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Call To Artists

6th Annual Art Expo: Collective Effervescence



Collective Effervescence is a term that describes the sense of energy and harmony people feel around a shared purpose. It is that thirst for a visceral response, a shared joy, or a bubbly feeling that rises from within. It does not limit us to a singular idea of art, but celebrates the diverse world of the creative experience. The MAC is excited to shake the bottle and pop the top on Expo 2022.

Share what makes you bubble as we build a Collective Effervescence together. This Juried exhibition is open to all New Jersey residents aged 16 and up and will be on display from June 10th-24th at the Manville branch of the Somerset County Library. An

opening night reception will be held on June 10th from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Questions? Contact Amy Ohlson at AmyO@manvillearts.org

For submitting your art and more information, visit ManvilleArts.org, follow @ManvilleArts on Facebook and Instagram.

The mission of the Manville Arts Council is to improve the accessibility to the arts within the Manville community. To invigorate the town by creating arts events that attract visitors and local business involvement. We create opportunities to spotlight local talent, collaborate with local entities and further develop the arts in Manville.

*Show your art. Share YOUR joy.
Spark joy in others. Be a part of something big.*

Dunellen & Green Brook Rotary Club

Annual Pasta Festival
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Dates:

Monday, April 4, 11, 18, 25

Time:

5:30pm-7:30pm

Place:

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Cost:

Adults \$12.00
Children 4-12 years \$7.00
Children 3 years and under FREE

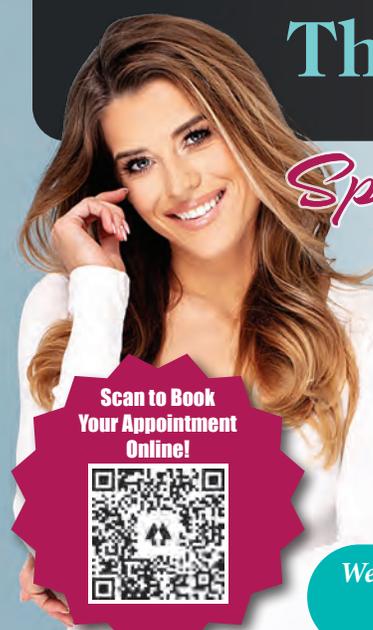


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Brook Arts Center

Brook Arts Center Open its 2022 Spring Season

The Brook Arts Center is in historic Bound Brook, New Jersey, one block from the Bound Brook Train station and a few short miles from Rt 22, 287, and 78. It is the only existing vaudeville theater (Brook Theater) remaining in Somerset County, and one of eight in New Jersey listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Brook Theater has been providing entertainment since 1927.

The season opens on April 1st offering a wide variety of quality entertainment at affordable prices.



The NY Bee Gees Tribute Show

April 1st – 8:00pm

The most extravagant Bee Gees show a fan can experience, performing 70's disco hits from "Stayin' Alive" to "Night Fever" while embracing their early works such as "To Love Somebody", "I've Got to Get a Message to You", and "Massachusetts". The New York Bee Gees delivers songs with a stunning production, powerful vocals, and a professional stage presence.

Sugar Mountain

April 2 – 8:00pm

Sugar Mountain faithfully replicates the songs of one of the most prolific and beloved singer/songwriters, Neil Young. Sugar Mountain performs songs from Buffalo Springfield and Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young to garage band Crazy Horse and countless genre bending solo releases, spanning everything from folk, country, electronic and hard rock to rockabilly.

An Evening of Comedy with Julia Scotti and Uncle Floyd

April 16 – 8:00pm

These two Jersey-born comedy gems continue to break down barriers in every facet of show business, proving that age is not just a number, it's an asset! Wildly funny, high-energy, and raucous, good-time granny comedian, Julia Scotti, captured audiences when she appeared on America's Got Talent in 2016. Her critically acclaimed documentary, "Julia Scotti: Funny that Way" can be seen on Amazon Prime. Legendary Uncle Floyd is primarily known for The Uncle Floyd Show (1974-1998) continues to entertain audiences with his unique act of saucy songs, kooky comedy, and vivacious vaudeville.

Guys and Dolls

April 22 – May 1st

"Guys and Dolls" is the story about rolling the dice and falling in love! Guys and Dolls take us from the bustle of Times Square to the dance clubs of Havana to the sewers of New York City as it demonstrates

the great lengths to which a guy will go when he truly falls in love with a "doll". Guys and Dolls features some of Frank Loesser's most memorable tunes, "Adelaide's Lament", the romantic "I've Never Been in Love Before", the exuberant "If I Were a Bell", and the classic "Luck Be a Lady".

