

Borough of Roosevelt

Monmouth County, New Jersey



Borough Hall

The Borough of Roosevelt, located in western Monmouth County, was originally called Jersey Homesteads. A cooperative village of 1,200 acres, was originally a Utopian community founded by the Federal Government in 1936. The “back-to-the-land movement” formulated the original idea of Jersey Homesteads. The most recognizable advocate of this movement was Albert Einstein, but Benjamin Brown is considered the father of Jersey Homesteads. The buildings, designed by Alfred Kastner are of the Bauhaus style first used in Germany in the 1920s. Many colleges for its architectural history visit Roosevelt. Jersey Homesteads was one of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s experiments to find ways of dealing with the Great Depression. The name of the town was changed to Roosevelt in 1954 to honor the deceased president. In 1937, Jersey Homesteads separated from Millstone Township and was incorporated as a borough. The town is now designated on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places as the Jersey Homesteads Historic District. Today a municipality of about 1000 people and 340 homes, Roosevelt has become known as an artistic community with artists, musicians, writers, scientists, and poets living in town.

Roosevelt Public School (K- 6). The Mural – Ben and Bernarda Shahn’s 1937 mural is displayed in the lobby of the Roosevelt Public School. This fresco mural commemorates the New Deal resettlement community of Jersey Homesteads, now called Roosevelt, N.J. The Roosevelt Public School has an active Parent-Teachers Association and small class sizes with support of the community.

Roosevelt today is a safe, quiet community surrounded by farms, open spaces, and a state wildlife management area. In addition, the town has a strong tradition of community involvement. While recognizing that some additional development may be inevitable, the residents of Roosevelt are strongly committed to maintaining the distinctive character for future generations.



Roosevelt Public School
The children can walk to school.

Higher grades are bused to East Windsor and Hightstown.

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Every day travelers pass this sign unaware of the rich history related to the Borough of Roosevelt, New Jersey.



The Borough of Roosevelt is the only municipality in New Jersey, which, in its entirety is an historic district.



Roosevelt Post Office
You can walk to the post office.
There is no home mail delivery.

Roosevelt preserves the small town atmosphere that has been lost in so many other places. Its unique character sets it apart from other communities. We thank all of the volunteers for their services that make our town a unique and desirable place to raise our families.

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