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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Council Reorganizes; Engineer Reports High Level of Public Compliance to Ensure Proper Functioning of Sewage Treatment Plant

The Borough Council’s annual reorganization meeting was held on January 6. Newly-elected member Stuart Kaufman and re-elected members Peggy Malkin and Michelle Hermelee were sworn in, Mr. Kaufman and Ms. Malkin for full three-year terms and Ms. Hermelee for the remaining year of an unexpired term. Ms. Hermelee was elected Council President. In that capacity, she will preside over the Council, and otherwise exercise mayoral powers, in the event of Mayor Beth Battel’s absence.

The Council organized itself into committees for the new year. Committee chairpersons are as follows: Administration--Michelle Hermelee; Finance--Peggy Malkin; Environment, Health and Safety--Jeff Ellentuck; Public Works--Tom Curry; Utilities--Stu Kaufman; and Community Development (now including code enforcement)--Michael Ticktin.

Mayor Battel and the Council made and confirmed appointments to the many non-tenured positions that are filled annually. A new appointment was that of Michelle DeFrancis as purchasing agent. Ms. DeFrancis, who also serves as purchasing agent for the Jackson Township Municipal Utilities Authority, is certified by the Division

of Local Government Services as a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA). By employing a certified QPA, the Borough has become eligible to use a higher bid threshold when contracting for goods or services.

Mayor Battel made the following appointments to the Planning Board: Isaac Menda and June Ord as Class IV (citizen) members, Assessor Donna Taylor as the Class II (public official) member, Ann Kassahun, Ken LeCompte and Shannon Archer as alternates, and Michael Ticktin as mayor’s alternate. She also appointed Mary Tulloss and Eitan Grunwald as members, and Danielle Van Salisbury and Misty McBride as alternate members, of the Environmental Commission. The Council appointed Stuart Kaufman as the Class III (Council) member of the Planning Board and Michael Ticktin as the Council member of the Environmental Commission.

Previously, at the December 23 meeting, the Council heard a presentation by Carmela Roberts, the municipal engineer, and a member of her staff concerning proposed improvements to the water treatment plant and water mains, for which loan funding, some of which would

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 37th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from October 2013 through September, 2014. We will not publish in January and August 2014.

We welcome your emailed submissions for articles, letters, poems, artwork, and other items of interest. Please send your submissions and inquiries to Rick Pressler (rpressler32@gmail.com). Non-digital submissions will be accommodated to the best of our ability, but we cannot guarantee publication. Inclusion of all items is subject to the availability of space and the editorial judgment of our Editor. Items must be received by the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue.

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If you wish to go, you must call the S.C.A.T. bus Tuesday no later than 3:00 p.m. at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and your interest in going on Wednesday, the next day.

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to our new neighbors. Good to write you again, our long time neighbors. I hope 2014 will be a good year for all.



Welcome to our new Councilperson, Stu Kaufman. He is this year's Chair of the Utilities (water/sewer) Committee. Danielle Van Salisbury and Misty McBride have joined the Environmental Committee and Donna Taylor and Sharon Archer have signed on to the Planning Board. As always, we are grateful to the individuals who come forward to volunteer their time for the benefit of the town. With the help of these good people Roosevelt continues its tradition of a community run by its caring citizens.



Beth

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be forgiven, is being sought from the Department of Environmental Protection. Part of the discussion involved the sewage treatment plant where, as previously reported, the functioning of the equipment processing the sewage had been impaired by improper disposal into the sewer system of materials that sewage treatment systems are not designed to process. Ms. Roberts was pleased to report that Toby Moore, the utilities operator, had reported great improvement in the operation of the equipment because it was clear that residents had heeded the Council's appeal for cooperation, and the depositing into the sewer system of materials other than bodily wastes and toilet paper had largely ceased. Needless to say, this cooperation must continue, and everyone must be mindful of their obligation not

to impose costs on the community, including themselves, by flushing any other materials, including so-called "flushable" wipes, down their toilets.

The Council met again at a special meeting on January 13 to respond to bids that had been submitted for work on the water plant and the water mains. It accepted a bid in the amount of \$557,650, less than had been estimated, for water treatment plant improvements to B&H Contracting, Inc., of Folsom, NJ. The Council also voted, however, to reject all bids for improvements to the water mains and to modify the scope of the proposal to make the work less costly.

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*to achieve or exceed N.J. CCCS at all grade levels

The Roosevelt Board of Education held its annual re-organization meeting on January 7, 2014. We're excited to welcome new faces and to start off the New Year in service of promoting excellence in education for all children.

In this time of new beginnings, we're providing an overview of frequently asked questions regarding boards and board matters. The information below is revised and edited from a new section, Parent Connections, of the New Jersey School Board Association's website. For more detailed information, we encourage you to visit this excellent online resource at www.njsba.org/parents. Be sure to visit our newly revised district website at www.rps1.org

Who serves on the school board?

