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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Sharyn Walz

South Valley Rd. to be One-Way; Deli Opening Soon; Referendum Petition Makes Bond Ordinance for EMS Building Inoperative Unless and Until a Special Election is Held

The Borough Council passed resolutions providing for the first payment to be made for the improvements to South Valley Road and for the Borough to participate in Intra-County Mutual Aid agreements, and to execute a safety contract with the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund. It also passed an ordinance to resolve the problem posed by the hazardous intersection at the corner of South Valley and Clarksburg Roads by making South Valley Road a one-way street going northbound between Clarksburg Road (Rt. 571) and Lake Drive.

Councilman John Impellizzeri, chair of the Community Development and Code Enforcement committee, reported that several residents received warnings and subsequent summonses for failure to maintain their properties to community standards. If any resident receives a warning and continues to be non-compliant, a summons will be issued. Councilman Impellizzeri also reported that the new owner of the deli property is waiting for some equipment to be delivered and is expecting State inspections by the end of September, and should be opening shortly thereafter.

Councilman Michael Ticktin, chair of the Committee for Health, Environment, and Safety, reported that the Environmental Commission has organized several subcommittees to address the recommendations from the Environmental Resources Inventory report. One of the

subcommittees will be addressing the need to update the storm drain map, which was last done in the 1930s and '40s.

Councilman Tom Curry, chair of the Public Works committee, reported that dead trees had been removed from the triangle at Homestead Lane and North Valley Road and that a storm sewer drain line was replaced near the deli and a new retention basin was created to keep the water there from rushing into Empty Box Brook. There are some safety concerns for pedestrians in that immediate area, as there is a rather steep embankment. PSE&G will be called out to mark the gas line before improvements can be made.

There is an opportunity for the Borough to apply for a Municipal Aid Grant that can be used for road repairs. There are currently several roads that need repair: sections of Nurko Road, Homestead Avenue, Farm Lane, and Cedar Court. A motion was carried to allow for the borough engineer to make the application with the pending work prioritized by the Public Works Committee. A second application will be made for a Safe Streets grant to fund the creation of a bicycle lane from Oscar Lane through Valley Road to 571 and for the permanent flashing speed signs on Rochdale Avenue.

Councilwoman Jill Lipoti, chair of the Utilities committee, reported that sampling was recently done for lead and copper in the water and that the test results are pending.

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

September has come and gone; students are back in school and folks back from summer vacations and back to work.

The fall is a wonderful time to get outside and enjoy the woods and wildlife we are so fortunate to have in our own backyards.

I hope by the time you are reading this letter we have had some rain. The dry weather we had in the late summer is very worrisome to me, given the fact that FEMA has identified wildfires as our greatest natural disaster possibility. Please be very careful with outdoor grills and cooking fires.

Please support our Roosevelt Fire Department and vote to support the funding necessary to improve or replace the emergency services building. In the years that I have been Mayor I've seen both the First Aid Squad and the Fire Company grow from a very few dedicated individuals to large, strong organizations with many enthusiastic volunteers. The people involved go through a great deal of training and practicing to learn how to do the complicated and dangerous jobs for our benefit, but without the proper equipment our brave firefighters and First Aid Squad members will not be able to do much to protect our homes and our lives when we need them. The town has grown, equipment has been updated and improved to meet the increased needs, but the facilities to house the ambulances and fire engines have only aged and decayed. The new rigs don't even fit into the old buildings. Mold has invaded the storage rooms, the ventilations systems were never effective, the doors are too small, the ceilings too low, the roof on the firehouse is gone, and a separate EMS building, as required by law, has never existed.

In December there will be a referendum to support the bond ordinance the Borough Council has established to rectify the situation. Please come out and vote to approve the bond ordinance.

Thank you,
Beth



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

The BOE held a retreat on August 27 to set new goals for the 2015-2016 year. Based on its discussion regarding the board self-evaluation, the board came to consensus on the following goal for 2015-2016:

2015-2016 Roosevelt Borough Board of Education Goal

Goal: Establish and implement a plan for long-term planning for Roosevelt Borough Public Schools

This goal will be a multi-year goal and will include a State of the School Report, Stakeholder Public Meetings, creation of an updated Mission statement, creation of a Vision Statement, as well as include discussions of the following:

- Community Planning
- Reduction in the number of board members
- Operation as a Committee of the Whole
- Additional costs for additional services provided by the Board Secretary
- Grade configuration.

The BOE is in the process of creating an action plan and has discussed working as a Committee of the Whole for a trial basis in the fall of 2015.

2015-2016 Roosevelt Borough District (CSA) Goals

Student Achievement

Goal: Continue to improve student achievement in Language Arts Literacy, Character Education and Project-Based Learning

Communication

Goal: Continue to implement the District Communication Plan to ensure continual dialogue with and support from the community through increased web-based communications and outreach to recent graduates.

Long-Term Planning

Goal: Establish and implement a plan for long-term planning for Roosevelt Borough Public Schools

- The CSA is in the process of creating an action plan to complete these goals. Goals will be discussed on a regular basis at the BOE meetings which will be open to the public and held at Roosevelt Public School at 7:30 pm on the following dates (subject to change):

October 29, 2015

November 19, 2015

December 17, 2015

January 7, 2016 Board Reorganization

January 28, 2016

February 25, 2016

March 10, 2016 – Budget

March 24, 2016 Adoption

April 28, 2016

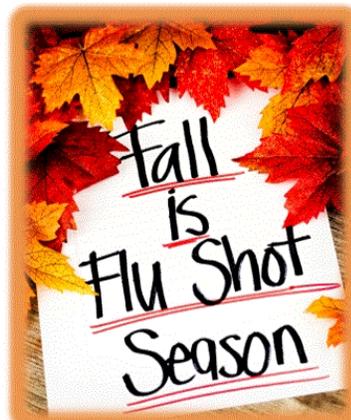
May 26, 2016

June 30, 2016

We have one immediate opening on the Board that will be filled at the November 19, 2015, meeting. This vacancy is a one-year position. If you are interested in learning more, please email RPSBOE@gmail.com.

2015 Rabies Clinic

The 2015 Rabies Clinic will be held on November 21 at the Borough Hall, 33 N. Rochdale Ave. from 10:00 am to Noon. Dr. Petranto, of Plumsted Animal Hospital, will again graciously donate his time to perform the vaccinations. Clinic is free to residents. Dogs must have proof of rabies vaccination which are valid through 10/31/16 in order to be licensed in January 2016. All resident dogs over the age of 7 months must be licensed each year in accordance with state regulations.



