

Manville's News



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Richard M. Onderko,
Mayor
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Manville

Mayor Onderko's Corner

On Saturday, January 4th, the Mayor and Council held its annual reorganization meeting. Two new council members were sworn into office, Councilman Ted Petrock and Councilwoman Suzanne Maeder. The honorable Senator Bateman administered the oath of office. I was also sworn into office to begin my second term as Mayor by Bound Brook's Mayor Bob Fazen.

I had the privilege to recognize two residents with Community Awards honoring their efforts to enhance our community spirit. Stephani Derrick received the Extra Effort and Leadership Award for her months of fundraising for Wreaths Across America Day. Stephani went above and beyond to ensure every veteran's grave at our three local cemeteries received a remembrance wreath. Over 1,300 of our Hometown Heroes are buried locally. Over 200 community members helped distribute the wreaths throughout the three cemeteries.

Ray Walsh received the Community Spirit Award for his idea and efforts spreading the word for the Hometown Heroes banners that lined our Main Street last year. Ray was a former mailman in town and knew many veteran families. He was MHS classmates with two of our heroes killed in the Vietnam War. Over 70 banners were displayed along our Main Street making our town one of the most patriotic in Somerset County.

We have plenty of work to accomplish in the months ahead related to our Main Street redevelopment efforts and quality of life issues within our Borough. The plan is to keep residents well informed via our Borough's website, our Facebook page, and in this monthly publication. We need to partner with our business community as our Main Street and town center is critical to their business activity. We look forward to a rejuvenated Chamber of Commerce to hear ideas and concerns directly from business owners in the months ahead.

In closing, we just celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Federal Holiday to remember the life and legacy of Dr. King. One of life's most pressing questions is "what are you going to do for others?" This holiday is now celebrated as a national day of service and volunteerism. The MLK Day of Service has grown in



Ray Walsh speaking after receiving the Mayor's Community Spirit Award for his work on Manville's Hometown Heroes banners.



Mayor Onderko and Stephani Derrick (center), recipient of the Mayor's Extra Effort Award for Wreaths Across America fundraising, with Allison and Paul Derrick.

size and impact as more Americans embrace the idea that citizenship involves taking an active role in making our communities better. Hopefully, volunteering becomes a habit and helps build connections that can last a lifetime.

A great example of volunteerism is seeing so many of our fire and rescue volunteers who responded to the fire scene in Bound Brook for many hours to fight and contain the recent 7 alarm fire. Mayor Fazen expressed his gratitude and was thankful that Manville was on the scene. I also want to express my thanks to all our volunteers who help keep us safe and help promote our community spirit. Helping others in need is really what life is all about.

Until next month,
Mayor Richard M. Onderko



L to R: Borough Clerk Wendy Barras, Councilwoman Patty Zamorski, Councilman Joe Lukac, Council President Michele Magnani, Mayor Richard Onderko, Councilman Steve Szabo, Councilwoman Suzanne Maeder, Councilman Ted Petrock and Borough Administrator Brett Radi.

The Importance of the U.S. Census to the Borough of Manville

The Constitution of the United States of America requires that the Census be conducted every ten years. The results of the Census will determine the number of seats New Jersey will have in the US House of Representatives and will be used to redraw New Jersey's State Legislative Districts.

Perhaps one of the most important consequences of the U.S. Census is that federal funding to the State of New Jersey and the Borough of Manville is based upon census data. Because Federal funds are proportionately allocated according to population, it is so important that everybody is counted. It is critically important as a resident of Manville that you respond to the Census. For the first time the U.S. Census will offer an internet response option.

Examples of the types of questions asked are:

1. Number of People living or staying in the home.
2. Is your home owned or rented.
3. The sex of each person in the household.
4. The age of each person.
5. Race of each person in the household
6. Is anyone in the household of Hispanic, Latin or Spanish Origin
7. Relationship of the individuals in the household.

Federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau Employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual or business. Law Enforcement agencies (DHS,ICE,FBI,CIA.) will



not have access to your personal information. The U.S. Census Bureau will not ask for your social security number, banking or credit card information.

You will have the opportunity starting this March to respond to the U.S. Census. A questionnaire will be sent to all residences. Completing the questionnaire is the simplest and easiest way to be counted. In closing, please respond to the Census to ensure that everybody is counted.