The school board consists of lay representatives – people who live in the community and are selected by the community. They are non-partisan and receive no pay or benefits for their public service.

What is the role of the school board and the Chief School Administrator?

The school board has a dual role: To represent the concerns of the citizens, taxpayers and parents to the school administrators, and to represent the needs of the students and school district to the citizens, taxpayers and parents of the community.

The school board does not operate the district on a day-to-day basis; that is the job of the superintendent, who is the district's chief executive. Rather, the school board sets the policies, goals and objectives for the district – and it holds the superintendent responsible for implementing the policies and achieving the goals.

I have a problem with my school. Isn't the school board the appropriate body to address it?

Maybe. We recommend working up the chain of command. For instance, if a parent has a problem with a teacher, the parent should first address it with the teacher and, if the issue is not resolved, the parent should turn to the Principal. The school board should be the "court of last resort." For an outline of the chain of command at RPS, go to Policy 1312 at <http://www.rps1.org/policies/1000/1312%20Complaints%20and%20Inquiries%20procedure.pdf>.

Do I have an opportunity to speak at the board meeting?

Yes. State law requires a public comment period at board meetings. Boards are allowed to establish reasonable restrictions on the time, place and manner of public comment. RPS Policy is 9322 at <http://www.rps1.org/policies/9000/9322%20Public%20and%20Executive%20Sessions.pdf>.

What is proper protocol for public participation?

Comments from citizens generally go through the board president at the board meeting. Boards use the public comment period as an opportunity

to listen to citizen concerns, but not to debate issues or enter into a question-and-answer session or a "cross examination" between the public and individual members. Be aware that not all issues brought before a board meeting will be resolved that evening; boards may respond to public comment by seeking additional information or by delegating the authority to investigate the issue to the superintendent or his/her designee. While public education can be an emotional issue, and understandably so, the board will strive to maintain a certain level of decorum at the meeting. Board meetings are public forums and citizens are expected to maintain tone of courtesy and civility.

How does the board set its rules for conducting the meeting?

A local school board's parliamentary procedure is a matter of local policy. Most boards follow Roberts Rules of Order, which describes how meetings are run, how motions and votes are taken and other procedures. The school board's secretary can inform citizens on rules of order and other issues of board policy.

The board goes into a closed-door session at most general meetings. Why can't the public witness what occurs there?

New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act (also known as the Sunshine Law) specifies nine areas that are to be discussed in "executive" or closed-door session. Among the most common are privacy issues (including employee privacy as well as matters dealing with individual students and student discipline); anticipated litigation and issues involving attorney-client privilege; negotiations with labor unions and negotiating strategy; matters involving the purchase of property; and any issues dealing with security that could undermine safety if made public. Sometimes, citizens will want

to know why a school board took a vote regarding a particular staff member (e.g., not re-hiring a teacher or principal). However, school board members are not allowed to publicly discuss evaluative aspects of the staff member's employment, unless the employee authorizes it.

My school board seems to rapidly work through the agenda, without much debate. Why is that?

School boards sometimes have a "workshop" or "caucus" meeting where they discuss issues in greater detail, but don't vote on the issues. In addition, boards may utilize a committee structure, where certain members of the board, often working with the superintendent or key administrators, study a specific issue and make recommendations to the full board for a vote. By the time the board has a regular "agenda" or "business" meeting where it votes on issues, the agenda items have usually been vetted or studied already.

What is the difference between the school board's policies and state regulations and statutes?

Statutes are the laws that are enact-

ed by legislators in Trenton. Usually the law will contain broad language on an issue, and it will authorize the appropriate state agency (which would be the New Jersey Department of Education, or NJDOE, in the case of school law) to write regulations, also called "administrative code," that detail how the law will be carried out. Local public schools must adhere to state statute and regulations. There are many aspects of school management that the state does not manage. Those are covered by the local school board's policies, which are the school board's rules and guidelines that detail how the district will operate. Policies address many issues ranging from student discipline and dress codes to whether the district will rent the gym to community groups after school hours. The state generally does not delve into the oversight of local board policies unless there is a specific law requiring boards to have policies on an issue (such as school bullying), or if the local board's policies are found to be arbitrary or capricious, or have otherwise run afoul of state laws and regulations.

2013 WEATHER ROUNDUP

By Ron Filepp

	2013	Normal	Difference
Total Precipitation	45.64"	47.68"	-2.04"
Total Heating Degree Days	4984.9	5357.0	-372.1
Total Cooling Degree Days	537.1	308.0	+229.1
Annual Average Temp.	54.3°F	52.3°F	+2.0°F

Build high your white and dazzling palaces,
 Strengthen your bridges, fortify your towers,
 Storm with a loud and a portentous lip.
 And April with a fragmentary breeze,
 And half a score of gentle golden hours,
 Will leave no trace of your stern workmanship

"To February" by Ethelwyn Wetherald



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

State law now prohibits disposal of computers and TVs with trash. Free drop-off. Program open to all Monmouth County residents, small businesses, and institutions. Limited to one pick-up truckload.

