RUMSON CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL
To All Rumson Residents                                           August, 2007

Re:  2007 Rumson Municipal Budget

Each year the Mayor and Council of Rumson work diligently to contain the Borough’s portion of your New Jersey Property Taxes in the face of numerous challenges. We are very pleased to report that, for the second consecutive year, there will be no increase in the Borough’s tax rate. It will remain at $0.28 per $100.00 of assessed valuation, a commendable accomplishment.

This fiscally conservative result did not happen in a vacuum and was achieved in spite of these cost increases imposed upon the Borough:

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However, we do expect to benefit from increased revenues due to home improvements and new construction in town, as well as from higher interest rates on our investments. The Borough also received a $160,000 Grant for road resurfacing of a portion of Bellevue Avenue.

As the Borough of Rumson continues to provide the excellent municipal services that our residents expect and deserve, it is faced with capital projects and equipment needs each year. We have an ongoing vehicle and equipment replacement plan as well as a road and sewer maintenance program. We are committed to these forward-thinking plans in order to protect Rumson’s infrastructure and quality of life. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council
Borough of Rumson

OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR
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**RUMSON CENTENNIAL EVENTS**

**EVENING AT THE FARM**

What a party! On May 19th, two huge tents near the barns of Scotthigh Farm, the former Metcalf Estate, were the scene of our sold-out gala event celebrating the Centennial of the Incorporation of the Borough of Rumson. The pouring rain did not dampen the spirits of over five hundred residents who enjoyed the excellent buffet and dancing to the music of The Trend. It was wonderful for friends and neighbors to get together to celebrate this remarkable community and to enjoy getting to know one another better.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES**

On Monday, May 28, 2007, Memorial Day Ceremonies were held in Victory Park to remember Rumson residents who have given their lives for our country. Dave Shinn was the Master of Ceremonies, and Rumson organizations took part by placing beautiful floral tributes at our Veterans Memorials. Alexandria Howley sang our National Anthem, and Boy Scout Troop 201 raised the American flag. Reverend John W. Monroe of the First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation and benediction.

**THANK YOU ALL!**

The Mayor, Borough Council and the Rumson Endowment Committee would like to thank all of the employees, volunteers, organizations and local restaurants and food establishments for making the Centennial Founders’ Day Parade and Picnic such a huge success.

All of the time, effort, hard work and donations for these events, as well as the other Centennial events this year, have brought this community together with a sense of pride in the historic Borough of Rumson.

**RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Rumson Police Department is proud to announce that we have five Police Officers fully trained to use a bicycle for police patrol. We have purchased two new bikes for their use and additionally have reconditioned two used patrol bikes.

Bike patrols are an extremely valuable prevention tactic and will aid our Community Policing and Crime Prevention efforts. You will see them supplementing regular patrols in Rumson’s residential and business districts.

**SOLICITORS**

It is the time of year when we see companies and organizations come into the Borough to solicit our residents. We restrict the time they are allowed to solicit to between 10AM and 9PM. In addition, the solicitors must register with our Police Department. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Rumson Police Department at 842-0500.

**CENTENNIAL SOUVENIRS**

It is still possible to purchase Centennial merchandise. Stop in at Borough Hall to purchase souvenirs of our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

- Rumson Logo Hats
- Centennial T-Shirts
  - (Sizes: Youth Small, Medium & Large
  - Adult Small, Medium & Large)
- Tote Bags
- Silk Neckties
- Replica Postcard Sets
- Decals
- Large Flags
- Small Flags

