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Community Group Organized to Advise the Council on Restoration of the FDR Memorial Amphitheater

by Michael Ticktin

Additional reporting by Rick Pressler

At the initiative of Councilwoman Connie Herrstrom, a committee of long-time residents with extensive relevant experience has been organized to advise the Council on measures to be taken to access grant money from the Open Space Acquisition Fund of the Monmouth County Parks Service for the restoration of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Amphitheater. Facing the Amphitheater is the great head of President Roosevelt, which was designed by Ben Shahn, Roosevelt's most prominent artist resident, and was cast by his son, Jonathan. It was dedicated in June of 1962 in the presence of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President, in what turned out to be her last public appearance before her final illness. The Amphitheater was designed by architect and former mayor Bert Ellentuck, who has agreed to serve as a member of the committee.

In addition to Mr. Ellentuck, the members of the committee include Jeb Shahn, representing the family of the designer and of the sculptor, Gail Hunton, secretary of the Fund for Roosevelt who is employed by the Parks Service and brought the grant program to the Council's attention, School Board member John Ord, School Board member, Environmental Commission chairman, Borough Historian and Fund for Roosevelt board member Michael Ticktin, Planning Board member Fred Septak, professional planner, Fund for Roosevelt vice-president and Roosevelt Arts Project member Alan Mallach, and landscape architect Kate John-Alder, as well as Mayor Peggy Malkin and Council members Herrstrom and Mike Hamilton.

In addition to serving as a fitting memorial to the President who was ultimately responsible for the estab-

lishment of this community, the Amphitheater was originally intended to be used for concerts and for other social and cultural community events. In the course of the last 60 years, it has come to be used almost exclusively as the site of Roosevelt Public School graduations, and the committee will endeavor to find ways of returning to the original vision of broader and more frequent community use. Among the improvements that have been suggested are the installation of a handrail and of wheelchair-accessible pathways.

The maximum funding of a grant from the Open Space Acquisition Fund is \$250,000. The municipality is expected to provide half of the total funding. The Fund for Roosevelt, a community-based organization, may be able to assist the municipality in providing its share, once further details of proposed expenditures are determined and provided.

One of the first orders of business was for the Borough Council to retain a consultant to advise the project. After consideration of several proposals, the committee recommended to the Borough Council the firm ETM Associates, a Highland Park-based landscape architecture firm specializing in public spaces, to serve in this capacity (<https://etmassociatesllc.com/>).

Back in March, Fund for Roosevelt board member Alan Mallach and Borough Council member Connie Herrstrom presented the plan for restoration of the FDR memorial to the Borough Council, where it was warmly accepted. On April 17th, the Council authorized the contract with ETM. The firm will produce and approve a schematic design, prepare public bid specifications, file the application for project authorization with the New Jersey Historic Preservation office, and prepare cost estimates.

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

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Census Finds 808 Residents Population Loss Since 2000 Continues-- Fewer People Here Now Than In 1970

by Michael Ticktin

According to the 2020 census, Roosevelt now has 808 residents. This represents a population loss of 74 (-8.39%) since the 2010 census and of 125 (-13.4%) since the 2000 census, in which Roosevelt reached its highest-ever population of 933.

During the past 20 years, there has been no net change in the number of dwelling units (337), including 315 houses and 22 apartments. The average number of persons per dwelling unit declined to 2.40, the lowest it has ever been.

Elsewhere in the “Panhandle” region of Monmouth County, which comprises the four westernmost municipalities, the only municipality with an increased population was Upper Freehold, which went from 6902 to 7273, a 5.4% increase. Millstone actually decreased by 1.8%, from 10556 to 10317, while Allentown decreased by 5.1%, from 1828 to 1734.

The population of Monmouth County as a whole increased by 2.1%, from 630380 to 643615.

Roosevelt is now the third smallest municipality in Monmouth County, surpassing only Allenhurst (472) and Loch Arbour (224). The 2010 census showed it as fifth smallest, surpassing Deal with 750 (now 900) and Interlaken with 820 (now 828) as well. It is also the 25th smallest municipality in New Jersey, the smallest being Walpack in Sussex County, down to 7 from 16, and the second-smallest, and formerly the smallest, being Tavistock in Camden County, up by 80% from 5 to 9. (For those interested in such things, it should be noted that Pahaquarry, which was down to 6 residents, consolidated with Hardwick

Township only when the situation became such that there were only two people eligible to serve on the three-member township committee, since four of the six residents were a family in which both parents were federal employees who were ineligible to hold a political office because of the federal Hatch Act. Even so, Hardwick was only willing to consolidate if the Legislature would agree, which it did, to have the State pay the cost of transporting the two children until they graduated from high school.)