Items accepted:

- Computer cases, CPUs
- Keyboards, Mice
- Monitors, Scanners
- Printers, Cables
- Laptops, Peripherals
- Televisions
- Radios, Cameras
- Telephones
- Copiers, Fax Machines
- VCRs, DVD Players
- Stereo Components

Location:

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The Chief School Administrator / Principal Report

Happy New Year, everyone! RPS is off to a wonderful start, in spite of the challenges posed by the weather. In addition to school closing, the low temperatures keep us inside at recess more than we would all like.

This month I would like to share with you some of the thoughts of our students. When I joined RPS, morning announcements were made in each class. I thought it would be a great way to start each day as a community by having whole school announcements, so I recruited some students to do them. Recently I interviewed them to see what they think about their roles as morning announcers for RPS. Chloe, Alanis, Katie and Ariel are the morning news reporters for Roosevelt School.

When did you start being the reporters and why?

Katie: In November, we started reporting the morning news because Mrs. Cohen wanted the 5th and 6th grade Student Council Representatives to take turns opening the school day on our intercom system.

How do you say the announcements?

Ariel: We come in to Mrs. Cohen's office and use the intercom on the phone to talk to the whole school. We do this whether Mrs. Cohen is here or not. First we write what we are going to say, then we practice it and then we say it at 8:35.

What information do you tell the school every morning?

Chloe: We welcome the school and say the pledge of allegiance. Then we say upcoming events and the

weather for the day. We always close by saying "have a great day!" Katie and Ariel always add, "The choice is yours!"

How do you decide what information and news to include?

Alanis: I usually watch the news in the morning and during the ride to school I look to see what the weather is.

Katie: I look at a website called "This Day in History," with my Mom and I find an important event that happened and report it.

Chloe: I look at the RPS flyers and report the events that are upcoming.

What do you like best about reporting the news?

Ariel: I like when we can hear all the classes saying the Pledge of Allegiance with us.

Chloe: I like when we say Good Morning Roosevelt School because I feel like I am in charge of the Roosevelt School.

Katie: I like going down to do the announcements because I know that I will be communicating with the entire school at once.

Alanis: I like using the intercom and it's cool that when we talk in the phone, it goes to the rest of the school.

What do you think is the hardest part of reporting the news?

Ariel: How I have to speak really loud and clear and slowly.

Alanis: The hardest part of doing announcements through the intercom is when the other person triggers

something that's funny and you can't laugh. You can't cough or sneeze either.

Chloe: One time, I said something wrong during the Pledge and Alanis started laughing – I laughed with her.

Katie: The hardest part is that I don't get to do it every week because we take turns.

These are some of the RPS events that were announced in the last month:

The Winter Concert

The Pre-Kindergarten Concert

Student Council Meetings

Child Assault Prevention Program

Roosevelt Newspaper Club is starting with Ms. Bondy

Science Club with Ms. Ilene

The 5th Grade fundraiser to support the endangered white-bellied spider monkey

The 6th Grade "Do One Thing Project" and other fundraisers for the end of the year trip

Safety Patrol Meetings

Pizza Days

Spirit Week



A Letter of Thanks

To the Roosevelt Fire Department; Roosevelt First Aid Squad; Roosevelt Traffic Control; and Millstone Fire Department,

The Roosevelt Public School would like to thank you for all your tireless efforts in responding to the recent erroneous fire alarms at the school. Some system sensors have been replaced and others have been moved away from heating vents to rectify the issues. All of you have performed very professional services in a most responsive manner. Thanks again for your dedication and good humor while this has been ongoing.

Natalie Warner
President,
Roosevelt Board of Education



Sisterhood Plans Bus Trip

The Sisterhood of Congregation Anshei Roosevelt is planning a bus trip to the Jewish Museum in Philadelphia on Sunday, May 1, 2014. All are welcome to join us for this special event to see "Jews in Sports." For detailed information or to reserve seating call Karen Block @ 609-426-1560. On Saturday, November 16, the Sisterhood sponsored a Tricky Tray fundraiser which was a huge success. The prizes were outstanding and everyone had a great time. Thanks to those who supported us.

