



## Mayor Onderko's Corner

Richard M. Onderko Mayor,  
Borough of Manville

Besides this Election Day, we are approaching another especially important Federal Holiday, Veterans' Day on November 11th. Growing up in a military family, my Dad was on active duty during the Vietnam War and at that time there was social unrest much like today in America.

Vietnam veterans that returned home were treated so poorly at that time. Today, on the nightly news we see our cities being burned and businesses looted. I cannot help to think what all our veterans are thinking when witnessing this violence within our own country, a country that they put their lives on the line to defend from our foreign enemies. Our veterans took the oath to defend the US Constitution and many have done so paying the ultimate sacrifice. They protected our freedoms for us all to cherish. And one of the most cherished freedoms is our right to vote.

Growing up in Manville and learning three of our residents were killed-in-action in Vietnam, the Hometown Heroes banner project began in 2019 to remember and honor them. Now over 150 banners line our Main Street and Library parking lot. Our Hometown Heroes that served and wore the uniforms of the United States Military are proudly on display for all to see.

Today, I wish my fellow Americans can take a step back and realize we are still the greatest Nation to ever exist and remember we are all Americans first. This Veterans' Day, proudly fly the American Flag and thank a veteran for his or her service to our Nation and please do not forget to vote!

Until next month,  
Mayor Richard Onderko

## From the desk of Chief Tom Herbst



### Becoming a Chief Of Police

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for the opportunity in becoming the Borough of Manville's 9th Chief of Police.

Becoming the Chief of Police in Manville is both rewarding and humbling. I have and always will put forth the effort that's both expected of me and that I expect of myself, to serve the Manville Police Department and the citizens of Manville. While our world is in the midst of a pandemic and certain areas of our country continues to struggle with Law Enforcement as a profession, my vision and that of the Department is clear. Our officers will continue to serve and protect the only way we know how, with diligence and dedication.

Leadership is always a challenge, not just as a Chief of Police but in all careers. I'm a firm believer that leadership, without a doubt, starts at the tip of the spear. My goal is very simple, as the leader, lead by example, support my officers and give them the tools and training to complete the task.

While a Chief of Police performs many tasks; manager, disseminating assignments, balancing a budget, administrator of discipline, hiring of personnel, purchasing equipment, developing policy, by far being a leader tops the list, a STRONG leader. A strong leader needs vision, integrity, honesty and to have the ability to inspire and challenge his supervisors and their subordinates. I had the fortune of working for a handful of supervisors in my life that have left the mark on me and I believe it's my job to continue with that



Mayor Onderko and Chief Herbst

theme and pay it forward. There is no perfect leader, you learn to take a few pages out of one's book and maybe a chapter or two from another. You also learn what doesn't work, this is just as important. You then begin to make your own book, with your style and your flare. Maintain the vision of your organization and convey to the body of your department.

As leaders, we must realize people, or in my specific case, police officers are looking for guidance, support and a strong leader. While it may not occur on a daily basis, when a flood comes, that catastrophic hurricane hits or God forbid, a deadly force situation happens, those officers will be looking up at the tip of the spear for that strong leader to take control and make decisions.

I once again thank the Mayor and Council, the citizens of Manville, and men and women of the Manville Police Department for not only the honor to be their Chief of Police but to lead them into the future.

## Become a VFW Auxiliary Post 2290 Member

Support our veterans by becoming a VFW Auxiliary 2290 member. "Since 1914, the VFW Auxiliary has united Americans from all walks of life with a common purpose: to improve the lives of veterans, service members and their families, and our communities." Our local Auxiliary supports the veterans and events at the Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW 2290 on Washington Avenue in Manville. They support scholarships such as the Continuing Education Scholarship, Patriots Pen Essay Contest, Young American Patriotic Art Contest, and Voice of Democ-

racy Contest. Your membership also supports veterans in the VA medical system, their families, and assist with legislation that impacts all veterans.

To join, members must be related to a veteran who served overseas in a location of a foreign conflict, a citizen of the United States, and at least 16 years of age. The



veteran can be living or deceased. The veteran's DD 214 document will list their dates of service and campaign medals. Eligible relations are Husband/Wife, Widower/Widow, Father/Mother, Grandfathers/Grandmothers, Sons/Daughters, Grandsons/Granddaughters, and Brothers/Sisters. First-year membership is \$27 and \$22 after your first year. For a membership form, contact Catherine Glen-Henkel at 908-295-9209 / email - [thequeen1080@comcast.net](mailto:thequeen1080@comcast.net) or more information go to [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org). Become involved, join today!