FLU SHOT CLINIC

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Borough Hall

Open to all residents, regardless of age

FREE for Medicare recipients

\$25 for non-Medicare recipients

Check Borough Hall or the Post Office for a list of insurance companies who will reimburse the \$25

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There are several bids to replace the doors at the water treatment plant and the sludge pump at the sewage treatment plant is currently being fixed. There was a misunderstanding with the contractor doing the work at the water plant about who was responsible for interior painting and installation of the epoxy floor at the water plant. A compromise was made to split the costs with the contractor, as the issue was time sensitive. A motion was approved to cover the Borough's half of the associated costs.

Councilwoman Lipoti noted that the paving of South Valley Road is complete and road bollards are on order. The millings were recycled to make it easier to access the road to the water tower. She also discussed several opportunities to write letters of intent to apply for additional funds from the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust for the coming year. Motions were carried to authorize comment letters and fund applications based on future determinations that will be made by the Utilities Committee.

Councilman Jeff Ellentuck introduced a motion to ratify the employment of Kate Murphy as the new crossing guard. This motion was subsequently approved. Councilman Ellentuck also discussed a series of inspections by the Joint Insurance Fund which resulted in the completion of a Safety Book and renewed commitment to complete monthly safety reports. There was a motion carried to require applicants who wish to use the Borough Hall to produce a certificate of insurance for a minimum of \$500,000.

Joe Trammell was thanked for his expertise in identifying options for a new sound system for the Borough Hall. A motion was approved to accept a bid of \$1466 for the new system.

Public comments included an inquiry regarding whether the pipes on Lake Drive should be replaced as the valve work is done; but the lines on Lake Drive are newer and inspection shows them to be fine. Fire Chief

Dan Archer reported that he had met with an ISO officer and clarified some issues to improve the Borough's Public Protection Classification rating. Speakers expressed concern about the degree of transparency for Council activities and requested that the Council consider any proposed alternative plans for the EMS building in the spirit of cooperation and respect in which they are offered. Councilman Ticktin stated that the Council wishes to work with citizens in a cooperative and respectful manner.

At a prior meeting, Isaac Menda had spoken about his request to hold meetings at Borough Hall in order to discuss alternative plans to the proposed EMS building. His request to hold a meeting on August 31 was granted. In that discussion, Councilman Curry suggested that perhaps a poll, rather than a referendum, might be the way to proceed, as referendums are costly and might require a special election. Councilman Ellentuck emphasized that, while the ordinance to construct the EMS building has been passed, the Council remains open to alternatives in building design and location, but a comprehensive, written alternate plan has not yet been submitted for consideration by the Council. Bob Clark stated that there are citizens who are very concerned about developing cost-saving alternatives, but it takes time to collect signatures and confer with experts to create viable alternatives. Councilman Ticktin stated that the Council is willing to consider reasonable alternatives, and suggested

a non-binding referendum as a compromise. Further, Councilman Curry re-emphasized that many experts have already weighed in and many alternate sites have been considered, only to be ruled out one by one based on cost. Bob Clark stated that the Council will need to rescind the bond ordinance before alternative plans would be shared. Councilwoman Lipoti stated that the Council is always looking for alternatives to save money and would consider using contractors other than Roberts Engineering if it were cost effective to do so.

Previously, a referendum petition had been filed with the signatures of more than 15% of the number of votes cast in the last State election. The filing of the petition had the effect of making the bond ordinance that was passed at a previous Council meeting that provided funding for the new EMS building inoperative pending its approval by the voters in a referendum. Since the ballots for the November election have already been printed, a special election would be required, for which the Borough would have to pay all of the costs incurred by the Monmouth County Board of Elections.

April Suk thanked Michael Ticktin, Jeff Ellentuck, and Tim Hartley for helping the Roosevelt Fire Department apply for a USDA grant to obtain a new truck. Mr. Menda will write a letter to the Council requesting permission to access the firehouse so that photos and measurements can be obtained.

Help Wanted

The Roosevelt Borough Bulletin is a fully volunteer effort of its writers, editors, layout artist, and distribution captain. We would like to expand our team:

Out-of-Town Mail Coordinator – 1 hour a month – fold, label, and stamp 15-20 copies of the Bulletin for mailing to out-of-town readers.

Roving Reporter – 4 hours a month – Write short features that focus on Roosevelt-specific themes.

INVASIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH: AUTUMN AND RUSSIAN OLIVE

The Environmental Commission is sponsoring a series of articles to help residents identify invasive plant species on their property and advise on how to eliminate or control them.

This article is taken from the Forest Invasive Plants Resource Center Fact Sheet

http://www.njisst.org/fact-sheets/plants/Elaeagnus_angustifolia_2011.pdf

and The Guide to Controlling Non-Native Invasive Plant Species published by the NJ Audubon Society

<http://www.njaudubon.org/Portals/10/IBBA/PDF/NJAS%20Invasive%20Plant%20Species%20booklet%20proof6.pdf>

Please see these publications for pictures and more information.

Autumn Olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*) is a large deciduous shrub growing 10-15 feet tall and up to 20 feet across. Autumn Olive is readily identifiable by small pale-yellow tubular flowers that emerge in April, and red berries that ripen August-October. Young branches have brown to orange scales that make them appear speckled, and as they mature, branches develop sharp thorns. Oval leaves are 1-3" long and are arranged alternately along the stems, with the upper surface of the leaf presenting as green/grey and the underside being distinctively silvery and scaly. Autumn Olive is native to China, Korea, and Japan.

Russian Olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*) is closely related to Autumn Olive and grows as a shrub or small tree from 10-30 feet. Leaves

are longer and narrower than Autumn Olive, and the thin grey bark can be peeled off in narrow fibrous strips. Twigs lose their scales as they mature. Silvery-white/yellow flowers bloom in late spring, and Russian Olive produces abundant fruits from August to October. Russian Olive is native to Eurasia.

Both species were widely planted in the 1940s and 1950s by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service to prevent erosion, provide wildlife habitat and as ornamentals. Birds are attracted by the berries and subsequently disperse the seeds. These related species are commonly found along roadsides, and will move into forests from roads to fill in gaps.