WEATHER ALMANAC

By Ron Filepp

November 2013

Day	High	Low	Avg Precip	Cool'g/Heat'g Degree		Days
				Snow		
1	68.7	57.0	62.9	0.60	0.00	2.2
2	67.3	49.3	58.3	0.00	0.00	6.7
3	53.8	38.8	46.3	0.00	0.00	18.7
4	45.3	29.5	37.4	0.00	0.00	27.6
5	59.2	32.5	45.9	0.00	0.00	19.2
6	63.9	39.4	51.7	0.00	0.00	13.4
7	64.9	40.8	52.9	0.22	0.00	12.2
8	51.8	35.8	43.8	0.00	0.00	21.2
9	51.8	30.6	41.2	0.00	0.00	23.8
10	61.2	37.6	49.4	0.00	0.00	15.6
11	56.1	36.5	46.3	0.00	0.00	18.7
12	50.4	32.4	41.4	0.00	0.00	23.6
13	39.0	22.5	30.8	0.00	0.00	34.3
14	51.8	27.7	39.8	0.00	0.00	25.3
15	58.6	32.4	45.5	0.00	0.00	19.5
16	59.0	36.1	47.6	0.00	0.00	17.5
17	66.0	42.1	54.1	0.00	0.00	11.0
18	63.1	48.0	55.6	0.24	0.00	9.5
19	54.0	32.5	43.3	0.00	0.00	21.8
20	43.5	25.9	34.7	0.00	0.00	30.3
21	55.4	27.3	41.4	0.00	0.00	23.7
22	59.0	46.2	52.6	0.20	0.00	12.4
23	52.9	35.1	44.0	0.00	0.00	21.0
24	51.0	36.0	43.5	0.00	0.00	21.5
25	34.9	18.3	26.6	0.00	0.00	38.4
26	47.1	30.7	38.9	0.38	0.00	26.1
27	61.5	36.1	48.8	1.58	0.00	16.2
28	37.6	26.6	32.1	0.00	0.00	32.9
29	40.0	24.3	32.2	0.00	0.00	32.9
30	40.6	20.3	30.5	0.00	0.00	34.6
Totals				3.22	0.00	631.2

WEATHER ALMANAC

By Ron Filepp

December 2013

Day	High	Low	Avg Precip	Cool'g/Heat'g Degree		Days
				Snow		
1	47.3	29.3	38.3	0.00	0.00	26.7
2	50.4	31.6	41.0	0.00	0.00	24.0
3	51.4	31.6	41.5	0.00	0.00	23.5
4	54.1	32.5	43.3	0.00	0.00	21.7
5	61.0	45.9	53.5	0.00	0.00	11.6
6	60.4	39.7	50.1	0.46	0.00	15.0
7	41.9	30.0	36.0	0.34	0.00	29.1
8	33.8	23.7	28.8	0.40	3.00	36.3
9	38.5	30.6	34.6	0.40	0.00	30.5
10	36.0	27.5	31.8	0.20	2.00	33.3
11	31.6	19.2	25.4	0.00	0.00	39.6
12	27.3	16.5	21.9	0.00	0.00	43.1
13	35.1	15.1	25.1	0.00	0.00	39.9
14	32.9	25.5	29.2	0.55	2.25	35.8
15	39.7	30.4	35.1	0.00	0.00	30.0
16	33.3	17.6	25.5	0.00	0.00	39.6
17	36.7	18.7	27.7	0.08	0.00	37.3
18	36.3	19.8	28.1	0.00	0.00	37.0
19	43.3	22.6	33.0	0.03	0.00	32.1
20	50.9	32.4	41.7	0.00	0.00	23.4
21	64.8	41.7	53.3	0.00	0.00	11.8
22	68.7	53.2	61.0	0.09	0.00	4.1
23	62.4	43.2	52.8	0.71	0.00	12.2
24	43.7	27.1	35.4	0.00	0.50	29.6
25	28.0	17.8	22.9	0.00	0.00	42.1
26	38.8	20.8	29.8	0.00	0.00	35.2
27	42.3	21.7	32.0	0.00	0.00	33.0
28	52.7	26.1	39.4	0.00	0.00	25.6
29	46.9	36.3	41.6	1.19	0.00	23.4
30	46.6	30.0	38.3	0.00	0.00	26.7
31	37.6	19.9	28.8	0.00	0.00	36.3
Totals				4.45	7.75	888.8

RESCUE SQUAD NEWS

The First Aid Squad has responded to 183 emergency calls for the year 2013. The Squad typically handles 15 calls a month.

Roosevelt First Aid Squad
33 North Rochdale Ave.
P.O. Box 274
Roosevelt, New Jersey 08555
Est. 1948

Emergency calls in Roosevelt: 63

Altered mental status 1	Bleeding 1	Cardiac 2
Cut lip 1	Emergency transports 12	Falls 11
Fire Stand-bys 8	Hand injury 1	Head injuries 3
Infant respiratory 1	Knee injury 1	Lift assists 3
Medical alarms 2	Motor vehicle accidents 4	Overdose 1
Rescue 1	Respiratory distress 4	Seizures 1
Town Stand-bys 2	Stroke 2	Unconscious 1

Emergency calls in Millstone: 93

Altered mental status 1	Cardiac 11	Crisis transport 4
Diabetic 2	Emergency transports 22	Falls 6
Fire stand-bys 2	Head injuries 3	Leg injuries 3
Medical alarm 1	Motor vehicle accidents 25	Overdose 2
Pediatric finger injury 1	Respiratory 3	Seizures 3
Stroke 1	Syncope 2	Unconscious 1

Emergency calls in Freehold Twp. & Boro: 14

Cardiac 2	Diabetic 2	Emergency transport 1
Falls 3	Motor vehicle accidents 4	Respiratory 1
Unconscious 1		

