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Somerset County Park Commission Accepting Reservations for Weddings, Events, and Photoshoots

Bridgewater, NJ – The Somerset County Park Commission is accepting reservations for weddings, celebratory events, and photoshoots at scenic locations in Colonial Park Gardens in Somerset, and Leonard Jay Buck Gardens in Far Hills for the 2022 season.

“The park’s settings are ideal for weddings and other milestone events,” said Somerset County Park Commission Secretary-Director Geoffrey Soriano. “The gardens and arboretum are beautiful all year ‘round but especially during the spring and summer months. These beautiful locations will help make any event picture-perfect and memorable for families and friends attending their special event.”



- **Arboretum** – reserve for wedding ceremonies, milestone events and photoshoots
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Fees: There is a fee of \$200 per hour for wedding ceremonies, milestone events and photography, and a \$100 per hour fee for posed photoshoots.

Venues and Reservations

Reservations at all venues must be made a minimum of two weeks in advance. Events and photoshoots at the park’s gardens are not limited to weddings and can include birthdays, engagements, family portraits, graduations, maternity, proms, quinceañera and more. Photoshoots can either be amateur or professional, posed or unposed.

Colonial Park Gardens has the following venues:

- **Perennial Gardens** – reserve for wedding ceremonies, milestone events and photoshoots

Permits: Permits are required for weddings, milestone events, and all photography sessions. Permit holders must agree that while using the facilities at the Somerset County Park Commission, discrimination against any person or group of people due to race, color, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, national origin, and religious or political affiliation will not be tolerated.

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Mayor Onderko's Corner

Richard M. Onderko
Mayor, Borough of Manville

As we start another new year, there is still much work to be done to fully recover from the flood of 2021. I am hopeful Congress will make a disaster aid declaration to our State soon so residents can either elevate their homes where it makes sense to do so or take a Blue Acres buyout. Almost five months have passed since the remnants of Hurricane Ida hit NJ. I wish our federal government had a better sense of urgency to help our recovery efforts. It is frustrating to see such a delay when residents' lives are put on hold.

Concerning future flood mitigation efforts for Manville, it may be possible to have work done all along the Royce Brook to help lower water levels during heavy rains. We have all witnessed the development of apartments and townhomes on our border with Hillsborough. Climate change may be real with increased precipitation amounts encountered during storms but over-development is real too.

Most of our State was developed long before there were concerns about stormwater runoff that made flooding in Manville worse over the decades. Dr. Obropta, from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program, already has preliminary plans developed to retrofit older developments that

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Be Flood Ready

Volunteer to Help Your Fellow Residents

After Hurricane Ida hit Manville, it became evident we could always do better with our emergency response efforts leading up to, during, and after future flood emergencies. Community volunteers can play a role by becoming a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.



CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks.

If you are interested in volunteering to become a Manville CERT team member, please email BoroInfo@manvillenj.org with your contact information. CERT training will be required along with your commitment to meet as a team at least twice a year. The CERT team will be managed by the Borough's Office of Emergency Management.

Encuentre este artículo en español en el sitio web del municipio en www.manvillenj.org/579/Get-Flooding-Information.

From the Desk of Borough Administrator, Gian-Paolo (GP) Caminiti

Borough Hall and Flood Damage Restoration Update

Happy New Year to all residents!! 2021 was a trying year, but 2022 is starting off on a much better note. After successfully moving all of our municipal services to the 2nd floor of the municipal building late last year, COVID remains a big issue in January and forced us to limit resident access to only vital services and masked staff. Hopefully, restrictions will ease in the coming weeks as the Omicron surge starts to taper off. From the Good News Dept.: despite a number of procedural delays, the governing body was able to review the construction bids submitted, select the best offer, and award a bid contract at its first regularly scheduled meeting of the year on January 11th. Work is expected to begin shortly on

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*News from the
Manville Public School District*

MHS Winter Athletes use Sports to Overcome Hardships of Covid-19

by Kayla M. Knappe

Over the past two years, the world has put many events on hold because of the outbreak of Covid-19. However, the world is slowly regaining its balance despite the virus still being present.

