

# Manville's News



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**Richard M. Onderko,**  
**Mayor**  
**Borough of**  
**Manville**

## Mayor Onderko's Corner

I would like to first say thank you to our Borough employees and first responders during this unprecedented health crisis being faced across America who have kept our municipal services functional and provide for our public safety. As a Nation, we will continue to collectively rise to the challenge to navigate the threat of coronavirus (COVID-19). I believe our Nation will come out of this stronger and more unified. Please follow all emergency management directives from Governor Murphy, the County, and Manville OEM, and practice social distancing as we shelter in place.

I recently completed my Census 2020 form on-line. It's important all residents do the same and not lose sight of the importance to do so. Counting everyone who lives in Manville helps us receive funding needed for health care, education, emergency services, and more. Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions that affect our town. It only takes a few minutes to respond.

Given the economic impacts of dealing with the coronavirus, our 2020 municipal budget cycle is underway and we will do our best to hold the line on any unnecessary additional spending requests at this time. I have been in touch with our elected

officials in Trenton asking for additional State aid. The State aid we have received the past 3 years has remained flat. It is of concern since we are actively participating in the Blue Acres buyout program losing the associated property tax revenues from each home bought out.

The Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief and Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid (CMPTRA) programs combined give the Borough approximately \$1.6 million in annual revenues. I am still questioning and asking for information on the actual calculations used to ensure we are getting our fair share from both. Since the 1990's many taxes previously collected by municipal governments were either abolished or became State taxes. I will continue to fight for our fair share and seek out other programs to benefit our Borough as we create more open space and restore our flood plains back to their natural state.

In closing, I want everyone to take seriously the restrictions put in place by our Governor during the ongoing state of emergency. Social distancing is very important along with only going out in public for essential food or medical reasons. I am also encouraging Manville residents to use takeout services from our local eateries on our Main Street and support our local small businesses when restrictions are lifted. After all, we are all in this together, so let's all do our part responsibly.

Until next month... Be well!

Mayor Richard M. Onderko



By now you should have received the invitation to complete the 2020 Census. Respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. Be counted!

## From the Desk of Borough Administrator, Brett Radi

As we end the first quarter of 2020 I would like to highlight some of the initiatives that were made and adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council.

During the month of January the Mayor and Borough council reorganized and appointed various members to the Boards and Commissions. If you are interested in serving on a Board or Commission please feel free to contact me as we do have vacancies that may occur during the balance of the year.

The Borough Council approved the applications for four new members to serve in the Manville Fire Department. We would like to welcome them to the Department and show our appreciation for their volunteer service to the community. In recognition of the service of our Fire Department Membership, the Borough Council adopted an ordinance to amend the provisions of our Length of Service Awards Program to reduce the number of calls that a member needs to respond to in order to be eligible to receive the Financial Incentive.

Proclamations were issued by Mayor Onderko celebrating Red Cross Month, and Women's History Month.

The Mayor and Borough Council approved the application for the Community Development Block Grant Program to ap-

ply for funding to perform sidewalk and ADA Improvements to Louis Street and North 9th Ave. The Mayor and Council also approved the submission of a grant under the New Jersey Library and Construction Bond Act to make improvements at the Manville Public Library.

The Mayor and Borough Council accepted property located on Manville Avenue in the Borough. The property was donated to the Borough for the fee of one dollar. The Borough authorized the study of the Borough's Sewer Rate structure. This study and recommendation will be considered at a public meeting prior to the introduction of the Municipal Budget.

The Mayor and Borough Council introduced an ordinance to protect the health and safety of a person occupying leased, rented, or subleased residential property within the Borough. The Ordinance enacts a uniform system for the registration, licensing and reporting of quality life violations to landlords and rental property owners. I will follow up with an article for the May edition of this paper as the intent of the ordinance is to take effect July 1, 2020.

Now that the spring season is upon us the Borough is busy preparing our pools, fields, bocce ball court, tennis court, and other facilities for the busy summer season ahead.

## From the desk of Sergeant David Sheffrin, Manville Police Dept.



### COVID-19 Protocol for Public Safety

First and foremost, the Manville Police Department would like to thank the Borough's residents, businesses and employees for their cooperation in battling this worldwide issue, that has greatly impacted everyone's daily routines. This article outlines the efforts and safety measures that have been implemented by the Borough, at the direction of Federal, State and local officials, all partnering to maintain the health, welfare and safety for all individuals. We hope this article serves as a valuable resource to assist you in the upcoming weeks. Thank you.

1.) For the health of the residents and staff the Borough of Manville closed Borough Hall to the Public beginning Tuesday March 17, 2020. The Borough and the Office of Emergency Management will continue to monitor the ever-changing situation with COVID-19.

All departments will be available to assist the residents by phone, fax, email, US Mail or the drop box located in the front of Borough Hall at the main entrance.

A resident can set up an appointment to meet with a department outside the office by contacting the department. The meeting can be set up based on need and the Borough will require that the following screening questions be answered, prior to setting up the appointment.

Please call the construction and zoning office at 908-725-9478 ext/ 117 or e-mail the department at [mmcivor@ManvilleNJ.org](mailto:mmcivor@ManvilleNJ.org). The Borough of Manville will continue to inspect-new construction. Please note that if there are people living in a home that needs to be inspected, this will be postponed until a later date. All other inspections will be done on an as needed basis and the applicant will have to respond to the basic screening questions.

- Borough Hall Main Phone Number is 908-725-9478, e-mail [BoroInfo@ManvilleNJ.org](mailto:BoroInfo@ManvilleNJ.org)
- Ext 103 - Reception/Clerks Office/Deputy Registrar
- Ext 117 - Construction/Zoning/Fire Safety
- Ext 101 - Tax/Utility Office
- Ext 106 - Recreation Department, e-mail [Recinfo@manvilleNJ.org](mailto:Recinfo@manvilleNJ.org)
- Manville Police Department-Non Emergency Number - 908-725-1900
- Department of Public Works - 908-725-5512

Tax and Sewer Utility payments can be done online at [www.ManvilleNJ.org](http://www.ManvilleNJ.org)

Please continue to monitor the Borough Website: [www.ManvilleNJ.org](http://www.ManvilleNJ.org) or like the Manville OEM Facebook Page.

2.) Manville Police Operational Changes Due to Concerns with Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

The Manville Police requests that if you or a household member are not feeling well or displaying signs of illness, please advise the dispatcher when you call the police, so responding officers will be properly prepared to enter your home, if necessary.

Do not be offended if officers ask to speak with you outside of your home to collect in-

formation.

For general service calls officers may not respond to your residence and instead contact you by phone to take your report. Please ensure that you provide a good callback number to the dispatcher when you are reporting your incident.

Please do not come to the Police Department. If you need to file a report, call our non-emergency number (908) 725-1900. If you need a report from records, please call (908) 725-1971.

If an emergency exists, continue to dial 9-1-1.

All Municipal Court sessions between Monday, March 16, 2020 and Friday, March 27, 2020 are cancelled. The courts will remain open. Anyone scheduled during that time should contact the court at (908) 369-3532 for information regarding the rescheduling of their court matter.

As information changes or is updated, further notifications will be sent out. We thank you for your understanding at this time and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

3.) Several New Jersey towns are reporting that there have been unverified social media posts claiming individuals are knocking on doors, claiming to be from the CDC (Center for Disease Control) and asking questions about the virus. The CDC is not deploying teams of people to conduct surveillance. If any residents are being con-

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## Stay Informed and Up-to-Date:

[www.COVID19.NJ.GOV](http://www.COVID19.NJ.GOV)



**Code Red is a reverse 911 emergency alert system to your phone. Sign up at [www.manvillenj.org](http://www.manvillenj.org).**



**Emergency Alert System**

Stay informed! Sign up for Nixle emergency alerts from the Manville Police Department. Text 08835 to 888777.



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# 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 April 9.

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

There will be a food drive in April for the Food Pantry. Remember to bring non-perishable items to the meeting. Claire Simmonds was elected Recording Secretary for the remainder of 2020.

John Bentz, Director of Emergency Management discussed the town and county's protocols for the coronavirus. Systems are in place for any action necessary. He stressed hand washing, avoiding crowds, have 3 weeks of medications and food on hand. Lisa Gerickont, Tax Collector reminded us of the Community Clean Up Day on April 25. There is no date for the Homestead Rebates for application to the property taxes. A study was done on the sewer utility and there likely will be an increase in the May bill. Borough Clerk Wendy Barras said the assessment cards have been mailed out and if you have any questions contact the Tax Assessor George Sopko.

Manville Police Detective Bill Sampson advised that there are people going door to door stating they are from the CDC and want personal information. This is a scam. He addressed the issue of solicitors. They are to be approved and

given a Peddlers License after investigation by the department. He said there will be a drug drop off for unused prescriptions on Saturday, April 25 from 10 am to 2 pm at the police station.

St. Peters University Hospital Community Mobile Health Service will be on hand at the April meeting for blood pressure screening and a short presentation on high blood pressure (hypertension).

