

# Manville's News



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

## Mayor Onderko's Corner

The coronavirus pandemic has affected all our lives in so many ways and everyone is looking for things to get back to "normal". I am happy to report the number of cases in Manville on a weekly basis and in Somerset County have declined significantly and we will be entering phase-2 of reopening our economy for all non-essential businesses later this month per Governor Murphy's directive. Outdoor dining will now be allowed for our restaurants. Phase-3 for reopening our economy is planned for some time in July if positive cases continue to decline. In-door dining will be allowed at that time.

Every year since 2010 while serving on Council, one of the highlights for me personally has been MHS Scholarship Night and the MHS graduation ceremony as our youth look to the future. Although this year's virtual ceremony may be a little different than one in person, it is just as important to recognize the achievements of our graduating seniors. I am proud to sponsor the following academic scholarships - The 5th annual "Herman Brunn Memorial - Academic Competition Awards".

Six students, three boys and three girls, who achieved academic excellence in their senior year at MHS are the annual recipients. The scholarship awards are in memory of a great Manville educator who worked for over 40 years in our school district teaching Manville youth and making them better people. Mr. Brunn instilled a sense of competition every single day in his classroom or while out on the playground. He left an impression on me in 6th grade that lasted a lifetime.

Today, we all know how competitive our world is and I know these students are ready to compete in college or in any career path they desire to pursue. I want the 6 award recipients to know that Mr. Brunn was one of the best, most dedicated teachers to ever teach in Manville. He was a Manville resident and a proud American who loved his students. Mr. Brunn was also a member of the "greatest generation" serving at the end of World War II. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Since Mr. Brunn's passing in October of 2015, I am honored to keep his memory alive through this scholarship program. Congratulations to all the award winners and to the entire class of 2020! Pictures of this year's award winners will hang in the Mayor's office alongside all past winners since 2016.

Best wishes to all MHS Seniors in your future endeavors. The "American Dream" awaits!

Until next month,  
Mayor Richard M. Onderko

## Our Local Business SpotLight

### NEW Restaurant: La Rivera Maya

The new family-owned restaurant is located in 16 South Main St., Manville, NJ 08835. The idea was born in the heart of Luis Cristalinas 7 years ago and supportive by His Brother Jose Cristalinas and Father Jose Luis Cristalinas.

"We know there are many Mexican restaurants around the State and we wish them well to all, but we want to bring a new concept of what Mexican food is made of. Mexican food is enriched with authentic delicious dishes. We want to introduce homemade Mexican food to our community and friends and every dish will be served in our handmade clay plates. The design and the layout is enriched by our Mexican craftsmen that worked very hard, from the tables to the smallest decoration in the restaurant they all have been made in Mexico. The Cristalinas

Chac Family wants to bring an atmosphere where families can gather and have a good time with our Mariachi band, fresh homemade food and friendly family owned service. We want to bring a little piece of Mexico to our community."

La Rivera Maya is open for take-out curbside only for now. Call 908-393-9501 to place an order. Visit us on our Facebook page @lariveramayarestaurant to see the menu.



## Phased Approach to Re-Opening Manville Borough Hall to the Public

The public will only have access to the Municipal Lobby located on the first floor of the building. Anyone entering the building will be required to wear a facial covering/mask. To maintain social distancing guidelines only three persons will be permitted in the lobby at the same time. Public Restroom Facilities will not be available to the public.

**June 22, 2020-July 2, 2020 - Borough Hall Lobby open to public  
9:00 am-1:00pm Monday through Friday.  
Monday, July 6, 2020 - Manville Borough Hall Lobby open to public  
9:00am-5:00pm.**

## The Lockdown of Non-essential Small Businesses Continued in May...

Of all the 21 towns in Somerset County, the Borough of Manville is unique. It is a 2.5 square mile town of 10,000 residents that has a super Walmart on its Main Street along with many other small businesses. Those small businesses deemed "non-essential" are still under Governor Murphy's recent order to only offer curbside pickup or remain closed.

Mayor Onderko reached out to Somerset County Freeholders Brian Gallagher and Brian Levine to see first hand how unfair small businesses have been treated. The first stop was Manville Pastry Shoppe and saw how social distancing was enforced allowing no more than 4 customers in the bakery at one time. The next visit was at the Jewelry Exchange on South Main Street where they spoke with owner Tom McDonald about his concerns. Walmart was able to sell jewelry and every other kind of non-essential item, but small businesses were shuttered.

Tom McDonald says he feels forgotten but that was not the case when both Freeholders listened to his concerns.

Freeholder Gallagher commented that "Main Street and small business in Somerset County is the lifeline of our communities. Allowing big box retailers to remain open while keeping our Main Street stores closed is unjustifiable. The small, private sector business knows how to operate better than anyone, let them open now!"