Manville High School is taking a positive and forward-looking approach to getting the district back on its feet: athletics. The winter sport selection offered at MHS includes basketball (both girls and boys), track and field (both girls and boys), and wrestling. As of this year, the wrestling team welcomed its first female wrestler, Aalyiah Barbosa (grade 12), onto the mat which in and of itself is a great development for the future of MHS wrestling.

The district, including students and teachers alike, are very excited to have the winter athletic program up and running for the 2021-2022 season. Some students were asked to leave their input and interpretation on how having winter sports available to them has made them overcome the hardships of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Beginning with wrestling, David Peterson (grade 12) has revealed that his involvement in winter sports has heightened his fear of being exposed to the virus because of the intermingling done with other schools at competitions. However, his love for wrestling and his teammates is so important to him, stating he "wouldn't have it any other way." His newest teammate, Aalyiah Barbosa's first match was put to a halt because the team had to have a mandatory quarantine period. She commented on the fact that during that period of time she "realized how important wrestling became...without it I felt pretty lost." She added that wrestling keeps her active and allows her to set goals to achieve.

In the aspect of Track and Field, Todd Peterson (grade 12) has commented on winter athletics being important for students so they are able to have access to something they enjoy all year round. "With proper precautions and safety measures, we can continue our sports," Todd says. He also advocated for the care and concern for not only himself, but his teammates as well. Additionally, Siobhan Wesolowski (grade 12) advocates for the im-

portance of winter athletics, saying, "Despite the craziness of the world, we are lucky to come together to do something we love." Additionally, this year is one of the first seasons that throwing shot put has been added to the winter season.

Caitlin Brennan, following her recently-graduated brother, on the girls basketball team is so happy that Manville decided to keep winter sports up and running despite Covid-19. Although she isn't a big fan of wearing a mask while on the bus to away games or when she's sitting beside her teammates on the bench, Caitlin says, "we are lucky enough to be playing our sport that we love [because] sports help students get involved."

While, arguably, it is most important to hear from a student athlete's perspective, it's no doubt that we want to hear from our very own staff and coaches too. Ms. Gina Baker, a gym teacher at MHS by day and a track and field coach by, well mid-afternoon, says "Trying to keep [students] healthy and safe has been [the coaches] number one priority." She explains that the winter track and field team has had more success with maintaining health and safety because the majority of the practices and events are held outside despite the recent chilling weather. Gina does touch on the negative aspect of winter sports slightly, by saying that finding places for track meets to be held is difficult because a lot of colleges and universities have closed their doors to high school meets as of recent which has caused the team to travel further from home to compete. Unfortunately, the track team's most recent meet at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island was cancelled. Despite these few challenges that undoubtedly every high school sports team has been facing this season, Ms. Baker has high hopes for the remainder of the track and field winter season for not only herself but for her team.

Overall, while the pandemic of Covid-19 has turned over the way Manville High School students go about their day, the winter sports available (basketball, track and field, and wrestling) has improved the positivity of the student body. As said in the words of Aalyiah Barbosa: "Winter sports are a must!"

ATTENTION Manville Community Members!

On January 25, 2022, the Manville Board of Education will be holding a public referendum to approve a bond for critical infrastructure projects needed in the school district. The bond will have a 0% property tax increase to Manville homeowners. Vote by Mail ballots have been distributed. On Tuesday, January 25, voting will take place at the Manville VFW Hall (600 Washington Blvd.) from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

This referendum will address critical infrastructure projects that are needed in the district. These are required projects that must be completed to maintain operational schools. They include replacements of the original boiler and the roof at Weston School; converting the auditorium at Weston School to a multipurpose room; HVAC installation in the gym and auditorium at Weston School; and replacement of the kitchen floors at Manville High School and Alexander Batcho Intermediate School.

The State of New Jersey offers a reimbursement program under the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act (EFCFA) known as Debt Service Aid. All New Jersey taxpayers contribute to this pool of school improvement funds, but only districts with a voter-approved bond referendum actually benefit from it. Manville is eligible for approximately 47% in reimbursement of the costs of our school facilities projects. So for every dollar spent, the State of New Jersey will pay roughly \$0.47, and Manville will pay \$0.53.