**CENTENNIAL FOUNDERS’ DAY PARADE AND PICNIC**

On June 9, 2007, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Borough of Rumson with an event that was exciting and great fun from beginning until end. The Founders’ Day Parade began at RFHRHS and ended at Victory Park. Onlookers edged the sidewalks all along River Road to see the vast array of bands, fire companies, community organizations and antique vehicles. Mayor Charles S. Callman and Councilman George H. Moss, Jr. served as Co-Grand Marshals, and present and retired Mayors, Council members, Borough Administrators, and Police Chiefs took part in the parade. Our Rumson Fire Department and EMS, neighboring Fire Departments, EMS Squads and the County Sheriff’s Office added even more emergency vehicles with their sirens and air horns to the parade. All Rumson schools took part as well as some school bands and our Veterans, Scouts and Rumson Recreation teams. Rumson organizations and churches got into the spirit of the event with floats and marching contingents. The 3rd New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, a group of Civil War re-enactors, in their period uniforms with their ladies in hooped skirts were an historical addition to our parade, and our own Battle of Blackpoint Historic Group marched in Revolutionary War era costume. We were greatly entertained by the Trenton AOH Fife and Drum Corps in their kilts, the Philadelphia Mummers Woodland String Band in their elaborate, brightly colored costumes and the Funny Factory Clown Band in full clown regalia. How exciting it was to see the original Batmobile, Jersey Dream Machines and antique vehicles of various vintages.

As the parade reached Victory Park, music began playing on our gazebo. During the festivities, participants were entertained by The Jazz Lobsters, Total Soul, the Tom White Band, The Sundries, with Dave McCarthy and Jeff Dalton between sets. Food and beverages were provided to all, and storytellers and face painters entertained the children. Organized and carried out by the Rumson Endowment Committee and Centennial Committee volunteers, this was a celebration that all of us can be proud of and will remember forever.
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

AM EMERGENCY RADIO
Rumson and Sea Bright share a new AM Emergency Radio system. Tune to 1630 kHz. on your AM radio; the system broadcasts National Weather Service data on a continuous basis, emergency information and special announcements specific to Rumson when needed.

REVERSE 911
The Borough of Rumson Office of Emergency Management has a reverse 911 system which is capable of calling every household within the Borough of Rumson to notify residents of emergency information. If you have never received a reverse 911 message, please stop by the Rumson Police Department and fill out a form to include your home telephone number in this important database.

EMERGENCY ALERTING SYSTEM (EAS)
Soon the Borough of Rumson will have a new Emergency Alerting System which will replace the present siren and horn system. The new EAS will be installed at 3 different locations in town and will be capable of notifying Rumson residents of fire, EMS calls as well as flood warnings, evacuation notices and school closings. The system is also voice capable for emergency announcements and has battery back up in the event of power failure. Listen for the tests of the new system in August and September.

 ARMY TRUCK & EMERGENCY SERVICES BOAT
Rumson OEM has a new high water rescue Army Truck and Emergency Services Boat so that emergency personnel can gain access to areas of town that may be inaccessible due to flooding in a storm or extreme high tide. These are just some of the resources that the Rumson Office of Emergency Management has available to it in the event of an emergency.

RUMSON FIRE DEPARTMENT
Please note that it is time for everyone to change the batteries in Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors.

The new ordinance regarding false fire alarms has now taken effect; so please maintain your alarm systems. The amount of resources used to answer a fire alarm are quite staggering when you add it all up and realize how many lives it affects. Rushing out to answer false alarms puts an undue stress on an all-volunteer fire service. The men and women of our volunteer service are trying to do their very best to maintain the highest level of response without wasting precious time and energy answering false alarms.

Next month school will be back in session, and we hope to have the “Child Finder Program” operational. Similar to the “TOT Finder Program” of the late 1970’s, the “Child Finder Program” places a brightly colored decal facing outward on the window of your child’s bedroom. In the event of a fire, the decal alerts firefighters from the exterior of your home where to locate each child. Since placing an identifier on your child’s bedroom window brings about its own set of concerns, participation in this program is completely voluntary. These simple decals will be available with application instructions at each fire station and in the lobby of Rumson Police Headquarters.

A continued effort of maintaining such a high level of readiness requires hundreds, if not thousands, of man hours over the course of a year; our men and women willingly donate their time and energy in order to protect the residents of Rumson around the clock. When we run our Annual Fund Drive this year, please make an extra effort to assist us with your needs, just as we will always be here to assist you with yours.

RUMSON FIRST AID SQUAD
The Rumson First Aid Squad is a non-profit, volunteer organization that provides emergency medical services for the residents of Rumson at no cost to the patient. We have been providing these services since 1949, and the dedication of our volunteers – your friends and neighbors – has been clearly evident during the past few months.

First, there was the Centennial Parade and Picnic where our volunteers provided two fully staffed ambulances throughout that busy day. In addition, our volunteers worked with the other emergency services to put in place an appropriate coverage plan for the successful fireworks display on July 3rd. Rumson First Aid was supported by the Sea Bright, Holmdel, Oceanport and Tinton Falls First Aid Squads as well.

