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**Richard M. Onderko,  
Mayor  
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Manville**

## Mayor Onderko's Corner

The monthly newsletter we produce called Manville's News has been well received by our community to help keep residents informed of Borough progress and community events. I was just recently informed by the publisher, About Our Town Publications, that they have made a change to how the paper is being distributed.

Several residents told me that they did not receive the paper in the mail. I called the publisher to find out why. In the past you had to sign up to receive the paper. That is no longer the case. It is now being distributed to half our town one month and the other half the next. The paper will hit every home in town on alternating months.

The change in distribution was done for two reasons. First, it would be too costly for the publisher to send it to every home in town every month. Second, business advertisers get more exposure to residents who did not sign up to receive the paper, thus helping grow their customer base.

If you do not receive the paper in the mail and would like a copy, papers are dropped at the following locations: Manville Public Library, McDonald's, Manville Pizza, Pizza and Pasta, and Borough Hall. In addition, the digital PDF version of the Manville's News is also placed on our Borough's website for download.

The publisher is offering an annual subscription for \$12, or \$2 per copy for you to receive the paper for all 12 months of the year in the mail. You can place a call to About Our Town Publications at 732-474-0107 to inquire about the paid subscription offering.

The Manville's News will live on since I believe it is a great way to provide information and transparency to our residents across all Borough departments and for community organizations to share their achievements and community spirit.

Recently, I had two important meetings.

One meeting was with Freeholder Brian Gallagher and county engineering to discuss visual enhancements to the Main Street underpass owned by Norfolk Southern to help it avoid being struck by trucks in the future. New solar flashing signs will be installed soon. In addition, a new flashing pedestrian sign will be installed on South Main Street near our municipal parking lot to enhance pedestrian safety.

The second meeting was with Senator Kip Bateman and Assemblyman Roy Freiman to discuss Manville's need for additional municipal budget aid to offset the loss of tax revenues from Blue Acre buyouts. As we create more open space in our Borough, we would like to be compensated for the loss of associated property tax revenues over time.

In closing, the 2020 Census will be underway later this spring. Please cooperate with census takers. It is important for our Borough to provide accurate counts for the number of residents living here. Our Federal and State aid depends on accurate counts. Please visit [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov) and get the facts.

Until next month,  
Mayor Richard M. Onderko

## Somerset County Foodstock Challenge Begins April 1st

This past week, at the Governing Officials meeting, Manville Borough was asked to participate in the "Somerset County Foodstock Challenge." Council President Michelle Magnani, accepted the challenge on the Borough's behalf.

For the 2019 Foodstock challenge, the Borough of Manville helped collect just over 980 pounds of food! This year we hope to beat that amount and we're shooting for 1,000 pounds! We will be collecting canned foods as well as non-perishable foods from April 1st through April 30th. Collection bins will be at Borough Hall and at our Library.

Food insecurity is a very real fear with over 40 million people in America facing it. One in 6 children face hunger each day. Let's accept the food challenge and fight it! Let's show the other towns in Somerset County how strong and caring Manville can be and how we can come together to face this challenge!

## Somerset Regional Animal Shelter Hits Milestone with 1023 Adoptions in 2019



"The numbers are in and we couldn't be more excited," says Rose Tropeano, Assistant Shelter Manager for the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter. In 2019, Somerset Regional Animal Shelter had a record breaking 1023 adoptions thanks to public and township support.

Brian Bradshaw Shelter Manager said, "Our goal has always been to have quality over quantity of adoptions and we are thrilled that we were able to place so many deserving animals into loving homes last year. We couldn't do it without community support."

In addition to reaching a milestone for adoptions, the shelter has been thriving in many other ways, such as assisting other local, overburdened shelters, by transferring animals in and providing community support programs such as pet ownership guidance and referrals when necessary.

If you are looking for ways to help and cannot adopt, financial donations can be made by mailing a check to SRAS, 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 or online at [www.srasnj.org/donate](http://www.srasnj.org/donate). Supplies can be dropped off at the shelter anytime during business hours. Open 7 days a week between 12- 4pm with extended hours until 7 pm on Weds.