**From the Desk of  
Borough Administrator  
Brett Radi**

I would like to highlight a few of the actions that were taken by the Mayor and Council at the Borough Council meetings held during the months of August, September and October.

Mayor Onderko issued proclamations celebrating the remembrance of September 11, 2001, National Suicide Prevention Month, Mesothelioma Awareness Month, National Hispanic Heritage Month, National Adult Day Services Week, Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, National Polish Heritage Month, Fire Prevention Month and National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The governing body authorized the approval of the Capital Budgets for both sewer and general capital appropriations. The approval of the budgets allowed for the payment of repairs to the Tower Ladder Apparatus, repairs and maintenance of sewer pumps, as well as crack sealing of certain roadways within the Borough.

The Mayor and Council took action with regards to the annual renewal application process for liquor licenses within the Borough.

Ordinance 2020-1244 - Clarifying the height regulations for fences in the Borough was adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council. The ordinance clarifies the approval process for 6 feet fences, as well as requirements for fencing when set back requirements are not met as well as clarifying height requirements for fencing installed on the front of the property.

Mayor and Council appointed Thomas Herbst as the new Chief of Police for the

Manville Borough Police Department and the Mayor appointed Barbara Madak to an unexpired term on the Manville Recreation Committee.

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is scheduled for November 9, 2020.

**A Day in the Life of a  
Municipal Clerk**

by Wendy Barras

When most hear the term Municipal Clerk one usually compares the word Clerk with typist, secretary, or assistant. What the public doesn't realize is that the Municipal Clerk is one of the most diverse positions within the municipal government. People know the Tax Collector receives tax payments or that the Chief Financial Officer is charged with handling all financial matters, but do you really know what the Municipal Clerk does.

When meeting packets complete with the Agenda and materials arrive to elected officials for Council meetings on time, it is the work of the Municipal Clerk since the clerk is the secretary to the governing body. There are the day-to-day phone calls pertaining to bulk waste pick-up or events happening within the Borough. They are great listeners for concerned residents on everything from voter registration to "my neighbor's tree branches are in my yard". When in doubt, it is sent to the Clerk's office, and with the endless amount of emails to read through, they are incredible problem solvers. There are hundreds of OPRA requests (requests for Government records), how do they get done? It is the work of the Municipal Clerk. They write ordinances and resolutions, and record retention for the municipality - yes they handle this as well.

They've taken classes and received the

certifications - no easy feat. With memories like that of an elephant, a Municipal Clerk can spit out State statutes no one else knows - N.J.S.A. 4, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1. It is the Municipal Clerk who handles liquor licenses, raffles, bingos, landlord registration, peddler permits, contracts, etc. There's correspondence written and interactions with agencies at the State, County, and local level. They do it in "minutes" (no pun intended) with a smile on their face. They have an "agenda" to get the job done in a way that makes it look effortless when in reality it's really not. Marriage licenses, newspaper public notices, budgets, elections, purchasing, with a wave of a wand, a sprinkle of fairy dust, and a wink of an eye, POOF- all done!

*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. We can be found on Facebook @Manville Senior Citizens. Check out our past activities and pictures.

The Executive Board met on September 17 to determine future meetings and trips. Keeping in mind the governor's directives it is still too early to determine when a monthly meeting will be held. Trips were discussed for 2021 as well as election of officers and dues payment.

A reminder to continue social distancing, self-quarantine, hand washing and use of masks when grocery shopping, going to the pharmacy or doctors office. We will keep you informed periodically on any club changes either by phone or mail. Stay safe and hope to see all of you soon.

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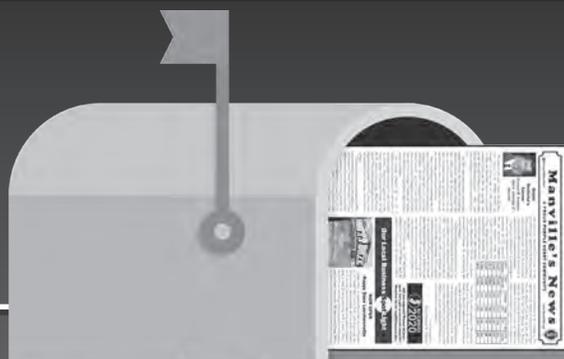
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**DPW News****Crack Sealing Our Roads**

DPW will be crack sealing various roadways in town, including: Raritan Ave, Whalen Street and South 13th Ave. This is part of our road maintenance program, typically takes place in the Fall. Over the summer months, the Department was out performing mill and patch work on many Streets prioritizing heavily traffic roads.