The total cost of the proposed referendum is \$3,950,000. Should the Manville Community vote in favor of the referendum, the Manville School District will receive Debt Service Aid that will cover \$1,856,500 of the total project cost. This would reduce Manville's financial responsibility for the required projects by 47% – down to \$2,093,500 of the total cost. The remaining cost will be paid through the general operating budget and capital reserve funds.

Through the referendum process, we feel that the Board of Education and the MSD administration are offering the Manville Community the best option to avoid impacting the pockets of local taxpayers. Manville homeowners will have no increase in their property taxes due to the referendum while almost doubling the dollar amount of the projects.

All Manville residents are encouraged to vote on January 25, 2022.

Manville Mourns Police Captain Sidorski A 30-Year Police Veteran

by Chief Herbst



There are few times in a person's life when they come across an individual who leaves an eternal impression. Whether it was on a personal level, professional relationship or a role model who you chose to emulate. In my humble opinion, Retired Manville Police Captain Dennis Sidorski was all three.

Beginning his career in 1971, he gradually rose through the ranks from Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and culminating his distinguished career as a Captain. Police work is a unique calling and can be a very challenging profession. When you break it down, the internal components are no different than any other business. Every business has a boss, vice president, mid-level supervisor and all the front-line workers.

Above all, every organization has a "go to guy." Dennis Sidorski was that "go to guy." If there was an issue it went to Dennis. Problem with an Officer, give it to Dennis. Interpretation of Police, send it to Dennis. He was truly old school, came in early, worked non-stop and made all his decisions with a calm, professional demeanor. He was the guy who could solve a problem sometimes just with a glance at you over the top of his glasses.

You were a dedicated father and husband first. Family was your backbone. You didn't tell people that, you showed them. That theory translated over to your work. You didn't give advice on how to lead and supervise, you did it.

Rest easy Captain, you've earned it. The quiet leader, the guy who led by example... the "go to guy."

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 regular meeting will be February 10, 2022.

Nick Trilone, Membership Secretary, will be collecting 2022 dues at the February meeting.

We will be resuming non-perishable food donations for the food bank. Please bring your donation to the meeting.

Mayor Richard Onderko installed Susan Asher as Vice-President and Monica Onuschak as Trustee for 2022.

Officers for 2022 are President Phil Petrone, Vice-President Susan Asher, Treasurer Kathy Petrone, Membership Secretary Nicholas Trilone, Recording Secretary Claire Simmonds, Chaplain Josephine Pschar, Sergeant-At-Arms Joann Kosensky, Trustees Theresa Evans, Barbara Panfile and Monica Onuschak. Standing Committees are Day Trips and Atlantic City Josephine Pschar, Publicity Geraldine Klimowich, Ways and Means MaryAnn Urbaniak, Sick and Welfare Carolyn Barter, Overnight Trips Kathy Petrone, By-Laws Eileen Bardi, Hospitality Dolores Bobrowski and MaryLee Brisebois.

Vice-President Asher introduced a new community calendar for the seniors. It will be a bi-monthly calendar for 2022.

School Superintendent Dr. Jamil Maroun reminded us to vote January 25th for the school referendum. Polls will be open for in person voting at the VFW from 6 am to 8 pm. Make sure if you are doing

the mail in ballot you deposit it in the drop box in front of the Borough Hall or mail it in. The schools are committed to remaining open and they are following all COVID protocols. The principals from the schools in the district will be attending future meetings to give us insight to the schools activities and curriculum.

Mayor Onderko spoke about the town in detail about the flood issues, mitigation of Royce Brook, aid for the town, storm water issues and staffing issues with First Aid and EMS people. He thanked the police department, fire department and all first responders for their help in Manville's crisis.

Manville's radio station 1690AM is back in service. Check out the Somerset County website for information on dates, time and places where Booster Shoots and Testing sites are available. Property taxes are due by February 10. Tax office is on the second floor of the Borough Hall. Masks must be worn when entering the building.

Manville Police Department Detective William Sampson introduced new Patrolman Chris Ciempola who gave us a little background about himself. Detective Sampson also suggested signing up for Nixle. This is a way of getting information on street closings and other issues in town quickly. It can be set up by email or cellphone. They are looking for school crossing guards. Contact the police department if you are interested.