For more information on upcoming events or to donate, visit us at [www.srasnj.org](http://www.srasnj.org).

## Boy Scout Troop & Cub Scout Pack 193 Celebrates Blue & Gold Award Dinner on February 9th



## Manville Receives a Complete Streets Grant for a Bicycle Route

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), Sustainable Jersey (SJ), and the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University (VTC), and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) are pleased to inform you that Manville Borough has been selected to receive free direct technical assistance for a Bicycle Corridor or Network Plan. The technical assistance is funded by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. Its value will not exceed \$10,000.

## Manville OEM Receives Emergency Management Grant & Accolades From Somerset County OEM

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is a Federal award for \$10,000. Upon completion of the Performance Periods (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020), approved Work Plan Activities, and Expenditure Certifications, reimbursement will be made to the municipality by the state. This will off-set the cost of providing emergency management services for our Borough. There is no associated dollar match required for this award.

## Somerset County OEM 2019 Municipal Emergency Management Program Scoring Report

Congratulations to Manville OEM Coordinator John Bentz and our OEM team for their higher than perfect score on the report and for their commitment and dedication to the safety of our Borough residents.



In mid-March, homes across the country will begin receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Respond

for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. Be counted!

## Sustainable Manville Message in a Bottle Workshop



On February 13th, Sustainable Manville held a workshop on solutions for reducing the use of single-use plastic and how using less single-use plastics can benefit the environment, starting with plastic bottles. Residents created a simple hydroponic seed starter kit. Each participant received a reusable water bottle to be used in our new refilling stations located at Weston Elementary School, Roosevelt School and the Manville Library. Thank you to Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G for their sponsorship.



**Move your clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Savings time at 2:00 am on March 8th.**



## From the desk of Sergeant David Sheffrin VFW and VFW Auxiliary donates grant to DARE program



L to R: Chief Mark Peltack, Mayor Richard Onderko, DSgt. David Sheffrin, VFW Post 2290 Auxiliary Treasurer Cathy Glen-Henkel, VFW Post 2290 Commander Charles Goodyear, and Det. William Sampson

On February 10, 2020 the Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Post 2290 presented the Manville Police Department with a combined donation of \$2000.00 to used towards Drug Education Programs within the Borough. Cathy Glen-Henkel, the Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary presented the Police Department with a check for \$1000.00, followed by a matching donation of \$1000.00 from Post Commander Charles Goodyear. The VFW has been a valued and continued supporter of Manville's DARE program since its inception in 1990. As always, the Police Department is a committed partner with the residents of Manville to provide the best community policing programs available. Thank you for the continued support.

Manville students are participating in D.A.R.E.'s revamped program known as the "keepin it Real" curriculum, which is

based on the Socio-Emotional Learning Theory. Since 1983, DARE has demonstrated leadership in the prevention of drug abuse. Over the next few months, the Police Department will be working with the 5th grade students at A.B.I.S. in providing cutting edge instruction that not only teaches them to say NO to drugs, but it teaches them how to make good decisions in any situation that they may find themselves in.

## 2019 Borough Council Settles Labor Contracts For 2020-23

by Brett Radi, Borough Administrator

The 2019 Manville Borough Council at its December 16, 2019 meeting adopted resolutions to authorize the acceptance of Memorandum of Agreements with PBA Local No. 236 and Teamster's Local Union No. 469-Clerical Workers and Public Works Workers.

The Memorandum of Understanding with the Local Unions covers the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023. The percentage increase with Teamster's Local Union No. 469 was 2% per annum for the length of the contract period. The Local PBA No. 236 Memorandum of Understanding included the following percentage increases when calculated across the board. For 2020 increase was 1.69%, 2021 increase is 1.89%, 2022 increase is 2.19% and 2023 increase is 2.07%.

## Senior "Freeze" Tax Reimbursement Program Information

The State of NJ began mailing applications for the 2019 Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) to senior citizens and disabled residents who may be eligible for the program. The deadline for filing applications is November 2, 2020.

