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To: Roselle Property Owners and Residents:

All of you are aware of the present economic crisis that confronts our Country. Many of your neighbors - and possibly you - are having difficulty maintaining your lifestyles because of the economy and must find ways to tighten your belts. Roselle, your local government, is not exempt from experiencing the pain of lower revenues and increased costs because of this crisis. State revenues that the Borough has traditionally received to offset property taxes has declined significantly. We have yet to feel the full impact of property foreclosures and reduced fees from other Borough revenues.

To offset these conditions, the Mayor and Council are taking measures to stabilize the Borough budget and have made the difficult decision of moving the garbage collection from side yard to curb side. This decision was not made lightly, but the economic savings are compelling.

Over the next five years, this change can result in budget savings of more than 1.6 million dollars – an average of more than \$300,000.00 dollars per year.

And the Mayor and Council continue to aggressively seek other means of saving in this area. We will be increasing and enforcing our recycling efforts in order to reduce the amount that the Borough expends to dispose of waste. You may not realize that the Borough pays disposal costs by the ton. We can reduce our tonnage significantly by strictly enforcing and improving our recycling program.

The Mayor and Council want to work together with all residents and property owners to manage property taxes. We appreciate your understanding and your cooperation. The Mayor and Council will continue to look for ways to address our budget issues with the overall goal of seeking what is in the best interests of all Roselle residents.

If you have any questions please contact the Department of Public Works at 908-245-2920.

Sincerely,

Cheryl G. Fuller
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Borough of Roselle