Upcoming Trips:

Atlantic City-- Third Wednesday of the month to Caesars. Dates are February 16 and March 16. Bus leaves the VFW at 9 a.m. promptly. Cost is \$40 with \$30 returned. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Wind Creek, Bethlehem, PA-- Fifth Thursday of the month. The next trip is March 31. Bus will leave from the VFW at 10 am. Cost is \$40 with \$25 back. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Lancaster, PA, Sight and Sound to see David-- Wednesday, March 23 with lunch at Shady Maple. Cost is \$148.00. Bus will leave from the VFW at 7:00 am. Contact Jo Pschar for reservations at 908-722-0156.

The Ark Encounter, Williamstown, KY-- Monday June 6 to Friday June 10, 2022. Trip includes accommodations at the Fairfield Inn, Cambridge, Ohio and Holiday Inn Express Walton, KY. Dinner Cruise at the Greyhound Tavern, full day visit to the full size recreation of Noah's Ark and exhibits at the Creation Museum. Dinner Cruise on the Ohio River and gaming time at the hard Rock Cincinnati Casino. Cost is double occupancy \$799.00 and single occupancy \$1059.00. Contact Kathie or Phil Petrone at 908-526-2948 for information and reservations.

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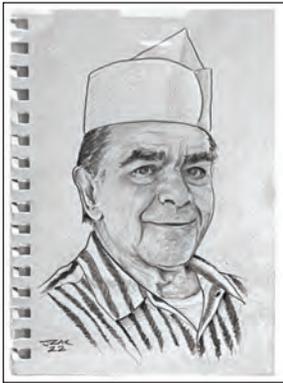
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Manville Mourns a Borough Icon



A sad day for all who knew him, Vincent D'Aniello "Vinny", an iconic part of Manville history, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Monday, January 10, 2022.

Born in Monte di Procida, Naples, Italy, Vincenzo emigrated to Brooklyn, New York in 1956. He met the love and partner of his life, his wife Rosaria, and together they created an amazing and devoted family. They moved to Manville, then Hillsborough, and ultimately opened Manville Pizza with his late brother, Domenic, in 1969. Manville Pizza embodied his drive, determination, and vision to connect a community through his love of pizza, with a great hospitality and desire to serve everyone like they were at his dinner table.

Vinny, an indispensable part of the fabric of Manville, offered the community a place to eat and connect with friends for over 50 years. He possessed a business acumen and natural ability that turned any venture into a great success. His business ventures were never driven by wealth or esteem, rather he sought to build community by serving all those around him. He was larger than life and will be dearly missed by his friends and family. May he rest in eternal peace.



The Mustang Giving Tree

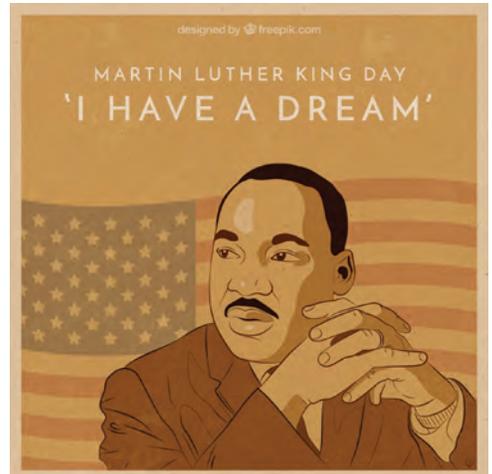
This past holiday season, the Manville Municipal Alliance (MMAC) hosted a Mustang Giving Tree. With the generous support and collaboration of the Manville Library and Manville School District, community members and organizations were able to sponsor a family in need to help provide gifts this holiday season. The counselors were able to reach out to families affected by Hurricane Ida to identify those who were in need of a little extra holiday joy. The library staff decorated a beautifully large Christmas tree with custom hang tags identifying requested items.

Sponsors were asked to take any and as many tags as they desired and to return the tag with the donation. Unwrapped donations were dropped off at the library and distributed by the counselors/library staff. Donations were dropped off by the MMAC, Manville Counseling Department, PBA, Middle Earth, Boy Scouts, Manville PTA Relief Center, businesses and Community Members.

