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CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1 Third Quarter Property Taxes Due
- 2 Shade Tree Commission
- 3 & 17 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
- 7 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
- 15 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
- 16 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 4 **LABOR DAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY CLOSED**
Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
- 7 & 21 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
- 11 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
- 11 & 25 Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 11:00 am
- 16 Newcomers Club Welcoming Night, Junior League Headquarters, 7:30 pm
- 19 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
- 20 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm

OCTOBER

- 2 YOM KIPPUR: OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY CLOSED
Planning Board, 7:30 pm
Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
- 5 & 19 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
- 9 **COLUMBUS DAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY CLOSED**
- 9 & 23 Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 11:00 am
- 17 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
- 18 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm
- 22 Rumson Women's Club Luncheon/Fashion Show

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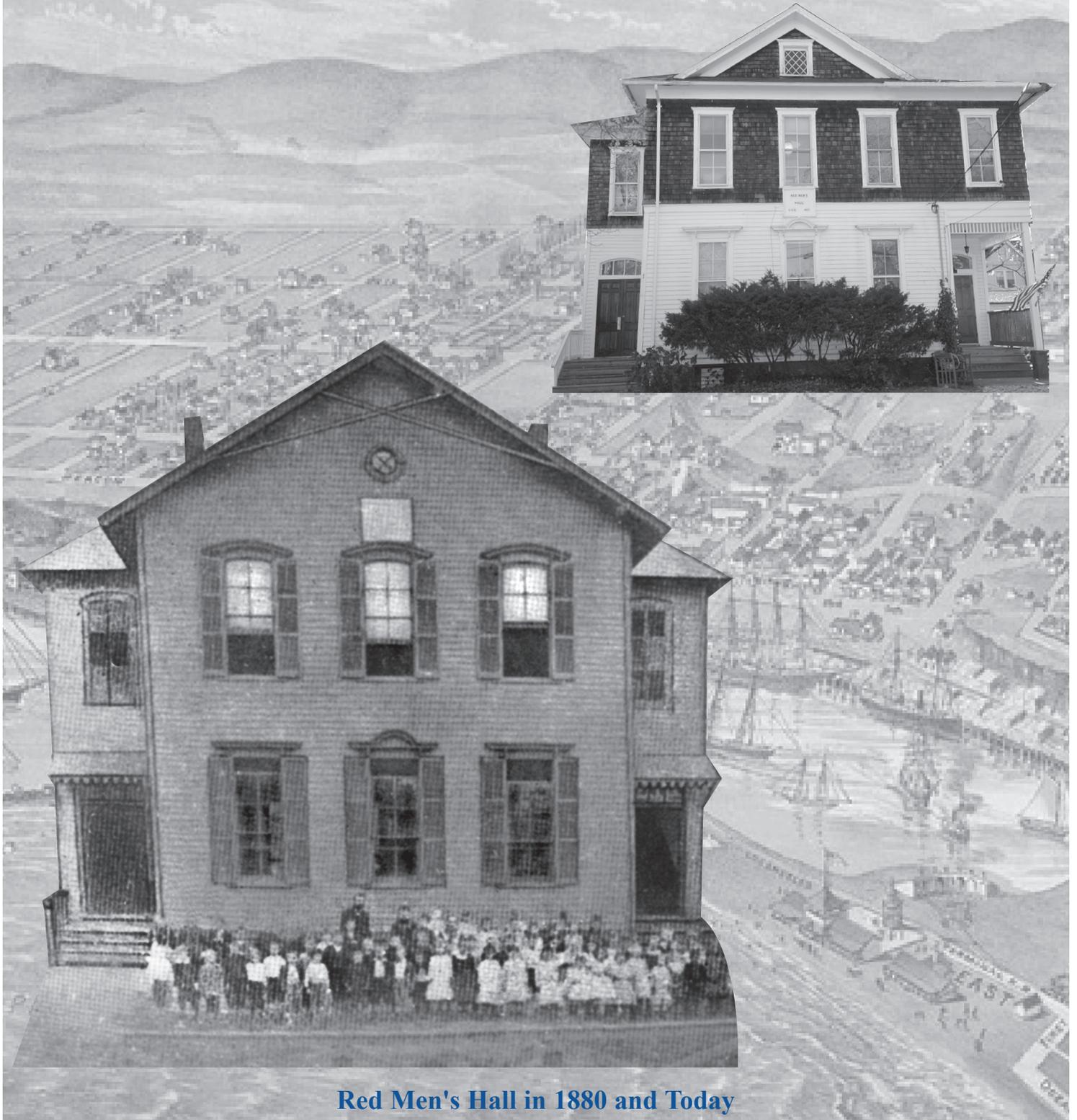
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Red Men's Hall in 1880 and Today