Emergency calls in Manalapan Twp: 12

Fire Stand-by 1	Respiratory 3	Cardiac 1
Minor bleeding 3	Minor burn 1	Stand-by at Monmouth Ground Battle Park 2--While at stand-by responded to Cut elbow

Emergency call in Upper Freehold: 1 Crisis

The Squad's 2014 Executive and Operation Officers:

President Jeff Klein Captain Jack Rindt
Vice President Neil Marko 1st Lt. Melissa Branco
Treasurer Kimberly Rindt 2nd Lt. Chris Suk
Secretary Melissa Branco

The Squad would like to congratulate Allison Mitchell for her new job as a career EMT with MONOC. Good luck. She is the third member of the Squad who works as an EMT.

The Squad's recent donation letters included the "My Personal Medication Record" form. Please complete the form and place it on your refrigerator. This would be a great help to the Squad members if we had to come to your home in an emergency. If you misplace the form or need additional copies, contact any Squad member. Include only your current medication.

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

If any one wishes to make a donation, please 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.

We are always looking for new members. We will pay for the required basic training. If interested, please contact any Squad member or stop in during our training sessions for an application. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT please email rooseveltfirstaidsquad@yahoo.com. You can also find us on Facebook.

Health Notes

Altered mental status: An alteration in mental status refers to general changes in brain function, such as confusion, amnesia (memory loss), loss of alertness, loss of orientation (not cognizant of self, time, or place), defects in judgment or thought, poor regulation of emotions, and disruptions in perception, psychomotor skills, and behavior. While an altered mental status is obviously characteristic of a number of psychiatric and emotional conditions, medical conditions and injuries that cause damage to the brain can also cause mental

RESCUE SQUAD (CONT'D.)

status changes. Confusion, lethargy, delirium, dementia, encephalopathy, and organic brain syndrome are all terms that have been used to refer to conditions hallmarked by mental status changes.

Confusion is a change in mental status in which a person is not able to think with his or her usual level of clarity. Frequently, confusion leads to the loss of ability to recognize people and or places, or tell time and the date. Feelings of disorientation are common in confusion, and decision-making ability is impaired.

Confusion may arise suddenly or develop gradually over time. Confusion has multiple causes, including injuries, medical conditions, medications, environmental factors, and substance abuse.

Some Causes of Altered Mental Status:

Alcoholism is a disease that includes alcohol craving and continued drinking despite repeated alcohol-related problems.

Bipolar disorder (or manic depression) is a mental illness characterized by depression, mania, and severe mood swings.

Dementia is a significant loss of intellectual abilities.

Drug Abuse is a chronic disease that causes drug-seeking behavior and drug use despite negative consequences to the user.

Heat Stroke (heatstroke or sun stroke) is a form of hyperthermia.

Hypoglycemia is a syndrome caused by low blood sugar.

There are many houses in town that do not have house numbers, or have numbers that are too small or difficult to see, especially at night. Please check the numbers posted on your house to ensure that they are large and distinct enough so emergency services and State Police can see them from the road.

Remember if you need help, dial 911.

Jack Rindt, EMT, Captain

Roosevelt First Aid Squad

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The Efferverance Touch of Mother Nature--An Onomatopoeia

by Rosalyn M. Klatskin

The fragrance of the freshly cut grass;
Upon the Earth's soil;
Fills the air with the sensational aroma within its surroundings.

Flowing breezes gently flutter the leaves;
Upon the limbs of distinction;
As each leaf is directionally proportioned.

G-d's creation has a visual;
Yet remarkable;
Effect on the beauty of Mother Nature's Fashion!

September 5, 2013

BREAKING BREAD

Potato Soup

Submitted by
Hope Pressler

Approx. 12 servings

4 slices bacon, cut into pieces (or substitute turkey bacon)	3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 whole medium onion, diced	1 cup milk
3 whole carrots, diced	1/2 cup heavy cream (optional)
3 stalks celery, diced	1/2 teaspoon salt
6 potatoes, peeled and diced	black pepper to taste
8 cups chicken/vegetable broth	1 tsp fresh or dried parsley
	1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Preparation Instructions

Cook bacon pieces in a soup pot over medium heat and bacon until crisp and fat is rendered. Remove the bacon from the pot and set it aside. Pour off the grease, but do not clean the pot.

Add the onions, carrots, and celery to the pot. Stir and cook for about two minutes, then add the diced potatoes. Cook for about five minutes, seasoning with salt and pepper.

Pour in the broth and bring it to a boil. Cook for 10 minutes, or until the potatoes are starting to get tender. Whisk together the flour and the milk, then pour into the soup and allow the soup to cook for another five minutes.

Remove half to 2/3 the soup and blend in a blender/food process until completely smooth. Pour it back into the soup pot and stir to combine. Let it heat back up as you taste for seasonings, adding more of what it needs. Stir in cream, then stir in parsley, reserving a little for garnish.