The book sale will be continued at the meetings as well as the book swap.

**Upcoming trips:**

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, Boston and Portsmouth. Cost is \$749 double, \$979 single. Tour Governor Sprague Mansion, live witch trial performance a Witch Dungeon Museum, Boston Harbor islands cruise and much more. Contact Kathie Petrone for reservations at 908-526-2948.

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 April 15. 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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tacted by any such individuals they are asked to contact the Police Department immediately.

4.) Manville Residents the following are the current State Guidelines from Gov. Murphy that went into effect at 8:00 pm March 16, 2020.



Governor Phil Murphy issued an executive orders concerning the COVID-19 public health crisis, which will impose the following restrictions:

To slow the spread of #COVID19, the Governor is ordering:

Closure of ALL pre-K, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities beginning 3/18. Closure of ALL casinos, racetracks, theaters, gyms Closure of ALL non-essential retail, recreational, & entertainment businesses after 8:00 PM Banning gatherings of 50+.

All bars and restaurants are closed for eat-in services effective 8:00 PM. After 8:00 PM, these establishments may open for takeout and delivery services ONLY, until further notice. These restrictions exist during daytime hours.

All pre-K through grade 12 schools (public, private, and parochial) and all colleges and universities will close ef-

## CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

FACTS, SYMPTOMS & PREVENTION



COVID-19 is a new virus that spreads from person to person.

- It can cause mild illness, like the common cold.
- It can cause severe illness like SARS.
- Currently, no treatment or vaccine is available.

**SYMPTOMS:**



**HOW IS IT SPREAD?**

**BY AN INFECTED PERSON:**

- Within 6 feet of you.
- That coughs or sneezes near you.

**FROM SURFACES:**

- Touching an object that has the virus on it, then touching your face



**PLAN AHEAD:**

- Have an emergency plan in case children can't go to school or you can't go to work.
- Talk to your employer about alternative work arrangements.

updated 3/11/2020

**STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH THESE TRUSTED SOURCES:**

- [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- [www.co.somerset.nj.us/health](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/health)
- [www.nj.gov/health](http://www.nj.gov/health)
- [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

**PREVENTION STAY HEALTHY**



WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH SOAP & WATER, AT LEAST 20 SECONDS



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CLEAN & DISINFECT SURFACES FREQUENTLY



STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK

fective Wednesday, March 18th until it's deemed by health officials to be safe for in-person classes to resume.

We've worked closely to ensure that the overall educational and individual needs of students can be met during this closure, including appropriate home instruction and continued access to free and reduced meals.

All non-essential and non-emergency travel in New Jersey is strongly discouraged between the hours of 8:00 PM AND 5:00 AM. This will remain in effect for the foreseeable future. We want everyone to be home – and not out. Shelter in place.

Essential businesses which are necessary for the public's health, safety, and welfare – like supermarkets and grocery stores, pharmacies, medical offices, and gas stations – may remain open past 8:00 PM.

Also effected are all non-essential busi-

nesses; movie theaters, gyms, casinos, and racetracks will close entirely until it is deemed safe for their reopening. Online gaming will continue.

Effective March 16, 2020, all other non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses MUST CLOSE.

We do not take any of the steps announced by Governor Murphy lightly. We know that these will impact residents and families, communities, and businesses. But our paramount concern is to #FlattenTheCurve – these steps will ensure we do not overload our health care system.

The New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub, [www.COVID19.NJ.gov](http://www.COVID19.NJ.gov), provides New Jerseyans with the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and the State's response, including information about services such as food assistance and small business assistance.

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## Sweet Prizes Are Up for Grabs at Annual Cupcake Competition

The Friends of the Manville Library will host their 4th annual cupcake competition on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This event features a friendly decorating competition for amateur adult and 12 & under bakers who will compete for the title “Best Cupcake” in their category. The winners will each receive a \$50 gift card to Wal-mart. There will be 2nd and 3rd place prizes for the most eye-catching and/or unique displays as well.

The event is open to the public, and event goers will have the opportunity to vote for their favorites – then take some home! Judging runs from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. Immediately following the judging, cupcakes will be available for sale for \$1.00 per piece. Boxes will be on hand to transport your tasty treats.

The registration form is available at the Borough website [www.manvillenj.org/549/Friends-of-the-Manville-Library](http://www.manvillenj.org/549/Friends-of-the-Manville-Library), the Friends Facebook page @FriendsOfTheMan-

villeLibrary and SCLSNJ’s Manville branch. Please consider supporting this creative community event. All proceeds go directly to library building improvements. For more information, contact the Manville Library at 908-458-8525.