The Senior Freeze program reimburses qualified applicants for property tax increases on their homes. Applicants must meet all income eligibility and residency requirements and must file an application each year to receive the reimbursement. Income cannot exceed \$89,013 for 2018 and \$91,505 for 2019. Applicants who are married or in a civil union and living in the same household must report combined income of both spouses/civil union partners.

- For general information, to receive an application, or to check the status of a filed application, go to [njtaxation.org](http://njtaxation.org) and select "Senior Freeze" or call 1 (800) 882-6597;
- Visit a Regional Information Center: For locations go to [njtaxation.org](http://njtaxation.org) and select "Contact Us";
- Text Telephone Service (TTY/TDD) for hearing-impaired users: 1(800) 286-6613 or (609) 984-7300;
- Taxation email address for Senior Freeze and general tax questions: [nj.taxation@treas.nj.gov](mailto:nj.taxation@treas.nj.gov).

## From the office of the Borough Registrar



## Attention: All Dog Owners ~ 2020 Dog Licenses

All 2019 dog licenses have expired as of December 31, 2019. All license renewals have been mailed to dog owners in early January. You may obtain a license card from the Board of Health office for any new dog that has not been previously registered.

PROOF OF CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION is required. A new rabies shot is required if your dog's vaccination expires prior to November 2020. Please note: these are NJ State Department of Health regulations. Dog license fees are: \$10.00 for Spayed/Neutered or \$13.00 for Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered. Late fees are as follows: March to May \$5.00, June or later \$10.00.

If you no longer have your pet for any reason, please inform the animal licensing office.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Board of Health office at 725-9478 x 114.



## 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 March 12.

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

The speaker for the March meeting is Dr. Ali El Shaeli, podiatrist who will give a presentation on foot care.

Nick Trilone gave his 2019 membership report. Thank you seniors for your generous outpouring of socks for veterans. A job well done!

There will be a food drive in April. Details will be forthcoming at the March meeting. The book sale was a hit so it will be continued at the meetings as well as the book swap.

Manville Detective Sergeant Dave Sheffrin explained the newest scam. Email addresses are being spoofed just like telephone numbers. You receive an email from a known address stating they need money. Since you know the addressee you send the funds without verifying and later find out it was not your addressee at all. Be vigilant about your email transactions.

Since February was heart health month, Cheryl Policastro, RN and Jennifer Ryan, RN, community health specialist from St. Peters University Hospital Healthcare System gave a presentation on Heart Health. They went over heart attack and stroke symptoms. They stressed early

intervention when exhibiting the symptoms of a heart attack, chest pain or pain in the arm or neck area, dizziness, nausea or shortness of breath.

Stroke symptoms are numbness in extremities, especially one side of body, confusion, trouble speaking or seeing, loss of balance or sudden severe headache. Try to maintain a healthy life style. Eat a healthy diet, don't smoke, treat high blood pressure, be physically active, maintain a healthy weight, control your blood sugar and your cholesterol.

### Upcoming trips:

Note our picnic is July 9 and Christmas Party is December 13. Tickets for these events will be on sale two months before each event.

June 8-12 - ARK Trip to Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio and Petersburg and Walton, Kentucky. Visit the Creation Museum, The Ark Encounter, dinner cruise on the B&B Riverboat and Jack Casino. Cost is double \$789 and single \$1,049. Kathie Petrone at 908-526-2948 for reservations and information.

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 March 18. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Wind Creek 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.

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## Manville's 2020 Community Clean-Up Day — Featuring Tires & Electronics Drop-Off

Looking for a few good volunteers, ages 10+, to participate in this year's Community Clean-Up Day working towards the common goal of beautifying the town. The event will take place on Saturday, April 25th starting at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteers will meet at the Manville Library where groups will be organized and transported to about a dozen Borough grounds to abate litter. Protective t-shirts and gloves will be provided. Afterwards they will be transported back to the Library for lunch, a brief presentation and parting gift.

**Volunteers can register via Community Pass at [www.manvillenj.org/308/Recreation](http://www.manvillenj.org/308/Recreation).**

This event is made possible with grant money from New Jersey Clean Communities and sponsored by the Manville

Department of Public Works, Manville Recreation, and Sustainable Manville.

Available at the event will be the ability for Manville residents to recycle their old tires & electronics. Proof of residency will be required.

Tires will be limited to eight (8) per resident and can be either car or truck with or without rims.

Electronic items accepted will be: computers (desktops and laptops), monitors (cathode-ray tube and flat panel), televisions (cathode-ray tube and flat panel), copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, e-book readers, fax machines, MP3 players, personal digital assistants (PDAs), printers, stereos, radio equipment, VCRs, audio visual equipment, typewriters, camcorders, telephones, cellular phones, circuit boards, modems, telephone mainframes, keyboards, mice, scanners, cables, wiring, power supplies, mainframe equipment and controllers.

## DPW News

### DPW's Final Jeopardy Clue:

**For several decades, this person could be seen about the Borough in a yellow-colored machine, with a distinctive mustache, and is associated to certain numbers of 44, 3, 27 & 922.**

**DPW Rings In: Who is, Bill "Homer," our most recent retiree?**

Bill began his career with the Borough of Manville in 1975 with the Street Department. Throughout the years Bill faithfully and proudly served the residents of Manville in various capacities of road maintenance, solid waste removal, and snow plowing to mention a few. Bill's dedication to the Borough could be observed in various situations; he was notorious for being able to find and dig out each and every catch basin in town after a blizzard without a map.

Unforeseen to Bill, the DPW crew got together and reminisced their working days with him. Work Leader, Scott Merry, thanked Bill for helping him learn the ropes at the department when he first started and was grateful for him sharing his expertise with himself as well as the other employees. Scott said "I think I was like four years old when you started



here". There were lots of laughs of the days gone by but also sadness as a long time employee wouldn't be there every day. Work Leader, David Tarby, presented the crew's parting gift to Bill and wished him the best as he retires.

So after 44 years, 3 months and 27 days, DPW officially retired #922. On behalf of the department, DPW Director, Vince Lo Medico, extended best wishes to Bill for a long healthy retirement. You will be missed.



## Bulk Items & Yard Waste Curbside Pick Up Services Resume in March

In March, the Department of Public Works will be resuming the service of curbside collection of Bulk Items and Yard Waste.

➔ **Bulk Items** are scheduled for pick up on Tuesday, March 17th.

- Only permitted bulky items, with the required number of bulk trash stickers, will be collected curbside on the scheduled days. Bulk trash stickers can be purchased at the Borough Municipal Complex.

- Items that cannot be accepted are: appliances containing freon, car parts, tires, car batteries, consumer electronics, hazardous waste, masonry materials, dirt, medical waste, renovation or remodeling debris and any recyclables.

➔ **Yard Waste** pick up is scheduled to start Tuesday, March 24th.

- Yard Waste consisting of branches, twigs, leaves, or plant materials (no grass) can be placed curbside for pick up on the scheduled collection day. Branches are to be cut to four (4) feet in length and tied with twine (no wire or tape) and placed neatly curbside; please do not block sidewalks. Debris from private contractor tree take downs/trimming will not be accepted. Plant materials or garden debris consisting of weeds, leaves, or small brush clippings should be placed in biodegradable paper bags or in open barrels or cans; weighing no more than 35 pounds per can or bag. Loose yard waste will not be picked up and plastic bags are not accepted.

➔ Items for collection can be placed curbside no earlier than 5 p.m. the evening before the scheduled date and no later than 7 a.m. on the day of pickup.

➔ Non-compliance of the bulk trash and yard waste guidelines will result in the item(s) not being picked up and the issuance of a violation or summons.

➔ Please contact the Department of Public Works Office with any concerns on how to properly dispose of your solid waste items. Download the Recycle Coach App for our schedule of waste collection dates for your area of town.



YARD WASTE PROPERLY & NEATLY PLACED curbside. Bundled with twine in 4' section or in biodegradable paper bags.