Infested areas can create dense thickets that shade out other plants. The roots form a nitrogen-fixing symbiotic relationship with Frankia bacteria, similar to the relationship between legume plants and Rhizobia. Because they both have the capability of "fixing" airborne nitrogen in its roots, they often out-compete other plants that then die off from extremely low levels of nitrogen in the soil (as well as from the dense shade). These characteristics allow both Autumn Olive and Russian Olive to be relatively fast growing,

By Sharyn Walz

and tolerant of drought and sandy soils.

Due to a recent discovery that the berries contain four to five times more Lycopene than canned tomatoes, and the current thinking that Lycopene is an important phytonutrient (disease-fighter), there has been some interest in cultivating Autumn and Russian Olive for commercial harvesting. The natural diseases and insects that would keep this plant from overgrowing in its native countries are not present in the U.S., leading to a boon for commercial harvesters, but a real problem for the rest of us.

Autumn and Russian Olive plants are extremely difficult to control because they persistently grow back from the roots even after the stems have been cut back and/or mowed over. Hand pulling seedlings can be effective, however, mowing or cutting the plants can cause vigorous re-sprouting, as can burning. Even repeated cutting is usually ineffective without treating stumps and/or resprouts with herbicide, and multiple treatments may be required. Nevertheless, cutting to the ground does prevent fruiting and the continued spread of this invasive species.

Autumn Olive	Russian Olive
Oval Leaves	Narrower, willow-like leaves
Leaves green above, silvery scaly below	Leaves silvery/scaly both above and below
Young stems have brown/orange scales	Young stems have silvery scales
Terminal thorns on twigs	Terminal thorns on twigs
Fruit is small, round, with silvery surface flecks, pink/red when ripe, juicy	Fruit is larger, olive-shaped, yellow/brown with silvery surface scales, dry and mealy

NJDEP Launches Mobile App to Report Illegal Dumping

The forests, fields, and streams of the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area are part of the beauty that surrounds us in Roosevelt. In fact, sections of the Assunpink form a significant portion of the open space and natural environment within the borders of our town.

Unfortunately, sometimes that beauty is spoiled by illegal dumping. Just this past year, a large pile of construction debris suddenly appeared by the road to the cemetery, in the woods belonging to the Assunpink. Unlawful disposal is not only an eyesore; it's harmful to our environment – and it's a crime.

Now, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection is fighting back, and you can help. As part of the statewide "Don't Waste Our Open Space" program, a new mobile application has been launched to report dumping sites in state recreation areas. This program incorporates strict enforcement of illegal dumping so DEP can deal with the trash, launch an investigation, and prosecute violators.

The new app, which can be accessed at <https://njweb-map.state.nj.us/DEPStopDumping>, allows people with

smart phones to report the location, size and type of illegal dump site on state lands, as well as a picture of the trash. Once the site is reported, DEP investigators will work to address the debris and find the responsible party.

For additional instructions on how to use the mobile application, visit: www.nj.gov/dep/stopdumping/instructions.htm

Volunteers Needed for Environmental Projects

The 2015 Environmental Resources Inventory recommended further action in three priority areas:

- Managing the health of our forest, including consideration of fire hazards.
- Managing the control of invasive plant species.
- Managing the health of our streams, including monitoring and the possibility of restoration.

The Environmental Commission is developing projects to address each of these priority areas. If you'd like to learn more and get involved, contact Eitan Grunwald at eitan@eitangrunwald.com or (609) 426-4636.

BLOSSOMING APPLE TREE

It is a simple thing to sit and observe
the blossoming apple tree
and remember a whole valley blossoming
like the head on my copper ale.

But what does it profit me to splash
with the delight of the easily distracted
in my mug of memories
as if they mattered to this blossoming

so bountiful its limbs forgotten.
Yesterday simply sits, shades drawn,
and tomorrow poses for a passport photo,
but today fidgets. This blossoming

won't be still. It is not a froth
of popcorn or cotton candy,
or a cluster of quartz. It is burst
of sun on my tongue. It is the blossoming.

— David Herrstrom

Opinions expressed here are those of the writers.

PETITIONERS SUPPORT A REFERENDUM

September 13, 2015

Dear Editor:

Roosevelt's public servants and volunteers always have served borough residents from modest, bare-bones facilities. Such frugality is essential because Roosevelt's tax base is miniscule, with the lion's share of revenues coming from a mere 333 households. Whenever possible, facilities, such as our water tower, have been repaired instead of replaced. Even so, our property taxes and water/sewer fees remain high, to the point where they unduly suppress house values. That is why the Borough Council's plan to consolidate emergency services in a large, brand new-building set off alarm bells among the public.

Upon learning that the Council's project calls for up to \$600,000 and leads to bonded indebtedness of up to \$571,400, some residents asked the mayor and Council to delay the borrowing and to give more serious consideration to less costly alternatives. The Council rejected those pleas and passed the bonding ordinance. Only Councilwoman Peggy Malkin voted against the ordinance.

With 565 municipalities in New Jersey, the state legislature wisely allows taxpayers who believe that a governing body has not properly respected their cost concerns to petition for a referendum rejecting indebtedness for projects deemed too extravagant and expensive. This is especially important in places like Roosevelt where there are few contested elections, one political party dominates, and the sum at stake is large compared to the financial resources of a small town with few commercial properties to bolster its tax base. Roosevelt also cannot depend on an organized "loyal opposition" from the other major party to consistently blow the whistle on excessive spending and to muster arguments in favor of greater frugality.

A number of Rooseveltians believe the Council did not fairly consider options more modest in scope, and therefore less costly than the one the Council has planned. They wonder why Council members who have advocated for frugality in other circumstances seem to have abandoned belt-tightening on this issue.

Only 47 signatures of registered voters were necessary to require the Council to schedule a referendum. One hundred thirty-five signed the petition to let the voters decide whether to reject the bonding ordinance.

One Councilman ridiculed the quest for a referendum

as the effort of a "tiny minority" of residents; however, the 135 signatures equal 43 percent of the number of votes cast in the last general election. People signing the petition felt strongly enough that a referendum should be held to disclose their support for it publicly. Due to busy lives and summer vacations, many people could not be reached by those circulating the petition. When the referendum is held, however, all registered voters will be notified by the Board of Elections, and the voting will occur in private voting booths as is the case for all elections. Some residents who don't ordinarily vote in Roosevelt's uncontested elections have said they would come to the polls for this issue. Some who have not yet registered plan to do so and then vote in the referendum.