Crack seal is a flexible rubber asphalt that is designed to fill cracks in asphalt to prevent water and other debris from entering the crack. Crack seal comes in solid blocks which are then melted in a crack seal kettle. The liquid crack seal is then pumped through hoses and applied to asphalt cracks.

**What causes asphalt cracking?***Natural asphalt aging process  
Freeze and Thaw Cycles.*

During the winter season, there are thaw and freezing cycles. Water seeps down into the cracks and crevices of your asphalt and sits there. A cold day comes freezing the water that is in the cracks and crevices of the asphalt. When that water freezes it expands, pushing against the asphalt. This push can create larger cracks which then fill with water continuing the cycle. This repeated thaw and freeze cycle can create cracks which may lead to potholes and in severe cases asphalt failure.

**How does crack seal help my pavement?**

Water is the main enemy of asphalt. If your asphalt has cracks, water can seep down into your subgrade and begin to damage it. This leads to potholes, alligator areas, and eventually total asphalt failure. Crack seal is the first line of defense. Crack seal fills in the cracks with rubberized asphalt preventing water and debris from entering the cracks. Crack seal also expands and contracts with the asphalt ensuring a water tight fit.

**What is the crack seal process?**

Cracks are cleaned by a high-pressure air compressor, this blows out any dirt and debris

and ensures that the crack is dry and ready for crack seal. The crack seal blocks are then placed into the crack seal machine to melt. After the crack seal is melted it is applied directly to the crack with a nozzle, filling the crack flush. Once the crack seal has cooled and is no longer sticky or hot, the road can be opened up to vehicle traffic.

**From the Tax Assessor  
George Sopko****Notice to Potential  
Purchasers of Property**

Potential purchasers of property in the Borough of Manville are advised of the following: Upon the recommendation of the Somerset County Board of Taxation, the Manville Mayor and Borough Council have resolved to conduct annual Re-Assessments in Manville.

This program considers the current real estate and real property markets in order to update assessment values to a level of 100% of True Value every year. This program has been successfully implemented in several other Somerset County towns and has shown greater accuracy of assessments, which ensures fair and equitable distribution of taxation across the town.

All property owners are notified of their updated assessments for the Tax Year via green assessment notification post cards, which arrive every February. In addition to the annual updating of assessments, a property may be subject to an Added Assessment. Added Assessments are applied to properties that have had work completed, which has been determined to increase the True Value. Added Assessments are verified through Certificates or Permits issued by the Building Department as well as visual observances by the Tax Assessor resulting in a separate notification and tax billing to the property owner in October.

All sales of property in the Borough are analyzed and considered as potential market data. Therefore, the sales price of a property may have a significant impact on the future assessment of that property which has sold as well as other properties. Differences between a sales price and the current assessment of a property should be fully understood by a potential purchaser. If you would like to inquire about the status of a property assessment or have any questions, please contact the Tax Assessor's office at (908) 725-9478.

**From the Tax Office**

Per the NJ Division of Taxation Senior Freeze (property tax reimbursement) website the Governor's budget fully funds the 2019 Senior Freeze program. Payments are expected to be paid to eligible taxpayers beginning on October 15, 2020.

You may check the status of your NJ Senior Freeze (property tax reimbursement) by dialing 1-800-882-6597. Please have the Social Security number that was listed first on your Senior Freeze application and the zip code of your principal residence for the year of the application you filed.

Sewer bills are calculated in 2 parts-the flat fee of \$55.00 per unit per quarter and also the usage fee of \$4.03 per 1000 gallons of water consumed based upon the N.J. American Water (NJAM) water bill. Remember that the Borough of Manville bills quarterly and that NJAM bills monthly.

If you think that your usage portion of your sewer bill is higher than usual, you must first check with NJAM water to see if they are estimating your usage or reading your usage. Also sometimes the issue is that the Borough of Manville uses the date of the NJAM bill not the date of service. After you have corrected NJAM water consumption please send us a copy of the corrected bill.

As always during this uncertain time there are a couple of ways to make payments without visiting our office.

You may make a tax or sewer payment using your credit card or checking account by visiting our website [www.manvillenj.org](http://www.manvillenj.org) go to blue box labeled PAY BILLS ONLINE and follow those directions.