ALL ABOUT RUMSON

RED MEN'S HALL • 1 Church Street

If these walls could talk, what a tale they would give us. They would speak of school children and teachers, of being lifted from their foundation and moved to their present site, of an organization called The Improved Order of Red Men, of dances, antique shows and town meetings, of church services and of furniture being built and refinished. Originally built in 1879 across the street on the site of what is now Rogers Park, it was the first Lafayette Street School. There were about 75 students; the youngest had their classes in the lower level, while the older students met on the upper floor. In 1880, there was a principal, Mark Riley, and two teachers to educate the children. Mr. Gaskill was principal in the early 1890's; he strongly advocated for the new school building built in 1893 and served as its first principal. Other educators who taught in the school were: Miss Ware (later Mrs. George Bennett), Mary Coyle (1874), Mr. Dennison (1878) and Warren Reilly (1880). Families had to provide their own books and supplies, and some were handed down from generation to generation and not considered 'out of date' until they fell apart. To put that practice into perspective, it is interesting to know that the Rumson School District now reviews and considers replacing textbooks every five years. In the late 1800's, providing an eighth grade education was considered adequate, and those who graduated from Lafayette Street School had studied the three R's, geography, history, bookkeeping, natural philosophy (science), Latin and advanced mathematics. Any students who hoped to continue on to college were expected to transfer to a private academy in Red Bank or Freehold or to boarding school. The additional size of the 1893 school enabled Rumson to educate our students through ninth and tenth grades, a practice that did not change until the mid 1930's with the inception of Rumson High School. When the new brick school was begun in 1893, the wood frame building was auctioned off and sold to The Improved Order of Red Men for \$2,500. They moved it diagonally across the street to its present location at 1 Church Street.

Many Rumson residents may not be familiar with an organization called The Improved Order of Red Men, but we all must be aware of The Sons of Liberty, the group that threw the tea chests into Boston Harbor at the "Boston Tea Party" in 1773. The Sons of Liberty and several other similar groups flourished after the Revolution and joined together in 1813 to form the Society of Red Men. By the late 1800's, there were State Great Councils in 21 states and over 150,000 members. By the 1920's, they had tribes in 46 states and over a half million members. This patriotic organization continues to this day with the same ideals of freedom, friendship and charity. Although our local tribe disbanded by the early 1940's, three New Jersey tribes remain active in Egg Harbor, Northvale and Tuckerton, and tribes exist all over the USA with a headquarters and museum in Waco, Texas. (www.redmen.org) Contrary to a prevalent misconception, Indian forebears are not a requirement for membership in the organization.

Navarunsunk Tribe No. 148 was formed at a meeting that took place "over the Hose House" on July 23, 1892. They started out with 59 members. Some early members of the Red Men's were: Tunis C. Buckaloo, H. F. Harvey, owner of a hardware store in Sea Bright and first Chief of Records (secretary), Garrett Dangler, Stephan Stevens, a carpenter who worked on the Rumson High School construction, John B. Prichard, Levi B. Van Nest, Jr., Jacob Zerr and James P. Bruce. Coincidentally, in 1918, Jacob Zerr, L.B. Van Nest and James P. Bruce were members of the Board of Education, and Tunis C. Buckaloo was Treasurer of School Monies.

Those who look at the plaque on the building may wonder what the inscription C. S. D. 402 signifies. In actuality, at some point in the past hundred years, someone may have misread the old inscription when re-painting the building, because it is meant to be G.S.D., which stands for Great Sun of Discovery at 1491. In the tradition of the Red Men, their lodges are dated by the number of years since the year before Columbus discovered America. Thus, 402 plus 1491 equals 1893, the year that the Red Men began their nearly fifty year ownership of the building.

During their time in the building, the Red Men opened the hall for town meetings, dances and events. In 1923, the *Red Bank Register* reported that "a mass meeting of the voters was held in Red Men's Hall, complete with music and parade" to approve a proposal for having a collection of Monmouth County Library books placed in Oceanic Free Library. A referendum was necessary because a portion of Rumson property taxes would be used to compensate the County Library, a custom that continues to this day.