We have formed a new financial advisory committee, comprised of several residents willing to volunteer their time to help us maintain a policy of financial and auditing governance that is both transparent and independent. The formation of this committee started over a year ago because our members felt that, since a majority of our funding comes from donations from the town’s residents, it is important to maintain the highest standards of financial stewardship.

We increasingly need more residents to consider volunteering their time with the First Aid Squad. Although we are fortunate to have approximately 25 dedicated volunteers, our membership is negatively impacted by the normal attrition associated with people moving away from town and being transferred with work or retirement. If you are over the age of 16 and are interested in learning more about our organization, please do not hesitate to contact us at www.rumsonems.org. Our website has recently been revised and updated, and you can contact us through the “volunteer” tab.

As a public reminder, we would also like to ask residents to make sure that their homes are clearly marked with their house numbers. If you can’t see your house number from the street at night, neither can we. In an emergency, time is of the essence.

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 2007. 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 Rumson Borough Hall. This program is for children who are in grades 1-8 during the 2007-08 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.

Registration forms for the senior citizen exercise program are available at the Rumson Borough Hall. The program will begin on September 5 and run through November 28. This program will meet at Bingham Hall on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30.
SHADE TREE COMMISSION

In an ongoing effort to enhance the beauty of the town and provide much needed shade on several streets, new trees (willow oaks, sycamores and maples) were planted this spring. Some of the trees can be identified since they have been planted with 20 gallon “treegators” that provide regulated watering, a key necessity for the healthy survival of the trees. Some of the streets with new trees include Riverside, Warren, Waterman and South Ward.

In June, the volunteer Shade Tree Commission, along with the DPW, participated in a 3-hour course that taught us how to identify hazardous trees. The Commission will be increasing its responsibility in monitoring the trees in the Borough of Rumson.

TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL RUMSON BUSINESSES:

Do you purchase your office supplies online from Staples or Office Max? The Oceanic Library is encouraging all Rumson businesses which purchase supplies online from Office Max or Staples to please register on iGive.com/OFL. By using that link when you purchase office equipment and supplies, the library will receive an average 2.6% of those purchases as a donation; there is absolutely no cost to the purchaser. Since the Oceanic Free Library is a non-profit organization, these donations are completely tax deductible to the purchaser.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS: 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

ART ON DISPLAY

Works of art are on display every month at the Library. During the month of August, Janine Kimmel’s watercolors will be on dis-
play. She will talk about her paintings and read her book, THE MAGIC GOWN, to the children at the end-of-summer party. In September, Broeck Steadman will display his art, and Tony Cook will have her shell collection in the showcase. Dr. Roy Carman’s artworks will be on our walls in October, and Michelle Tawill will have a display in the showcase.

**LIBRARY HOURS:**
- Monday/Thursday: 1:00 pm-7:00 pm
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm
- Saturdays: 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- Book Club meets fourth week of the month. Call Library for details.
- Knitting Group meets Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm. All skill levels welcome.
- We accept books that are in brand-new condition. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BOOKS OUTSIDE, because the weather will ruin them.

**RUMSON WOMEN’S CLUB**

On May 1st the Rumson Women’s Club held our Installation Dinner in Bingham Hall. We installed two new members, Anne Marie Hohman and Marietta Natale. Welcome ladies. We also reinstalled a past member whom we are pleased to have re-join us. Welcome back to Kathy Marass.

The June meeting was a reorganization meeting with the officers forming the committee chairs and asking the members to help them through the next year. On June 9th the Rumson Women’s Club participated in the Centennial celebration by cruising the parade route in a 20ft Edgewater boat supplied by Sandy Hook Yacht sales. Special thanks to Bill Bergin for allowing us to sail through in the parade in luxury and to our driver Stan Tillman.

During the months of July and August there are no regular meetings or events.

September will be the beginning of our new year. The first meeting will be on September 10th. The meeting will be in Bingham Hall and, as always, we encourage new members to join us at any of our meetings. There will be a pot-luck dinner provided by the members. Anyone interested in attending should contact Thea Davis-732-842-0044 or Pat Ray- 732-495-5369.

