

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By Clare Sacharoff

At the March 5th meeting, Eric Schubiger who was recently hired as a part time Recreation Director for Roosevelt addressed the group. He is working with a combined committee made up of Board of Education and Council members. Since he also works for East Windsor, there is a possibility of sharing activities with them such as trips. He hopes to develop interesting plans based on the returns of the survey that was distributed with last month's *Bulletin*.

In the near future, the people from the State who gave us an informative and very helpful talk about ways for seniors to avoid being taken advantage of in banking and credit card use will come again to talk about insurance scams.

The membership agreed that GUYS AND DOLLS along with lunch provided an enjoyable day last month.

Activities in March: A trip to Kohl's followed by lunch at Wegman's.

After the meeting adjourned, Hostess Gerry Millar offered delicious refreshments.

Anyone over 55 may join. Come join us! ■



The Railroad Lawyer

Albert Barnes Boardman was my mother's paternal grandfather. He had a house at 920 5th Avenue when that was more or less the 'burbs, and commuted to his law firm at 35 Wall Street in a horse-drawn carriage, wearing a top hat.

Mr. Boardman died four years before I was born, but he created a presence in our family because of his money. This money, a legacy to my mother as his grandchild, had been a bone of contention between my Mom and Dad, because prior to their marriage, she had concealed its existence from him. It consisted originally of a number of shares in the Lock Joint Pipe Co., shares Mommy said he had received in payment for legal work. This company still had lucrative sewer contracts. When I was small, and Mommy said that whenever I saw those big concrete pipes, I should be thankful that her grandfather was so smart.

Since he did not trust women, Mr. Boardman had named as trustee the Chase National Bank. Since there was no oversight, the bank gave the trust to their least experienced people to practice on, and it eventually dwindled in value, much to Mom's chagrin, as she was a smart investor. His overestimation of the bank as trustee was his one mistake, in her

view. She never spoke of him as a man, because I believe they scarcely ever saw each other.

Jersey. Albert Barnes Boardman is named on a plaque at City Hall as one of the subway's founders. Most of the land was acquired by condemnation. In my mind this puts him in the category of "robber barons" – a characterization given to 19th century captains of industry. As to lifestyle, he was a member of several clubs, but was known for working hard and getting a lot done. He named a U.S. Senator among his friends.

Both Mr. Boardman's parents were born in the U.S., and must have been well off, because he graduated from Harvard in 1873. Soon after getting admitted to the NY bar, he married Gertrude Bonner, from a Staten Island family. Soon afterward, their son Norman was born. Suddenly, in 1878, Gertrude's father was forced to flee from creditors following disastrous speculation in silver shares. Word in the family was that Bonner's brother agreed to satisfy some of the creditors if his brother would engage never to come back. It is unlikely that Gertrude ever saw her parents or brothers again.

Norman did not survive to adulthood, but two other children



Mr. Boardman's major achievements as stated in his obituary were acquisitions of land for the Pennsylvania Railroad's New York Terminal and the land under which the railroad's tubes passed in New

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Drought 101

People are showering only every other day, flushing toilets once a day and eating off paper plates. Some folks have noticed, when they do have tap water it is foul smelling. The water has killed houseplants, and made pets sick. The best part of this story is that it is not happening in our town—yet. The people living through these tough circumstances live in Sebago, Maine. They are victims of the same drought that led our Governor to declare a Drought Emergency for the entire state of New Jersey. The drought extends along the East Coast from Georgia to Maine.

New Jersey uses approximately 1-trillion gallons of water per year. Officials hope water usage will decrease significantly as a result of the mandatory restrictions imposed in mid-March. As of this writing, all of the restrictions that effect residential usage regard outdoor water usage.

Watering lawns is permitted in our area of the state on alternating days (odd numbered houses on odd numbered days, even numbered houses on even numbered days).

Watering gardens, trees and shrubs with a watering can or hose with a hand held automatic shutoff nozzle is allowed.

Washing sidewalks, streets, patios, parking areas and garages is prohibited. Washing vehicles is prohibited except at commercial car washes.

Empty pools that were drained before March 11, 2002 may be refilled once and then topped off to the minimum necessary to maintain the integrity of the pool's circulation and filtration system.