Garnish with parsley, grated cheese and crisp bacon pieces.

ROOSEVELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: YEAR IN REVIEW

When Superstorm Sandy hit in October 2012, the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Department was little more than four guys and an old truck. As disastrous as that storm was, it did have a positive outcome as far as the Fire Department was concerned: downed trees made Route 571 impassible on both sides and drove home the fact that we must rely on ourselves as a community. All of the volunteers out there that night felt it, too. We may be small in size, but we are an incredibly strong community, and it was evident that night that volunteerism is the source of that strength.

The Fire Department has come a long way since that night. 2013 has been an incredible year of rebuilding for the department. After the Council voted Dan Archer in as chief, yearly elections of the Fire Company were held. Shannon Archer was voted in as an honorary member and secretary; Chris Suk was voted in as president; and April Suk as treasurer. Also voted in were Brendan Powers, Tim Curry and Jon Pickins, our first new members in more than eight years. In February, Sam Lopez and Justin Lenart were voted in, and in October, with Allison Mitchell voted in as a new member, the department had tripled in size in less than nine months. All officers were re-elected in 2014 with the addition of John Lenart as Vice President.

With a new chief and newfound momentum, rebuilding efforts were in full swing. A twice-monthly drill schedule was established, monthly business meetings were held, the Fire Company was re-incorporated, and we began regularly attending Borough Council meetings.

Instead of typical training drills in February, time was spent clearing downed trees from the Roosevelt Woodland trail and shoveling out the town's fire hydrants after the

snowstorm. This both showed our members how to use certain types of equipment as well as provided a service to the community.



When additional help was needed at the Fourth of July picnic, our members were more than happy to help. We had a great time leading the parade and planning some enjoyable activities for the picnic goers.

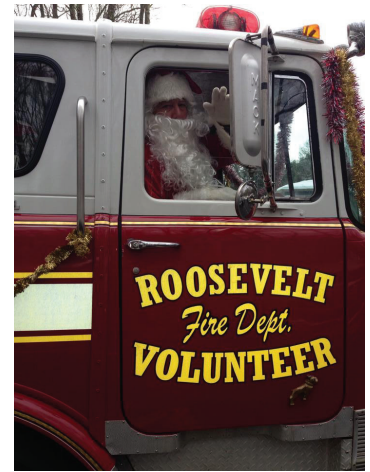


We also ran our first small, but successful, fundraiser at Bounce-U in West Windsor on July 30th.

It was after the picnic that we realized that aside from responding to emergencies, there was so much more we could be doing for the community. We decided then to organize both a Fundraising and a July 4th committee. Our first fundraiser was our Fall Hayride event that brought out more than 70 people.

Next, through a partnership with the RPS PTA, members volunteered to welcome visitors to a Mad Hatter

themed school lobby on Halloween. Other volunteers ensured Trick-or-Treaters could safely cross Rt. 571 at the Post Office.



We also started Santa's Delivery Service; which delivered gifts of all types to residents of all ages and beliefs.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to those that have supported all of our fundraising efforts. They would not have been a success without the participation and support of our neighbors.

We are already planning several events for 2014, and our July 4th committee is working on some great new ideas for the parade and picnic for this coming July.

Outside of fundraising, two community outreach programs were started which resulted in a Fire Prevention assembly at the school and a Smoke Detector program for our seniors.

Thanks to a generous donation from Kidde, we replaced all of the smoke alarms at Solar Village with new 10-Year Lithium Battery Smoke/CO alarms.

Additional donations were received from Lowes of West Windsor, First Alert, Energizer and a grant from the Firefighters Charitable Foundation, which we will be used to distribute Smoke Alarms and new batteries to households in 2014.

It takes \$3,000 to outfit one firefighter

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Office of Emergency Management

By April Suk

On December 13th there was a water main break near the water tower which resulted in very low water pressure and extreme water discoloration throughout that weekend. The Roosevelt Borough Department of Water & Sewer issued an alert through our CodeRed system at 3:30PM Friday afternoon advising residents that we were under water restriction until Sunday, December 15th. The emergency broadcast was sent to the 421 phone numbers currently in the database for the Borough of Roosevelt and it successfully relayed the message to 371 of those numbers. It also sent out 128 emails and 137 text messages as well as alerted 7 CodeRed App users on their smartphones that were in the area of the water emergency.



Did you get a phone call?

If not, you may be one of the 200 plus households that have not entered your contact information into our emergency broadcast database.

When CodeRed was implemented, they did a search of public records and uploaded 281 phone numbers into our database, of those only 219 were found to be valid. Since that time residents have added another 200 phone numbers to the system, but we are still far from reaching every resident.

While we cannot see the details of the data that was uploaded by CodeRed due to privacy issues, nor can we see the details of what residents add themselves, we can get a count of how many unique street addresses are contained in our database. According to JCP&L, we

have 350 customers here in town. As of the end of 2013, there were 123 unique addresses that were added into CodeRed since it first went online. This means that over half of the residents are not signed up for this valuable system.