Thanks to the generosity of all our family sponsors, we were able to provide over 26 families items that they needed or desired during this holiday season. We've

had an overwhelming growth of support and we want to thank all parties who have participated in making a family's wishes come true this holiday season!!!

Go Manville! What a great way to show support for your fellow community members!



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From the desk of Chief, Tom Herbst Shop With a Cop

Every once in a while Law Enforcement gets involved in events or programs that are what we consider a “no brainer.” Such was the case a few months back. The Manville Police Department was contacted by Lonnie Algood from the Somerset Community Action Program (SCAP). The theory of the program was simple, provide a better Holiday season for the underprivileged in Somerset County. Walmart graciously reduced prices to further sweeten the pot and stretch the dollar that much more.

The Manville Police Department joined forces with SCAP as well as several other departments in the county. The object was simple, take a gift card provided by SCAP and have an officer walk with the child through the store to select gifts that they may not have received this holiday season. I must admit the experience was both rewarding and humbling. Now, it’s been a while since I went shopping for toys (my wife’s the expert there), during the course of the shopping experience I learned more about DVD ratings and Roblox points, which I’m pretty sure I still don’t know what it is. The 11 year olds were definitely on top of their game.

Seeing these kids buying gifts for their siblings and/or parents really hit home, how many times do you give a child a free gift card in a toy store and one of their first statements is “I want to get something for my little sister.” Again, humbling, rewarding and obviously a “no brainer.” The Manville Police Department will always be involved in this event.

I again wanted to thank SCAP and Manville Walmart for helping those less fortunate during this Holiday Season.



L to R: Mayor Onderko, Jay Albis, Christopher Ciempola, and Chief Herbst. The officers were sworn-in by Mayor Onderko on Jan. 2, 2022.

Welcome Two New Police Officers

The Manville Police Department is proud to welcome two new Officers to the Department. After conducting written examinations, a physical agility test and two rounds of oral interviews, two applicants have risen to the top. We would like to congratulate Jay Albis and Christopher Ciempola to the Manville Police Department. The Officers are currently going through Departmental training and will begin their 20-week recruit training process on February 14, 2022, at the Camden County Police Academy. We wish them a very safe and healthy career.

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Top 26 Favorites for SCLSNJ Library Lovers in 2021

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) continues to be a strong community resource for the residents of Somerset County - through the pandemic, historic rainfall, freezing snow, and the advent of new technologies. In 2021, over 2.8 million total items were circulated throughout the 12 location Library System, over 80,000 new items were added to the ever-growing collection, and customers visited over 590,000 times.

Curious about our favorites?

The number one most popular resource was the Library System's borrowable WiFi hotspot devices. The System has 200 devices that are able to provide Internet on the Go for three weeks and power up to 15 internet-capable devices. Authors Dav Pilkey, Raina Telgemeier, and Jeff Kinney battled to be the most loved author - with Pilkey winning by a hair. Only one movie made the list - Tom Hanks' "News of the World."

Explore SCLSNJ's Top 26:

1. Internet on the Go: WiFi Hotspot (Artifact)
2. "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah (Book)
3. "Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild" by Dav Pilkey (Book)
4. "Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls" by Dav Pilkey (Book)
5. "Dog Man: Fetch-22" by Dav Pilkey (Book)
6. "Dog Man: Grime and Punishment" by Dav Pilkey (Book)
7. "Dog Man: Unleashed" by Dav Pilkey (Book)
8. "Dog Man: Dog Man and Cat Kid" by Dav Pilkey (Book)
9. "Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas" by Dav Pilkey (Book)
10. "Dog Man" by Dav Pilkey (Book)
11. "Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties" by Dav Pilkey (Book)
12. "Win" by Harlan Coben (Book)
13. "Sisters" by Raina Telgemeier (Book)
14. "The Last Thing He Told Me: A Novel" by Laura Dave (Book)
15. "Guts" by Raina Telgemeier (Book)

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Two Acclaimed Artists and Educators Take Up Residence at SCLSNJ's Manville and Somerville Branches

Over recent decades, libraries have shifted from institutions primarily thought of as places for checking out books, and have merged into community centers for connection, communication, interaction, and, most recently, arts sharing. Together, with our partners at coLAB Arts, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) is excited to welcome two expert artists and educators into our branches throughout 2022.