Jean Jordan attended Lafayette Street School at the time that the 'new' high school was under construction. She remembers being instructed to take all books home over Christmas in 1935 and then starting the year in the new Rumson High School. She also remembers walking across the street from Lafayette Street School for gym classes and music instruction in Red Men's Hall.

Long time residents remember boxing matches in the building's former gymnasium staged by Mickey Walker, a resident of Lafayette Street. Walker was a well-known professional boxer known as "The Toy Bulldog" who befriended many of the school's athletes, taught them to box and allowed them to run with him as he trained. One of the rationales explaining how we adopted our school colors and mascot connects to Mickey Walker, "The Tiny Bulldog", and the colors of purple and white that he wore when he boxed.

Dolores Ryan, resident of Church Street for well over 50 years, remembers that minstrel and variety shows were performed at Red Men's Hall. Her father, Frances X. Moynahan, was one of the performers who often did his act there. He was a one-man band so talented that he was able to tap dance while playing both the banjo and the harmonica. She also has recollections of Catholic Church services held in the building while Holy Rosary Church was under construction in the early 1920's.

When the History of Rumson was published by students and teachers of Rumson High School in 1944, the history of Red Men's Hall was included, and the building was described as empty and for sale. It was purchased by Frank Friscia, Sr. in 1949. Mr. Friscia came from a family of 16 children in New York City and attended school to become a pharmacist. He somehow changed his mind and switched to a wood carving school which gave him his career. He met his wife, Louise Bond, on the paddleboat that brought visitors to this area. She came from a family of 13 children, and her brother, Tommy Bond, and sister, Madeline Desmond, also settled in Rumson. When Frank Friscia, Sr. purchased Red Men's Hall, he brought his business there and created living quarters for his family, which had grown to 5 children, upstairs. He was an antique dealer who also built and refinished furniture. The building with the former gymnasium and stage was perfect for his business. On the stage floor are trap doors, and his family remembers that he stored the most valuable antiques in hiding places under those trap doors. Mr. Friscia was a talented craftsman whose expertise was in demand by the owners of Rumson's grand estates. He also worked on the construction of Rumson High School and built the beautiful doors on Holy Cross Church. His daughter, Jeanne Cuje, and son, Lenny Friscia, kindly shared vivid memories of their home. Mr. Friscia passed

away in 1970, and his estate sold the property to Helen McEachen and Bob Thatcher who resold it to the current owners, Donald and Janet Pitman, in 1972.

For over thirty years, Donald Pitman has used the stage and gymnasium as his antique furniture repair and refinishing shop, Once Removed. A few years after Donald opened the shop, the Pitmans created a New York style loft apartment upstairs. It is sleek and combines the charm of the tin walls and 12' ceilings with a most modern kitchen and bath. Recently, he retired and has spent innumerable hours cleaning out the shop and meticulously restoring the building. The magnificent decorative tin walls that are all through the building have been wire brushed and repainted. Original wood plank floors have been refinished, and decorative moldings have been restored. The building looks like a totally new structure. It is currently on the market for sale to a buyer who can see the irreplaceable value of this historical gem. The gym and stage create an inviting space that could be used as a very spacious and well lit gallery or antiques shop. Due to limited parking, the business that operates in the space must be considered "low impact professional use." Everyone who loves history and the heritage of Rumson owes a sincere 'thank you' to Don and Janet Pitman for rescuing, cherishing and restoring an integral part of the history of this community.

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Rumson's new website and email system is now in place. Check it out at www.rumsonnj.gov

BUDGET MESSAGE

The Borough of Rumson has completed the 2006 Borough Budget. The final budget was approved and adopted by the Council at a recent meeting. The Mayor and Council are pleased to announce that the Borough will not raise the Borough's portion of the tax rate in 2006.

"We can only influence one of the four components that make up our property taxes, and we have done our part by working to keep the tax rate flat," said Councilman Shaun Broderick, Chair of the Finance Committee. Mr. Broderick added, "We are confident that keeping the tax rate flat will not compromise the infrastructure or services. The Finance Committee and Council are very sensitive to the financial accountability we have to the residents of Rumson."

Mayor John Ekdahl stated, "In light of the current tax environment, it is important not to burden our residents any further, but we must continue to provide the high level of services to which they have become accustomed and deserve."

Municipal Clerk/Borough Administrator Thomas Rogers said, "The Mayor, Council, Administration and Department Managers have worked hard to find ways to manage rising costs, reduce expenses and increase productivity throughout the Borough."

RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Sgt. Paterson and Ptl. Vilardi

Chief Richard Tobias has written letters of congratulations to our Rumson Juvenile Officers Sgt. Scott Paterson and Ptl. Ronald Vilardi upon their completion and graduation from a two week course for D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) that was conducted at the Morris County Police Academy in May. This program is a cooperative, preventive effort by police, schools, parents and the community to help children make the right choices concerning drugs. Because they excelled at the training and exhibited that they are eager to put it to good use, both officers received outstanding performance certifications from the academy. Both officers always show great interest and enthusiasm toward the youth of

this town. Special congratulations should go to Sgt. Paterson who received a medal at the graduation for outstanding leadership and initiative. There were only two such awards presented in a class of 40 officers.

Reverse 911 Phone System

The Reverse 911 Phone System alerts are becoming more familiar to residents who have recently been alerted about the Rumson Fire Department Anniversary Parade road closings, traffic congestion surrounding the local July 4th fireworks displays and a power shut-down. If you have an unlisted telephone number, or if you have never received any of the Reverse 911 messages sent out in the past, please stop in at Police Headquarters and fill out a Reverse 911 form with your name, address and telephone number so that your information can be entered into the system. If you have any questions, please contact Ptl. Christopher York at 732-842-0500.

AM Radio Station

The Rumson and Sea Bright Offices of Emergency Management have an AM Radio Station, 1630 AM, which is capable of notifying the residents of Rumson and Sea Bright with important and emergency information. The station also broadcasts local weather announcements provided by the National Weather Service. Please set your radios to 1630 AM WPUS415.

Crossing Guards

The Rumson Police Department is looking for full time and part time crossing guards to start working in September for the 2006-7 school year. If anyone is interested in becoming a crossing guard, please stop by the Rumson Police Headquarters to fill out an application. If you have any questions, please contact Ptl. Christopher York at 732-842-0500

Chief Richard Tobias



At the May 13, 2006 Rumson Borough Council Meeting, Captain Richard Tobias was officially sworn in as Chief of Police of the Rumson Police Department. Chief Tobias joined the Department over 20 years ago, achieved the grade of Sergeant in 1997 and Lieutenant two years later. He became Acting Chief in October of 2005 and reached the rank of Captain in March of 2006. He has a great interest in working with the youth of Rumson and is most enthusiastic about D.A.R.E., a new program that the Department is instituting. The goal of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is to reach children through education while they are still in elementary school and to prevent them from getting involved with drugs. Commitment to this program necessitates a close cooperation between the Police and our schools.

Rick is very approachable and easy to talk to; he wants residents to know that everyone should feel free to call or stop by Police Headquarters to speak with him about any ideas that can help preserve the safety of this town. He loves Rumson and is committed to keeping all of us safe and well protected.

RUMSON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Rumson First Aid Squad is an all-volunteer organization of local residents that provides emergency medical attention at no charge. We are very pleased to announce that our recent recruiting drive has been quite successful. Since January, we have had several residents

join our ranks; all of these new members have recently completed basic first aid training and are certified under the latest guidelines of the American Heart Association to administer CPR.



Ptl. Christopher York and EMS Captain Jen Sapner at the Memorial Day Ceremonies.

Several are in the process of attaining the more advanced training to become nationally recognized certified emergency medical technicians (EMT's). At our regular June monthly meeting, we also accepted three new cadets: Sam Gehret, Danny Borneman and Trevor Eyerkuss. All of these cadets have completed basic first aid training, and all are students at Rumson Fair Haven Regional High School. As a volunteer organization, we can only be as effective as our members, and Rumson is fortunate to have almost 30 residents volunteer their time towards such a worthy cause.

The First Aid Squad has been incredibly active over the past few months. In addition to our regular emergency call volume, which averages approximately 30 calls for assistance per month, we provided the local Cub Scout organization with an introduction to some basic first aid concepts and assisted the Police PBA with their annual bike rodeo.

We are extremely pleased to announce that the First Aid Squad, in conjunction with the Police Department, will be purchasing several new cardiac defibrillators. This state-of-the-art piece of equipment is specially programmed to adhere to the most recent CPR protocols issued by the American Heart Association, and it is now compatible to provide emergency assistance to infants and children. This new equipment comes from the generosity of a local charity organization, the Sons of Ireland, which is primarily known for its annual New Year's Day "Polar Bear Plunge" at Donovan's in Sea Bright. In late May, the Sons of Ireland hosted a dart tournament at Briody's to help raise funds to purchase our new heart defibrillators.