Tickets are available for purchase online at www.brookarts.org or by calling 732-469-7700. Box Office Opens two hours before showtime for walk-up sales. Concessions, Bar, and Free Parking are available.

PBS-TV Star Chris Ruggiero Comes to Brook Arts Center for One Night Only

Brook Arts Center welcomes singer Chris Ruggiero, who will present his vintage rock and roll concert, "Silly Love Songs," on Friday, May 20th. It will be the 22-year-old singer's first full-length concert appearance in Somerset County since he rose to national fame following his PBS Television appearance. Ruggiero has been crisscrossing the country and has already notched 14 states on his tour so far this season. We're very excited to bring Chris Ruggiero to the stage for an evening of pop-rock standards as you've never heard them before.



Ruggiero, born and raised in Westchester County, New York, considers his northeast concerts a homecoming of sorts. "I can't wait for everyone to see the new show I put together in Las Vegas and, of course, there are a lot of locals who've never even seen me live on stage," he says. His new album "I Am Chris Ruggiero" features original arrangements from legendary arranger Charlie Calello on timeless classics such as "Put Your Head on My Shoulder", "My Cherie Amour", "The More I See You" and "This Magic Moment". Calello has had over 100 national records as an arranger and producer, having created countless records with artists such as Frankie Valli, Paul Anka, Barbra Streisand, Neil Diamond and Frank Sinatra, to name a few. Chris says, "Charlie's had more hit records than any other arranger in history. He is the epitome of musical genius." Having completed the project, it appears the admiration is now mutual. Calello commented, "It's been a long time since I heard a voice like this. Chris doesn't chase the music. He brings the music to him and he does it without vocal tricks. That's rare today."

As much as he enjoyed recording, Chris's first love is the stage. "The live show has always been the center of my universe." That live show is filled with songs that fans of the fifties, sixties, and seventies rock and roll classics will know and love but will also be instantly recognizable to young fans who've heard them in TV shows, movies, and commercials. "I'm somewhat strategic in my song selection. I look for songs that have been a hit in more than one decade or that have been re-released, like 'Unchained Melody' or 'Can't Take My Eyes Off You'. They're timeless." The concert promises he'll be singing those, plus selections from his new albums, live with a 6-piece band complete with a brass section for an added level of excitement.

"Chris Ruggiero: Silly Love Songs" at Brook Arts Center (10 Hamilton St, Bound Brook, NJ 08805) begins at 8:00 PM on Friday, May 20, 2022, but the magic will linger long after he leaves the stage. Tickets are \$35.00 to \$45.00 and are available exclusively at www.brookarts.org. For more info on Chris Ruggiero, visit www.ChrisRuggieroSings.com.



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Letter from the New Recreation Director



Mayor Onderko's Corner

Richard M. Onderko
Mayor, Borough of Manville

The municipal budget cycle has been well underway since the beginning of the new year. This year's budget cycle has been challenging after Hurricane Ida hit our town last September. We encountered over 1 million dollars of unexpected flood related expenses in the 4th quarter of 2021 that will have a direct impact on this year's budget. We are working hard to lower the municipal tax levy and cut budget expenses where ever possible while maintaining the same level of services.

The damage caused by Hurricane Ida had an adverse impact on the overall valuation of our Borough. As part of our annual reassessment program, all real estate assessments are analyzed throughout the town and adjusted accordingly based on recent sales in town. The overall town value went up 9.55% and residential home value increased 9.37% for a new average home value of \$288,815.

Most real estate values in town are up in a hot real estate market, some 15-20% as seen nationwide. Homes that were substantially damaged after Ida had negative adjustments made to assessments since the damages were incurred before the October 1st valuation cut-off date. The flood damages encountered help suppress the overall average home value set

Hello Manville! I would like to introduce myself – My name is Stephanie Cornelson, and I am excited to be coming back as your Recreation Director! Manville has been hit hard these past two years with the pandemic and Hurricane Ida and we're looking forward to bringing our programs and community back together! The Recreation Department along with the Recreation Committee has already been working diligently to put together our annual Easter Egg Hunt filled with fun and prizes for all ages. The Egg Hunt will be held at the Weston Playground Area on Saturday, April 9th. We are also sponsoring an Easter themed coloring contest which will be featured at the Manville Library. We have another event coming up in April and we are looking forward to partnering with DPW to host a Community Clean Up Day which will be held on Saturday, April 30th.