Looking For a Few Good Firefighter Volunteers

The Manville Fire Department is looking for a few good man and woman to join our ranks. If you would like to volunteer as a firefighter for our community, please stop by any of the three Fire Stations in the Borough at night and pick up an application for membership. You can also stop by Borough Hall or call the Fire Superintendents Office at 908-725-9478 Ext. 112 for more information.



- Must be 18 years of age and a U.S. Citizen.
- Must complete "FREE" Training at a state approved fire academy which the Borough provides.

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DATE: Saturday, February 22, 2020

TIME: 10 am - 12 noon

**PLACE: Manville Firehouse #3
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Manville's News

From the desk of Captain Thomas Herbst, Patrol Commander



Put It Down

Law enforcement in New Jersey at times is plagued with challenges and difficulties in preventing us from effectively doing our job. Unfortunately, the topic I'm writing about today has been a long battle and continues to be a daily struggle with Law enforcement and the public. While some people are very safe and aware of their surroundings while driving others have a different perspective. Driving in New Jersey is a privilege, not a right.

The cell phone epidemic is not getting better. We all are faced with many of the same stresses each day. Whether it's getting the kids off to school, getting lunches made, concerned about making it to work on time or worried if roadway is going to be a parking lot....again. Unfortunately somewhere along the hectic path of life, we have decided operating a 2 or 3 thousand pound piece of machinery at 40 or 50 mph and picking up a phone, sending a text, reading a text, looking at your GPS, chatting on the phone or simply breezing the current news was/is a good idea. The law can't be any clearer. Unless it's hands-free you can't do it. The motoring public at times seems to be confused about the actual verbiage of the law. Here are a few statements made by people to our officers after being stopped; "I wasn't texting," "I was looking at my GPS for directions," "I wasn't talking, I just picked it up because I got a text," amongst a plethora of others, all violations of the cell phone statute. The device can only be used in a hands-free manner.

As indicated in the beginning of this article it is a daily challenge for law enforcement, as it has become such an accepted way of driving. What we don't take into consideration is that your vehicle is a weapon and the faster you drive, the worse the implications can be if involved in an accident. Now, I ask you all to take the step back, set the alarm clock a little earlier, make the kids lunches the night before, send the text or email while in the house or just prior to leaving work, then start your commute.

My final request is to ask yourself, how many times have you picked up the phone (while driving your 3 thousand pound piece of machinery) either receiving a text, a phone call, or an email and it is an actual emergency? While only you know the answer, but I'm willing to bet....not many.

Please, Put it Down!



What are Those White Lines on the Road Before a Snow Event?

It's called "brine" which is a mixture of water and rock salt. Less than a quarter of the mixture is rock salt that is sprayed on dry roadways up to 48 hours before an anticipated snow event. This pre-treatment gets into the tiny crevices of the road, dries and acts as a barrier that stops the snow and ice from bonding with the pavement. Rock salt applied to dry roads doesn't stay put very long; it bounces around and traffic causes it to be pushed to the curb line making it ineffective.

Cost savings is one of the benefits of brine. Because brine begins working immediately on all the treated roads at the first snowflake, safety measures for motorists are provided in a timely manner. DPW employees can then be dispatched to other critical storm issues like plowing operations. Motorists are strongly urged to always take the utmost caution when operating a vehicle in any winter precipitation event including keeping a safe distance behind any salt or brine trucks.



CodeRED®

During anticipated snow events, the Department of Public Works will issue status notices to the residents through the Code Red reverse phone call system. These notices can also be received on your cell phone, to your e-mail or by text. If you are not already receiving these notices, go the Manville's website, click on "Code Red," and enroll to be kept informed of any emergency situation or critical community alert.

Senior Deduction Post Year Statement Forms

The annual post year statements for senior citizens who are currently receiving the \$250.00 deduction have now been mailed out. Please fill in both the annual post year (including your social security number) and the income forms completely before returning these to the Manville Tax Department. Failure to return these forms by March 1, 2020, will result in you being required to pay back the \$250 deduction for 2019.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to stop by Borough Hall, 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday. Thank you.