Residents should be aware that the First Aid Squad decided at our June meeting to sell our old 24-foot rescue boat. Although this rescue boat, which was donated to the squad in the early 1990's, is especially modified to fit a patient on a backboard, the costs of maintaining the boat, given its age, were becoming a financial burden. However, the town will not be left without water rescue capabilities. In addition to the residents who would be willing to assist with a water-rescue, our local Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is planning to procure a small zodiac vessel, which will prove useful for water-related evacuations due to its lower draft. In addition, our town will still have the assistance of the US Coast Guard, the NJ State Police and surrounding towns that have recently purchased new rescue boats. If you are interested in learning more about the first aid squad, or would like information on joining, please visit our website, www.rumsonems.org.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Many thanks to all who made the Memorial Day Parade a great success. Great excitement was generated by the many groups that marched, the antique cars, the Forrestdale and RFHRHS Bands and the vast array of fire equipment that sounded sirens and airhorns all along the parade route. Special thanks to The Rumson Fire Company and Chief Joe Ward, Dave Shinn, the Master of Ceremonies at the

Memorial Day Services held in Victory Park, to all who gave the beautiful wreaths and other tributes, to the dedicated DPW employees and to Jane Hartman and Loretta Chebookjian at Borough Hall.



Members of the State Championship RFH Girls Basketball Team at the Memorial Day Parade.

RUMSON FIRE COMPANY 100TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE

On June 24th, the Rumson Fire Company celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a parade that brought other fire companies from all over the county to share in the commemoration. The parade started at Third Street and ended at Piping Rock Park where a party for the participants and the entire community was held. The Mayor and Council would like to convey congratulations to the Rumson Fire Company and gratitude for all that they do for Rumson.



COUNCILMAN JOSEPH K. HEMPHILL SWORN IN



After the June 1st resignation of John M. Conaty, Joseph K. Hemphill was sworn in as a Councilman by Mayor John Ekdahl on June 15th. Joe is the founder of Hemphill Associates, a local contracting company. His company

specializes in building custom homes as well as extensive renovations and restorations. Previous to opening his business in 1979, Joe worked for a local bank and became their General Auditor. Joe was born and raised in Rumson and is married to the former Robin Fowler. They raised their two children in Rumson, attended our local schools and continue to enjoy the high quality of life that our town offers. He is honored to serve on the Council and looks forward to giving his time and energy to keep Rumson a wonderful place to live and work.

RUMSON CENTENNIAL 2007

We're having a birthday! "Settled in 1665" is on all of our signs, but the Borough of Rumson was not officially separated from Shrewsbury and incorporated as a town until 1907. In the time from 1665 until 1907, we were known by many other names such as: Port Washington, Oceanic, Seabright, Cartontown, Rumson Neck

and Narumsunk. Next year we will celebrate the Centennial of the Borough of Rumson. We are in the process of developing an array of events to commemorate this milestone. Any residents interested in being part of the planning process for this year-long celebration should contact Loretta at Borough Hall (732-842-3300). Committees will be formed shortly, and we would like everyone's help to make the year-long celebration a great success.

BOAT RAMP BEAUTIFIED

The Rumson Boat Ramp, located on the river behind Borough Hall and the Recycling Center, is a scenic spot where residents can relax, watch the boats and enjoy the beautiful setting. It is an oasis of calm in our busy town. We would like to thank Alan Spina of Alan's Rumson Florist for donating and planting beautiful garden plants in the area of the boat ramp for the 14th consecutive time. The plants enhance the enjoyment for everyone who frequents the area.

OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY

Children's Room Makeover

There's a brand new look coming to our Children's Room! The much-needed complete makeover, the first since the 1950's when the Library moved into the current building, is in the planning stages right now. The Renovation Committee is looking for ideas and suggestions, especially from children (adult-sized children are also encouraged to join in). Diagrams of the Children's Room dimensions will soon be available for patrons to draw on, or outline their own original designs, and these submissions will all be carefully considered. The goal is to update the Children's Room and make it more inviting and user-friendly. It is our hope to begin the total makeover next January - you can be sure it will be a bright, colorful and inviting place for the children.