Newly constructed or installed swimming pools may be filled once upon completion of construction.

All of these restrictions are given in general here. For exceptions and further details you can go to the state's Drought Information web site at www.njdrought.org or call the New Jersey Drought Hotline at 1-800-448-7379. The web site also offers additional drought information. Keep in mind that the Borough can impose

stricter water restrictions if it chooses.

There are many things you can do to save water around the home. Before we get to the list, let's put things in perspective. When it comes to indoor water usage the biggest water user is the toilet. It accounts for 26% of indoor water usage. On average, the next biggest offender is the clothes washer at 22%, then baths and showers for 19%, 14% of indoor water comes out of the faucet, an incredible 14% is lost through leaks, the dishwasher uses only 1%, leaving 2% for the "other" category. Here are some things you can do to reduce water usage:

Repair leaky toilets. A leaky toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day. A toilet leak can be detected by adding a few drops of food coloring to the water in the toilet tank. If the colored water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.

Repair leaky pipes and faucets. A slow steady drip can waste 350 gallons of water per month. Not only does this increase waste water, it increases your sewer bill and can increase your energy costs if it is hot water.

Turn off faucets when not in use.

Do not let the faucet run when shaving, use rinse water in the sink.

Do not let the faucet run when brushing your teeth, use a glass of water to rinse.

Do not let the faucet run until the water is cold enough to drink, refrigerate a pitcher of water.

Do not let the faucet run when rinsing vegetables, use a pan of water or the sink instead.

Defrost foods in the refrigerator or microwave rather than under running water.

Install water conserving faucet aerators and showerheads.

If you do not have a low flow toilet, place a weighted plastic bottle in the tank to displace a portion of the water, taking care to keep the bottle clear of any moving parts.

Take shorter showers or a shower instead of a bath.

Run washing machines only when full and on the proper load size selection.

Run dishwashers only when full, using the water saver feature if available.

If pre-rinsing dishes, use the sink and do not let the faucet run.

Turn off icemakers and use trays instead.

Use paper or recyclable plates and cups to cut down on dishwashing.

Use a broom or blower instead of the hose to clean off sidewalks and driveways.

If watering, don't water the sidewalks, driveway or street.

Don't water on windy days.

Reposition downspouts onto lawn and garden areas rather than sidewalks or the driveway.

Use water from the dehumidifier to water household plants.

If upgrading appliances or plumbing fixtures choose the ones that conserve water. A high efficiency, front loading washing machine can use 30 percent less water than a top loading model.

Please note that big water savings can be realized if you refrain from watering your lawn all together. The grass may turn brown, but that just means it has gone dormant to protect the roots. The grass is not dead.

Other things you can do in the yard and garden include, refraining from planting a garden or adding landscape plants during the drought. Plant tomatoes and herbs in pots. If you do plant a garden add compost to increase the soil's ability to hold water, mulch the beds two to three inches deep to help the soil retain the water it is holding. Buy drought resistant varieties of plants.

(Source for 1-20: The New Jersey Drought Information web site www.njdrought.org)

There is some light at the end of the tunnel. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center has indicated that there should be slow improvement through June in drought conditions along the East Coast.

Finally, to put an entirely positive spin on our warm dry winter, there are reports indicating that the number of Seasonal Affective Disorder cases (winter depression) declined during the past winter.

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Feb. 15 - March 15, 2002

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	52.0	26.8	39.4	0.00
16	55.9	34.7	45.3	0.00
17	48.4	32.5	40.5	0.00
18	45.7	28.6	37.2	0.00
19	52.7	22.1	37.4	0.00
20	61.9	38.1	50.0	0.00
21	65.3	44.8	55.1	0.10
22	53.6	38.1	45.9	0.00
23	45.5	28.4	37.0	0.00
24	49.8	22.8	36.3	0.00
25	58.3	27.9	43.1	0.00
26	67.1	35.4	51.3	0.00
27	54.5	30.7	42.6	0.00
28	40.8	26.8	33.8	0.10
1	47.5	21.2	34.4	0.00
2	52.4	26.4	39.4	0.00
3	62.8	46.5	54.7	0.95
4	50.0	27.5	38.8	0.00
5	38.3	17.4	27.9	0.00
6	60.6	26.2	43.4	0.00
7	66.7	35.4	51.1	0.00
8	59.9	35.4	47.7	0.00
9	73.2	43.5	58.4	0.00
10	63.0	33.8	48.4	0.20
11	43.0	24.4	33.7	0.00
12	55.2	30.7	43.0	0.00
13	45.9	42.3	44.1	0.15
14	63.3	38.1	50.7	0.25
15	73.9	43.2	58.6	0.00
Total Precipitation				1.75