Scott Merry’s daughters Abbigale and Amelia



2019 Cupcake Challenge winning cupcakes

## From the Office of the Fire Marshal Please Take Note: New Smoke Detector Requirements

Effective January 1st 2019, all smoke detectors for home resale, rental, lease, or change of ownership will require a 10 year sealed smoke detector to be installed; any type of battery operated units will fail the inspection. (Exception: 120 volt hard-wired units) can still be used with a battery as long as they are in compliance with the 10 year date standard as per NFPA 72.



## News and Events at the Manville-Hillsborough Elks

### Elks members pick-up Veteran’s Welcome Kits



Members of Manville-Hillsborough Elks picked up Welcome Home Kits and delivered them to the veteran’s annex where furniture and supplies are stored for homeless veterans and delivered to them after they are placed into housing.

Thank you, Ed and Joan Leib, Mike Forristel, John Lynch, Joe Hanover and Nate Philephs for your hard work and dedication to our veterans.

## From the desk of Patrick Renaldi, Director of Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Office has been receiving numerous amounts of inquiries concerning sheds and fence installations, listed below are the requirements to stay compliant to requirements of State construction codes and Borough zoning ordinances for property maintenance.

- As of March 2018, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has removed the need for obtaining permits. Contractors in New Jersey will no longer be required to purchase a construction permit for roofing or siding jobs on one- and two-family dwellings.

- Sheds less than 200 square feet DO NOT require a construction permit; BUT ALL SHEDS require a zoning permit with a copy of your property survey.

- Sheds or auxiliary structures over the 200 square feet will require BOTH a zoning and building construction permit and a copy of your property survey.

- It doesn’t matter if your shed is under or over the 200 square foot rule, the Borough Ordinance is the same and will require your shed or auxiliary structure to be 4 feet off property lines in all directions and 10 feet from a primary structure (House, Garage, etc.).

- Any fence installation requires a Zoning Permit, with a copy of your property survey.

- If you are removing an existing fence to install a new one, you are still required to submit a Zoning Permit and copy of your property survey. No fence can be taller than 6 feet in height.

As springtime is now upon us, so is the grass and shrubbery cutting season. Along with all other property maintenance concerns, resident are urged to be mindful and maintain their properties. Listed below are some of the major complaint topics the Code Enforcement Office has received in 2019:

- **Lawn Maintenance**, which means your front, rear and side yard property shall be cut and maintained to 6” or less, including to the curb area if you property has curbs.

- **Shubbery** shall be

maintained especially when the property is a corner property and the height of the shrubbery may obscure the view of on-coming traffic a corner sight triangles, or when the shrubbery may overgrow into public walkways.

- **Accumulation of Garbage/Rubbish** all exterior and interior properties and premises shall be free of any accumulation of garbage and rubbish to avoid rodent infestation.

- **Swimming Pool Installations**, even if a pool is not permanent in nature, the pool is regulated by the state of New Jersey Uniform Construction Code for 24 inches or more in depth; the pool then “REQUIRES” a construction permit.

- **Decks** require a Zoning Permit to maintain proper setbacks and footing inspections. A copy of your property maintenance survey is also required.

Please note all of the items listed above are being strictly enforced by the Code Enforcement Department. A notice of violation may be issued if your property is not being maintained or if any new installations were performed without a permit or adhering to Borough Ordinances. Please, if you are unsure, call the Code Enforcement Office at 908-725-9478 Ext. 117 concerning any project you undertake.

**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.  
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## The Manville Public Library

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### Discover Ways to Save the Waves With SCLSNJ

On April 2 at 6:30 p.m., discover the impact of plastic waste on marine life at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Manville Library branch. Attendees in grades 1-5 will learn about where plastic waste ends up world-wide and the steps that can be taken to reduce eco-footprints. This program is presented by the Somerset County 4-H Association.

For more information or to register visit [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/3630294](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/3630294) or call 908.458.8425.

### Explore the Life of Beethoven at SCLSNJ

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birthday on April 18 at 2 p.m., at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Manville Library branch. During this live reenactment for all ages, pianist and actor Dennis Kobray will explore the life, times, and music of the infamous composer. Attendees will discover information about Beethoven's life including his childhood, how he became deaf, and more.

For more information or to register visit [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/3115754](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/3115754) or call 908.458.8425.