We are asking for funding by residents, who will be recognized on our bronze Giving Tree, currently on display at the Library. Donors to this bold renovation plan will be acknowledged by an engraved leaf or stone, inscribed according to each donor's wish. A brochure detailing all the particulars of the Giving Tree will be published and distributed in late September when our funding campaign begins.

How can your everyday shopping benefit the Oceanic Free Library? Join iGive.com for free, shop on line at over 600 online retailers including ebay, Lands End, Coldwater Creek, Comcast, Gap, Eddie Bauer and Cheap Tickets, which gives a special rate to iGive.com purchasers, and support the Oceanic Library with a percentage of your purchase price. When you shop online, there are two options for using iGive.com. You can start at the www.iGive.com website and get to your retailer from there, or you can work from your retailer's website and look for the www.iGive.com window on the right side of the screen. The donation comes from the retailer; there is NOT an extra charge to the purchaser. All purchases made through iGive.com. will help us to finance this most worthy project and will not cost the buyer anything other than the few seconds of time it takes to click on iGive.com. Join today by visiting www.igive.com/OFL, and turn your on-line purchases into much-needed tax-deductible donations for our library.



Summer Programs

Children's Reading Program: Every Tuesday

Baby Storytime Series-Ages 10 months to 2 years (with parent/caregiver) 10:00-10:20 am

Toddler Storytime Series-Ages 2-3 (with parent/caregiver) 10:30-10:50 am

Preschool Storytime Series-Ages 3-5 11:00-11:30 am

School Age Programs-Grades K-5 3:30-4:15 pm

Children's Summer Reading Program 2006: Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales was the theme of the program which began Tuesday, June 19. The closing party featuring a magician will be on August 15, the final day of the program.

Storytime will resume September 5, 2006.

This summer the Library had displays from some very talented local artists. In June, Gert Doherty Pezzutti showed her work. In July, the Library showed work by Barbara Anne Egypt, and Ebba Osborne loaned artworks in August. In September, the featured artist will be Frank Illo, and Roberta Clark will display her watercolors in October. There will also be artwork by Connelle Mueller and her students displayed. In June, the showcase had 6 year old Mark Irwin's bottle cap collection, and Peter Hogan displayed his Yankee memorabilia in July. Elizabeth Bond loaned jewelry to be displayed in the showcase in August.

Book Club resumes Thursday, September 7 at 1:30 pm with book discussions on the last Thursday of each month. Knitting Club meets Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm.

We accept donations of used books in 'nearly new' condition. We cannot accept textbooks nor books that are not in good condition. Please bring donations into the Library, and do not leave them outside where the weather can ruin them.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday and Thursday: 1:00 pm-7:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00-2:00 pm beginning September 16

The Library will be closed: Labor Day September 4; Yom Kippur

October 2; Columbus Day October 9

RUMSON RECREATION

Recreation soccer and flag football registration continues at the Borough Hall Mondays-Fridays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Soccer-Children must be in grades K-8 in September 2006. Flag Football-ages 5-8 (must be 5 years old by August 1). There are limited openings at this time. Children will be placed on a team based on roster availability.

Recreation basketball registration forms will be sent home through the public schools at the end of September. Additional forms may be obtained at the Borough Hall. This program is for children who are in grades 1-8 during the 2006-07 school year. Children in grades 1 & 2 will participate in Saturday morning clinics. Children in grades 3-8 will participate in an in town league. Start times for the clinic will be listed on the registration form (please mark your calendar; you will not be called). Coaches will call the children in grades 3-8 with team assignments and start times for the league practices and games.

RUMSON WOMEN'S CLUB

On May 2nd, the Rumson Women's Club held our Installation dinner at The Quay. The new officers for the upcoming year are: Thea Davis-President, Judy McMaster-Vice-president, Ellen Skowron-Recording Secretary, Connie Calandriello-Corresponding Secretary, and Sallie Tillman-Treasurer. We all wish them great success.

Another important installation occurred in Atlantic City. Our immediate past-president, Linda Babeuf, was installed as 3rd Vice-president of NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs on May 9th at the state convention in Atlantic City.

On June 29th the Rumson Women's Club had a luncheon at Monmouth Park. The luncheon was enjoyed by all with the beautiful scenery of the newly renovated turf track and, of course, the horses themselves.

September will be the beginning of our new year. The first

meeting will be on September 11th . As always, we encourage new members to join us at any of our meetings. This will be a regular meeting with a pot-luck dinner provided by the members. Anyone interested in attending should contact Thea Davis-732-842-7298.