The October 1st meeting will involve final plans for the Luncheon/Fashion show. The Rumson Women’s Club Luncheon/Fashion show will be held on November 4th at Branches in West Long Branch. For more information call Linda Babeuf- 732-842-5687.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month in Bingham Hall, with the exception of September, January, and May. For more information, please contact Judy McMaster-732-842-1522 or Thea Davis- 732-842-0044.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 201**

For Boy Scout Troop 201, there were goodbyes and hellos. Veteran scouts Marshall Juncosa, Michael Bowe, and Andrew Veasey all attained the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout and graduated from high school this year. Their leadership and hard work will be missed. Meantime, a record number of 20 Webelos crossed over in February, accompanied by their very enthusiastic parents, they bring incredible energy to the troop!

A combined 40 scouts and parents mountain-biked 12 miles in White Haven, PA in May. The boys set up camp in Hickory Run State Park, where they built a campfire, cooked and cleaned up, and had just enough energy to crawl into their tents. Rafting on the Lehigh River followed breakfast the next day. This trip is a group favorite!

With pride, Troop 201 donned Class A uniforms to march in the Rumson Centennial Parade. Senior scout Michael Roig and second-year Jeffrey Morse escorted Congressman Rush Holt at the head of the parade. Afterward, the boys helped Scoutmaster Gary Juncosa cook and deliver food at Victory Park, and they helped collect garbage.

On Flag Day, June 14th, the troop conducted its annual Respectful Flag Disposal Ceremony at Victory Park. Against the breathtaking backdrop of the Navesink River at sunset, Ian Roberts played Taps as the boys solemnly saluted and added torn and tattered flags to the fire. Alex Barnett narrated the underlying significance of each part of the flag. If you haven’t witnessed this event, mark your calendars for next year!

Summer Camp at NoBeBoSco in North Jersey was the grand finale of the scouting year. Another record group of 32 boys and 10 adults attended the weeklong camp in July. The boys attended such sessions as First Class Adventure, Lifesaving, Horsemanship and Trail to Eagle. The new Scouts were initiated into the Polar Bear Swim, a long-standing tradition of hopping into the lake at the crack of dawn! Despite having to “dress up” in full Class A uniforms for dinner every night, everyone had a great time.

The Troop has planned its first trip in September to The United States Military Academy at West Point. The participants will watch a football game and tour the monuments, the chapel, the military museum and the cemetery, followed by camping on premises that night.

Opportunities to learn life skills while working with others as a team don’t surface very often. We’re inviting any boy who is age 11 or has finished fifth grade to join the journey! Troop 201 meetings are held every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9 at Forrestdale School, beginning in September.

**NEWCOMERS’ CLUB**

Are you new to the area and looking for a great way to meet people? Why don’t you consider joining the Newcomers’ Club of Little Silver, Rumson, Fair Haven and Shrewsbury? Established in 1972, the club is a non-profit social and charitable organization whose purpose is to welcome new families through monthly social and charitable activities. With a growing membership of nearly 200 families, the club extends a friendly and neighborly welcome to all newcomers by introducing them to others like themselves and helping them towards building a social life in their new communities. The club also assists worthy charitable projects within the community, and members donate time and energy towards assisting local communities in worthwhile programs.

Membership in the Newcomers Club is open to new residents of Rumson, Fair Haven, Little Silver and Shrewsbury. The club accepts new members throughout the year and offers various activities for everyone. Some of the many activities include playgroups and outings for children and parents, gourmet events, theme parties, book clubs, tennis and men’s activities. For more information, or to submit an application, please go to our website, www.newcomersclubinc.com.
RUMSON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

On May 30th, several members and friends went to the Tropicana in Atlantic City. They enjoyed a buffet luncheon and the show, “Crooners.” It was fun to sing along with music from the 40’s and 50’s and watch the beautiful dancers. The package also included a cash refund to spend at the casinos. Rosemary Hulse did a great job!

From May 1-31, the VNA of Central Jersey presented “Stately Homes By-The-Sea” at Scothigh Farm, the former Metcalf Estate. Six of our members volunteered to “room sit” -- Jan Annacone, Gin Cesario, Jeanne Cuje, Lillian Haines, Rosemary Hulse and Vivian McCormick enjoyed being a part of such a worthwhile event.