### Building With Lego Bricks at the Library



Sal Vecchio

Multiple times a month children from the community connect at the Lego Club at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Manville Library branch's Lego Club. Pictured is Sal Vecchio, 5, of Manville, playing with Lego creations at the Library. On April 9, 16, and 23 from 4-4:45 p.m., children in grades K-5 can explore their creativity and prepare for a challenge at the Library's Lego club. For more information or to register visit [SCLSNJ.org](https://SCLSNJ.org) or call 908.458.8425.

### All Ages

#### Meet the Musicians: Beethoven

April 18, 2-3 p.m.

Discover the life of the brilliant pianist with reenactor Dennis Kobray.

### Children and Teens

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

April 1, 4-5 p.m.

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

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

April 2, 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.

#### Save the Waves (grades 1-5)

April 2, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Learn the steps you can take to reduce your eco-footprint and use upcycled materials to create something new.

#### Toddler/Preschool Storytime (ages birth - 5 years)

April 3, 10, 17, 24; 10-10:45 a.m.

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

#### LEGO® Club (grades K-5)

April 9, 16, 23; 4-4:45 p.m.

Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

#### Dungeons and Dragons

- (grades 6-8): April 9, 6-8 p.m.
- (grades 9-12): April 23, 6-8 p.m.

Students will be guided through their adventure during this role-playing game.

#### Reading Together (ages 6-8)

April 14, 5-5:45 p.m.

A book club for young readers with a craft or fun activity.

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

April 15, 5-6 p.m.

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

#### Family Storytime (families with children)

April 18, 11-11:30 a.m.

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

#### Drop-In Craft (families)

April 18, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

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

April 20, 4-5 p.m.

Practice reading skills by reading to a certified therapy dog.

#### Stitch Craft (ages 9-14)

April 21, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of sewing while creating handmade projects.

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

April 22, 6-7 p.m.

Explore concepts like ciphers and secret codes.

#### Afternoon Family Movie (families)

April 28, 4-6 p.m.

See a recently released movie.

### Adults

Grow With Google: Power Your Job Search With Google Tools

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.

### The Somerset County Park Commission Rec-Connect Adult Day Program Visit the Library



On January 23, participants in the Somerset County Park Commission Rec-Connect Adult Day program connected with the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Manville Library branch. During the visit, they explored the Library, shared subjects they like to read about, and discovered the Library's many resources.

"Libraries should be fully inclusive of all members of their community, strive to remove barriers to access, and play a transformational role in helping facilitate participation and engagement," said Jennifer Sulligan, SCLSNJ adult services librarian at the Manville branch. "We hope to accomplish this at SCLSNJ by offering fully accessible, inclusive resources and services to our community members whenever possible to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to connect, explore, share, and discover the world at their Library."

SCLSNJ offers social hours for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities that include opportunities to connect and share ideas; discover creativity through arts and crafts; and explore music, storytimes, and more. Explore more: [SCLSNJ.org](https://SCLSNJ.org).



April 1, 11 a.m. - noon

Use the collaborative tools of G Suite and Google Search capabilities to enhance your job search experience and build digital skills.

#### Credit And Money Management Workshop Series

April 1, 15; 6-8 p.m.

Discover ways to take control of your finances.

#### Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion: "Anonymous Girl" by Greer Hendricks

April 2, 6-7 p.m.

Connect with a book of contemporary fiction or nonfiction.

#### Indoor Recess

April 3, 10, 17, 24; 11 a.m. - noon

Connect and socialize over board games, puzzles, adult coloring pages, LEGO, cards, and more. All skill levels are welcome. Sensory and special needs friendly.

#### The Deal Me In Club

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

Spend the afternoon playing a relaxing card game.

#### Seniors, Let's Get Crafty!

April 9, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Discover wellness through creativity, collaboration, and social interaction.

#### Monday Matinee at Manville

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

Discover a film at the Library.

#### Find Your Family Tree

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

Manville resident and genealogy enthusiast Bob Vornlocker will share his

techniques to maximize your search results and help uncover your family tree.

#### The Healing Power of Plants

April 16, 7-8 p.m.

Discover which plants may have been a part of your medicine cabinet 300 years ago.

#### Special Needs Social Hour

April 21, 11 a.m. - noon

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

#### English Conversation Group

• April 23, 30; 1-2:30 p.m.

• April 23, 30; 6:30-8 p.m.

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

#### Confessions of a Wildlife Photographer

April 25, 2-3 p.m.

Presented by Blaine Rothauer of the Conserve Wildlife Foundation.

#### Remembering the Holocaust: Kristallnacht Survivor Erwin Ganz

April 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Connect with a survivor of the Holocaust.