You may place your check with your stub (tax or sewer) in the drop box to the left of the front door (please include a self address envelope for receipts to be returned.)

Finally, you may enter the building (mask is required as well as a maximum of 3 people in the lobby at one time) - we ask that, due to the coin shortage felt all over, if you bring cash, please bring exact change or a check.

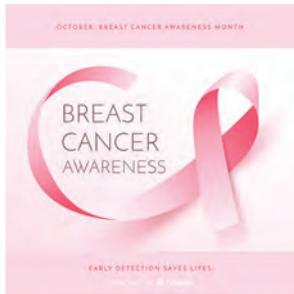
The November 2020, February 2021 and May 2021 bills property tax bills have been mailed - the November tax bills are due on or before Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Interest will begin on November 11, 2020. Interest will be calculated from November 1, 2020 to the date the payment is in the tax office at a rate of 8% on the first \$1500.00 and 18% on anything over \$1500.01. Postmarked is not accepted.

Please remain safe and healthy during this crazy COVID.

**From the desk of Chief Tom Herbst**



**MPD Joined the Battle for Breast Cancer Awareness Month**



As we all know October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Manville Police Department joined in the battle as we stood alongside all victims and their families. Our officers wore their pink t-shirts and used pink pens to do our small part and acknowledge they do have support in their battle. The diagnosis, while horrific news, is just the first step. The difficult journey begins of which option you make for treatment. You begin to fight, hopefully you caught it early enough, that maybe the treatment need not be as aggressive. Either way it's a life long battle.

This brutal and debilitating disease continues its path and appears to be getting worse. As with any disease bringing attention to it is just the first step. Keeping that attention is the next step. Showing support is what all victims like to see, it ensures their battle isn't alone. We, as family members and friends, need to stand next to the victims. As we are watching a loved one fight this monster we must not forget how far this demon touches us all. The disease doesn't stop with just the victim. I ask you to keep in mind those victims and their families, maintain contact, understand their journey isn't over after a surgery or a chemotherapy treatment. Their

annual follow up, their 3 or 5 year follow up are stressful to them and family members. Reach out and support them, a call, an email, and a text goes a long way.

The Manville Police Department will always show support and remember all victims and their families.



**Recreation has New Committee Members!**

Congratulations to Manville's new Recreation Committee Members, Evanna Tchir and Barbara Madak, who were recently appointed. This is a great time for Manville residents. We are growing some of our programs and we now have a full allotment of members to help guide us to the next level. Evanna is an invaluable asset to our team. She is the full-time Wellness Director at the Bridgewater and Somerville YMCA, branches of Greater Somerset County YMCA. Barbara is a lifelong resident who will bring enthusiasm and ideas to the committee.

**Trunk or Treat ANYONE?**

Manville Recreation will be hosting our own Trunk or Treat at Lincoln Park on October 31st. Stay tuned to Manville Recreation

on our Facebook page for more information or check the Borough's website. We look forward to seeing you on October 31st. You must be registered on Community Pass for access. Social distancing will be strictly enforced. MASKS REQUIRED FOR ALL.

**Come Out and Play in Manville's Parks!**

**Manville Borough Parks' Amenities**

**Lincoln Park, Lost Valley Section**

- 3 Softball/Baseball Fields
- 4 T-Ball Fields
- 1 Basketball Court
- 1 Playground

**Huff Avenue Sports Complex, Lost Valley Section**

- 1 Soccer Field
- 1 Flag Football Field

**Papawick Park, Weston Section**

- 2 Soccer Fields
- 1 Basketball Court, 1 Tennis/Pickleball Court, 1 Playground

**Haran Ave Park, Little Weston Section**

- 1 Basketball Court
- 1 Playground
- Four Square

**Memorial Park, Colorado Avenue**

- 1 Adult (Traditional Depth) Pool
- 1 Shallow (Kiddie) Depth Pool
- 1 Basketball Court
- 1 Bocce Ball Court
- 1 Playground

**Cooper Street Park, Lost Valley Section**

- 1 Adult (Traditional Depth) Pool
- 1 Playground

**Dukes Park**

- Passive Open Space
- Fishing along the banks of the Raritan River

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★ December 19, 2020 ★

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All programs listed are virtual unless indicated otherwise. #BeSafeAtHome and explore these virtual programs and more with the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ): [sclsnj.libnet.info/events](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/events).

## ALL AGES

### The Wizard of Oz: A Staged Radio Play

November 7, 2-3 p.m.

Discover a vintage radio take on the classic film, presented by Raconteur Radio. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4504625](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4504625).

### The Declaration of Independence: The Influence of Mary Kathryn Goddard

November 9, 7-8 p.m.

Discover what was involved in creating the Declaration of Independence. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4509221](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4509221).

## CHILDREN AND TEENS

### Wanted: Villains (grades 9-12)

November 2, 4-5 p.m.

Design a wanted poster or news flash of your favorite antagonist. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4529259](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4529259).

### Garden State Teen Book Awards Voting (grades 6-12):

November 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Explore books nominated for the awards and then vote for your favorite(s). Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4548550](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4548550).

### Bilingual English/Spanish Storytime (ages 3-7)

November 3, 5:30-6 p.m.

Explore stories and songs in a mix of English and Spanish. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4510709](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4510709).

### Jump Into Dinosaurs With Jumpin' Jamie (families)

November 7, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Discover an interactive livestream all about dinosaurs with a musician and paleontology enthusiast. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4314980](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4314980).

### Sensory Time: Sound

Explore various sensory activities that involve sound.

- (grades K-5 and caregivers): November 7, noon - 12:30 p.m. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4528575](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4528575).
- (ages 18 months - 3 years and caregivers): November 16, 10-10:30 a.m. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4532181](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4532181).

### Hooray for Veterans Day: Meet a Veteran (families with children)

November 7, 2-2:45 p.m.

Honor Veterans by helping your children understand why and who we celebrate on this special day. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/)

[info/event/4524517](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4524517).

### Meet the Author: Valerie Peña (families)

November 9, 4:30-5 p.m.

Connect with the local children's book author and her certified therapy dog, Zoey. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4506706](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4506706).

### NaNoWriMo: National Novel Writing Month Challenge (grades 6-12): 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Challenge yourself to write or finish an entire novel/story for the month of November. Register now:

- November 9: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4555512](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4555512).
- November 23: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4561060](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4561060).
- November 30: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4561809](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4561809).

### Diwali: One Festival Many Stories (families with children)

November 11, 4-5 p.m.

Celebrate the Hindu Festival of Lights with stories, puppets, and crafts. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4524615](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4524615).

### Stay at Home Science: Liquid Rainbow (grades K-3)

November 14, 1-2 p.m.

Try a new science experiment using simple household items. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4519452](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4519452).

### Zumba® for Kids (grades K-4)

This class will break down the steps, add games, activities, and cultural exploration elements. Register now:

- November 18, 4:30-5:15 p.m.: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4291753](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4291753).
- November 21, 1:30-2:15 p.m.: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4291765](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4291765).

### Young Adult Crossover Club: "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott (grades 6-12)

November 18, 6-7 p.m.

Share your thoughts on movie adaptations of classic teen and tween literature. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4560200](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4560200).

### Learning Lab: Extreme Food Science (grades K-5)

November 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Explore extreme food using STEAM including turning milk into plastic, candy chromatography, and elephant toothpaste. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/)

[event/4560556](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4560556).

### Story and Craft: Pumpkin Pie (families)

November 23, 10-10:30 a.m.

Listen to some delicious stories and create a craft. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4560827](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4560827).

## ADULTS

### Lunch 'N Learn With the Doctors: Treating Cancer in the Elderly

November 5, noon - 1 p.m.

Dr. Jonathan Rosenbluth of Regional Cancer Care Associates, Central Jersey will discuss topics and answer questions. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4568244](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4568244).

### Virtual Book Discussion Salon Traditionally Hosted at the Manville branch

- "The Escape Room" by Megan Goldin: November 5, 6-7 p.m. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4521710](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4521710).
- "Behold the Dreamer" by Imbolo Mbue: November 9, 6-7 p.m. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4521666](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4521666).
- "One Day in December" by Josie Silver: November 18, noon - 1 p.m. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4521672](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4521672).

### Conquering Mount Everest

November 5, 7-8 p.m.

On May 18, 2018, New Jersey resident, Dan Stringham, set foot on Mount Everest. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4498242](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4498242).

### My Favorites: An Evening of Jazz With Danielle Illario

November 6, 7-8 p.m.

Discover jazz standards in a fresh way. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4561837](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4561837).

### Meet the Author: Michael C. Gabriele

November 12, 7-8 p.m.

"Stories from New Jersey Diners" is the newest book by the Garden State author. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4500448](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4500448).