The Mayor and five Council members who favor the indebtedness ordinance began to campaign for it — via flyers replete with incomplete, incorrect, and one-sided information — even before the petition calling for the referendum was filed with the borough clerk. Once the petition has been certified by the clerk to the Board of Elections, those against the ordinance will begin their campaign to set the record straight by presenting complete and accurate facts for the voters' consideration.

There is no reason why the referendum should cost the community \$6,000 or more. That expense would only be incurred if the Borough Council chose to place the referendum on a special election. First, before the bonding ordinance was introduced and while there was time to place it on the November 2015 ballot, we publicly asked the Council to do so because we would need only 47 signatures to require a referendum. The Council refused. Second, we asked the Council to repeal the bonding ordinance (mooting the need for a referendum) and to meet with us in good faith to negotiate a less costly option that recognizes the needs of the Fire Company, the First Aid Squad, the Office of Emergency Management, as well as the declared need to spend over a million dollars on water/sewer repairs. So far, the Council has refused to do so, thereby making the matter an all-or-nothing proposition on a referendum. Third, the Council could decide to place the referendum on the ballot for the next available regular election, instead of incurring the cost of a special election.

The Council has resisted sitting down with us (as has occurred in other communities facing such referenda) to justify its reasoning and to seriously consider more frugal, equally reasonable alternatives. This attitude leaves us with no recourse but to continue toward the referendum. When Council representatives fail to meet with genuinely

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONTINUED)

concerned residents to review the factual foundation for such large expenditures, it raises obvious red flags as to the reliability and thoroughness of the Council's needs assessment and cost analysis.

We also have filed a request for documents under the Open Public Records Act in order to help us to learn what facts the Council relied upon in reaching its decision and what important considerations may have been absent from its reasoning. We will do our best to lay the irrefutable facts before the Council and the voters for their consideration, but it would be best if the Council helped us by answering our questions and bringing to the table the complete details of the inquiries that led it to its proposed project.

If the Council decides to send representatives to negotiate with interested members of the public, we must insist that it not include Councilman Tom Curry, whose son is a member of the Fire Department supporting this project. Citing statutory and case law, we informed the Council that we believe Mr. Curry has a conflict of interest because a member of his immediate family has a stake in the outcome of the Council's action. Mr. Curry was the leader and a voter in the process that led to the ordinance that the petitioners have subjected to a referendum. Neither the Council nor the borough attorney has publicly rebutted with any legal analysis our position as to the ethical problem with Mr. Curry's participation. Mr. Curry should recuse himself from all Council deliberations and votes on the issue. We think his participation would void any outcome that we could negotiate with the Council or its representatives.

Nobody advocates disbanding the Fire Department or the First Aid Squad. We just want them to be affordable and the right size for Roosevelt. We always have enjoyed mutual aid arrangements with surrounding communities, even during periods when our Fire Department in particular lacked sufficient equipment and volunteers. The nearest community, Millstone Township, has responded to almost all fire calls in Roosevelt and never has billed us. Our first-rate first aid squad responds to many calls outside of Roosevelt and does not charge for responding to emergencies in surrounding communities. Neither first aid nor fire needs Cadillac facilities in order to perform effectively and to assure that we benefit from

mutual aid at no expense to us. To suggest otherwise is a scare tactic that does a disservice to the good neighbors in nearby towns, who have come full tilt to help us deal with emergencies in Roosevelt, often as the first to arrive.

Also important, no one is saying that the Fire Department or the First Aid Squad do not have unmet needs. We believe they can be met with less costly facilities than the Council has proposed.

Sincerely,

Bob Clark

Maureen Parrott

Maria Del Piano

Lou Esakoff

The Pebble Field

the pebble field

at the turn of the River

is a product of an ongoing geological phenomenon

that must still be happening --

though we can't see it

we can say

it's taken millions of years

to get to where we are now

which is here --

standing alongside the majestic upper Delaware River

watching people float by

"How far are you going?" "I don't know!

"I'm' just following my friends, and they're following the River."

— Ron Kostar

To the Editor:

Although I serve on the Roosevelt Borough Council, the views expressed in this letter are mine alone and do not necessarily represent the views of the Mayor, individual Council members or the Council as a whole.

In December, Roosevelt voters will be asked to ratify an ordinance that authorizes funding the construction of a new emergency services building for our fire trucks, ambulances and office of emergency services. I urge you to vote "YES."

Defeating the ordinance simply takes away our ability to spend money for any construction or repairs.

There are many reasons why a new emergency services building is necessary, as opposed to simply making changes to our existing buildings:

- * The facility used by the First Aid Squad is 70 years old. The firehouse is 30 years old.
- * It is not much cheaper to make repairs, additions, and structural changes to the old buildings compared to constructing a new building.
- * Over time, the maintenance of a new building will cost less than the maintenance of the older buildings.
- * If we renovate the old facilities, we will likely have to make more alterations in the future.
- * Regardless of what we choose to do, we will have to issue bonds to pay for it; obtaining bonds for repairs may

not be possible because the useful life of the work must be at least 20 years.

* Roosevelt was always intended to have fire facilities. The original 1938 plans for the municipal building included housing for fire engines.

* There is no cost-effective way to adequately expand the existing facilities to house the current ambulances, fire equipment, public works truck, plow, snowblowers, mowers, tools and records.

Why do we need an emergency services building?

The First Aid Squad has grown in numbers and services over the recent past—208 calls last year alone. The ambulances suffer damage because the facility doors are too narrow. Those same doors are also not sufficiently high. The ambulances cannot leave their facilities during a snowstorm until public works clears the driveway because the snow raises the height of the vehicles. We need to install an exhaust ventilation system for the health and safety of our EMTs.

In the last seven years, our fire department has grown from one person to 20. It has gone from non-functional to fully functional. Our primary fire truck was a 1974 Mack that was not reliable and did not meet modern OSHA requirements. Our current firehouse is too small to hold any fire trucks built after 1974. The current firehouse has water and mold issues, has no drain, and has a destroyed roof. The firehouse does not have room to

Property Maintenance Reminder

This is a reminder to the residents and property owners in town that it is their responsibility to maintain their property according to community standards. These are some examples of property maintenance issues that are becoming all too common in Roosevelt.