NJ American Water Infrastructure Improvements Continue



As part of New Jersey American Water's 2020 Capital Improvements, the following streets in Manville will have the water infrastructure replaced during the winter / spring of 2020:

- South 3rd Ave. from West Camplain Rd. to South St. replace 1,260' of 6" CI water main with 8" DI water main.
- Filak Ave. and South 2nd Ave. between South 3rd St. and Washington Ave. replace 600 of 4" CI water main with 8" DI water main.
- South Washington Avenue between South Main St. and South 3rd Ave. replace 520' of 6" CI water main with 8" DI water main.
- South Street from South Main St. to South 3rd Ave. replace 760' of 6" CI water with 8" DI water main.
- Dakota Street from South Main St. to South 3rd Ave. replace 620' of 6" CI water main with 8" DI water main.
- Vermont Avenue between South 15th Ave. and South 14th Ave. Install 240' of new 12" DI water main.
- South 14th Ave. between Vermont Ave. and Roosevelt Ave. replace 1,340' of 6" CI water main with 8" DI water main.
- North 6th Ave. between Dukes Parkway East and Brooks Blvd. replace 2,200' of 6" CI water main with 8" DI water main.

The existing water mains on these streets date back to the 1930's and are at the end of their lifecycle. Old unlined cast iron water mains have built up deposits that lead to discoloration, taste, and odor issues and reduce fire flows to fire hydrants. These older pipes have a tendency to fail causing water main breaks during the cold winter months and during the summer when demand is high.

These water main projects will include the replacement of the water main in the street, replacement of all existing fire hydrants, and replacement of the service lateral to the curb line. New Jersey American Water will also install meter chambers at or near the curb line where applicable for each residence or business. Restoration of all disturbed will be scheduled in the spring when weather permits.

These water infrastructure upgrades will provide clean, dependable water service to our residents.

Construction will commence in Mid-January and is scheduled to be completed by late April 2020. Homeowners and business on the effected streets will be notified of the schedule in the near future.

CONGRATULATIONS!

2019 Pop Warner Jr Pee Wee Core Cheerleading National Cheer Championship 2nd Place WINNERS!



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In 2020, Let's Commit to a Healthier and More Active #PlayManville

Together, in 2020 let's improve health and wellness through parks and recreation here in the Borough of Manville.

Local park and recreation agencies provide crucial health and wellness opportunities for all populations in communities across the country. As America continues to face serious health issues, including rising rates of chronic disease, an increased prevalence of sedentary lifestyles, and poor nutrition habits, parks and recreation offers an affordable and accessible solution.

With other Borough resources including our Manville Library and our school officials, we can work to enhance resources and technical assistance to improve access to healthy foods and increase opportunities for people to be physically active in our community. Our areas of focus include ensuring that all

people have safe access to quality park and recreation facilities and programming; promoting healthy eating and physical activity standards; expanding access to evidence-based health prevention programs; connecting parks and the health community, and supporting programs and policies that eliminate health disparities.

Let's start a Manville movement to create healthier out-of-school time (OST) programs. In 2020, we are looking to create some new and exciting programs such as Teen Travel, Dance Classes, Chess and Checkers, Archery, Spring Basketball and an Introduction to Computer Coding. We have a lot to offer in this amazing 2.5 square mile town. Together, we can achieve more.

Remember to get out and #PlayManville!

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 February 13th.

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

Nick Trilone will collect dues for 2020. Dues are to be paid by February 15th. Since this is Heart Health month a representative from St. Peters University Hospital Healthcare System will be giving a presentation on Heart Health at the meeting.

Manville Borough Clerk, Wendy Baras, installed the 2020 officers while Mayor Onderko held the Bible at the January 9th meeting. Ned Panfile is the school liaison. Sue Asher representing Friends of the Library said books can be donated and brought to the monthly meeting for the Friends' yearly sale. Also there will be a book swap at each meeting. She also presented a gift card donation from WalMart. Cookie Bobowski Hospitality Chairwoman went over the new procedures for serving luncheons and refreshments.

Manville Police Detective Bill Sampson discussed the latest scam. A letter is sent saying you have won 2.6 million dollars. All you have to do is pay the in-



2020 Manville Senior Citizens Club officers

surance fee. Disregard this as it is a scam.

Upcoming trips:

June 8-12 ARC Trip to Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio. Price to be determined. Kathie Petrone at 908-526-2948 for reservations and information.

Wednesday, July 22 trip to Sight & Sound for "Queen Esther" and lunch at Shady Maple. Cost is \$132. Contact Jo Pschar for reservations at 908-722-0156.

September 13-17 Haunted trip to Mystic, Salem, and Portsmouth. Cost is \$749 double, \$979 single. Contact Kathie Petrone for reservations at 908-526-2948.

Atlantic City - Third Wednesday of the month to Caesar's. Bus leaves VFW at 9 am. Cost is \$35 of which \$30 will be returned. Next trip is February 19. 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 April 30, 2020. Bus will leave from the VFW at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30 with \$25 back. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156 for reservations.