# MANVILLE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 25, 2020

8:30 am at the Manville Library

Register via Community Pass

(<https://www.manvillenj.org/308/Recreation>)

Volunteers Needed—Ages 10 & up

Tire & Electronics Recycling Drop Off\*

\*for Manville residents only

Made possible with grant money from New Jersey Clean Communities.

Sponsored by Manville Department of Public Works, Manville Recreation & Sustainable Manville.

Approved by Mayor and Council.

Lunch will be provided for volunteers immediately following clean-up.



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The Borough of Manville entered into an annual re-assessment program in 2017. This program considers the current real estate market and updates the assessed values of all properties in the Borough each year. Maintaining the annual program also eliminates the need for a costly full re-valuation program every 10 to 15 years. This program has been successfully implemented in several other Somerset County municipalities and has shown greater accuracy of assessments which ensures a fair and equitable distribution

## Manville Borough Re-Assessment Program Update

of taxation across the town.

A condition of the re-assessment program is the requirement by the State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation, that an inspection of every Borough property occur once every five years to confirm the details of the assessment records. This translates into a 20% requirement annually. Therefore, commencing in 2017, the Borough began inspecting properties in the areas commonly known as the Claremont and Lost Valley sections, representing the first 20%. For 2018 and 2019,

the Borough has hired inspectors from a professional revaluation firm, Appraisal Systems Inc., to complete these field inspections. They occurred in the North Side neighborhood in 2018 and finished the North Side as well as most of the South Side neighborhood in 2019.

The results of these inspections and recent sales of properties in the Borough culminated in the new Tax Assessments for Tax Year 2020, which were mailed to property owners in February by way of the green assessment notification post

cards. If property owners wish to file a tax appeal, the deadline is May 1st. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's office at 908-725-9478, Ext. 109.



## The Manville Public Library

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### Commemorate 100 Years of Women's Suffrage at the Library

On August 18, 1920, the 19th amendment was ratified and women were granted the right to vote in the United States. This year, marks the 100 year anniversary of this landmark event in history.

During March, discover a century of women's suffrage and more during Women's History Month with the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ). During the month-long celebration, SCLSNJ will showcase the achievements of women by sharing the stories of monumental women, by exploring the history of women through programs, and by maintaining an ever-expanding literary collection.

"Throughout 2020, American women from coast to coast will be celebrating 100 years of having the right to vote by sharing stories of fearless women whether discussing Alice Paul, Susan B. Anthony, Rosa Parks, or someone a little closer to home - like your mother. Our Libraries are proud to do the same. Our branches will be presenting incredible, informative, and well-researched programs; while our librarians will be ready to help you find that next, perfect, inspirational read." said SCLSNJ's Director of Marketing and Public Relations Carolann DeMatos. "I will be surrounding myself with all my favorite female authors this year - Colette, Alcott, Phillips, Wells, White, Wharton, Atwood, Brown, Hamann - and then once I am done re-reading all my favorites, I will be calling a librarian colleague to help me discover something new and fantastic."

Since 1987, the United States has recognized March as Women's History Month. The observation aims to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of females throughout time. Modern public libraries have been the home of a number of recognized contributions of women throughout the 1900s.

"I love being part of a profession that has a rich history of strong women in leadership positions, from Theresa West Elmendorf, the first female president of the American Library Association in 1911, to Henriette Avram, who led development in the 1960s of the data standard that every library catalog in the world still uses, to our current Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden," said SCLSNJ Director of Operations Lynn Hoffman. "Carrying on that tradition is a privilege."

This month, Library customers will have the opportunity to explore live re-

enactments of Louisa May Alcott and Lucretia Coffin Mott at the Manville branch.

#### Meet Lucretia Coffin Mott: Quaker Minister, Abolitionist, and Suffragist

- March 7, 12-1 p.m. at the Manville branch, located at 100 South 10th Avenue in Manville, This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Register: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/3299037](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/3299037).

#### Meet Louisa May Alcott

- March 21, 2-3 p.m. at the Manville branch, located at 100 South 10th Avenue in Manville. Register: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1778106](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1778106).