If you have not already, we urge you to visit www.roosevelt911.com and add your contact information to our CodeRed Emergency database. The details added are completely confidential and cannot be accessed by the Borough or CodeRed. Also, CodeRed is only used in case of a TRUE emergency; this system is not used to alert the public to school closings or bear sightings, or any other event that the Borough does not deem to be a true emergency.

Keep your family safe and informed, sign up for the CodeRed Emergency System at www.Roosevelt911.com today!

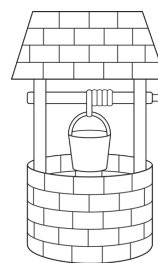
I would also like to take this opportunity to remind residents of two potentially lifesaving programs offered by JCP&L: Critical Care List and Well Water List..

Critical Care List

JCP&L solicits all of its customers yearly to find out whether any member of their household relies

on life-sustaining equipment that requires electricity to operate. This list is then shared with state, county, and local Emergency Management as well as our local First Aid Squad so that in an emergency or during a power outage, these customers can be checked on and assistance can be offered. If you or any member of your household relies on life-sustaining equipment that requires electricity to function, please contact JCP&L and ask to be put on the Critical Care list.

Well Water List



JCP&L solicits its customers annually to determine if they rely on electrically-operated private wells for drinking water. If the customer advises JCP&L that they have a well for drinking water purposes, they are placed on the Well Water List. During times of emergency when outages may last longer than 24 hours, JCP&L will proactively contact customers on this list. They will also advise them of locations where free ice and water are available. Every year this list is sent to the Borough OEM so that we may also offer assistance to these homeowners in an emergency situation. If you rely on a well for your drinking water, please contact JCP&L and ask to be put on the Well Water List.

Come join us at the
Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company's

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser



Saturday, February 22nd 4-7PM
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*ages 3-12, kids under 3 eat free



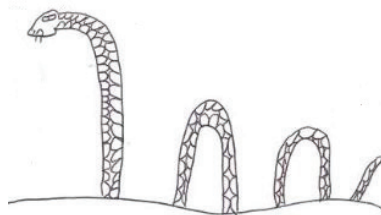
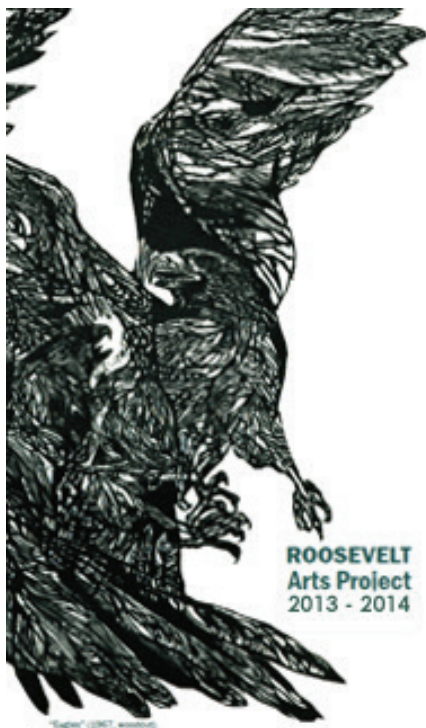
The Roosevelt Arts Project

This year's Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) season is dedicated to the theme of the arts in education. As public schools find themselves under growing pressure to concentrate on standardized tests organized around an increasingly constricted core curriculum, and

forced to operate under increasing cost constraints, the arts, rather than being seen as an integral part of any child's education, are being increasingly seen as a frill, or at best an adjunct to that education.

While as artists we can be accused of special pleading, we nonetheless consider this not unfortunate, but tragic. There is abundant and compelling evidence that the arts play a central role in motivating children, increasing their engagement with school, and enhancing their performance in academic areas like math and reading. As artists, though, we recognize the immense practical value of the arts in creating an educated, highly-skilled population, but we also know that their value goes far beyond the practical.

An engagement with the arts, whether it be through music, poetry, painting, theater or video, fosters the creativity, critical thinking and sense of wonder of each child in ways that test-driven curricula cannot even begin to. It is the arts that enable her to become an adult aware of her inner creative strengths and appreciative of the beauty of nature and the works of art that surround all of us every day. We all need the skills to earn our livings, and enable the United States to compete in the global economy, and yet if we are to be worthy of the civilization that has nurtured us, we need more than that, we need the soul that only the arts can provide.



Drawings by Roosevelt Public School students

The Roosevelt Mural

The mural shown in the header was created by Ben Shahn in 1937-38 to commemorate the New Deal resettlement community of Jersey Homesteads, now called Roosevelt, N.J. The mural can still be seen in the Roosevelt Public School. As one of the first and finest art works in the town, it is only appropriate that it should serve as the header for the RAP site.

NEW: a video of the excellent talk given by Alan Mallach about the mural as part of RAP's 25th anniversary celebration is now available on this web site <http://music.columbia.edu/roosevelt>. Or if your browser blocks popups, you can also find it on YouTube.