All trips are open to the public.

Manville Recreation Partners with Duke Farms and Hillsborough Recreation

Come and GROW with Manville Recreation!

The Manville Recreation Department purchased a Community Garden plot at Duke Farms for our Borough residents to be involved and active. This is an opportunity for our community to come together, cultivate, and plant with our seniors and other members of our community. We have a pre-built garden bed assigned to us which is accessible at plot 68A. I hope to see many of you there to help us with this new and exciting project. Let's all develop a green thumb. Please reach out to our office if you would like to be involved at 908-725-9478 X121.



Recreation Soccer, an Opportunity to Meet our Neighbors

The Manville Recreation Department is excited to be partnering with the Hillsborough Parks & Recreation Department this spring to bring our residents an entirely new Soccer Program! Co-ed Teams of participants in 1st - 12th Grade.

Pre-Registration is now available on Community Pass and by stopping by the Recreation office. Registration fees will be required once teams are assigned. Join us for this new and exciting opportunity. Stay active during the spring season. An object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion stays in motion.

NEW

2020 SPRING SOCCER PROGRAM

Manville Recreation Department is excited to be partnering with the Hillsborough Parks & Recreation Department this Spring to bring our Residents a whole new Soccer Program!

- ⚽ Co-Ed Teams for participants in 1st - 12th Grade
- ⚽ 10 Weekends of Games - on Hillsborough fields - April 4th thru June 13th (Weather Permitting)
- ⚽ Practices twice a week - on Manville fields
- ⚽ Travel players are allowed to participate
- ⚽ Registration fee of \$85 per player includes uniform

Pre-Registration is now available on Community Pass and by stopping by the Recreation office. Registration fees will be required once teams are assigned.

Recreation Department Office Hours
Monday 9-5pm / Tuesday 9-5pm / Wednesday 9-5pm / Thursday 9-5pm / Friday 9-5pm

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Follow us: www.facebook.com/ManvilleRecreation
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This Spring the Manville Arts Council is going to take us "Beyond the Glass." Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ManvilleArts or our website at www.ManvilleArts.com.

Community Event Commemorating Water Bottle Refilling Stations

By Matthew Brown

Members of the community may have noticed water bottle refilling stations being installed through select locations over the last few months. These stations have been successfully installed within Weston Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, and the Manville Public Library. These units were funded by the PSEG Foundation and the Sustainable Jersey Grants Program. To celebrate the success of the installation and to engage the community in using the stations regu-



larly, Sustainable Manville will be hosting an event at the Manville Library on February 13th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

The event, **Message in a Bottle**, is a free workshop for residents interested in information about solutions to challenges with single-use plastics. Join us for a conversation about how using less single-use plastics can benefit the environment, starting with plastic bottles. The workshop is hands-on and participants may bring their own single-use plastic

bottle to create a simple hydroponic seed starter kit. At the conclusion of the event, each participant will receive a reusable water bottle thanks to our sponsors!

**Thursday, February 13, 2020
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Manville Public Library
Refreshments will be served**

Event sponsored by:



The Manville Public Library

100 South 10th Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835 | 908-722-9722 | SCLSNJ.org

***Please note the Library will be closed February 17.**

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.

SCLSNJ Celebrates 50 Years of Black History Month

Black History Month has been observed every February for the last 50 years since its conception at Kent State University in 1970. This month-long commemoration was established to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments and experiences of African-Americans throughout history.

In 2019, over 1,400 Somerset County residents explored Black History Month with the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) through programs, displays, and more. This year, SCLSNJ will continue to connect Library customers to Black History Month through a series of programs that delve into the achievements of African-Americans.

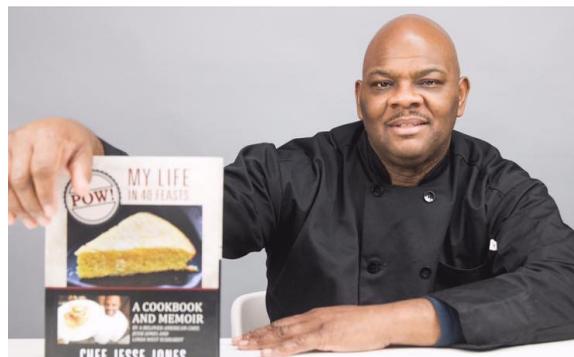
"SCLSNJ is looking forward to explor-

ing the compelling history and culture of African-Americans during the month of February with our Library customers," said Darryl Voorhees, manager of adult services programming and collaborations. "We are excited to connect our community to lectures, live music, and author presentations."

