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Visit our website: www.rooseveltartsproject.org.
Suggested donation of \$10 for all events (unless indicated)
to support RAP, the Roosevelt Arts Project.

Roosevelt Summer Chill Concert & Goodbye Party

Sunday, July 28, 2024 • 6:00 PM • RSVP for location: saksfamilyband@gmail.com

Gabe and the Saks Family Band, special guest Pat Monteleone, and more. Join us to celebrate summer, and appreciate all those who will be missed as they embark upon new journeys in life. Say goodbye to Pat and Heidi before their move out of NJ, and to Adina and her friends leaving for college. Concert followed by a jam around the bonfire. Refreshments served. www.gabesaks.com

A Community Open Mic Night

Saturday, August 10, 2024 • 6:00 PM • FDR Amphitheater, Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt

A community open mic night for neighborhood artists. Come perform, collaborate, jam or tell a joke or two with your neighbors. And see the artworks created by “This is Not an Art Class” at a temporary open air gallery during the event.

Art and Garden Tour

Saturday, September 7, 2024 • 1:00–4:00 PM (Rain Date: Saturday, September 14, 2024)

The urge to create, with brush, chisel, or trowel, generating beauty, raising food crops, and creating spaces for quiet reflection thrives in Roosevelt. Visit the gardens of some of Roosevelt’s most passionate gardeners and artists, and see their creativity in its natural habitat. A map of participating gardens will be available on the RAP website closer to the event.

John Parrott’s Music

Remembering the best unknown singer/songwriter of the last 50 years.

Sunday, September 22, 2024 • 1:30–4:30 PM • Roosevelt Borough Hall

John Parrott was a big man with big talent. He loved his sad songs best even though he was known for rousing blues tunes and manic live shows. Barbara Beeman & Bill Bannon along with Peter Stampfel and Gene Turonis will re-create some of his legacy for the Roosevelt community he embraced for many years.

Art Walk in the Woods

Saturday, October 5, 2024 1:00–4:00 PM (Rain Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024)

Roosevelt Public School, 2 School Lane, Roosevelt

Spend an autumn day walking down a wooded trail beside a gently flowing creek enjoying the artistry of Roosevelt residents. Take a moment to hear a tune played by local musicians or listen to poetry being recited along the way.

Mural Talk and Shahn Family Art Exhibit

Art Exhibit located at the Borough Hall • Mural Talk with Alan Mallach at 2:00 PM both days at the Roosevelt Public School, 2 School Lane, Roosevelt

Saturday, November 16, 2024 • 11:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sunday, November 17, 2024 • 12:00 PM–3:00 PM

Ben Shahn’s mural in the Roosevelt Public School, is the heart of Roosevelt. Come learn the story of the mural and discover the artwork of Ben, Bernarda, & Jonathan Shahn at the Borough Hall.

Bagels & Coffee Brunch

Sunday, December 8, 2024 • 9:00 AM–12:00 PM • Roosevelt Borough Hall

Join us for a Winter season family breakfast: BAGELS & SCHMEARS, DOUGHNUTS & CIDER, HOT CHOCOLATE and featuring FRESH ROASTED and BREWED COFFEES from around the world!

It’s a Nice Night for an Evening: A Storytelling Event

Saturday, January 11, 2025 • 7:30 PM • Roosevelt Borough Hall

Join us for a cozy night of original stories, tales, and anecdotes.

Slavery Trail

Saturday, January 25, 2025 • 7:30 PM • Roosevelt Borough Hall

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere” is the motto for this multi-media event. Photos, music, and poems will celebrate how America’s slavery trail became its civil rights trail. Follow the narrative of a nine-day drive from Greensboro to Selma, Birmingham to Montgomery to Washington, D.C. as we learn that Black history is the history of ALL Americans, as Fannie Lou Hamer said, “nobody’s free until everybody’s free.”

Songwriters of Roosevelt

Sunday, February 9, 2025 • 3:00–5:00 PM • Roosevelt Borough Hall

Come spend an afternoon with neighbors who create beauty with words and music. Listen to and learn about some of Roosevelt’s own songwriters and their stories. Sing along as Cherie Chelst and George Marinich (AKA The Knockabouts) host an afternoon of original songs and music written and performed by our creative neighbors.

A Little Night Music

A piano recital with commentary by Alan Mallach

Saturday, March 22, 2025 • 7:30 PM • Roosevelt Borough Hall

Ever since Irish composer John Field invented the nocturne early in the 19th century, composers have found inspiration in the night. Come listen to Alan Mallach play nocturnal yet stimulating piano music from the 19th century to the present day, interspersed with his insightful and enjoyable commentary.

Poetry Event

Saturday, April 5, 2025 • 7:30 PM • Roosevelt Borough Hall

Come join the Roosevelt Poets for a Love Fest with the alphabet!

Roosevelt String Band

Sunday, May 4, 2025 • 3:00 PM • Roosevelt Borough Hall

The 38th annual Roosevelt String Band Concert with David Brahinsky, Ed Cedar, Joe Pepitone, Noemi Bolton, Guy DeRosa and Nancy Wilson will perform a variety of folk and blues songs, from the Irish/Scottish/English/ Appalachian traditions and from the folk revival of the 1960’s and 70’s to today’s singer/songwriters.

Ron Orlando in Concert

Saturday, May 31, 2025 • 7:30 PM • Roosevelt Borough Hall

Former Roosevelt resident Ron Orlando returns to the Borough Hall, in a solo concert of some of his (and our) favorite songs.

Visual Arts, Music and Poetry

Sunday, June 8, 2025 • 1:00–6:00 PM • Assifa Space, 40 Tamara Drive, Roosevelt

Join us at Assifa Space for an afternoon of visual arts, poetry, and music by Roosevelt artists. Come celebrate Roosevelt’s creativity and camaraderie with us with an indoor/outdoor potluck get-together.