- Please mow your lawns. Grass height must not exceed 10 inches.
- Do not store excessive amounts of clutter in your yards. The front yard should not be used for permanent storage of equipment or debris.
- Excessive visual damage to the exterior of your home. Things such as broken or boarded up windows or hanging gutters need to be repaired

Failure to maintain your property detracts from the beauty of the community, it is disrespectful to your neighbors, and it is against the law.

The code enforcement officer has the authority to issue warnings and summonses for property owners who do not comply with the statute. Receiving a summons means a court appearance and, if found guilty, fines range from \$250 up to or greater than \$1000.

If you have any questions regarding property maintenance, please contact the code enforcement officer John Marini. He is at the Borough Hall Tuesday evenings from 5 to 7 pm.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONTINUED)

fit our current new fire equipment, nor the equipment about to be delivered.

The First Aid Squad acquired its ambulances through fundraising and grants. We have received over a million dollars in fire trucks and related equipment donated or sold to us for a nominal fee. This equipment cost the taxpayers little or nothing. We simply have to house and maintain it.

Why not rely on Hightstown or Millstone?

Even if we were willing to pay much more for services from a nearby town, our experience with hurricanes and snowstorms over the last few years has taught us that we often cannot count on outside help. In Hurricane Irene, it was we who sent help to Hightstown, not the other way around. In Hurricane Sandy, it was literally impossible for Hightstown or Millstone Township first responders to reach us. Even if the roads had been open, they were fully burdened with their own local problems.

Worse and more frequent storms are expected in the next couple of years.

The Mayor and Council have been working to respond to the lessons learned in the past while trying our best to avoid raising taxes. After all, we pay them too. With storm clean-ups, weather related road work, litigation, infrastructure problems and more, it has been hard to hold the line on taxes. We have held the line on taxes for almost a decade as surrounding towns have raised taxes multiple times.

Some of our surrounding towns have spent upwards of \$5 million to build emergency services facilities (not necessarily inclusive of land costs, engineering and bonding fees). We have proposed spending a maximum of \$600,000, including all costs.

In order to try to cut costs, the Mayor and Council issued a Request for Proposals to engineering and design/build firms seeking less expensive alternatives. As of the date of this letter, we have received six detailed proposals and may receive more.

One of our jobs as elected officials is to make prudent financial decisions within the confines of our legal and financial restraints. Nobody is being profligate with our money. This is a reasonable decision in the best interests of the town.

If we contract with an adjoining town to provide fire services, we would have to pay between \$220 and approximately \$440 per household per year for those services alone if they were willing to provide them. The fees can

and will be raised without our input in coming years. Our ordinance would only increase our taxes a maximum of \$70 per year for the average household (\$5.83 a month), and this would disappear after 20 years.

A vote against ratifying the bond ordinance is a vote to remove substantially all previously approved funding to improve our emergency facilities. I urge you to vote "YES" in December to ratify the ordinance in the upcoming referendum and to allow the Mayor and Council to proceed based on the multiple engineering and design/build proposals we have received or new plans that can be funded and meet the needs of Roosevelt.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ellentuck

To the Editor:

During my tenure on the Council, I have been lucky enough to work with a Mayor and Council who are intelligent and highly experienced in areas ranging from government to finance to law to environmental issues to facilities maintenance and more. They were and are dedicated to the best interests of all of the residents of Roosevelt. The Mayor and Council all also believe strongly in truthfulness and transparency. They take the facts as they are and deal with them without falsehood or embellishment.

A small group of residents has been telling our neighbors that the Council is secretive and unwilling to listen to the public. This is simply untrue.

Other than litigation, personnel and emergent matters, all Council matters are discussed in public, usually in advance. Not only are all matters discussed before or after the fact in public meetings, they appear on our agendas and in our minutes which are readily available by email or at the Borough Hall.

I can understand that residents often do not want to attend meetings or read admittedly boring minutes and reports. There are certainly times when I do not want to do those things. However, this is a small town and the Mayor and Council members are your

neighbors. You can call any of us at home. Most of us will gladly meet you in the Borough Hall or our homes to talk about concerns. The fact that a resident does not attend Council meetings or read minutes or follow the Council news in this Borough Bulletin does not mean that the Council is hiding anything.

The Mayor and Council have listened carefully to the public and considered the comments and suggestions of members of the public on many issues thoughtfully and seriously, including feral cats, water tower repairs, water-sewer issues and numerous other matters. In the case of the proposed building, the Council listened to resident comments and suggestions, particularly from residents residing near the originally proposed building site. We paid our Borough engineer to examine multiple sites based on those comments. We have sought proposals from other engineering and design firms and have not yet made a final decision on the design. I have personally spent many hours with individual members of the 'public committee' listening to their concerns and suggestions. If you have a fully thought out plan that makes more sense than the other proposals, is financeable and meets the Borough's current and future needs, it will be considered carefully and seriously. Those who are complaining that we will not consider their plans have not provided any, not even a drawing on a napkin. They have had many months to prepare something and still have another two months. It is misleading to tell the public that we have refused to implement plans when those plans do not exist.

Short version of an old joke: A religious man prays for decades to win the lottery. Eventually, he threatens to stop believing. His god opens the skies and says to him "Saul, meet me half way, buy a ticket!"

We try to be polite and respectful of everybody who attends meetings. Human nature is such that if a resident is insulting, rude, accusatory or condescending, an elected official (and others in the audience for that matter) may be a bit more curt in their responses. This is a two way street, though certainly the elected officials are obligated to try harder to be polite. But when I hear a resident complain because

the resident's comments were met with "Thank you for your comments" I must wonder exactly what

SAFETY AWARENESS - Walking Safety Tips

Keep these tips in mind when walking outside.

1. Use closed toe, comfortable shoes that will not slip.
2. Choose clothes that drivers can easily see. Light colors, reflective material and flashing lights are best.
3. If possible, choose a route with sidewalks or a shoulder to give yourself space away from traffic.
4. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
5. Carry water, a driver's license or ID, and a cell phone.
6. Check for cars before crossing or stepping off a curb.
7. Use crosswalks and obey traffic signals when crossing.
8. Be predictable.
9. Before stepping in front of a car, make eye contact with the driver. Make sure they see you.
10. You might have the right-of-way, but walk like drivers do not know the rules.

response was expected.

There have been questions as to why the Council did not send the emergency services bond ordinance for a public referendum. Bond ordinances are not usually sent to referendum. In fact, I am not aware of a single municipal bond referendum in Roosevelt over the past 50 years. Over the past 10 years, bond ordinances were adopted for improvements to the water tower, the water plant, the sewer plant, multiple road improvements, and much more. However, when residents signed a petition asking for a vote, it was the Mayor and Council who insisted that the vote must take place as soon as possible, over the objections of the petitioners.

What is most disheartening to me is that some of the reasons given by a few members of the group for objecting to the emergency services building were political and personal. I admit that my personal political beliefs are far removed from those of some of the first responders. However, organizations and people change over time. As elected officials our job is to make infrastructure and financial decisions that are best for the community today and for the future.

I would be delighted to see all of my neighbors at Council meetings and I invite you to call me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ellentuck

Kate John-Alder Receives Professional Award from American Society of Landscape Architects for Roosevelt Project

by Michael Ticktin

Roosevelt resident Kate John-Alder, Professor of Landscape Architecture at Rutgers University, has been honored with a professional award from the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) for work that she and her students did on the history and landscape of Roosevelt that was part of a series of papers entitled *Collective Visions: Exploring the Design Potential of Landscape History*.

The following information concerning the overall project and Professor John-Alder's work appears on the website of the ASLA:

Landscape history is often cast as a specialized undertaking, an accessory activity removed from the innovative concerns of contemporary design practice. The research project "Collective Visions" challenges that assumption using a series of case studies to illustrate how historical research can function as both a cross-disciplinary fact-finding activity that selects and organizes information, and a revelatory action that shapes our vision of the land. The case studies inventively blend archival historiography, popular culture, oral histories, science, and big data using timeline chronologies, montage juxtaposition, and network linkages. The resultant products raise intriguing questions about the way designers translate, prioritize and combine cross-disciplinary knowledge in order to create new patterns of inference.

-See more at: <http://www.asla.org/2015awards/95796.html#sthash.XMuVT3dU.dpuf>

Done in conjunction with a landscape design studio, Professor John-Alder's case study explores the ability of layered timelines to promote different, but intertwined readings of the past,

and thus different but related ideas for the future. The results of this exploration and its imaginative new visions begin with a comprehensive multilayered time line.

In her narrative, Professor John-Alder tells how Roosevelt, which was originally known as Jersey Homesteads, was one of ninety-nine Subsistence Communities created by the federal government during the administration of Franklin Roosevelt. Following provisions of the 1933 National Industrial Recovery Act, these communities sought to improve living standards through the provision of housing and subsistence agriculture, and the decentralization of industry. Jersey Homesteads was unique, however, in that it was the only Subsistence Homestead established for urban Jewish garment workers, many of who were committed socialists. Under the guidance of the Ukrainian-Jewish immigrant Benjamin Brown, Jersey Homesteads included a cooperative clothing factory, farm, and distribution facilities. Half of the town's 1,200 acres were reserved for farming; the other half contained ½-acre housing lots, a school and cemetery, and a modern factory and water and sewer plants. The Bauhaus-trained architect Alfred Kastner, with the help of his assistant Louis Kahn, prepared architectural plans. The photographers Dorothea Lange and Russell Lee documented the town's construction. In conjunction with these efforts, the artist Ben Shahn, working under the auspices of the Public Works Administration, painted a mural for the school. The mural depicted the cultural heritage of the town's residents, the high ideals of its cooperative vision, and the pragmatics of its design. Shahn subsequently purchased one of the town's flat-roofed, cinder block homes, which led to an influx of New York artists, photographers and musicians. In 1936, the factory and thirty-five homes opened to great fanfare. Yet, within two years the cooperative

ventures failed. Despite this setback, the town remained a close-knit community held together by shared custom and its isolated location. In November of 1945, following the death of Franklin Roosevelt, the resident's renamed their community Roosevelt, New Jersey. Less than a year later, however, the federal government announced plans to divest all Subsistence Homestead projects. By 1947 the town was no longer affiliated with the federal government. In 1991, concerned that suburban sprawl would impact the town the community prepared an application that placed Roosevelt on the National Register of Historic Places. The subsequent creation of a land trust led to the preservation of the original agricultural open space. The question that remained unanswered, and what the studio addressed, was how to move forward without negating the rich legacy of the past.

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The First Aid Squad has responded to 147 emergency calls from January 1 to August 31.

In the month of August, the Squad responded to 26 medical emergencies.

In August the Squad had 4 emergencies in Roosevelt. 1 fall, 1 cardiac, 1 altered mental status, and 1 emergency transport.

Mutual aid into Millstone Twp., 4 emergency transports, 1 syncope, 1 head injury, 3 crisis transport, 2 trauma's (one med-evac out the other transported by ground to a trauma center), 3 falls, 1 allergic reaction, 1 unresponsive and 4 MVA's.

Mutual aid into Upper Freehold for a stroke.

The Squad would like to welcome our newest member Meredith Lawson.

The Squad's yearly fund drive is in full swing. We mailed out in the letter a new "My Personal Medication Records" form. Please complete the form with your current medication and place it on your refrigerator. Some residents have mistakenly mailed this form back to the Squad; please keep this form and place it somewhere where we can find it quickly.

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

The Squad would like to thank everyone who has donated to us so far. With your donations the Squad has purchased new oxygen cylinders, medical supplies, safety glasses for all members, and new BioThane patient restraints for the cots. The one ambulance 4157 was sent in for some repairs and new tires.

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 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:

In physical medicine, trauma (injury) is damage to a biological organism caused by physical harm from an external source. The term is sometimes used to refer to trauma centers and other medical units that deal with trauma. Major trauma is injury that can potentially lead to serious outcomes.

About Traumatic Brain Injury

Falls are the leading cause of traumatic brain injury for all ages. Those aged 75 and older have the highest rates of traumatic brain injury-related hospitalization and death due to falls.

Doctors classify traumatic brain injury as mild, moderate or severe, depending on whether the injury causes unconsciousness, how long unconsciousness lasts and the severity of symptoms. Although most traumatic brain injuries are classified as mild because they're not life-threatening, even a mild traumatic brain injury can have serious and long-lasting effects.

Traumatic brain injury is a threat to cognitive health in two ways:

1. A traumatic brain injury's direct effects, which may be long-lasting or even permanent, can include unconsciousness, inability to recall the traumatic event, confusion, difficulty learning and remembering new information, trouble speaking

coherently, unsteadiness, lack of coordination and problems with vision or hearing.

2. Certain types of traumatic brain injury may increase the risk of developing Alzheimer's or another form of dementia years after the injury takes place.

If a Head Injury Occurs

If you or someone you're with experiences an impact to the head and develops any symptoms of traumatic brain injury, seek medical advice even if symptoms seem mild. Call emergency services for anyone who is unconscious for more than a minute or two or who experiences seizures, repeated vomiting or symptoms that seem to worsen as time passes. Also seek emergency care for anyone whose head was injured during ejection from a vehicle, who was struck by a vehicle while on foot, or who fell from a height of more than 3 feet. Even if you don't lose consciousness and your symptoms clear up quickly, a brain injury still may have occurred.

Symptoms of a brain injury include:

- Unconsciousness
- Inability to remember the cause of the injury or events that occurred Immediately before or up to 24 hours after
- Confusion and disorientation
- Difficulty remembering new information
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Blurry vision
- Nausea and vomiting
- Ringing in the ears
- Trouble speaking coherently
- Changes in emotions or sleep patterns



The severity of symptoms depends on whether the injury is mild, moderate or severe.

Mild traumatic brain injury, also known as a concussion, either doesn't knock you out or knocks you out for 30 minutes or less. Symptoms often appear at the time of the injury or soon after, but sometimes may not develop for days or weeks. Mild traumatic brain injury symptoms are usually temporary and clear up within hours, days or weeks, but they can last months or longer.

Moderate traumatic brain injury causes unconsciousness lasting more than 30 minutes. Symptoms of moderate traumatic brain injury are similar to those of mild traumatic brain injury but more serious and longer-lasting.

Severe traumatic brain injury knocks you out for more than 24 hours. Symptoms of severe traumatic brain injury are also similar to those of mild traumatic brain injury but more serious and longer-lasting.

Diagnosis

Evaluations by health care professionals typically include:

- Questions about the circumstances of the injury
- Assessment of the person's level of consciousness and confusion
- Neurological examination to assess memory and thinking, vision, hearing, touch, balance, reflexes and other indicators of brain function

Depending on the nature of the traumatic brain injury and the severity of symptoms, brain imaging with computed tomography (CT) may be needed to determine if there's bleeding or swelling in the brain.

Causes and risks

Falls, Vehicle crashes, Sports injuries. Other causes include indirect forces that jolt the brain violently within the skull, such as shock waves from bat-

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To educate and inspire all students to excel academically*, to become independent and creative thinkers, skillful communicators and lifelong learners. Roosevelt Public School nurtures and challenges the unique potential of each student so that our children will develop individual, social and civic responsibility as well as respect for themselves, each other, and the environment.

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

As I am sure you know, one of the best parts of attending Roosevelt School is that we have small classes and our students get a lot of individual attention from their teachers. This school year, this is especially true for our sixth graders: there are three students in class with Mr. Santanello.

I asked the students, Liam, Ashlynn, and Kelby their thoughts on how their school year is going so far and their thoughts on being in such a small class. Overall, they have positive opinions about it. They are excited about working with Mr. Santanello and they are

tlefield explosion, bullet wounds or other injuries that penetrate the skull and brain.

There are still houses in town that do not have house numbers, or numbers that are too small or dark number to see from the street. Please check the numbers posted on your house

By Mary Cohen

really happy that he brought in tables instead of desks for each of them—it gives them a chance to spread out their belongings!

They know that they will be working really hard and learning a lot because of all the focus on each one of them; they told me that this is a plus and a minus because they cannot slack off – Mr. Santanello knows exactly what each one of them completes on their assignments.

The students also told me that they are especially enjoying the opportunities to Skype with students in other schools and with experts on topics that they are studying – they have met students in the Midwest and an expert on “Four Legged Soldiers: How dogs serve in the military.” They are planning to stay in touch with some classes and to meet others.

Having a class this small is not new here at RPS; it is my understanding that this has occurred many times through the years. I often meet alumni who fondly remember their days here and the bonds that they made with their classmates; I have no doubt that our current sixth graders will have the same wonderful memories of their year.

to ensure that they are large and colorful enough for emergency services and State Police to see from the road, especially at night.

Remember, if you need help, please dial 911.

Jack Rindt, Captain EMT (I)

Roosevelt First Aid Squad

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The Roosevelt Arts Project

The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) is a collaborative venture of friends and neighbors in and around Roosevelt, New Jersey. Bringing together artists in a variety of media, our mission is to foster collaboration and present their work to the public.

Founded in 1986 by the nationally known artists, Bernarda Bryson Shahn and Jacob Landau, and others including writers and musicians, the Roosevelt Arts Project presents a series of annual programs. This varied series premieres new works by Roosevelt playwrights, painters and potters, folk singers, poets, and composers, as well as experimental collaborations.

DATE	VENUE	EVENT
Saturday, October 10 8:00 PM	Borough Hall	Ukulele & Friends Singer and ukulele player Pat “Patsy” Monteleone will be joined by David Brahinsky on guitar in a program consisting of the Standards, i.e., jazz-pop vocal songs from the first half of the 20th Century. Opening the show will be the Woe, Nellies, a ukulele quartet comprising Barbara Atwood, Cat Liao, El Hirvonen, and Heidi Monteleone.
Sunday, November 15		11:00 AM - Roosevelt Public School - Mural Talk 12:00–5:00 PM - Studio Tours & Borough Hall - Annual Studio Tour and Sale Artists will open their studios and work will be displayed at the Borough Hall for a pre-holiday show and sale. Start your tour with a Mural Talk at the Roosevelt Public School: learn about the Ben Shahn Mural that chronicles the founding of Roosevelt and pick up a map of participating artists’ studio locations. Call 609 443 1898 for more information.
Saturday, November 21 8:00 PM	Borough Hall	The Art of the Suite Piano Recital by Alan Mallach Bach may have perfected the Baroque suite of dances, but that has not kept composers like Mozart, Grieg, Debussy and many others from taking off from Bach, playing with the idea of the suite and adapting it to their own times and styles. Starting in the 1600s and running up to the 1980s, Alan Mallach will play suites by Buxtehude, Bach, Mozart, Suk, Enesco and Donald Martino, and will talk about what makes a suite a suite, and how each of these composers made it their own.
Saturday, December 12 8:00 PM	Borough Hall	Electronic Presentation Portfolio Although many of us focus on traditional media, much of the working talent now focuses on electronic media. Even those working in traditional media turn to the web and interactive delivery to market and sell their work with online portfolios and interactive delivery systems, using computers, tablets and phones as their tools. We will do a brief overview and demonstrate some of the most effective and user-friendly ways to put your work into an electronic form for viewing and marketing.
Saturday, January 30 8:00 PM	Borough Hall	Funny Stories & Tales Members of our community will read stories and tales from various traditions (including Jewish, Islamic, Celtic and American) to make us smile and make us laugh (and perhaps even shed a tear or two as well?).