### Fantastic Plant Stories: Presented by Somerset County Park Commission

November 14, 2-3 p.m.

Discover how plants are used in celebrations in your community and around the world. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4440510](https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4440510).

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## From Fire Superintendent/Fire Marshal Patrick Renaldi

Fire prevention focuses on what a home escape plan entails and the value of practicing it. These messages are more important than ever, particularly because today's homes burn faster than ever. With new modern synthetic fibers used in home furnishings, along with the fact that newer homes tend to be built with more open spaces and unprotected lightweight construction, are contributing factors to the increased burn rate.

A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms, on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place that's a safe distance from the home. Home escape plans should be practiced twice a year by all members of the household.

For more information on any of these practices, feel free to call our office at 908-725-9478, Ext 112.

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### Gerber Field, Northside

Football Field  
Baseball / Softball Field  
Soccer Field

### 10th Avenue Park, Northside

1 Playground

### Contact Us:

Contact Manville Recreation @ (908) 725-9478 Ext. 106 or 121.

Registrations are always accepted at the Recreation Department during regular office hours.

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## SCLSNJ Partners With Rutgers School of Social Work for Fourth Year to Connect Library Customers to Community Support

U.S. Census Bureau data from 2019 states that approximately 5 percent of Somerset County residents live at or below the poverty line and 5.4 percent of Somerset County residents under the age of 65 do not have access to health insurance.

If you or a loved one are facing hardships due to the pandemic or other circumstances, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) can help. Since 2017, SCLSNJ has partnered with interns from Rutgers School of Social Work to connect Library customers to resources.

"Not only can an intern provide information and referral services to those in need, an intern can facilitate the referral of an individual to a community partner, including police, family and children's services, employment centers, housing, food programs, immigrant and refugee services, and more," said Lauren Ryan, manager of branch services, strategic initiatives and special projects. "The social work intern protects the privacy of patrons and works to establish a therapeutic relationship with a patron to facilitate lasting change."

Social work interns are available at the Bound Brook, North Plainfield, and Somerville branches; for the first time, in-person at the Manville branch; and for the convenience of all Library customers, also available remotely.

"We are going to be doing things a bit differently at the Manville branch," said Pascoe. "While the social work intern will not physically be at the branch, the Library System has arranged equipment in a private space to mimic the in-person experience so that Library customers can connect with the intern privately through a Google Meet session. During the pandemic and beyond, we want our customers to feel safe and comfortable when communicating with our social work interns."

Manville's intern Cathryn Salladin is working towards obtaining her bachelor's degrees in social work.

"Through interning with SCLSNJ, I hope to leave an impact on the lives of others and use my own experiences to empathize with people from all walks of life," said Salladin. "This program also helps to eliminate gaps in access to technology and language, while creating a personal and warm environment."

Connect with Salladin at the Manville branch, located at 100 South 10th Avenue in Manville.

- Mondays, 2-5 p.m.
- Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.
- Thursdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Contact: [csalladin@sclibnj.org](mailto:csalladin@sclibnj.org) or 908.458.8400 x2281

In-branch hours start on October 5 and conclude on December 12. To schedule an in-person or virtual meeting with a social work intern: [sclsnj.org/using-our-libraries/social-services-support](http://sclsnj.org/using-our-libraries/social-services-support). For more information about the social work program at SCLSNJ contact: [npascoe@sclibnj.org](mailto:npascoe@sclibnj.org).

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### Implicit Bias in Public Education: Presented by Dr. Anne Gregory of Rutgers University

November 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

Discover how schools are striving to increase racial equity in school discipline. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4551783](http://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4551783).

### The RVCC Workforce Training Center: Career Pathways and Continuing Education

November 18, 7-8 p.m.

Discover the short-term, hard-hitting,

and state-of-the-art training programs the organization offers in response to the growing talent needs of the local economy. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4527666](http://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4527666).

### Meet the Author: David Treuer

November 19, 7-8 p.m.

Meet the author of "The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present." Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4497284](http://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4497284).

### Let's Talk Turkey and Side Dishes With Chef Jesse

November 20, 3-4 p.m.

Explore tips on how to make that perfect turkey for your Thanksgiving meal. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4513508](http://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4513508).

### Presidential Signatures

November 21, 2-3 p.m.

Handwriting Historian Terry Antoniewicz will analyze the signatures of many of the Presidents to reveal notable character strengths, some flaws, and the impact on the history. Register now: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4498324](http://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4498324).