On behalf of the Club, President Vivian McCormick and John Kondrup presented a wreath at the Memorial Day Ceremonies in Victory Park.

At the Social Meeting in May, members honored Katherine Miller with a lovely cake and good wishes as she celebrated her 95th birthday on May 10th. President McCormick recognized Doris Robinson who received an award for her 33 years of volunteer service at Riverview Medical Center.

Gina Cesario and her Committee arranged the Spring Luncheon. Many thanks to Gina and Jan Annacone, Peg Connor, Jeanette DiSpirito, Dolores Ryan and Jeanne Cuje. This was the first time that Gina chaired an event, and she did an outstanding job. Following the luncheon, Past President and Trustee Jeanne Cuje had the honor of installing the new officers for 2007-2009. President Vivian McCormick was installed for her second full term. Lillian Haines will be 1st Vice President, and Bill Scalzo is now 2nd Vice President. Each of them is a past president and Trustee. Marge Hroncich is beginning her term as Recording Secretary, and Jeanette DiSpirito is Corresponding Secretary. Rosemary Hulse is our new Treasurer. President McCormick acknowledged the outgoing officers, Margaret Reynolds, Peg Horn, Peg Connor and Bill Riordan. She also acknowledged Past President and Trustee Carmela Pasqua for her many years as Representative to the Office on Aging. Mayor John Ekdahl and his wife, Lolly, were our Honored Guests.

Annually, the Club presents awards to graduating seniors from RFHRHS. This year’s award went to Theresa Hartman, granddaughter of member Diane Cross.

Attendance at the Centennial Parade was super! There were 26 members representing the Club-11 marched, 12 rode in the open top bus which was provided by Rumson Management. John Kondrup, long time member of both the Fire Department and the First Aid Squad, rode in the Chief’s car. Jeanne Cuje, lifetime member of Holy Cross, rode on their float as a 1948 graduate of Holy Cross School, and Walter Cuje had the pleasure of driving Holy Cross Principal Mrs. Patricia Graham in her little blue VW toting blue and gold balloons, the school colors. Whether you’re a lifelong resident of Rumson or have just moved into town recently, this was a celebration to remember for many years! Hats off to everyone involved!!

Newly elected VP Bill Scalzo arranged for a wonderful picnic at Victory Park on July 7th. Walter Cuje and Tom Merkel still know how to flip those burgers and hotdogs. Members brought salads and desserts. Good food, good company, good weather, good music…good time had by all!!

On July 1st, Jeanne Cuje was invited to the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption in Trenton to receive the Nostrum Ecclesiam Tempus Award from the Most Reverend John M. Smith, Bishop of Trenton. She was recommended for this honor by Rev. Michael Manning, Pastor of Holy Cross Church. She was also recognized by Rev. Manning at Mass on July 8th. The purpose of the award was, “to honor men and women throughout the Diocese who have served and supported the work of the Gospel in an extraordinary way.” She cherishes this honor.

President McCormick extends an invitation to all Rumson residents, 55 years of age or older, their family members and friends to join the fun and activities shared by the Club. Annual dues are $10.00, and meetings are held monthly on the second and fourth Mondays at 11:00 am in Wilson Hall at the Rumson Presbyterian Church. The group does not meet during July and August.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jeanne Cuje
Publicity Chairman

Meeting Dates:
September 10 & 24
October 8 and 22
November 12 and 26
If a meeting must be cancelled due to inclement weather, members will be notified.
**Mayor**  
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**Calendar**

**August**

1. First Quarter Property Taxes Due  
2. Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm  
3. Planning Board, 7:30 pm  
15. Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm  
21. Zoning Board, 7:30 pm

**September**

3. Labor Day: No Garbage Collection; Rumson Borough Hall and Oceanic Library Closed  
5. Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm  
6. Planning Board, 7:30 pm  
10. Planning Board, 7:30 pm  
10. Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 11:00 am  
18. Zoning Board, 7:30 pm  
19. Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm

**October**

1. Planning Board, 7:30 pm  
3. Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm  
4. Planning Board, 7:30 pm  
8. Columbus Day: No Garbage Collection; Rumson Borough Hall and Oceanic Library Closed  
8. Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 11:00 am  
16. Zoning Board, 7:30 pm  
17. Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm