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Richard M. Onderko,
Mayor
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Mayor Onderko's Corner

We closed out 2019 with community events in December that really made our community spirit shine here in Manville. Our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on our Main Street included an artificial ice rink for kids to skate as Santa arrived on one of the fire trucks. He had the honor of lighting the tree this year. Hot chocolate and cookies were served to all who attended.

On Saturday, December 14th, we held our second annual Wreaths Across America Day ceremony at Sacred Heart Cemetery. It was a great day to remember and honor our local Hometown Heroes laid to rest there. This year 1,404 wreaths were sponsored to ensure every veteran's grave received one. Many thanks to our Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts who participated in the ceremony and helped lay wreaths. Teaching them the value of freedom is very important today.

Throughout December, the Manville Arts Council held their annual "Bright Lights" holiday-decorating fundraiser and contest. Families enjoyed driving around town, seeing the lights, and voting on their favorite homes that were participating in the contest. We have a walkable community that helps facilitate our holiday spirit which is hard to replicate in larger towns.

Looking ahead to some of the challenges of 2020, we will be working hard to stabilize the municipal tax rate, address quality of life and parking issues in our municipal parking lots and on our residential streets, review finalized plans for our Main Street reconstruction to enhance pedestrian safety, and adopt a revised redevelopment plan for the old Rustic Mall site. Also, in 2020, homeowners will receive a 25% discount on flood insurance policies due to our active participation in the FEMA Community Rating System.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

Mayor Richard M. Onderko

MYAL Jr. Pee Wee Core Cheerleaders Place 2nd at Pop Warner Nationals

The MYAL Jr. Pee Wee Core Cheerleading team represented the Central Jersey Pop Warner Conference and Eastern Region Pop Warner by placing 2nd in the Nation when they traveled to the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Osceola Florida from December 9th to the 11th to compete in the 2019 Pop Warner Cheerleading National Competition.

In early August, 13 girls joined the Manville Jr. Mustang Cheer team at the Jr. Pee Wee level and began work on their CORE basics of cheerleading as well as working on perfecting their routine for the upcoming season. The girls cheered at football games for our Jr. Pee Wee team this season as well as getting a chance to cheer with the Manville High School Cheer team at a High School football game early in the season. When competition time came they traveled to Locals in Trenton at the Central Jersey Conference Competition where they took 1st place with their routine. They would then move on the next week to the Garden State Com-



petition where they would take another 1st place and advance to the Pop Warner Eastern Region Competition where they would cheer to earn a chance to be our regional representative at Nationals in Florida. After coming in 1st at Regions this group of girls became the first ever team from Manville to

advance to the Pop Warner Nationals. Once their ticket was punched to Nationals, a tireless fundraising effort took place to help our girls get there. They reached a fundraising goal of \$10,000 and were on their way. Be-

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From the desk of Brett Radi, Borough Administrator

I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for appointing me to the position of Borough Administrator. It is an honor to serve the residents of the Borough of Manville and to work with such a dedicated group of Borough Employees. On behalf of the Borough Employees, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As we look back on 2019, the Borough celebrated its 90th year of incorporation with a spectacular Community Day and fireworks celebration. Some of the other highlights were a successful bulk pick up collection program, a grant award in the amount of \$100,000.00 to fund the cost of a generator for the public library, an award of contract to study our sewer rate structure and an award of contract to study and design a new vision for Main Street.

Priorities for 2020 include, maintaining fiscal responsibility, working with our business partners in the community to revitalize our chamber of commerce and merchants association, and to address a vision for the Rustic Mall property. I look forward to working with Mayor Onderko and the Borough Council to accomplish these priorities and other objectives for 2020.

NEW Borough Hall Hours

Monday through Friday
9 am to 5 pm



Christmas Tree Pickup

Live Christmas trees will be periodically picked up curbside by the Department of Public Works starting in January and through mid-February. Please remove all ornaments, lights and tinsel before placing the tree curbside.

Our Local Business SpotLight

Manville Diner Celebrates 30 years on Main Street

In December of 2019, the Manville Diner, under its present ownership, celebrated 30 years on Manville's Main Street. It has become a staple in the town, right in the heart of Manville, serving freshly cooked meals inspired by Greek, Polish, Irish and American cuisine.

The Diner is owned and operated by brothers Peter, George, and Tony Kontos, and along with their families have been the familiar faces in the town's everyday life.

Peter and George bought the business in late 1989 and have made it a true family affair. Diane – Peter's wife – has been greeting and serving customers for 30 years and at one point or another everyone from all 3 families have put in time at the diner to

help, whether serving, cleaning or hosting at the register.

The food is prepared daily, most of it made to order and served hot and fresh within a matter of minutes. The menu is huge, 4 pages long, including daily specials and at least 3 soups. There is a large selection of salads, burgers, sandwiches, paninis and pasta dishes. A whole section on healthy options, roasts, steaks, prime cuts of meat, fish platters, and of course, a full menu page on breakfast which is served all hours of the day.

All dinner specials include a cup of soup or a small salad and most come with a choice

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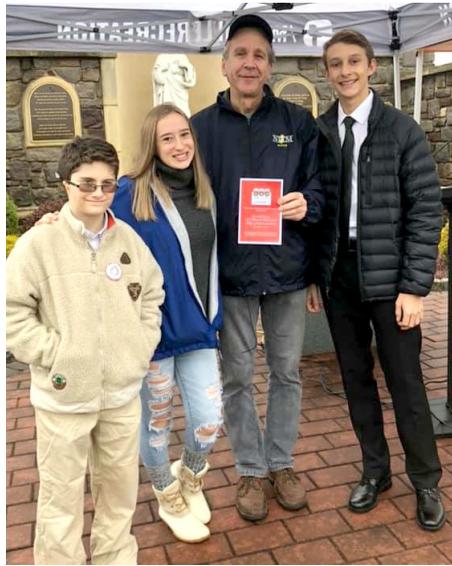
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L to R: Jake Whitenight sang the National Anthem, Cami Toth sang God Bless America, Mayor Onderko, and Eric Duma played Taps

Wreaths Across America Day, Dec. 14, 2019

Wreaths were placed on veteran's graves at Sacred Heart, Saints Peter & Paul, and Holy Ghost Cemeteries.



The Thankfulness Chain

by Kristie Gall

On Saturday November 30th, a handful of thankful Manville residents gathered together to spread a paper chain down Main Street. The chain started at Thomas J Kaschak Blvd and went all the way to Manville Pizza. Each paper link had a handwritten sentiment of something someone was thankful for. Links came from Weston School, Roosevelt School, Manville Seniors, Manville Public Library, Fulton Bank, and several other local businesses. It was very clear Manville had SO much to be thankful for! The idea was inspired after seeing the recent school upgrades this summer. As a school district who is still underfunded, our School Board helped facilitate some amazing renovations, 14 new staff members, and update class offerings - sparking a positive and thankful environment to "kick off" the new school year. That spirit of thankfulness extended right down the line when the School Board took a moment to acknowledge our facilities manager, his crew and the hard work of the entire janitorial staff too. "Why stop there?" Manville has been a safe home for generations, a town where you get to know your neighbor, see children playing in the beautiful parks, and an active community that gathers together for events. While it may not be perfect, it's home and for that we have so much to be thankful for! It truly was a site to be seen stretching out hundreds of these thankfulness blessings down Main St. Thank you to all those who participated!

Manville Seniors' Digest

The Manville Senior Citizens meet at noon on the second Thursday of each month at the VFW on Washington Avenue. Membership is open to anyone age 50 or older, residents and non-residents. The next meeting will be January 9.

We can be found on Facebook @ManvilleSeniorCitizens. Check out our activities and pictures.

Nick Trilone will collect dues for 2020. Installation of officers will be January 9.

Enjoyed the annual Christmas Party held on December 8 at the VFW. Good food, Christmas songs trivia, socializing and dancing rounded out the afternoon.

2020 officers and chairpersons are President Phil Petrone, Vice-President Joe Patero, Treasurer Kathie Petrone, Membership Secretary Nick Trilone, Sergeant-At-Arms Joanne Kosensky, Chaplin Josephine Pschar, Trustees Barbara Panfile, Theresa Evans, Dottie Rembelle, Hospitality Committee Cookie Bobrowski, MaryLee Brisebois, Sick and Welfare Carol Barter, Publicity & Public Relations Gerry Klimowich, By-Laws Eileen Bardi, Ways and Means MaryAnne

Urbaniak, Day Trips Josephine Pschar, Overnight Trips Kathie Petrone, Atlantic City/Willow Creek Josephine Pschar.

Upcoming trips:

Atlantic City - Third Wednesday of the month in to Caesar's. Bus leaves VFW at 9 am. Cost is \$35 of which \$30 will be returned. Next trip is January 15. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Wind Creek (Sands) in Bethlehem, PA. will be on the fifth Thursday of the month. The next trip is January 30, 2020. Bus will leave from the VFW at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30 with \$20 back. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156 for reservations.

All trips are open to the public.

Seniors Celebrating Christmas 2019



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Manville Enjoyed a Holiday Celebration Complete with a Tree Lighting, Santa, and the First-Ever Artificial Ice Skating Rink



DPW Winter Events & Snow Removal Plan



With winter upon us, the Department of Public Works has in place a snow operation

and emergency plan for winter related events. To properly snow plow streets from curb to curb, residents are asked to remove all vehicles from the streets. On "Emergency Streets" (posted with signs indicating "No Parking When Road is Snow Covered Tow Away Zone"), residents are required to remove all vehicles from the roadway once the snow begins to fall. Failure to remove a vehicle from an "Emergency Street" will result in a traffic summons and the vehicle being towed. The Snow Emergency Plan will be dependent upon the nature of the storm. Roads are pre-treated or treated as soon as snow begins to accumulate. The plowing operation does not start until an accumulation of two to three inches of snow. Emergency Streets and main arteries are done first with one to two passes performed on each street during the storm. Curb to curb snow plowing is performed once the storm is over. When curbing the streets, snow may be redistributed across a cleared driveway. This is unavoidable and it is suggested to residents that cleaning out the end of a driveway be done after streets are fully curbed. In accordance with Ordinance #20917-1181, residents are to refrain from putting snow into the streets; this is not permissible and creates a safety hazard.

For a listing of the Boroughs "Emergency Streets" go to: www.manvillepd.org > Traffic Related Service > Emergency Street List.

Manville Fire Department Receives Donation of Pet Masks

The Borough of Manville Fire Department is happy to announce they recently received a donation of three sets of specially designed oxygen masks for pets provided to them from the Canine Company. Borough of Manville Fire Superintendent, Patrick Renaldi made the request for the donation to the Canine Company so that Borough firefighters can provide lifesaving efforts on the scene of a fire or other household emergency.

Renaldi explains, "Our pets become family members and the loss of one can often feel overwhelming and trigger all sorts of painful and difficult emotions, but with this life saving equipment gives the firefighters a chance to resuscitate them by providing oxygen to the animal." The kits are being deployed across the department's three Fire Stations and all Firefighters are being trained on how to use them.

According to Renaldi, pets are at special risk during a home fire because they are unable to leave the house without help. An estimated 40,000 pets die from smoke inhalation across the U.S. each year. The cone-shaped masks donated by Canine Company are designed specifically for a pet's snout, which human masks don't fit. Each set includes masks in three sizes to accommodate pets from small mammals to giant breed dogs.

According to Canine Company, at least 14 pet's lives have been saved so far this year by first responders using the donated



Bright Lights 2019 Fundraiser Brings Creativity

The MAC's annual Bright Lights Fundraiser and Contest brought holiday joy and creativity to Manville. Fourteen amazing homes entered the contest and 1516 votes were cast! THANK YOU to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore for supporting the contest by being our point of sale for the Voting Guitar Picks this year. Thank you to our sponsors and donors: PSE&G, MPAC, Bowlmor, AR Workshop of Westfield, Hair House International, Valarico, Dunellen Cinema Cafe, RVCC Planetarium, Golf Range @ Branchburg, and Manville Pizza.

We hope you were able to enjoy the Bright Lights with your families. Bright Lights Fundraiser supports the mission of the MAC to bring the arts to Manville.



1st Place: Richard Ave.



2nd Place: Sidorske Ave.



3rd Place: Dominic St.



masks, including four pets in New Jersey.

Over the past decade, Canine Company has donated masks to first responders in more than 550 communities across New England, New York and New Jersey, Manville Borough has been deemed the first in Somerset County to receive this donation.

To ensure rescuers know there are pets in a home, Canine Company has offered free "Pets Inside" decals to local pet parents. The stickers can be requested by mail through the 'request a decal form' on Canine Company's website.

Special Needs Registry For Emergency Services

The Manville Police Department has initiated a Special Needs Registry. The goal of the Special Needs Registry is to ensure all Manville residents who may be in need of special assistance are able to get the help and support they need in a time of emergency or during interaction with Law Enforcement, Fire or EMS personnel.

The Manville Special Needs Registry is a voluntary service open to all citizens with special needs who reside, attend school, or are employed in Manville. The registry was created to help police officers and other emergency services personnel better assist residents with special needs in the event of an emergency by providing those first responders with vital information regarding a registrant's special needs, emergency contact information, physical information, physical description, and a current photograph.

All information provided on the registry will remain strictly confidential and will only be utilized by first responders during times of emergency. The registration and continuing membership is free. The application with additional information regarding the program can be found on our website www.manvillepd.org under "Forms."



Upcoming Elks Event

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MYAL Pee Wee Cheerleaders

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fore leaving for Nationals, the girls and their coaches were honored with a Proclamation from Mayor Onderko and the Borough Council at the November 25th Council Meeting where they got a chance to perform for the Council and those in

attendance at the meeting. On December 11th, the girls were on the main stage at Nationals where they competed against 6 other teams from around the country and gave it their all and performed a phenomenal performance as they took 2nd Place and finished less than one point behind the 1st Place National Champions.

The MYAL Executive Board would like to congratulate the coaches and cheerleaders on achieving this great accomplishment. Also a big thank you to all of those in our community that donated through our Go Fund Me Page, numerous Tag Days and other fundraisers that were held to help get our girls to Nationals.

Manville Diner

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of vegetable and potato. All dinner specials also include a dessert which is either baked on premises or delivered daily fresh from local bakeries.

The Diner also provides a full catering menu. All menus can be found on the Diner's social media page and available in the diner.

The Manville Diner is a proud sponsor of several local organizations, supports and caters discount meals to the town schools and is a member of the Manville Business Association. It has received several awards and recognitions over the years, most recently in October *Courier*

News Reader's Choice 2019 recognized the diner "Somerset County's - One of the Best Diners".

The Manville Diner is open Sunday through Thursday 6:00am – 9:00pm, and Friday and Saturday 6am to midnight. Come join us as we celebrate our 30 years. For the week of January 6th, the Diner will be offering Baklava, a traditional Greek pastry, with all their meals to celebrate this milestone anniversary.

Thank you to all our customers, patrons, employees, families, and to the town of Manville for your support and for making this all possible.

The Manville Public Library

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Program dates and times are subject to change. All programs are free and registration is required unless otherwise indicated. Visit SCLSNJ.org or call the Library at 908-722-9722 for more information and to register.

***Please note the Library will be closed January 1 and 20.**

Tick Tock: Explore the History of the Clock

Discover the history of American clocks at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Manville Library branch on January 11, at 2 p.m. Martin Ridder from Marty's Clock Clinic in Washington in Warren County will share information about the intricate history of the moving parts that work together to tell time.



Ridder, who has been repairing clocks for over two decades, will share examples of fine antique clocks from the late 1800s; and discuss their history, operation, and the stories of the companies that made them.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own clocks and be a part of the discussion. For more information or to register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1974771.

Celebrate the New Year with Meditation: Presented by Jim Rose

Start the new year off by exploring self care through meditation at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Manville Library branch on January 30, at 7 p.m. Jim Rose will share meditation techniques that can promote peace, positivity, and relaxation.

Discover how to relax just about anywhere. For more information or to register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/2772622.

enthusiast Bob Vornlocker will share his techniques to maximize your search results and help uncover your family tree.

Credit And Money Management Workshop

January 16, 23; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Take control of your finances by creating a budget, reducing and paying off debt, and clearing errors from your credit reports.

Game Club

January 21, 11 a.m. - noon

Connect with other game players and compete for bragging rights. Sensory friendly.

Fantasy Book Discussion Group

January 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"The Graveyard Book" by Neil Gaiman.

English Language Learners: Estudiantes De Inglés

January 22, 11 a.m. - noon

Discover classes, conversation groups, and more resources to help you learn English. Descubre clases, grupos de conversación y más recursos para ayudarte a aprender inglés.

Workforce Wednesdays Employment Readiness Workshops

January 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Discover how to master the interview with Jan Goodman of Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Services.

Special Needs Social Hour

January 28, 11 a.m. - noon

Designed for adults with special needs (21 and up) to meet new people and explore fun and interesting activities. Support staff are welcome.

Celebrate the New Year With Meditation

January 30, 7-8:30 p.m.

Explore meditation with Jim Rose.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Game Night (families)

January 16, 6-8 p.m.

Bring an old favorite or play something from the Library's collection of classic and contemporary games.

Family Craft (families)

January 30, 6-7 p.m.

Design your own unique dream catcher.

Children and Teens

LEGO® Club (grades K-5)

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 4-4:45 p.m.

Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

Explore Art (grades 1-5)

January 8, 4-5 p.m.

Aspiring artists will use different types of mediums to create outstanding works of art.

Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages birth - 3 years)

January 9, 16, 23, 30; 10-10:30 a.m.

Introduce your child to the beginnings of storytime in this interactive program featuring rhymes, movement, songs, and stories.

Toddler/Preschool Storytime (ages 18 months - 3 years)

January 10, 17, 24, 31; 10-10:45 a.m.

An interactive program that fosters early literacy skills through books, songs, and activities.

Read to a Therapy Dog (grades K-4)

January 13, 4-5 p.m.

Practice your reading skills by reading a story to a certified therapy dog. Each child will have a 10-minute reading session.

Graphic Novel Book Club (grades 3-5)

January 15, 5-6 p.m.

An opportunity to discuss one-off titles and short completed series.

Tween Music Workshop (grades 4-6)

January 18, 1-2 p.m.

Local musicians will give young patrons the chance to use a variety of instruments and play music communally.

STEM: Motion and Simple Machines (grades 1-4)

January 22, 6-7 p.m.

Explore how simple machines and motion affect everyday life.

Drop-In Craft: Bears

January 25, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Make a craft to keep for yourself, or give to someone special. All supplies will be provided.

Family Storytime (families with children)

January 25, 11-11:30 a.m.

An interactive program that fosters early literacy skills through books, songs, and activities.

Adults

Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion

January 2, 6-7 p.m.

"Stone Mothers" by Erin Kelly.

Adult Coloring Friday

January 3, 11 a.m. - noon

Connect with friends while creating works of art with adult coloring pages. Sensory friendly.

Bite Club: A Book Group For People Who Like Food

January 7, noon - 1 p.m.

Discover new foods, experience fresh tastes, and socialize with other food lovers. Participants are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

The Deal Me In Club

January 7, 14, 21, 28; 1-3:30 p.m.

Spend the afternoon playing a relaxing card game.

Seniors, Let's Get Crafty!

January 8, 11 a.m. - noon

Designed for seniors, this series promotes wellness through creativity, collaboration, and social interaction.

Writer's Group

January 8, 7-8:30 p.m.

Authors meet to discuss, critique, present, and improve their work.

English Conversation Group

January 9, 16, 23, 30; 1-2:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.

Practice speaking English in a friendly setting. Basic English skills are required. Hosted by Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County.

The History of American Clocks

January 11, 2-3 p.m.

Explore the history of clocks.

Monday Matinee at Manville

January 13, 27; 1-3:30 p.m.

Discover a film at the Library.

Evening Book Discussion

January 13, 6-7 p.m.

"A Piece of the World" by Christina Baker Kline.

Introduction to Internet Safety

January 14, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Learn how to create strong passwords; avoid spam, phishing, and malware; shop online safely; and understand social media privacy.

Afternoon Book Discussion

January 15, noon - 1 p.m.

"Miller's Valley" by Anna Quindlen.

Find Your Family Tree

January 15, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Manville resident and genealogy