The following chart shows the decade-by-decade changes in the population of Jersey Homesteads/Roosevelt from 1940 through 2020:

Census	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Population	629	720	764	814	835	884	933	882	808
Pct. Change		+3.2%	+6.1%	+6.5%	+2.6%	+5.9%	+5.5%	-5.5%	-8.4%
Dwelling	201	206	224	242	284	332	337	337	337
Change		0.2%	8.7%	8.0%	17.4%	16.9%	1.5%	0%	0%
Pers/unit	3.46	3.5	3.41	3.36	2.94	2.66	2.77	2.62	2.40

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May 1, 2023

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AVRUMELE AFTERMATH III-1

My 1945 Aftermath

By Albert Hepner

In 1945, when World War II ended, I was ten-years old. I had just spent five years hiding from the Nazis who had occupied Belgium where my family and I had been living. My father died of natural causes in 1941, and my brother, 9 years older than me, had returned from Switzerland where he'd been hiding as he worked for bed and board as a lumberjack. My mother had spent a couple of years in a small village outside of Waterloo; then for more than a year she hid in a shack in the woods, fed by a Belgian Underground member. After the war, psychologically decimated, she went to a warehouse to search for the family's confiscated furniture. The Belgian government told her she could have it if she could prove it had been hers; she attempted suicide when she couldn't find any of her belongings.

My brother, who'd just married, found it difficult to deal with taking care of me. He found an orphanage to send me to while my mother recovered in an asylum. This was the second orphanage I'd wind up in in less than three years. It was run by a religious group that intended to help orphan Jews emigrate to kibbutzim in Israel. The first orphanage had originally been a convent that doubled as an orphanage and hid Jews during the war.

After my mother was released, we were reunited in Brussels where we'd lived prior to the war. I re-entered elementary school in the sixth grade, where I encountered the same teacher who had stood by and smirked as the Gestapo removed me forcibly from my first-grade classroom because I was a dangerous Jew. This teacher had moved up each year with his class. I missed four years of education, but, nonetheless, here I was with the same anti-Semite who'd seen nothing wrong with three little boys being dragged out of first grade by Nazis. Despite facing such potential horrendous hostility, two other Jewish students and I, all

of whom had been forced into hiding during the war, graduated first, second, and third from elementary school. I'd only had a few months of formal schooling during my hidden years. It has remained a moment of pride for the three of us.

After the war, it seemed that the occupation of Belgium and the treatment Jews faced there had very little impact on assuaging the renowned European anti-Semitism. We were still often insulted and beaten up by gentiles right after the war. Although taller than many my age in high school, I was thin and easily intimidated. Bullies in high school found me and others easy prey. It's really an after-thought on my part that one could expect some compassion and solidarity from those who had stood by while Jews were being dragged from their homes and taken away to concentration camps. In 1946 and 1947, thirteen- and fourteen-year-olds certainly understood what had happened. I'm not sure whether the continued abuse by our gentile peers was what motivated a large segment of the young adult Jewish community to join Jewish youth movements, which were more political than religious in nature. Many developed the aspiration, which ultimately became a reality, to move on to Israel where it would likely be safe to be a Jew of any stripe—left, center, or right. I remember the perplexing experiences I had when I was twelve and would reminisce with other boys and girls about our wartime escapes; I often shied away from such conversations. I guess like any group of people comparing situations, even the most horrendous elicit competition. There we were outperforming each other with who was hidden longer, whose conditions were worse, and who lost more family. It's not clear to me if it was because my experiences seemed almost banal compared to living in concentration camps with death all around, but I wondered why we were almost embellishing the worst scenarios. So, I

often withdrew, and I suppose I lost a community yet again. As time went on, the new life most young people were working at forming supplanted the past with new experiences and frontiers. This life would only suffice, though, if it also gave us the chance to replace the social and cultural void we'd lived through with an ability to control some of the events affecting us as Jews.

As I'm trying to recollect the aftermath for us and others, I'm sitting home alone, encouraged to stay in and away from others because of the current coronavirus pandemic. Politicians have called the pandemic a war almost as soon as they sensed it would be a difficult battle. At first, I felt offended for those who experienced World War II, as well as those who suffered through any war. But the other evening, I felt a sense of being imprisoned, detained, alone, resentful, and very angry. It struck me that I'd learned all these emotions as a pre-teen. Although I don't feel the need to act out now, I did then. I attempted to mask (familiar, isn't it?) my feelings and hide my real sense of self. I'm not certain how ubiquitous that manifested behavior was then. I'm sure there is plenty of literature out there to suggest that I wasn't the only young Jew who remained in hiding—that is, emotionally—even after the Nazis were defeated and our home countries were liberated. Few friends and acquaintances knew any specifics about my war years.

In 1990, forty-five years after the end of the war, several European Jews (mostly from Belgium and Poland) living in New York, who had often socialized and shared their war years, decided to put an ad in a couple of magazines inviting others to join them in New York to open a dialogue about their hidden past. Fortunately, an old Belgian friend mentioned the magazine, which I rarely read. It intrigued me sufficiently to sign up and go. I felt anxious but didn't exactly know why.