At the October 2nd meeting we will make final plans for the Luncheon/Fashion show, which will be held on October 22nd at The Old Orchard Manor, from 12:00-4:00 pm. The fashions will be from Stein Mart of Ocean Township with models from our club. The cost of the luncheon will be \$35.00 per person. Contact Debbie Hughes for information at 732-842-8763.

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month with the exception of September, January, and May. For more information please contact Judy McMaster-732-842-1522. A big thank-you to the Rumson Presbyterian Church for accommodating us during the renovation of Bingham Hall.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Tree Hunt Continues

Rumson is blessed with a variety of majestic trees thanks in large part to the original estate owners who had an abiding interest in creating park-like settings and elegant grounds. Many of these trees are now "lost" behind homes that were built after the estates were subdivided. The Shade Tree Commission is trying to "find" and catalogue the Borough's many significant specimen trees which are not visible from the street. Please contact either Doug Spencer (732-747-8207) or Nancy Haaren (732-842-4022) if you think you have a special tree in your backyard!

Caution During Construction

The Council recently adopted an amendment to the Shade Tree Ordinance which requires protective fencing around the drip line of specimen trees during a construction project. However, any tree that the homeowner intends to save should have a protective barrier.

The following advice is reprinted from the Monmouth County Planning Board ECO TIPS: Tree Preservation 2004:

"To limit damage to trees, precautions must be taken during the construction phase. To minimize impact to root systems, workers should limit compaction and excavation to predetermined areas. In areas slated for foot and vehicular traffic, several inches of wood chips may be spread to pad tree root systems. Never pile excess soil around a tree's trunk. It smothers the tree."

Mulch Volcanoes

Please remember that mulch around trees should start about 6 inches from the trunk, and the maximum depth should be 2-4 inches. NEVER pile mulch up against the trunk as this can cause the decline and death of the tree.

RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN RUN 2006

The newly renamed Rumson-Fair Haven Run was held this year on Sunday, May 7th at the Rumson Fair Haven Regional High School Borden Stadium. The Run was attended by both Mayor Eckdal of Rumson and Superintendent Peter Righi. The national anthem was sung by Alexandra Howley of Rumson.

The 5 Mile Race began at 9:30 AM, and awards were presented after the races to the top male/female runners, as well the top three finishers in each age group.

Local celebrity Tim McCloone was the Master of Ceremonies for Race Day along with his bull horn and was joined by The Breeze's Promotion Coordinator Brooke Connelly from 107.1 and 106.3 FM radio, which provided live musical entertainment all day!

Thank you to all of the participants, sponsors and donors for once again making the Rumson Fair Haven Run a successful event.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 201

AHHHHH...summer camp. Fresh air, home cookin', swimming, independence. Now here's a look behind the scenes at what went on at Boy Scout Troop 201's annual adventure at NoBeBoSco Summer Camp. A record number of 22 boys attended camp from July 23-29th. Despite the rather large age range-- from 11 to 17-- they all worked together as a team.

Boy Scout Camp at NoBe offered something for everyone. Most enjoyed earning multiple merit badges. Some reveled in their job as Leader, serving as role models and helping the younger scouts. Others eagerly anticipated the Friday Night Campfire with its skits, songs, and silliness.

The boys aren't even cognizant of the best part of summer camp. That's the part where the boys in Troop 201 themselves accepted responsibility for making everything "work." This year, Andrew Greenwald, Michael Bowe (Sr. Patrol Leader), and Johnny Checton (Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader), took the helm. They delegated, organized, reassured, encouraged and led. They inspired team spirit and made sure every single boy was involved in the process and pulling his weight. The adult leaders on this trip felt a kinship to the neglected Maytag repairman! So don't believe any one of them when the answer to "What did you do at summer camp?" is "Not much."

On June 30, Troop 201 Scouts Johnny Checton, Steven Fuschetti, Myles Peterson, Ian Roberts, Michael Roig, JP Tucker, and Sam Wilson, along with adult leaders John Checton and Brian Wilson, embarked on a trip for which they had planned for almost a year. They boarded a plane to Denver-ultimate destination Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. To get accustomed to the high altitude before hiking, the boys enjoyed several side trips including Whitewater Rafting in Canon City, a tour of the Air Force Academy and a ride on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway. Once at Philmont, they donned their packs and hiked approximately 75 miles over the course of ten days with 40 pounds of belongings on their backs! This was definitely a top 10 experience for all. (A big thank you to Rob Peterson who could not make the trip but helped the crew on every detail of preparation.)

The new Scouting year begins in September. If you've finished fifth grade or are 11 years old, consider joining this wonderful organization. No experience necessary! For more information, call Jamie Roberts at 732-758-0454.



Left to Right: Scoutmaster Gary Juncosa, Trevor Hembling, Alex Kelly, Jeffrey Morse and Daniel Crawford present a wreath at Memorial Day Ceremonies.



On April 26th, 40 seniors enjoyed a trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster, Pa. to enjoy a presentation of "Behold the Lamb" followed by dinner at the Shady Maple Restaurant. Rosemary Hulse oversees all outside activities for the group.

She arranged for a bus trip to Atlantic City in May to see "The Best of Broadway", with lunch and a little gambling thrown in.

The Seniors, once again donned their red, white and blue and proudly marched in this year's Memorial Day Parade. Channel Three music provided the lively beat for the club's marchers. At the ceremonies in Victory Park, President, Vivian McCormick and Tom Merkel presented a beautiful wreath on behalf of the Club. Those who were unable to march rode in cars and waved to all along the parade route.

Annually, the Seniors donate their time to the Rumson Run. This activity was overseen by Tom Merkel this year with the assistance of sixteen members. On the day of the run, eight members assembled at the finish line to hand out cookies, oranges and waters to the runners,

Margaret Reynolds is in charge of in-house activities. At the May social meeting, she arranged for a representative from Gold Star Senior Travel who handed out a "car star" and card to be kept in the glove compartment. The card contains necessary health information. Sheriff Oxley provided new ID cards.

Bill Riordan, who keeps the members updated on information provided by the Monmouth Council informed members that the Annual Dinner Dance has been scheduled for October 12th. Carmela Pasqua provides the group with Newsletters from the Office on Aging.

Members donated a variety of toiletries, cookies, insect repellent, candy, current magazines, newly released DVD's and other treats. A forty pound package was mailed to CPL Kristian T. Kjesbu, a Rumson Marine stationed in Iraq who shared his gift from home with fellow Marines. His letter of appreciation was read at the June meeting. It was very heart warming and left members with a great feeling of satisfaction.

Amendments to the By-Laws were made and are currently being printed. The cost for this printing is being donated by Bruce Thompson, owner of Thompson's Memorial Home in Red Bank.

At the Awards Night at RFHRHS on June 12th, Present McCormick presented \$100.00 scholarship checks to Brooke Keany, Colin Keany, and Alyssa Pecyno.

Lillian Haines and Jeanne Cuje co-chaired the Spring luncheon on June 23rd at the Old Orchard Manor. Approximately sixty members attended. Special invitations were extended to Mayor John Ekdahl, his wife, and Honorary Member and Past Mayor, Chillie Callman. Following a delightful meal, music was provided by J & J Music, and a gift exchange took place. Everyone had a great time.

Rosemary Hulse arranged for the annual family picnic at Victory Park on July 1st. Hotdogs and hamburgers were supplied by the club, and each member brought a salad and/or dessert. Hats go off to Walter Cuje, John Kondrup and Tom Merkel. They set up, clean up, and take turns flipping the burgers and dogs.

Almost every senior watched the parade, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Rumson Volunteer Fire Department. They truly

enjoyed the festivities that followed and extend their gratitude and congratulations to all of the active and inactive members.

Condolences were extended to Fran Merkel in the loss of her sister, Pauline

An invitation is extended to any Rumson residents 55 years of age or older to join the fun and activities shared by the club. Relatives and friends who do not live in Town are also eligible to join. Annual dues are \$10.00. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 11:00 a.m. in Wilson Hall at the Rumson Presbyterian Church.

The group does not meet during July and August. Meetings will resume on September 11th.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Cuje

Publicity Chairman



MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING LAUNCHES A FREE NEW PROGRAM

"VieBridge Connections" is for caregivers, their families, and seniors. This unique and innovative web-based support program provides the tools, information, education and access to local professionals necessary for self-management of care. Through VieBridge Connections, people are proactive in their wellness planning, empowered, informed and connected to family, friends and community.

This program is free to Monmouth County Residents and their families. To learn more and to enroll, log onto www.viebridgeconnections.net or call 732-431-7450. Any family caring for a loved one at home can benefit from the wealth of information available on this website. Ptl. Anthony Ciambrone will be Rumson's liason to this program.