Freeholder Levine stated, "Some State officials do not seem to understand the dire consequences of their actions to Main Street. These business owners are individuals who will keep their customers safe while providing for our community."

Both Freeholders thanked Mayor Onderko for his commitment to Manville and for the opportunity to have firsthand knowledge of the detrimental impact of the ongoing closures to the Manville community.



Freeholder Brian Gallagher (center) and Brian Levine (right) visit Manville to talk to business owner Tom McDonald (left) on Main Street.



## Proud to be in this town

by Ruthie Slovik

The kids looked up, opened their mouths wide hoping to catch a lick on their tongue  
But they didn't know the danger of the white stuff because they were young.  
Their families worked in the factory that made this strange-looking snow  
And it took years for the truth to come out and to be in the know  
This asbestos manufacturing plant was so well known by all  
That many came to town to answer the call  
Hard-working, traditional, pull yourself up by the bootstraps kind of folk  
Who brought the white powder home, and it was no longer a joke.  
They lived in the town named after the plant.  
People from Manville stood tall and never said they can't.  
People started getting sick and some died,  
Others continued working although they cried.  
When the plant closed and many moved away  
The ones who remained started to notice the decay.  
Strong immigrant families with strong values that could be seen  
Were tested again with the Hurricanes Floyd, Sandy and Irene  
Houses were under water, belongings on the street  
More businesses and homes were now gone, the future looked bleak.  
But the people, oh, the people stayed on and continued strong  
Because of their love of the town and their history long  
Generations of families stayed in the town, many in the same home  
These were settlers with deep roots, not wanting to roam  
These people are the backbone of great Manville today  
Flexible yet strong and are here to stay.  
We have triumphed over so much and are here to proclaim  
"Proud to be in this town, Manville is its name."

# VFW Memorial Day 2020 Celebration and Convoy

THANK YOU to VFW Post 2290 for bringing the Memorial Day tradition to our neighborhoods.



### Grand Marshall Joe Ferrera (center)

At the age of 19, Joe Ferrera enlisted in the United States Army in 1968 and did his basic training at Fort Dix, NJ. From there he went on to special training and was sent to Vietnam and served with the 82nd Airborne, 3rd Brigade for one full year as a Combat Chaplain's Assistant. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Meritorious Achievement Award and other Unit Citations and medals. From Vietnam he was stationed at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland and assigned as the N.C.O.I.C in charge of the Chaplaincy and Religious Programs on the Base. He was Honorably Discharged from active service in 1971 and achieved the rank of Specialist E5.



## Manville Bicycle Network Plan Public Input Meeting

MANVILLE IS INTERESTED in improving bicycle connections between Little Weston, Weston Elementary School, Manville High School, and Roosevelt Elementary. The final product, a Bicycle Network Plan, will recommend a variety of changes to make bicycling a safer and more attractive option for residents of all ages and abilities.

Please join us in a virtual meeting to learn about the plan, view the initial de-

sign concepts, and provide your feedback! The meeting is open to all, but pre-registration is required.

Manville Bicycle Network Plan  
Public Input Meeting  
**ONLINE MEETING MONDAY,  
JUNE 9, 2020 3:30PM TO 5:30PM**  
For more information, email: [heaslya@tcnj.edu](mailto:heaslya@tcnj.edu). Register here: <https://go.rutgers.edu/manville>.

The Complete Streets Technical Assistance (CSTA) Program is a collaboration between Sustainable Jersey (SJ), the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University (VTC), and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). Funded by the NJTPA, the program is designed to support municipal government efforts to advance complete streets initiatives.

## Department of Public Works JULY Schedule of Various Services

**Bulk Item Pick Up** is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th.

**Yard Waste** items will be picked up curbside Tuesday, July 21st.

**Grass Clipping Drop-Off** at the Public Works Yard continues on Saturdays. To comply with the social distancing guidelines, residents will need to place or dump their clippings in the appropriate dumpster. Grass clippings need to be in biodegradable paper bags only; no plastic bags. An employee will be on site to only direct residents accordingly but without any interaction. The drop off site will be open from 8 a.m. to noon.

In addition, grass clippings can be brought to the DPW Yard Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and placed in the appropriate dumpster. Yard Waste cannot be accepted Monday through Friday.

**Municipal Waste** – All municipal waste for pickup must be placed curbside by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled day in a plastic bag whether or not it's in a garbage can. Any loose waste that is not in a plastic bag will not be picked up. Also lids may be left off of cans.

In observation of Independence Day, the Department of Public Works will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. Friday's municipal waste will be collected on Thursday, July 2nd.