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Perhaps it was an aversion to those old childhood conversations competing about who had had the worst past, but I believe it was something else: they had named the group “The Hidden Children of the Holocaust.” I wasn’t sure why the name surprised me, but it put me off. To the organizing groups’ surprise more than 1,600 people from around the world responded, so we met at the Marriott Hotel in Times Square instead of some small hall.

Over the many years since the war, most of us had not discussed our pasts. I don’t remember exactly, but my brother who’d stayed in Brussels and who I’d visit periodically rarely mentioned conversations about the war, even among the survivors. The reasons for that are doubtlessly as numerous as there are survivors, but enough time had elapsed to help people let their past out of the bag, so to speak. For my part, I vaguely remember telling my very young children some anecdotes about my time in Belgium. One time, after I’d told a short story to my family, it struck me that I’d embellished a part of the story, making it sound more dramatic than it had been. I felt so guilty afterwards that I never owned up to the fabrication, but for the longest time I didn’t discuss any other events from the war years. It wasn’t until 1982 that I asked my wife and three daughters to come to Belgium with me. There I would show them all the places where I’d lived and been hidden. Being on the ground there helped me recollect the events more clearly and perhaps more accurately.

The Hidden Children gathering was an emotional assembly of people who’d evidently been desperate to share their wartime experiences with others who would understand. The assembly broke down into smaller groups facilitated by social workers, psychologists, and other people familiar with how pain works. I can’t speak for others, but after several others and I, in our group, had the opportunity to share some preliminary information, it quickly struck me how

much I’d not said through the years. The “Hidden” in the title revealed itself before I got home that evening.

The breakdown groups were principally divided up geographically; that is, not only were Belgian Jews in a specific group, but if the attendees were heavily represented by a particular city, they made every attempt to group us by neighborhoods. Henri, one of the men in my group, had also been from Brussels, but we’d been good friends and felt drawn in part because we felt we’d had parallel lives. Yet, as much time as we’d spent together both in Brussels and in Manhattan, where I’d gotten him a job where I worked, we’d hardly discussed any details. Now in this group, we all revealed some experiences, many of those Henri mentioned and several I described were surprises to both of us. The details, it seems to me, are less important than the effect it seemed to have had on us. It might have been a collective epiphany that helped many of us realize that hiding from the Nazis was seminal in its effect on the hidden personality many of us had developed. The hiding had gone much more deeply within each person’s psyche than some of us had realized or perhaps still don’t realize. I, for one, was shocked by my reaction to what I discovered.

I spent many years struggling with what had caused me to be how I was as a person. Any negative personality disorders I perceived, I tended to blame on the war. It was my go-to place. It took many years for me to develop a more reasonable source of emotional confusion. I suppose if we had felt comfortable discussing details about our personalities, many might have found more apt rationales for our behavior. In many ways, getting together with The Hidden Children prompted us to recognize that many of us were often reacting to the natural expectations of hidden people; we unconsciously imposed an acceptable personality on ourselves. It often went beyond, “Oh, I can’t be a Jew,” for I’m not that bad; it reflexively encouraged us to find the person we thought others

wanted us to be rather than the person we were. I’ve often been told I’m very funny at times, but it wasn’t until I was in my fifties that I understood that my humor was an act for the Germans and the Gentiles who really would be more comfortable if I were not Jewish.

An argument that my American-born wife and I had about the effect I presented to my children was what helped me question my attitudes and how genuine they were. I suggested to my wife that my very presence would be enough of a clue to my children that I expected them to somehow imbibe my Jewish persona. She pointed out that I was mostly a negative Jew. I had embraced my ideas of Jewishness as a reaction to those that didn’t want me. I was being obstreperous. I was going to be Jewish to spite the Gentiles, not because there was something positive about being Jewish. This correct notion made me rethink my behavior and the negative influences it might have generated in my daughters, who fortunately were more productively being taught by my wife who’d had a positive fundamental education in Judaism. Decades after my wife and I had reflected on how we were portraying Judaism, one of my daughters said something that I could never forgive myself for: She said that very often in her life she felt guilty for complaining about some negative events in her life because she felt that those were in no way as horrendous as mine had been.

In a nutshell, I wonder if that’s not how our lives are judged by us and others. After the war, Jews went about the best way they knew how, often influenced by how the war affected them. Gentiles did the same. It boggles the mind how little history teaches us to be different or perhaps better. I guess as educators, we might as well give more weight to the thesis of “The Pedagogy of the Oppressed” by Paulo Freire. We only learn well what was done to us.



By Steve Taylor

The Northern Bayberry

This month's article highlights a native species that we need to encourage, the northern bayberry, *Morella pensylvanica*, or *Myrica pensylvanica* depending on which naming system is used.