### Programs for All Ages

#### Vietnam War Commemoration Poster Exhibit

March 2-31

Throughout the month of March, explore the exhibit by the United States Department of Defense's Vietnam War Commemoration during regular hours of operation.

### Children and Teens

#### Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages birth - 3 years)

March 5, 12, 19, 26; 10-10:30 a.m.

Discover the beginnings of storytime through rhymes, movement, songs, and stories.

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

March 6, 13, 20, 27; 10-10:45 a.m.

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

#### Explore Art (grades 1-5)

March 11, 4-5 p.m.

Discover different types of mediums to create outstanding works of art.

#### LEGO® Club (grades K-5)

March 12, 19, 26; 4-4:45 p.m.

Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

#### Dungeons and Dragons

- (grades 5-8): March 12, 6-8 p.m.

- (grades 9-12) March 26, 6-8 p.m.

Explore your own in-game personas and go on adventures.

#### Family Storytime (families with children)

March 14, 11-11:30 a.m.

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

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

### Explore Ireland's Past, Present at SCLSNJ

On March 12 at 7 p.m, discover the landscapes of Ireland at Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Manville Library branch. Attendees will be transported to Ireland through a photography slideshow and stories told by photographer Joel Simpson. For more information or to register: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/2832642](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/2832642).

#### Drop-In Craft (families)

March 14, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Make a craft to keep for yourself, or give to someone special.

#### Read to a Therapy Dog (grades K-4)

March 16, 4-5 p.m.

Practice reading skills by reading to a certified therapy dog.

#### Graphic Novel Book Club (grades 3-5)

March 18, 5-6 p.m.

Discuss one-off titles and short completed series.

#### STEM: Codes (grades 1-4)

March 25, 6-7 p.m.

Explore concepts like ciphers and secret codes.

### Adults

#### The Deal Me In Club

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 1-3:30 p.m.

Spend the afternoon playing a relaxing card game.

#### English Language Learners: Estudiantes De Ingles

March 4, 11 a.m. - noon

Discover classes, conversation groups, and other resources.

#### Credit And Money Management Workshop Series

March 4, 18; 6-8 p.m.

Take control of your finances with a financial well-being coach from Operation Hope.

#### English Conversation Group

March 5, 12; 1-2 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: "Wicked River" by Jenny Milchman

March 5, 6-7 p.m.

Connect with others and discuss a book of contemporary fiction or nonfiction.

#### Indoor Recess

March 6, 13, 20, 27; 11 a.m. - noon

Connect and socialize over board games, puzzles, adult coloring pages, LEGO, cards, and more. Sensory and special needs friendly.

#### Meet Lucretia Coffin Mott: Quaker Minister, Abolitionist, and Suffragist

March 7, noon - 1 p.m.

Commemorate Women's History Month by exploring the life of Mott through this live reenactment. This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

#### Monday Matinee at Manville

March 9, 23; 1-3:30 p.m.

Discover a film at the Library.

#### Special Needs Social Hour

March 10, 11 a.m. - noon

Explore an opportunity to interact with members of the community through a variety of activities.

Support staff are welcome.

#### Manville Writers Group

March 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

Connect with other authors to discuss, critique, present, and improve each other's work.

#### Getting Published in the 2020s: A Panel Discussion With NJAN

March 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

Connect with the New Jersey Authors Network through a Q&A and more.

#### Wild, Ancient, Hidden, Gorgeous Ireland: Presented by Joel Simpson

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

Explore the lush sites of Ireland through a photography slideshow.

#### Find Your Family Tree

March 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Maximize your search results and help uncover your family tree.

#### Bite Club

March 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Discover new foods, experience fresh tastes, and connect with other food lovers.

#### Meet Louisa May Alcott: Portrayed by Pat Jordan from the American Historical Theater

March 21, 2-3 p.m.

Commemorate Women's History Month by exploring the life of Alcott through this live reenactment.

#### Seniors, Let's Get Crafty

March 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Connect with your community through wellness, creativity, collaboration, and social interaction.

#### Common Myths About Long-Term Care

March 26, 7-8 p.m.

Discover the common myths and the facts about long-term care, Medicare, Medicaid, and disability insurance.