**Summer Hours** – The Public Works Department is operating on a summer schedule. Operating & office hours are Monday thru Friday 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This schedule will be in effect through Labor Day, September 7th. Residents are requested to have items curbside by 6:00 a.m. on the various collection days.

The Public Works Administration Office remains closed to the public due to the health pandemic. Residents can call the office with any concerns, 908-725-5512, during normal operating hours. Requests will be handled as promptly as possible. Messages left outside of the normal hours will be handled the next business day.

If you experience a sewer backup issue after normal operating hours, please contact the Manville Police Department at 908-725-1900, indicate your call is a non-medical emergency, state your concern as a sewer issue, and someone will be dispatched to assess your situation.

## From the Desk of Board of Health President, Ruth Slovik

Greetings from the Manville Board of Health. Currently, I am the president of this dedicated board of Manville volunteers who work on helping to make Manville an ideal place to live, work, and enjoy.

I don't know about you but I am very very tired about hearing about the Coronavirus. As you, I hear about people who were sickened, people who have died, people who are afraid, people who are now financially strapped, and those who analyze every procedure, rule, or recommendation coming from those "in the know."

The Manville Board of Health (BOH) does not make those recommendations. Neither do we facilitate notification to the people of this great town. That is handled by the Department of Emergency Management, which is headed by John Bentz. This emergency is different than others in that it is continuous. If there is a flood, fire or other emergency, it is usually a one day event with plans to handle the fallout from that event. There is a beginning, middle, and end. This is not the case for this unprecedented pandemic. Every day is the continuation of gathering information, disseminating information and carrying out the plans of the governor for the safety of Manvillians. John works closely with the Somerset County Department of Health (DOH) who gathers information from the state and our governor. Hats off to John and his staff as they daily work towards protecting us.

So what does the Manville BOH do? As mentioned earlier, we are a volunteer board. We look at health issues around us, issues brought to us by our residents, or issues that are funneled down from the Somerset County DOH. Should there be an ordinance against people raising pigeons? Would having a pet shop on Main Street be beneficial for our town? Would requiring more extensive or stringent food handling ordinances make restaurants safer and in more compliance with current regulations? Health and safety considerations within our jurisdiction are discussed, analyzed, and if legally sound, ordinances can be introduced and put into local law.

If you, as a Manville resident, have an idea for better health or an issue that needs resolving, come to our meetings. Ordinarily we meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the municipal building. Since the building is closed, we are meeting on Zoom as needed. Look for announcements in the Courier News and the Borough website, [www.manvillenj.org](http://www.manvillenj.org).

We want and need your input to help make Manville the best it can be.

## Borough of Manville – Rain Garden Projects

The Borough of Manville was awarded a grant from Rutgers' Water Resources Department for Green Infrastructure Projects. Two rain gardens are to be installed this summer. Rain garden systems capture, filter and infiltrate storm water runoff using soils and plant materials. Benefits include removal of non-point source pollutants from storm water runoff while recharging ground water. Improving water quality as well as adding aesthetic value.

The two areas identified for the installation of these rain gardens are Memorial Park and at the intersection of Boesel Avenue and View Street.

The Department of Public Works will be working with the staff from Rutgers' Extension Office on this project.



Intersection of Boesel Ave and View Street



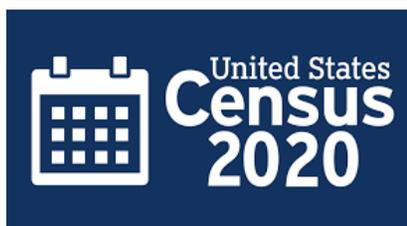
Memorial Park



## Royal Farms Opening Soon!



PLEASE COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS



BE COUNTED!

Complete the 2020 Census.  
Respond for your home in  
one of three ways: online, by  
phone, or by mail.

## SEE IT, REPORT IT!



### Spotted Lanternfly

#### What to do:

If you see egg masses, scrape them off, double bag and throw away. You can also place the eggs into alcohol, bleach or hand sanitizer to kill them.

#### Collect a specimen:

Specimens of any life stage can be turned in to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's lab for verification.

#### Take a picture:

With your GPS function turned on your smartphone or a camera with GPS, take a photograph of ANY life stage (including egg masses)

#### Submit picture to: [SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov](mailto:SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov)

#### Report a site:

If you can't take a specimen or photograph, call and leave detailing your sighting and contact information

**NJ Spotted Lanternfly Hotline at 1-833-223-2840 (BADBUG0)**



## Spotted Lanternfly Cooperative Control Program URGENT NOTICE

The invasive insect, spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*), has been found in the Borough of Manville. Please be advised that this pest has the potential to impact the quality of life in your community. It will feed on a range of different trees that may be in your yard or along the roadside. Because of the risk to agricultural crops like grapes, fruit trees, and forests, there is a quarantine in place to help prevent the human-assisted movement of the pest. The spotted lanternfly travels very easily by "hitching a ride" on vehicles and materials that have been stored outdoors (lumber, playground equipment, grills, landscaping materials, tools, etc.).