It can be found along the coast from just south of the Delmarva Peninsula to Nova Scotia and the tip of Newfoundland. This deciduous or semi-evergreen shrub grows about 6 to 12 feet tall. The aromatic leaves are 1 to 3 inches long and ½ to 1 inch wide. The male and female plants bloom in May. In the fall and winter, the female plants bear dull blue-grey, 1/5-inch berries along the stem. These are the same berries that were used in colonial America to make bayberry wax candles. It takes about a gallon of berries to yield a cup of wax. Besides propagation with seeds, bayberry also spreads by means of root suckers, but it is not overly aggressive.

The northern bayberry is frequently found on coast dunes, pine barrens and other areas with poor soil. It can thrive there because its roots have nodules containing nitrogen-fixing microorganisms, a built-in fertilizer factory. Although bayberries are not legumes, legumes possess this same feature. Mother Nature never wastes a good idea.

You might have guessed that because this plant is called the northern bayberry that there might be a southern bayberry. There is, *M. caroliniensis*, and there is also a coastal bayberry (*M. heterophylla*) and a wax myrtle (*M. cerifera*).

To make matters worse, where their ranges overlap, they hybridize making identification of wild plants tricky in these areas.

Northern bayberry prefers a location with sun or part shade. It does not do well in full shade. It is deer resistant. The northern bayberry is commercially available, and there are several named varieties. It is an important food for yellow-rumped warblers, a bird that has been seen in Roosevelt by our resident bird-watchers. Many other birds also enjoy the berries; including cedar waxwings, and bluebirds. The flowers, although not impressive, provide nectar for pollinators. If you need a plant for your yard, this might be just the thing.

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Northern Bayberry,
Morella pensylvanica or *Myrica pensylvanica*

Trail Day 2023

By Sam Ashburner

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission is happy to announce that Trail Day 2023 will take place on Saturday, June 3rd between 9AM and 12PM. We would love to introduce community members to their hometown trails while removing trash and learning about the "leave no trace" approach to enjoying nature.

Planned activities include a trail cleanup walk, a presentation about "leaving no trace" and a Fairy Garden tour carried out in partnership with the Roosevelt Public School.

The "leave no trace" demonstration will take place near the Compost display at the trailhead near the Amphitheater. An Environmental Commission table will also be located in this area to guide guests and discuss future events and community involvement.

For more information, you are encouraged to join Roosevelt Environmental Commission meetings over Zoom every third Wednesday of the month at 7PM. You can also learn more on the Borough Website and Friends of Roosevelt Environmental Commission Facebook page.

"This place will always represent the ultimate sensation of freedom...any tracks I leave, any habitat I disturb should disappear in hours" -Steve Irwin

Busy as..

Many Farm Lane, Lake Avenue, and Valley Road residents—as well as some cross-towners from west of Rochdale—have noticed the remarkable industry of our local beavers. A substantial primary dam, as well as some smaller secondary structures, have expanded the wetland where the Woodland Trail crosses the North Valley Road access. A large mud and log structure abuts the shoreline on the east side of the road and deepening water has created an ample pond for the two apparently mated beavers and their offspring. They are often spotted at dusk gliding down a shallow channel on their way home.

The North American beaver (*Castor canadensis*) is the second-largest living rodent, weighing up to 110 pounds. They have stout bodies with large heads, long chisel-like incisors, brown or gray fur, hand-like front feet, webbed back feet, and tails that

are flat and scaly. They are herbivorous, consuming tree bark, aquatic plants, grasses and sedge (wikipedia.org).

Beavers can have a profound effect on the landscape, their ponds creating habitat for wildlife and water features for humans. Fish, large bullfrogs, and a great blue heron have been spotted recently in our newly enlarged waterways. These particular beavers appear quite at ease with the presence of people and dogs passing through.

**LAND HO**

I cannot speak the languages
spoken in that vessel,
cannot read the beads
promising salvation.

I know this only,
that when the green of land
appeared like light
after the horror of this crossing,

we straightened our backs
and faced the simplicity
of new days with flame.
I know I have the blood of survivors

coursing through my veins;
I know the lament of our loss
must warm us again and again
down in the belly of the whale,

here in the belly of the whale
where we are still searching for homes.
We sing laments so old, so true,
then straighten our backs again.

-- Kwame Dawes

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What's new at RPS? Visiting Artists! Combining local artists and students, the new VAP (Visiting Artist Program) at RPS has begun. Made possible with a grant from the RPS Education Foundation, RPS students are now reaping the benefits of being housed in a town steeped in the history and tradition of art. The new program brings a local artist into the school once a month to share talents, stories, and projects.

The program was designed to merge the Roosevelt community and school. With so many local artists, this program enables RPS to tap into a variety of talents.

VAP began on November 4th with resident David Ticktin discussing and showcasing photography. With his usual comic flare, he taught students about photographic rules and then how and why to break them. The students then had a chance to use iPads to take their own portraits.

On December 2nd, Pre-School Mom, Amy Dreyling, an artist that paints on various glass vessels such as vases, sun-catchers and ornaments, showed the students techniques on her specialty. Students made painted glass coasters with a winter theme. January brought local poet and RAP

President David Herrstrom who spent time with students discussing words, emotions and rhyme.

In February the RPS students were treated to Ange Chianese, a New Jersey musician and teacher who ran drum circles that pounded into the students' hearts.

March brought a 3 day project with local muralist Ani Rosskam. Ani brought students outside to brainstorm ideas for the mural, students sketched and painted and in the end put together a 12 by 7.5 foot mural to be displayed on the stage. Tailored to each grade level, all artists meet with students from grades Pre-k to 5th and share their artistic background, experiences, and knowledge. Finishing out the year will be world renowned opera singer Cheri Katz, sharing her talents and introducing the students to the world of opera!

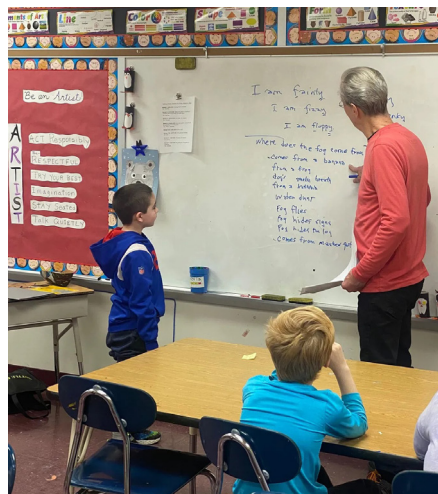
RPS hopes to make this an ongoing program bringing new and exciting artists every year to the school to supplement the already successful art and

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music programs. Next year's talent may include sound installations, dancers and other surprising local talent!

Anyone interested in being a part of this visiting artist program this year or next, contact Larisa@rps1.org



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American Life in Poetry
Column 926
By Kwame Dawes

In this moving elegy to his infant daughter, Saddiq Dzukogi, reminds us of how complex grief can be. The body's responses to grief offer a way for us to cope with its deep pain. Here, the poem, "So Much Memory", is a tender performance in which the poet, beautifully and hopefully, seeks to capture the lingering song of his daughter's memory.

So Much Memory

Now he answers to everything that reminds him of her,
a crib rocking, a circle of faces
crowing at him. He can neither leave his eyes open
nor shut them. Splits the night
walking between two cornfields, striding
like he's going for the thing he'll never find.
See how he runs his hands over his body,
how his skin peels. After a night of crying,
he can feel her limbs in his palms,
versified, nothing made of flesh;
nothing made of bone. He opens his mind
and lets the leaves be his skin
and lets a song fall inside another song:
it mimics his daughter's voice.

-- Saddiq Dzukogi

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The Roosevelt Water Story

by Hilary Wilder

Did you know that Roosevelt Borough now has a Water Story? It starts in the creeks and groundwater in Millstone Township, in the regional aquifer system, and in the precipitation produced by an unpredictable climate. It terminates in the Delaware and Raritan Rivers and all downstream communities in between and is absorbed back into the aquifer. Of course, the plot becomes most dramatic here in the Borough itself, where water is the hero that sustains us, our flora, and our fauna. However, it is also the villain that destroys our infrastructure and property. Our water story encompasses everything that enters, exits, and surrounds our many water bodies includ-

ing our public and private drinking and wastewater systems, Empty Box Brook, and more.

Like water itself, the story is perpetual. New chapters must be written that outline sustainable and environmentally friendly actions. They should also be employed as a reference when making decisions concerning our continually changing water systems. All fiscal, environmental, and public health impacts should be considered. That's where we need to hear from YOU! What issues should these next chapters include and how should they be resolved?

A draft of the entire water story is available online at <https://rooseveltnj.us/images/EC/EC-documents/Roosevelt-Water-Story-2023.pdf>. In addition, we will be giving presentations around town over the next few months. So please, read all about Roosevelt Borough's water, and let us know: What water-related issues do you think need to be addressed in Roosevelt (list up to five, in order of most to least important)

What ideas do you have for addressing the issues you listed above? Can we contact you for more input? (please give your name & contact info) Please email your responses to environmental@rooseveltnj.us. Thanks!

Review: The Flashing in the Attic by Robert Axel

By Frances Duckett

Weird sounds and flashing lights emanated from North Valley Road on November 4th, where about 25 people, including some small children, gathered around a firepit for a theatrical performance.

Robert Axel explained to us that he had written the script for "The Flashing in the Attic" based on a short story he had written years before. The play was produced by Ellen Silverman, who also provided the venue and the projections depicting the characters, and orchestrated the visual components.

Robert, surrounded in pale blue light, was charming as the narrator of a fantastic plot in which two tiny boys explore spooky lights and noises which disturb their play—and then their sleep—on a December night. They get out of bed and access a pull-down ladder with great difficulty to reach the attic. Following the moving light out the attic window they fall into deep snow in their footie pajamas. More adventures ensue but by dawn they've trailed the light back to the attic, and are discovered by their parents trying to unlock an old

trunk into which the light had vanished. Their father helps them get it open and the boy's amazing perseverance is then rewarded as a beautiful and valuable treasure is revealed.

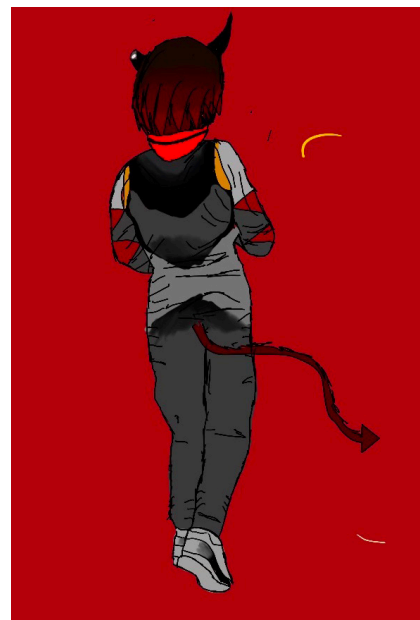
The sound effects were well done, designed by Robert, assisted by David Teich on the playlist and Ron Kostar who cued the sounds. Lights by Theresa Secks and Crystal Raines. Joe Trammel helped as a consultant and Eric Vuolle recorded the performance. Images of the boys, created by Mrs. Silverman, were projected at intervals, highlighting the climb and the fall.

For this viewer the investigation by the two tiny boys had an emotional impact. It brought up memories of what it felt like to have an adventurous son. (I swore mine would kill himself before reaching age 4.), and also memories of what it felt like to be a child myself. I was moved by the loyalty the younger boy showed to his brother, and the way his elder brother included and protected him. It was an exciting performance, made all the more satisfying by the obvious community support and collaboration.

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Digital art by Lois Pressler



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Where? Rotating Locations around greater Roosevelt and the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area



How does the registration/payment work? Please register your camper(s) or teen(s) with a minimum \$100 deposit/camper to reserve their spot and schedule the dates using the Registration sheet as soon as you know what your family is interested in. The due date for total payment is June 2nd, 2 weeks before our first session. As always, we try to be as flexible as possible and will always do our best to adjust your child's dates or your family's payment schedule upon request with open communication. Camper/Teen cancellations will be able to be made-up at a future date of the families choosing. Camp or Club cancellations (while rare but possible due to weather) will be completely refunded.

What will the lessons and activities be like? Pulling from our combination of active social-emotional and teambuilding activities, wilderness education, and summer camp experiences, we will be customizing each adventure experience to best fit your camper and your camper's group's personal interests and passions. Your camper will be outside, moving around, collaborating, competing, creating, learning, and being challenged!

Will my camper(s)/teen(s) be in a group? What will that group look like? We will be able to have group sizes as we see fit. Most likely, we will group your camper(s) with other children in similar age ranges and activity interests. That being said, this will be largely determined by attendance and family preferences. If your camper has a specific friend or friends, you would like them to be grouped with, that can be arranged.

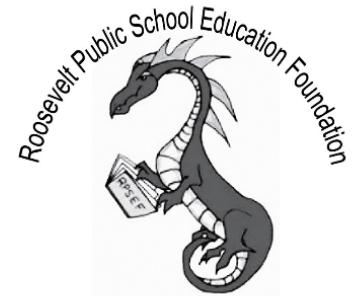
What is the cost? Suggested pricing will be determined on a sliding scale with the full days/week table listed on our registration forms. **Family discounts include 15% off for a second camper and 30% any additional camper(s).**

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NEWSLETTER

THE NEWS

Welcome to the first edition of the RPSEF Newsletter! In an effort to connect the Foundation with the RPS community, we hope to share a newsletter in Fall, Winter, & Spring. It will serve as RPSEF'S update of previous, current, and future happenings. Our Website and Facebook page will maintain up to date information regarding the Foundation. We are delighted to continue our mission to provide educational opportunities for RPS students. Check us out on Facebook, and visit our Website!

GRANT UPDATES

Through generous donations, the following grants were approved between 9/22-2/23:

- Von Thun's Farm Trip grades K & 1
- Transportation for Jenkinson's Aquarium Trip grades K & 1
- RPS Dragon Pals Letter Writing Program grades Pre-K through 5th
- Visiting Artist program, running monthly October through May for students grades Pre-K through 5th:

November: David Ticktin, Photography
December: Amy Dreyling, Glass Painting
January: David Herrstrom, Poetry
February: Ange Chianese, Drum Circle



During January's Visiting Artist series students created animal themed masks and poetry.

EVENTS: STAY TUNED

Spring: RPSEF Dine Out Fundraiser T.B.D.
June: Four Boys Ice Cream Fundraiser T.B.D.

STEFAN MARTIN'S MARK ON RPSEF

In 2022, the Foundation was gifted 70 prints of Stefan Martin's "World In Their Hands" wood engraving by his family. Many thanks to the Martin family for their kindness. The prints were originally sold as a fundraiser for the Cooperative Nursery School that was held in the Roosevelt Synagogue. The Pre-K in Roosevelt School is a successor to that program. There are 27 prints remaining for \$100 each. Please contact us at rpsefdn@gmail.com to purchase a print.



A print of Stefan Martin's "World In Their Hands".

INSIDE RPS

The Little Free Library at RPS is located in the RPS lobby. Students may pick a book to enjoy at home, bring a book to trade and share with others, or return completed books. The library is open to all students grades Pre-K through 5th. Come explore its collection!



The Little Free Library is open to all students.



RECYCLING DATES

April 12, 26

May 10, 24

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- It's better for the environment because it maintains open space and promotes sustainable practices.
- It's better for the community because it supports and creates a connection with local farm families.
- It's better for the climate because it reduces carbon emissions from long-haul transport of food.

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

Mendies Family Farm; Farm Stand and CSA

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

In neighboring towns, locations offering locally grown food include:

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

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

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<http://windyacresfarmllc.com/>

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Roosevelt Arts Project

Event Schedule 2022–2023 Season

Visit our website, www.rooseveltartsproject.org.

Suggested donation of \$5 (unless otherwise indicated) to support the Roosevelt Arts Project.

RAP Art and Garden Tour

Saturday, September 17, 2022, 1:00–4:00 PM

(Map available on RAP website closer to event)

Explore some of Roosevelt's gardens designed by the artists that live here and see their work in their natural habitat. The urge to create whether, with brush, chisel, or trowel, thrives in Roosevelt. Come see for yourself.

Seventh Annual Art Walk and Open-Air Gallery: On the Roosevelt Woodland Trail

Saturday, October 29, 2022, 1:00–4:00 PM

(Trail head on Rochdale Ave across from the post office)

Enjoy the last Saturday in October with us and walk along a beautiful winding wooded trail beside Empty Box Brook. See works of art created by residents of Roosevelt, young and old, displayed along the way. Listen to musicians and poets performing among the late fall trees.

Abstract Photography

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 1:00–5:00 PM

Borough Hall

Five photographers display five interpretations of what "abstract" means to them in a Borough Hall made over as an art gallery of 3 components: wall-mounted photographs, digital photos on a continuous loop shown on 2 monitors, and storyboards providing explanatory and historical background about this artform.

Prose-evelt

Saturday, January 14, 2023, 7:30 PM

Borough Hall

Join us for an evening of storytelling. Come hear Rooseveltians share their stories, both remembered & imagined, weaving tales that captivate and inspire.

Mark Zuckerman's Music

Saturday, February 11, 2023, 7:30 PM

Borough Hall

Roosevelt composer Mark Zuckerman will share some of his recent work, with a special focus on his vocal settings of quotations by Franklin Delano Roosevelt.



Ellen Silverman, *San Antonio Aqueduct 2*

The Shahns: An Artistic Family

Saturday, March 25, 2023, 7:30 PM

Roosevelt Public School

*We are requiring all attendees to wear a mask for this event. Jeb Shahn will give a talk about the Shahn family of artists. The talk will focus on Ben, Jonathan & Bernarda, and will include extended family who have continued in the arts.

Roosevelt Poevent: Side by Side

Saturday, April 1, 2023, 7:30 PM

Borough Hall

As Baba Ram Dass once said, "We are all just walking each other home." Come for a walk with the Roosevelt Poets. We'll walk with you, side by side.

Roosevelt String Band

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 3:00 PM

Borough Hall

"We Protest! Songs Protesting Injustice, Hatred, Violence and War"

This year's RSB concert will focus on the theme of protest music and will include David Brahinsky, Paul Prestopino, Ed Cedar, Howie Jacobson, Joe Pepitone, Nancy Wilson and Noemi Bolton.

\$10 Suggested Donation

Mind and Body: Art and Science

Saturday, June 10, 2023, 1:00–6:00 PM

Assifa Space, 40 Tamara Drive

You are invited to participate in a show that draws on the visual and written word as it relates to mind and body, and also the world of research as it relates to the same. New Jersey artists and poets will present their work alongside Rutgers University researchers who will explain their most recent scientific endeavors. This will be an informal gathering bridging the gap between art and science. Come and be inspired!

A Remembrance of Michael Seitz and Roosevelt

by

My dad, Michael Seitz, passed away peacefully in his West Village, New York apartment this past December. Dad fondly remembered the years he lived in Roosevelt from 1963 to 1971. While he taught French Literature at Rutgers University, he also served on the school board for Roosevelt Public School as well as took a turn umpiring for the little league. Dad said his fellow school board members were responsible, civil, and cordial, something we don't hear much in these days of right-wing school takeovers.

I also recall Dad organizing buses for people in Roosevelt to attend the protests against the Vietnam War in Washington, D.C. Dad loved living in a progressive town with a rich social history. He loved knowing Ben and Bernada Shahn. He loved to say that some of his neighbors used goats to mow their lawn, although I don't recall seeing a single goat. At the time, practically no one locked their doors. My mom remembers Esther Progrebin coming across the street at 5 in the morning to root through dad's coat pockets for cigarettes.