PEOPLE

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Introducing Claudia

By Robin Gould

When I first lived in Roosevelt, I thought of it as a small town and I was under the illusion that I knew everybody. Then I began to see joggers going by that I didn't know, and even strangers at the post office.

The final blow to my illusion of this small town, our village, came when I made contact with my new neighbor, Claudia Luongo and found that she had bought her house on Pine Drive last year on Valentine's Day, and moved in during March 2001 (13 months ago). And we had never even seen each other. Nor is it easy to do so given modern life – everybody is busy and just on their way somewhere.

Claudia is a teacher at John Witherspoon Middle School in Princeton. She teaches "Survey of the arts," which includes visual art, music, dance, drama and some literature. She teaches through discussion, reading and practice. On the side, she sings and writes music. You can hear her on a compilation CD of Philadelphia area musicians. On Monday evenings, Claudia goes to the Barnes Foundation in Merion, northwest of Philadelphia, where she has a second year fellowship in their "Advanced Theoretical and Critical Studies in the Fine Arts" program.

Claudia grew up in Freehold, one of five children. She is the middle of 3 sisters and has an older and younger brother. She went to school with a gaggle of Federici children in Freehold. She started college at Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers, transferred to

Douglass, and graduated from Douglass with a major in visual arts and minors in art history and in the performing arts. During that period, she also studied abroad at the Università d'Urbino, focusing on Italian Renaissance Art History.

After college, Claudia studied theater professionally in New York City at the William Esper Acting Studio and at H.B. Studio. She performed in theatrical venues in NJ, NYC and Philadelphia. (The off-Broadway musical she was in bombed and closed after the first night.) Her painting, "In the beginning God Created the fetus," was exhibited as part of the "88 Artists in '88" exhibition in New York City.

Claudia received her M.A. from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. Other activities: film and TV work in LA in '96, unofficial choreographer and dance teacher currently at the John Witherspoon Middle School, relief effort at Ground Zero four days after the attack, singing with a band in the mid '90s in north Jersey. She says she is "corny" and likes show tunes.

During one period, Claudia was a label designer in the garment industry in Paterson, NJ. One of the reasons she moved to Roosevelt is that she had heard it was originally peopled by garment workers from New York. In Roosevelt, Claudia hopes to sing, collaborate in writing music, and perform theater.

O.K., so now I know a little about my new neighbor, Claudia Luongo, and so do you.

Welcome to Roosevelt, Claudia. ■

FROM THE CSA

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The entire community is invited to RPS Health Night. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Many activities and presentations are planned to help you get yourself into shape for the spring. Nurses will be available to check blood pressure, there will be a demonstration in "pilates", physical therapists will be on hand. There is a town initiative to revitalize the First Aid Squad. Information will be available and the ambulance will be on site. Our school gymnastics team will be performing that evening. I hope to see many visitors.

I would like to remind all pet owners that our students play on school grounds everyday. We rely on you to

refrain from having your pets on the school grounds.

A recreation coalition was formed between the Borough and the Board of Education. All the paperwork and legalities have been completed and the new recreation director is on board. It's exciting to see what can be accomplished when people with the same goal work together. In this instance, the goal is to provide activities for students of all ages. Saturday night hockey is already underway. Volunteers have made a significant commitment so that the hockey program will be a success. Eric Schubiger, the Director, is pursuing the possibility of the addition of an after school program

called "Mad Scientist" for grades K-6. I look forward to working with Eric, and the other recreation members.

Kindergarten registration is scheduled for April 8 and 9. Children who will be 5 years old by October 1 are eligible for kindergarten in September.