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2013-2014 SEASON

DATE/ VENUE	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
8:00 PM Saturday, January 25, 2014 Borough Hall	Grupo Herencias	This group of local musicians from the Hightstown area plays a variety of music infused with memories of the beauty of the Andean countries and their extraordinary cultural wealth. As the name suggests, "inheritance" is about celebrating this legacy and sharing the musical traditions of Andean countries with the world, using indigenous instruments. The majesty of the zampoña (double panflute) transports us to the beautiful mountains of the Andes. The unique sound of the quena (flute) breaks through with a melody, sweet and penetrating as sunlight through the clouds, while the charango, guitar, bass, and maracas make us want to dance.
11:00 AM Sunday, January 26, 2014 Borough Hall	The Art of Coffee	Balzac drank as many as 50-cups of coffee a day during "orgies of work, punctuated by orgies of relaxation and pleasure." Beethoven, Proust, Glenn Gould, Francis Bacon, Jean-Paul Sartre and Gustav Mahler benefited from coffee's powerful salutary effect. Join Mike Hamilton and practice the art of coffee roasting and brewing as we search for the pleasure inherent in the perfect cup of coffee.
8:00 PM Saturday, February 15, 2014 Borough Hall	Alan Mallach Plays Romantic Music	In honor of Valentine's Day, Alan Mallach will present a concert of romantic music, some lyrical, some passionate, and some mysterious. Along with famous works like Chopin Nocturnes or Debussy's Clair de Lune, he will present rarities from the romantic period, including Arthur Foote's rarely-heard Five Poems after Omar Khayyam, adding a commentary on the works, their composers' lives, and the question, what does it mean for music to be romantic?
12:00 - 5:00 PM Saturday, March 1, 2014 Roosevelt Public School (RPS)	An Experimental Workshop: The Value of Art in the Community	We want to gather a variety of stories and reflections around the role of art in our community. Your participation will help shape a collective project. Open to all residents -- past and present. Come spend the afternoon or even just an hour at this informal work space. We'll provide the coffee. Keep an eye on the Roosevelt Bulletin for more information.
12:00 - 5:00 PM Saturday & Sunday, April 5&6, 2014 Assifa Space	"A Moment in Time": Work by Roosevelt Photographers	Photographs by current and former Roosevelt residents. Come and re-experience these moments long after the capture of the images.
8:00 PM Friday & Saturday, May 9&10, 2014 Borough Hall	Roosevelt String Band	In our 26th year, the Roosevelt String Band will perform many songs that we haven't done before and some we have. As usual, it will include ballads and blues, songs of love and peace, songs of troubled times and songs to help make the good times roll. We also plan to continue the tradition of having the audience sing along with some of our songs, so practice your scales and harmonies!

Voluntary Contribution:

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

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with the proper protective equipment—to that end, we have been working hard to find other sources of equipment and funding beyond the budget allocated by the Borough of Roosevelt. In December, we received a grant for \$5,000 from the Firefighters Support Foundation. This grant, in addition to the money we have been able to raise through our fundraisers, will buy much needed bunker pants and coats for Tim, Sam and Allison. We have also submitted two additional grant applications, one to the NJ Forestry Service and one to Firehouse Subs. If approved, we will be able to purchase pants and coats for an additional six members at no cost to the Borough.

We are also actively working on the addition of a new mini-pumper to our department, as well as seeking additional equipment donations from neighboring departments.

While we work to improve our equipment and membership, we consider ourselves fortunate that we do not have a large call volume in town. It shows that our residents are doing their part to prevent fires and keep our community safe.

Of the 17 calls we were dispatched to this year, Roosevelt was able to respond to ten. We currently rely on a mutual-aid contract with neighboring Millstone Township, in which they are automatically dispatched to every Roosevelt call. Once our six new members complete their Firefighter I training, we hope to see our need for Millstone's aid decrease. Our goal is to respond to 100% of the incidents we are dispatched to.

We encourage anyone who is interested in the

fire department to follow our activities on Facebook. You can find us at www.facebook.com/RooseveltFire.

We are ALWAYS seeking new members. We provide all of the training and equipment at no cost to you. If you are interested, the fire company meets the second Thursday of every month or you can contact Chief Dan Archer at 732-586-4573 or email info@rooseveltvfc.org.



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11 Tues.	12:30 pm	Senior Citizens Meeting, Boro Hall
12 Wed.		Recycling Pickup
13 Thurs.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company, Business Meeting, Chris Suk, President 490-0931
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17 Mon.		President's Day: Roosevelt Public School Closed
18 Tues.	8:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, Jeff Klein, President
19 Weds.	7:30 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Boro Hall, Stu Kaufman, Chair. 448-4921
22 Sat.	4:00 – 7:00 pm	Fire Company Pasta Dinner Fundraiser
24 Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
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27 Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	RPS Board of Education, Natalie Warner, President, 903-1061

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