Explore programs at the Manville branch:

Southern Cuisine: Cooking Demonstration Featuring Chef Jesse Jones (adults)

• February 1, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information or to register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1851622.



Chef Jesse Jones

Milestone Negro Spirituals Until the Civil War: When Folk Songs Bring Freedom (adults)

• February 29, 2-3 p.m. For more information or to register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/2818066.

Children and Teens

Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages birth - 3 years)

February 6, 13, 20, 27; 10-10:30 a.m.

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

LEGO® Club (grades K-5)

February 6, 13, 20, 27; 4-4:45 p.m.

Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

Toddler/Preschool Storytime (ages 18 months - 5 years)

February 7, 14, 21, 28; 10-10:45 a.m.

Discover early literacy skills through books, songs, and activities.

Drop-In Craft: Valentines (families)

February 8, 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)

February 8, 11-11:30 a.m.

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

Read to a Therapy Dog (grades K-4)

February 10, 4-5 p.m.

Practice reading skills by reading to a certified therapy dog.

Graphic Novel Book Club (grades 3-5)

February 19, 5-6 p.m.

Discuss one-off titles and short completed series.

Game Night (families)

February 20, 6-8 p.m.

Bring an old favorite or play something from the Library's collection of classic

and contemporary games.

Music With Mr. Ray (ages 2-6)

February 22, 11 a.m. - noon

Dance, clap, and wiggle about in this interactive children's show.

Afternoon Family Movie (families)

February 24, 4-6 p.m.

"The Lion King" rated PG.

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

February 26, 6-7 p.m.

Explore how simple machines and motion affect everyday life.

Adults

Southern Cuisine Cooking Demonstration: Featuring Chef Jesse Jones

February 1, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

New Jersey's indisputable expert on Southern Cuisine, will perform a cooking demonstration of an easy chicken gumbo from his book "POW! My Life in 40 Feasts."

Credit And Money Management Workshop

February 3, 27; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

Bite Club: A Book Group for People Who Like Food

February 4, noon - 1 p.m.

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

The "Deal Me In!" Club

February 4, 11, 18, 25; 1-3:30 p.m.

Spend the afternoon playing a relaxing card game.

English Conversation Group

February 6, 13, 20, 27; 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.

Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion

February 6, 6-7 p.m.

"The Child Finder" by Rene Denfeld.

Adult Coloring

February 7, 11 a.m. - noon

Connect with friends while creating works of art with adult coloring pages. Use our supplies or bring your own. Sensory friendly.

The Greatest Love Letters From the Last 300 Years: With Handwriting Historian Terry Antoniewicz

February 8, 2-3 p.m.

Explore how history was made through the contents of some of the deepest feelings written on paper.

Monday Matinee at Manville

February 10, 24; 1-3:30 p.m.

Discover a film at the Library.

Seniors, Let's Get Crafty

February 12, 11 a.m. - noon

Explore wellness through creativity, collaboration, and social interaction.

Writer's Group

February 12, 7-8:30 p.m.

Connect with authors to meet to discuss, critique, present, and improve works.

English Language Learners: Estudiantes De Ingles

Explore the Greatest Love Letters From the Last 300 Years at SCLSNJ

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the most romantic day of the year, Library customers can discover some of the greatest love letters ever written at SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch on February 8 at 2 p.m. Graphologist Terry Antoniewicz will share the history of famed love letters from Napoléon to Josephine, to Taylor and Burton, and more. For more information or to register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1856399.

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February 13, 11 a.m. - noon

Discover classes, conversation groups, and more resources to help you learn English.

Fantasy Book Discussion Group

February 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"The Testaments" by Margaret Atwood.

Find Your Family Tree

February 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Manville resident and genealogy enthusiast Bob Vornlocker will share techniques to maximize search results.

Afternoon Book Discussion

February 19, noon - 1 p.m.

"The Story of Arthur Truluv" by Elizabeth Berg.

Workforce Wednesdays Employment Readiness Workshops

February 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Explore business etiquette for job seekers with Jan Goodman of Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Services.

Special Needs Social Hour

February 25, 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.

Milestone Negro Spirituals Until the Civil War: When Folk Songs Bring Freedom

February 29, 2-3 p.m.

This performance/workshop in words and music brings to light the significance and beauty of the remarkable songs associated with the Underground Railroad. Featuring performing artist Hilliard Greene.