Today the school is in receipt of a check for \$91.09 from Target. This is the result of donations from families, teachers and friends participating in the Target Take Charge of Education School Fundraising Program. Thanks, everyone! If you shop at Target, please sign up for the program and designate Roosevelt Public School for the Target donation of 1% of your purchase. ■

TWO SQUARE MILES OF STORIES

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did. Philip Waldron Boardman, (my Granddaddy Salty) went to Pomfret and Yale, into his father's law firm, and married a granddaughter of the founder of Brooks Brothers. He had a good sense of humor. I also met his sister Cecil, a tall formidable woman, who was a debutante and later married. Both had several children, all with identical trust funds.

When my mother was small, Philip lived in a house at 40 W. 53rd St., since torn down. My mother, Phyllis, related many stories of this place - how she and her brother rode in the dumbwaiter, how she was required to report to her father on the content of the sermons at nearby St. Thomas Church, how she roller skated through the 5 & 10, etc., but she never mentioned seeing her grandfather.

Her oldest brother was named Albert Barnes. He served as a marine at Iwo Jima and married a southern

heiress. His second son was named Albert Barnes Boardman, too. Barney lives in Maine and renovates wooden yachts for a living.

Gertrude Bonner Boardman died in 1912. In 1916, Albert converted to Catholicism. He was active in Catholic charities and featured on his wall a framed letter from Pope Benedict XV. He was also knighted (rather like Mayor Giuliani), receiving the Order of Malta. What for, I wonder? The subway?

In 1922, Albert Barnes remarried - a Mrs. Suydam Oakley Berlin, in a small ceremony attended by (among others), Gertrude's sister Geraldine, who had come back to New York and was enjoying a lucrative career as a novelist and playwright. They resided in a large mansion in Southampton, which went at his death in 1933 to the Catholic Church. ■

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:

Robin Gould	448-4616
Marilyn Magnes	448-6402
Pearl Seligman	448-2340

TOWN TOPICS

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The Blood Drive

By Liz Possiel

This note is to say 'thank you' to all who rolled up their sleeves and donated in our February blood drive. We had 52 people sign-up, 40 folks showed up and 29 units of blood were collected. 11 people were rejected for various reasons such as a cold, etc.

There were many people involved behind the scene who deserve a thank you also. They included all the wonderful bakers and volunteers who stayed the entire evening helping at the registration desk; giving TLC to our donors, phone calls, soliciting at the Post Office and organizing the donations. Of course we all appreciate Rossi's Deli which always comes through with whatever we need.

Thank you all for donating the "Gift of Life."

Until September's drive –

In addition:

A Note of Thanks to Marilyn

Well, new people are standing at the Post Office and a strange voice is calling on the phone asking you to donate to the borough bi-annual blood drive. What's going on? For twelve years Marilyn Magnes has been performing this job and has decided to pass the job onto others.

Her enthusiasm and commitment has been the driving force in putting this event together every year, which is so beneficial to our community.

We all thank you for volunteering and your dedication all these years. Many people have benefited from your hard work.

Poetry Reading March 9th

By Gladys Nadler

What a delightful surprise! So many people are writing poetry nowadays!

Seventeen local poets participated in the Roosevelt Arts Project Poetry Reading on March 9th. Also, at various intervals throughout the evening, the Roosevelt Drum Circle led by Ron Kostar performed African rhythms with contagious gusto.

The poems covered a wide range of subjects and emotions. In a departure from past RAP poetry readings, this time the program started with the "regulars," followed by an Open Poetry Reading during which anyone in the audience who wanted to could, and did participate.

During the first half of the program, David Herrstrom explained that the six poems he would read were for his brother-in-law who died one and a half years ago. The titles: – *The New Body*, *Searching In The Quiet Dark*, *Hospice Travel*, *Slow Train*, *Epitaph: Vanity*, and *Some Questions Before We Go* – hint at stages in a life cut short by cancer. These powerfully moving poems evoke the long, drawn-out grief of the witness (the poet) to the slow physical deterioration and death of a human being he loved. Here the poet shares an intense, tragic personal experience with which most or all of us can identify.

Dina Coe read three of her poems: *Time*, *In The Africa Of The Backyard*, *No Bears*, and *Fools Friday*. Personally, I like Dina's poetry, though it takes several readings from the written text before I "feel" the meaning. These poems depict mood by painting pictures and how the

poet's moods and thoughts center on shifting images, usually found in nature. Something about these poems reminds me of twentieth century imagism and its special kind of intensity.

Rod Tulloss read several short, humorous poems by Anselm Hollo, an American poet who used to work for the BBC and then returned to the United States. Michelle Bautier then joined Rod for a reading of dialogues by Judith McNally that were full of Judy's wit and whimsy. Some of the titles were *Car Cares*, *Dialogue With Scarlett O'Hara*, and *Found Lumps*.

In a more somber mood, Roberta M. Heck contributed a poem about an Alzheimer patient and several poems about the World Trade Center disaster and aftermath, as well as others related to self-realization.

Robert Axel read poems based on personal experiences, e.g. *Unit 1*, inspired by a Cape Cod vacation. He also read *Sunspots*, *Half-Listening*, and *As You Sleep*.

Scott Carpenter provided a light touch with *Counting Sheep, Or Worse*, *Crocus And Daffodil*, and *The Apple Rancher*.

Adding to the spirit of fun, Wes Czyzewski read seven short humorous poems.

Participants in the Open Poetry Reading part of the program were: David Brahinsky, Robin Gould, David Keller, Eloise Bruce, Gretchen Bryant, Herbert Johnson, Greg McGrath, Ron Kostar and Maria Del Piano.

With all those poets reading and drummers drumming in between, the evening was an inspiring celebration of creativity. ■

FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

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The income from cell antennas could be used to lower taxes or to reduce monthly water and sewer bills... The five licensed cell phone carriers in our area may be willing to pay in excess of \$2,000 per month each to lease municipal space for their antennas. An additional \$10,000 per month in our water and sewer budget could reduce monthly utility bills by \$30 per month.

Antennas on the water tower? AT&T was interested in placing three small antennas on our water tower. During the course of the meeting it became clear that our water tower could only accommodate antennas for two cell phone companies. However, there are five carriers in our area who may be interested in siting their antennas in Roosevelt. If we were to allow two companies to utilize our

water tower, then we would have to find a second site for the remaining three carriers. FCC regulations make it difficult for a municipality to choose not to accommodate carriers. The committee felt that the placement of antennas on our water tower would be both unsightly and go against the grain of our status as a town on the State and National Historic Register of Places.

Other sites for antenna placement... Because as many as five carriers may be interested in locating cell phone antennas in Roosevelt. Our Borough Attorney recommended that the antennas should be placed in one location possibly on a single unobtrusive pole designed to look like a pine tree. The best location would be on high ground; a pole could be placed in the woods behind the water tower or tucked away near the water

treatment plant.

More research is being done..We will be discussing the proposals to place cell phone antennas in Roosevelt during the next few months. We realize that there are many things to consider and we are in the process of doing our homework. Our Borough Attorney is investigating ways to structure any agreement so that it will protect our interests. The attorney for AT&T will be contacting the State Historic Preservation Organization to see if antenna placement is allowed in Roosevelt. As always, we depend upon your advice and your participation in matters affecting borough government. Let me know what you think about this issue or any other matters affecting our town. ■

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FIRST AID NEWS

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Too many of us have labored under the misconception that the age of volunteerism has passed. True, times are different, families have changed and working schedules have become more demanding than they once were. But I firmly believe that if anyone thought the age of volunteerism is over, the events following 9/11 should have dispelled that notion. Come join Project REVIVE or the FIRST AID SQUAD and save a life, Save Our Squad!

First Aid Squad News

By Herb Johnson, President

Last month the names of certified Emergency Medical Technicians

(EMTs) who answer calls for the Roosevelt First Aid Squad were listed. Another Roosevelt resident who goes out on calls to assist the EMTs on calls is John Rindt, son of Jack Rindt, an EMT. John is an Active Cadet member of Roosevelt's First Aid Squad. He is qualified to assist the EMTs by his recent completion of the American Red Cross Basic First Aid course and the Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course for Professional Rescuers. John is a high school student who has become a Civil Air Patrol Second Lieutenant, for which he completed the Ground Search & Rescue course and the Incident Command. He takes his training very seriously. He has arranged to take the 128-hour EMT

course and the New Jersey Firefighter One course, and also the training to be a 911 dispatcher.

The First Aid Squad is proud to have a cadet being well qualified to assist. We urge all those who know John to commend him for his willingness to train and to serve his neighbors as a volunteer. We also urge families to get their high school age children to offer to be cadets for the squad. The State of New Jersey pays training costs.

The squad also appreciates greatly the efforts of some residents to revive the First Aid Squad Auxiliary. ■



By Sol Libsohn, 1962

Pollo alla Marco Antonio

(Chicken breast Marco Antonio)



This is a simple way to prepare chicken breast and tenders, preparation time 12-15 minutes. If you know how to butterfly the breast of chicken, good, or you can ask your butcher to butterfly it, and pound the chicken breast for you so you can minimize the cleaning and sanitizing that you would have to do otherwise to your kitchen counter to avoid salmonella. This recipe is tied to a legend that dates back 2000 years ago when Marco Antonio met Cleopatra. It is said that after Cleopatra tasted this recipe, she fell in love with Marco Antonio and he was then able to make Egypt another Roman colony, without a battle. Like always, the Italians try to solve a problem with the “feet under the table” instead of using their fists. This dish, Pollo alla Marco Antonio, is a great recipe for dinner accompanied by some broccoli rabe, which together makes a nice explosion of flavor: sweet, sour and a little bitter. Even the chicken dish simply between two slices of bread makes a great sandwich. Of course, you can find both of these dishes at my restaurant, Roma Antica, and then you can compare how your meal came out to mine. You can pick up a lot more suggestions and recipes too, and I am honored to be able to help your table with new flavors from my *Italia*. I wish *Buon Appetito* to all of you!

Yield: 4

1 ½ pounds chicken breast or cutlet
 Pan stirring flour or Wondra flour
 4 tablespoons capers
 2 shallots finely diced
 1 ½ cups cream or milk
 1 teaspoon of sugar
 Juice of one lemon
 Salt & pepper
 1 tablespoon olive oil

Season the chicken breast and sprinkle with Wondra flour.

Heat a searing pan, add the oil and sear the chicken on both sides.

Add the shallots and cook until translucent.

Add the capers and flip the breasts.

Add the cream and bring back to a boil. You can substitute the cream with some white wine or chicken broth to have a kosher product.

Add the sugar and the lemon juice.

Season with salt and pepper.

Buon appetito!

Broccoletti passati in Padella (Broccoli rabe sauté)

Yield: 4

2 lbs. Of broccoli rabe
 5-6 cloves of sliced garlic
 4 tablespoons of olive oil
 Pinch of red flake pepper

Cut the stem of the broccoli rabe 2 inches (if you don't like the slightly bitter taste, just blanch the broccoli rabe for 1-2 minutes, draining well before sautéing). Heat a sauté pan with olive oil, garlic, and the red flake pepper. Add the broccoli rabe, using a lid in the beginning and let them wither. Remove the lid and let them cook on a high flame until the water is reduced. It can be served as a side dish or over pasta, which tradition asks for *oreciette*, a typical Pugliese pasta.

Buon appetito!

Andrea is the Chef/Owner of Roma Antica Ristorante, Freehold as well as a well-loved Roosevelt resident.

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2002 SEASON

Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4

8:00 p.m.

THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND

Once again, the Roosevelt String Band will perform a new set of songs, some from the folk traditions of different cultures, others from contemporary singer-songwriters. The members of the group are David Brahinsky, Paul Prestopino, Ed Cedar and Howie Jacobson.

Saturday, May 18

8:00 p.m.

"SOUNDS"

Computer music and Roosevelt multimedia artists, Brad Garton and Wiska Radkiewicz, invite you to an informal evening of digitally transformed "Sounds of Roosevelt." Presentation also of works by students from the Roosevelt Public School, the Hightstown High School and the Columbia University Computer Music Center will round out this evening of creative technological exploration.