"Libraries are incredibly important spaces for intergenerational and intercultural community collection and connection," said Dan Swern, co-founder and producing director of coLAB Arts. "SCLSNJ has embraced their role to document and share the stories of the Somerset County community. coLAB Arts is grateful to be able to play a small part in this work, through introducing art as an avenue for community development and storytelling."

Last year, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) awarded coLAB Arts and SCLSNJ a \$75,000 Our Town, creative placemaking grant. Through this grant award, the Library System installed two Artists-in-Residence at the Manville and Somerville branch locations.

"Libraries are known for welcoming everyone into our spaces; our community is our lifeline," said Rebecca Sandoval, technical services manager and grant coordinator. "This partnership with coLAB Arts - to host Artists-in-Residence - is a wonderful way to not only support artists, but to add a new layer of engagement with our community. We look forward to the stories our community will share, to watching the creative process firsthand, and seeing how these stories will be transformed into a work of art."

Conceptual artist, photographer, and educator Diane Wah Zuercher is the featured Artists-in-Residence for the Manville branch, located at 100 South 10th Avenue in Manville. Zuercher, a Columbia University graduate, has fond memories of her time visiting the Library.

"I spent many hours in the library during my younger days and it's where I feel that I really discovered myself as an artist," said Zuercher. "The library was definitely my safe space. My most vivid memory of the library

was getting my first library card in elementary school. My mother would take me twice a month and I would always come home with an armful of books for FREE. It just blew my mind."

Zuercher spends her days as an educator at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in New York and spends her evenings as a practicing artist and avid reader.

"I have a deep relationship with my book collection," said Zuercher. "My favorite book genres growing up were philosophy, fiction (primarily science fiction), and history books. The most influential books for me were probably 'A People's History of the United States' by Howard Zinn, 'Power/Knowledge' by Michel Foucault, 'Assata' by Assata Shakur, and 'The Twilight Zone (Complete Series)' by Rod Serling."

Performance artist, choreographer, and educator Sarah Dahnke is the featured Artists-in-Residence for the Somerville branch, located at 35 West End Avenue in Somerville.

"I'm excited about the library as a community hub, as a space where we can all come together and exchange, as a space that is not charged with particular expectations," said Dahnke. "In a library you can just be. You can be in conversation with others, or you can quietly be with yourself. The public library is for everyone, and we have so few spaces where that feels true."

Dahnke - who has been a guest artist at Tulane, Princeton, UCLA and New York University, and worked alongside Marina Abramović - is a movement artist who hopes to bring the "glorious celebration of dance" to the Library System.

"I spent a lot of time with my mom in the library as a child," said Dahnke. "While she would browse for her next few books, I would have the freedom to wander the stacks, pulling out whatever looked interesting. I didn't want to spend much time in the kids section and was much more interested in the 'real books.' I have memories sitting on the floor of our local library, holding large, heavy books that I couldn't yet read or understand, flipping pages to find words or illustrations that I could make some sense of. The sense memory is still

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DPW News**Infrastructure Work For Our Borough**

Below are the planned streets that will be having water main replacement work from January 2022 to April 30, 2022.

- North 13th Ave from Brooks Blvd to North Street
- North 14th Ave from Brooks Blvd to North Street
- North 15th Ave from Brooks Blvd to North Street
- West Frech Ave from Mazur Ave to Angle Ave to JFK Blvd includes connections on Dominic St and Raritan Ave

All projects are to replace the existing 6" and 10" A/C pipe that is at the end of its life cycle and provide a system looping.

Roads will be paved once the infrastructure work is completed.

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have no stormwater management in place in the Royce Brook watershed. He feels this would have a significant impact on floodwater levels. I'm excited about the possibility of such a project and hope we can secure the funding it needs.