The United States Department of Agriculture has determined that the *Ailanthus altissima* tree(s) on this property are impacted with spotted lanternfly.

The United States & New Jersey Departments of Agriculture will be performing pesticide treatments on the *Ailanthus altissima* trees on this property.

Small trees will receive treatment with triclopyr herbicide so that they will die. Large trees will be treated with dinotefuran insecticide so that spotted lanternfly will continue to feed on this primary host. In turn, the pest will ingest this chemical application.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call or email USDA Spotted Lanternfly Program Supervisor, Tiffany Mauro, contact information below. To learn more about the spotted lanternfly and control methods, visit: [www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/slf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/slf) or [www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/spottedlanternfly.html](http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/spottedlanternfly.html).

## 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.

President Phil Petrone advised that there is no further activity for the club at this time.

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

There was no meeting in May due to the coronavirus. A reminder to maintain social distancing, self-quarantine, hand washing, use masks and gloves when grocery shopping, going to the pharmacy or doctors office. We will keep you informed periodically on any club changes. Stay safe and hope to see all of you soon.

## The Manville Public Library

100 South 10th Avenue, Manville, NJ 08807 | 908-722-9722 | SCLSNJ.org

### SCLSNJ's Hands Free Holds Initiative Expands to Manville Branch

(Somerset County, NJ: June 4, 2020)  
On May 26, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Hands Free Holds initiative expanded to the Manville branch. This service offers Library customers the opportunity to pick up items they previously placed on hold while the Library is closed due to the COVID-19 crisis.

"Our number one core service at SCLSNJ is making personalized connections between the community and materials," said Lynn Hoffman, director of operations. "Knowing that we have items sitting on our shelves that our customers would usually be using has been heartbreaking for us as Library staff. We hope that these first steps toward putting books, DVDs, magazines, music, and more in people's hands is just the begin-

ning of our path toward providing safe access to the wealth of resources SCLSNJ has to offer."

The goal of this unique, concierge-style service is to allow Library customers that may not have access to virtual resources to obtain physical materials in a manner that is safe and secure for customers and staff.

SCLSNJ staff have begun to reach out to customers with holds at the Manville branch by phone to schedule a 10-minute pickup window. When customers arrive at the building during their scheduled time, the items will be outside the front door, checked out and ready to go.

"The Library is asking that customers hold off on reaching out to the Library or just stopping by, hoping to get their holds faster," said Hoffman. "This program is

The following materials are accepted: 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, audiovisual equipment, typewriters, camcorders, telephones, cellular phones, circuit boards, modems, telephone mainframes, keyboards, mice, scanners, cables, wiring, power supplies, mainframe equipment and controllers. Batteries are not accepted.

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off June 20 in Franklin

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP – Have household hazardous waste accumulated in your home? Residents can drop off their items at the recently scheduled drop-off event on Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Franklin Township Sewerage Authority, located at 70 Commerce Drive, Somerset.

Household hazardous waste includes banned or outdated pesticides, antifreeze, transmission fluid, brake fluids, wet-cell car batteries, motor oil (five-gallon maximum), fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent light bulbs, ammonia-based cleaners, gasoline, kerosene, mercury switches, oil-based paints, pool chemicals, propane tanks and rechargeable and button-cell batteries.

**WEEKDAYS – SITES ARE TEMPORARILY CLOSED** to the public: the North County Public Works Facility, 411 Chimney Rock Road - north of Route 22 - Building B, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 and the South County Public Works Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

A complete listing of recyclable items, recycling drop-off events and much more is available at [www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle).

For more information about recycling electronics, contact the Somerset County Solid Waste Division at 908-231-7109, email [solidwaste@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:solidwaste@co.somerset.nj.us) or visit [www.co.somerset.nj.us/e-waste](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/e-waste).

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all new for us, and we will be starting slow so that we can learn and assure the safety of our customers and our staff before really ramping up to a run. We will reach out to you when we're ready to scale up. Also, we want you to keep your checkouts at home until we're ready to take them back after our branches reopen to the public. And, we promise, no fines."

Loan periods on all Hands Free Hold items will start at four weeks, and will continue to automatically extend as long as public libraries are closed. The Library System will not be accepting any returns at this time.

For questions about Hands Free Holds, contact: [ask@sclibnj.org](mailto:ask@sclibnj.org).