Sunday, June 2

11:00 a.m.

OPEN BOARD MEETING

The board of the Roosevelt Arts Project will seek ideas and proposals from the community for next year's series of events.

All events are at the Borough Hall.

Admission (Voluntary):

Roosevelt String Band \$10 (\$5 seniors and students) Other events \$5 adults, children free

Visit the RAP website: www.music.columbia.edu/roosevelt

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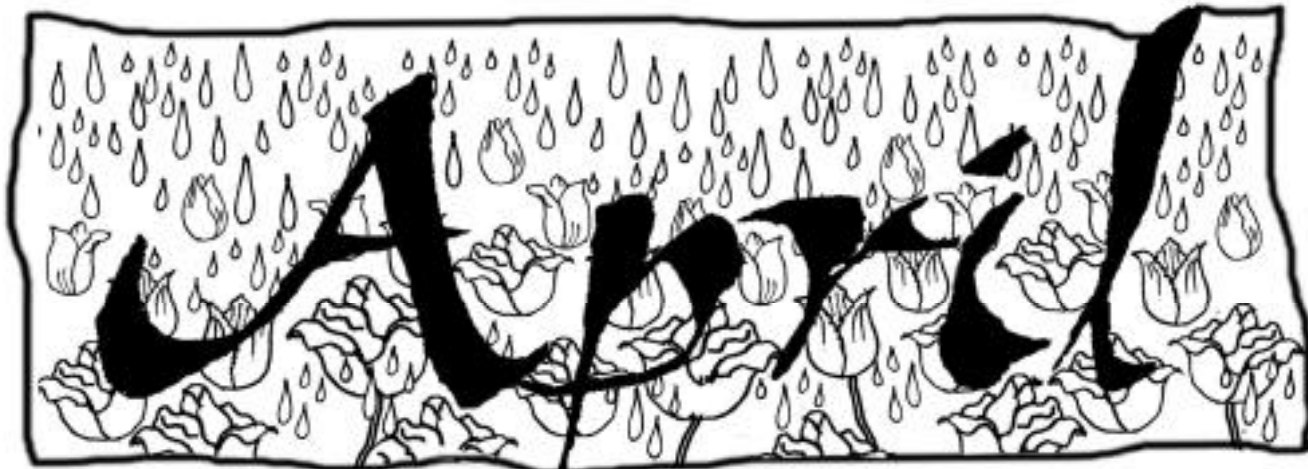
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April

1	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227.
2	Tues.	12:30 p.m.	Senior Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall.
		1:00 p.m.	Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall, President Gerry Millar, 609-448-0351.
5	Fri.		Pizza Day RPS.
8	Mon.	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Kindergarten Registration, Roosevelt Public School.
		7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227.
9	Tues.	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Kindergarten Registration, – Roosevelt Public School.
		7-9 p.m.	Health Fair, Roosevelt Public School.
		8:00 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairman, Ralph Seligman, 609-448-2340.
10	Wed.		♻️ RECYCLE
11	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, President, Sharlene Ellentuck, 609-448-4440.
15	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meeting, Borough Hall, President Jeff Hunt, 609-443-9475.
16	Tues.	2:30-9 p.m.	Annual School Elections, Borough Hall.
			RPS Early Dismissal - Four Hour Session – Professional Development.

		7:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting, RPS, President JoAnne Parker, 609-448-5619.
18	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Synagogue Board Meeting, Neil Marko, 609-443-6818.
		8:00 p.m.	Environmental Commission Meeting, Borough Hall, Rod Tulloss, 609-448-5096.
19	Fri.		Pizza Day, RPS.
			PTA School Dance, RPS, President JoAnne Parker, 609-448-5619.
22	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meeting, Borough Hall, President Jeff Hunt, 609-443-9475.
24	Wed.		♻️ RECYCLE

May Calendar Preview

3	Fri.		Pizza Day, RPS.
		8:00 p.m.	RAP Program, Roosevelt String Band, Borough Hall, Robin Gould, 609-448-4616.
4	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	RAP Program, Roosevelt String Band, Borough Hall, Robin Gould, 609-448-4616.

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