My dad cared deeply about a just education that he helped support at

Roosevelt Public School. After my family moved to Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania in 1971, I attended a public school that condoned corporal punishment. I remember the paddle on the classroom wall and some students being physically punished for not turning in their homework. In response, I wrote an underground newspaper to hand out to students on the playground. One of my warmest memories of Dad is when he helped me make copies of this newspaper. He took me to a room in his building at Wilkes College. In my memory, it was dark and after work hours, suggesting that he involved me in a clandestine act, churning out purple dittos. It was like stealing the Pentagon Papers.

During these heady years of the late 1960's, Dad also took part in efforts to bring radical education reform to Rutgers. Years later, I found a box of flyers and pamphlets attesting to this work. In 1968, Dad created two eight-week courses. One was on "dirty books" and the other on "surrealism." Dad decided the first was best left untaught, but the surrealists became a popular course taught by colleagues as long as the eight-week courses were allowed.

Many more years later, I was at a meeting of my professors' union at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, when Mel, a biology professor in his 70's. and a major force in the creation of our union asked me if I knew Michael Seitz. He told me that Dad helped shape his life when he was his student at Rutgers in the 60's. At this point, my Dad had chosen to teach basic reading and writing to marginalized students in the City University of New York system. He was an adjunct teacher who was dismayed at the defunding of public higher education and the exploitation of adjunct faculty, so he tirelessly organized for the CUNY adjuncts union. Several times when Dad visited me, he would talk teachers' union with Mel.

After I became an educator, I also marched with my dad in New York for the rights and dignity of contingent faculty. I know that the community in Roosevelt inspired my Dad. Despite not having lived in Roosevelt for the last 50 years, it remained Dad's spiritual home.

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PRESCHOOL and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Roosevelt Public School

School Year 2023-2024

Registration for pre-school and kindergarten is currently taking place at Roosevelt Public School. Any resident who wishes to enroll in the program should contact us prior to March 31st. The registration forms along with the health form can be emailed to your home.

Pre-school students must be 3 years old and toilet trained to start in September 2023; otherwise they can register/start when they turn 3 years old throughout the school year.

Preschool fees are as follows:

Roosevelt residents - \$3,250/year or \$325/month

Out of district students - \$4,000/year or \$400/month

Students who turn five on or before October 1, 2023 are eligible for entrance into kindergarten in September 2023.

An official birth certificate with the raised seal is required for registration. A photocopy of the birth certificate will be made when you register your child.

Proof of Residency is also required. This can be a copy of a tax bill, bank statement, driver's license, or utility bill with address.

All students must have the appropriate immunizations to begin school in September 2023. This information will be provided when you register your child.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 609-448-2798.

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1	Sat.	7:00	Roosevelt Arts Project Roosevelt Poevent: Side by Side Borough Hall
3	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
12	Weds.		Recycling Pickup 
17	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
18	Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board Meeting Borough Hall
19	Weds..	7:00 pm	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall
22	Sat.	9:00 - 11:00	Stream Clean Up Meet at the Post Office https://rooseveltnj.us/images/notices/2023/Stream-Cleanup-042223.pdf
27	Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education Ken LeCompte, President
26	Weds.		Recycling Pickup 

Construction and Permits

The Construction Official has

Borough hours on

Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Questions regarding building permits should be directed to:

Department of Community Affairs - 609-567-3653

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement, and Housing Inspector
Jeremy Kuipersemail: zoning@rooseveltnj.us

phone: 609-448-0539

Office Hours: Wednesdays 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Inspection Hours: Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The Roosevelt Board of Education's
website contains complete school
calendar information: www.rps1.org.Please send notice of your events to the
Roosevelt Borough Bulletin at P.O. Box 221 or email to
RooseveltBulletinSubmissions@gmail.com.

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1	Mon.		Bulk Trash Pickup.
1	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
7	Sun	2:00 pm	Roosevelt Arts Project Roosevelt String Band Borough Hall “We Protest! Songs Protesting Injustice, Hatred, Violence and War”
10	Weds.		Recycling Pickup 
14	Sun.		Mother's Day
15	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
16	Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board Meeting Borough Hall
17	Weds.	7:00 pm	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall
24	Weds.		Recycling Pickup 
25	Thurs.	7:00 pm	RPS Board of Education, Ken LeCompte, President
29	Mon.		Memorial Day

STREAM CLEANUP

**APRIL 22**
9 AM - 11 AM**POST OFFICE PARKING LOT**
1 FARM LANE | ROOSEVELT, NJ 08555**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**
thewatershed.org/stream-cleanups

- This event is rain or shine.
- **Bring a reusable water bottle and gloves.**
- **Masks optional.**
- **Do not attend if you are feeling unwell.**
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.