Next month property taxes are due and with the virus still present, we would like to ask our residents to make tax payments by check using the dropbox by the front entrance of the building. This will help keep you and Borough employees safe. If you must enter the building, a mask is required. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the recent holiday honoring his legacy, remember one of life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

Until next month,
Mayor Richard Onderko

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rebuilding the flood-damaged interior spaces of the ground floor of Borough Hall, and we anticipate a grand reopening by the time the weather gets warm. Keep your fingers crossed that building supplies don't become scarce and that our contractor and his team stay healthy (and busy!) Meanwhile, restoration efforts have already started and are underway at both the Manville Rescue Squad and the Fire Co. # 1 buildings on S. 3rd Ave. Work should be completed soon and all are looking forward to being able to resume normal operations there. Our first responders have been very creative (and working tirelessly) to keep our residents safe under less-than-ideal conditions. A big thank-you to all involved!

Recycling Schedule

Somerset County Curbside 2022 Recycling Schedule for Manville.

January 12 & 26	July 13 & 27
February 9 & 23	August 10 & 24
March 9 & 23	September 7 & 21
April 6 & 20	October 5 & 19
May 4 & 18	November 2, 16 & 30
June 1, 15 & 29	December 14 & 28

In case of inclement weather, recycling pickups may be canceled. The next collection will be two weeks later. Download the Recycle Coach App or check www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle for up-to-date information.

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deeply embedded in my psyche; I remember exactly how our library smelled."

"My small home library is full of memoirs and nonfiction," said Dahnke. "I love reading about people's lives, learning about different experiences and seeing how they've overlapped with my own. I also love doing research, and often when I have a seed of an idea for a project, I'll immerse myself in nonfiction around the topic. Two memoir-style books I have loved over the past year are 'Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls' by T Kira Madden and 'On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous' by Ocean Vuong."

To learn more about the Artists-in-Residence program, email grant coordinator Rebecca Sandoval at rsandoval@sclibnj.org. To learn more about coLAB Arts, email grant partner Dan Swern at dan@colab-arts.org.

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16. "Anxious People: A Novel" by Fredrick Backman (Book)

17. "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig (Book)

18. "Drama" by Raina Telgemeier (Book)

19. "Diary of A Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball" by Jeff Kinney (Book)

20. "Cat Kid Comic Club" by Dav Pilkey (Book)

21. "Ghosts" by Raina Telgemeier (Book)

22. "Diary of A Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel" by Jeff Kinney (Book)

23. "Diary of A Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth" by Jeff Kinney (Book)

24. "News of the World" (DVD)

25. "Diary of A Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul" by Jeff Kinney (Book)

26. "Elephants Cannot Dance!" by Mo Willems (Book)

To explore SCLSNJ's collections, visit catalog.SCLSNJ.org.

SomCty Commissioners Encourage Residents to Sign up for the Smart911 System

Source: Somerset County website

The free Smart911 mobile app can be downloaded at the App Store or Google Play. In addition to the app, a Safety Profile can be created online at www.smart911.com.

More than 85 percent of calls to 911 come from cell phones. Without Smart911, identifying a mobile caller's location is limited to cell tower triangulation and any details the caller can provide. Smart911 links personal cell phone numbers to home addresses and vehicles. Even if you call from somewhere other than your residence, the technology provides 911 operators with a greater ability to determine an accurate location, which could make a difference between life and death in an emergency.

The Smart911 system lets residents create a Safety Profile with critical information about the household. When an individual calls 911, their Safety Profile transmits directly to 911 operators, enabling the communications center to share critical details with first responders before they arrive at the scene. For example, firefighters responding to a house fire will have the advantage of knowing how many people and pets live there and who might need assistance getting out of the house.

The information is completely secure. No one, including police or government personnel, can look at Safety Profiles except during a response to a 911 call.

Safety profiles could include critical information that will help responders keep your family safe, including:

- Information about where you live, what type of structure it is, exterior color, number of floors and bedrooms in the home.
- Number of people who live there, how to contact them, the ages of individuals, photos of children, etc.
- Existing medical conditions of residents with chronic issues, a list of medications and allergies, people with mobility issues and any other conditions that emergency responders should know about.
- A list of pets and service animals along with their names to help responders locate them.
- Emergency Contacts – family and friends who should be contacted in an emergency.
- Vehicle Information – make, model, license plate numbers, etc.
- In addition, photographs can be added to any of the above information categories.

For more visit: www.co.somerset.nj.us/Home/Components/News/News/4354/17

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