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://www.rooseveltartsproject.org>

Be sure to join our mailing list at http://www.rooseveltartsproject.org/mail_form.php so that you get the brochure sent to you via email each season and timely reminders of each upcoming event.

For further information call Robin Gould at (609) 448-4616.

FEMA

Encourages Families and Communities to Participate in National PrepareAthon! Day

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is encouraging individuals, families, workplaces, schools, and organizations across the nation to take part in National PrepareAthon! Day on September 30th, 2015.

Extreme weather is occurring more often across the United States, which is increasing the costs of natural disasters. According to a recent survey conducted by FEMA, fewer than half of Americans have discussed and developed an emergency plan with their household.

As part of National Preparedness Month and National PrepareAthon! Day, FEMA is encouraging everyone to develop and practice their family emergency plan to prepare for disasters that are known threats in their communities.

“The first step in preparing yourself and your family is learning the type of disasters that can happen where you live,” said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. “Your family may not be together when disaster strikes. Developing an emergency communication plan doesn’t cost a thing, and the time you’ve invested beforehand will make it easier for your family to reconnect.”

National PrepareAthon! Day is part of America’s PrepareAthon!, a nationwide grassroots campaign for action to increase community preparedness and resilience through hazard-specific group discussions, drills, and exercises. The campaign offers easy-to-implement preparedness guides, checklists, and resources to help individuals, organizations, and communities prepare for the types of disasters that are relevant to their area. People can take these simple steps to increase their preparedness:

1. Create a family emergency com-

munication plan. Visit ready.gov/prepare and download Be Smart: Take Part: Create Your Family Emergency Communication Plan. Collect the information you need, decide on the places you will meet in case of an emergency, share the information with your family, and practice your plan.

2. Sign up for local text alerts and warnings and download weather apps. Stay aware of worsening weather conditions. Visit ready.gov/prepare and download Be Smart:

Know Your Alerts and Warnings to learn how sign up for local alerts and weather apps that are relevant for hazards that affect your area.

3. Gather important documents and keep them in a safe place. Have all of your personal, medical, and legal papers in one place, so you can evacuate without worrying about gathering your family’s critical documents at the last minute. Visit ready.gov/prepare and download Be Smart: Protect Your Critical Documents and Valuables for a helpful checklist.

4. Create an emergency supply kit. Be prepared for bad weather by creating an

emergency supply kit for each member of your family. Visit ready.gov/build-a-kit for more ideas of what to include in your kit.

Visit the America’s PrepareAthon! website, ready.gov/prepare for more information, to sign up, and to register your participation.

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA’s Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

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We live beneath contrails
Feathery paths that end
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What we know is only hearsay
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Marvelous news that can't wait
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It's what keeps this sideshow going

--Wes Czyzewski

The Roosevelt Borough Code and the Borough Zoning Ordinance are now available online:

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Pious Principles

*she let off steam as often as the foreign wire wheels convert-
ible her father had paid cash for after his first wife ran off to
open a cigar store with a woman who had a hare lip and sold
cosmetics door to door.... . . .*

an overcast afternoon had passed
and i was still wading in a flood of bystanders' conversa-
tions

the aquarium parking garage
was still being sniffed by bomb dogs

there was no way i was about to go home
without my umbrella and my
unicycle

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OCTOBER

1 Thurs.	6:45- 7:30 pm	Pilates Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation, Roosevelt Public School Gym, foundation@rpsef.org
2 Fri.	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation, Hosted by Jaymie Kosa, 26 N. Rochdale Ave. rpsef.org
6 Tues.	12:30 pm	Senior Citizens Meeting Borough Hall
6 Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
7 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
8 Thurs.	7:00 pm	Fire Company Business Meeting, Borough Hall Chris Suk, President 490-0931
10 Sat.	8:00 pm	Ukulele & Friends. Singer and ukulele player Pat “Patsy” Monteleone with guitarist David Brahinsky. Also, the Woe, Nellies. Borough Hall
11 Sun.	10:00 am	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training Jack Rindt, Training Officer
12 Mon.		RPS half day
13 Tues.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting Borough Hall Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
17 Sat.	1:00 – 3:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Haunted Hayride Roosevelt Public School Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company
19 Mon.		Large garbage pick up
20 Tues.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad Business Meeting, Jeff Klein, President
21 Wed.	7:30 pm	Environmental Comm. Meeting Borough Hall, Eitan Grunwald, Chair.
21 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
26 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
29 Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education Natalie Warner, President 609-903-1061

NOVEMBER

3 Tues.	12:30 pm	Senior Citizens Meeting, Borough Hall.
4 Wed.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, Borough Hall
4 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
5 Thurs.	6:45- 7:30 pm	Pilates Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation, Roosevelt Public School Gym, foundation@rpsef.org
8 Sun.	10:00 am	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Training Jack Rindt, Training Officer
9 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
12 Thurs.	7:00 pm	Fire Company Business Meeting, Borough Hall Chris Suk, President 490-0931
15 Nov.	11:00 am	Mural Talk, Roosevelt Public School
	12:00–5:00 pm	Annual Studio Tour and Sale
		609-443-1898 for more information
17 Tues.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, Jeff Klein, President
18 Wed.	7:30 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall, Eitan Grunwald, Chair.
18 Wed.		Recycling Pickup 
19 Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, Natalie Warner, President, 609-903-1061
21 Sat.	8:00 pm	Piano Recital and talk by Alan Mallach, “The Art of the Suite” Borough Hall
23 Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701

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