Along with our upcoming events, we are working to bring back our summer programs, summer events, opening the pools to full capacity and our senior fitness programs.

for 2022.

Property taxes are on everyone's mind these days including Governor Murphy's. He is proposing a new program for property tax relief for next year. In the meantime, we are making the case for more municipal state aid to minimize the impacts the flood had on our Borough's rateables. We plan on using more of our budget surplus to reduce the municipal

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We are currently accepting applications for camp counselors and life-guards.

Feel free to reach out to our Recreation Department if you have any questions. For more information, please check out our page on the borough's website or email us at Recinfo@manvillenj.org.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing new and old faces and working with the town to bring our programs and events back!



Daisy Troop 60158 sold out of cookies at Fire Co. #2 recently! Way to go girls!

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Administrator's Corner, Gian-Paolo (GP) Caminiti Springtime at Borough Hall

Good news came in bunches this month as steadily declining COVID numbers meant that we were able to lift the mask requirements at Borough Hall on March 7th in keeping with Governor Murphy's Executive Order. Spring is here and our both our Recreation Dept. and DPW have been working hard to get the programs and our fields & facilities ready for the start of the season. Please keep an eye on our Borough website for program details.

True to its reputation, March came in like a lion and looks to be going out like a lamb. Cold weather couldn't prevent us from moving forward with restoration activities at Borough Hall, however. First, we welcomed back all our municipal documents that had been in the flood: 26 pallets stacked five feet high that were unloaded by our strong and capable DPW team. A special shout-out to all who helped carry the hundreds of boxes into their new (old) home! There is still a lot of work involved to reorganize and archive these records, but we are aiming to have them reviewed, scanned, and digitally stored by the end of the year. That way, our records will never be in jeopardy again.

More good news: the construction company that was awarded the contract to renovate our building set to work at a terrific pace. The progress has been very impressive as the crew are installing insulation, sheet rock, and spackle. Paint and flooring will soon follow. And finally, we will have a good cleaning and replace furnishings to make the municipal complex whole again. We hope to have the reopening ceremony coincide with the Memorial Day parade and look forward to seeing our residents in person again for public meetings and municipal services.

Meanwhile, our Borough Hall team continues to work tirelessly upstairs under less-than-ideal conditions: all municipal services are being provided there, from processing tax and sewer payments to issuing construction permits, etc., our team is there to provide service with a smile for all our residents.

Contact our Mayor

MayorOnderko@manvillenj.org

Cell: 908-800-1231

Contact our Boro Admin

"GP" GCaminiti@manvillenj.org

Cell: 908-300-6402

From the Desk of Ruth Slovik, Board of Health President

Free Rabies Clinic

Greetings from the Manville Board of Health. Today I want to tell you about our FREE rabies clinic to be held on Saturday, April 9th at the Manville North End Volunteer Fire Company #3 at 169 North 8th Avenue, Manville. Doors will open at 9 AM and remain open until noon. Only dogs can be vaccinated. This event is being held in conjunction with the Somerset County Department of Health who supplies the vaccines. The inoculations will be administered by a licensed veterinarian. Although the event will be open to anyone from any town, only Manville residents will have the opportunity to license their dog while at the event.

The Manville Board of Health is a group of volunteer Manville residents who meet once a month to discuss issues and possible ordinances to help Manville be the best place to live and work and enjoy life.

If you have opinions about keeping Manville healthy and strong, come join us on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 PM. We are temporarily meeting at the Manville Library until the restorations of the municipal building are complete. Hope to see you at the rabies clinic or at the Library.



Thinking of a home improvement project?

Check the permit required listing below, or if in doubt, call Borough Hall at 908-725-9478, option 8.

A construction permit, which may include a building, electrical, fire and/or plumbing sub-code technical section, is required to do any of the following:

All construction, including but not limited to: (The following is a general guide - each job may have different requirements and may need more than is listed below)

Construction permit applications for project which change the footprint of the building, lot coverage, use of the space, etc. may also require a zoning approval (permit.)

Category - Permits Needed

- **Additions** - All
- **Air Conditioning** - electric & plumbing
- **Alarms:**
 - Fire/Smoke/Carbon Monoxide - Electric & Fire
- **Alterations** (residential or commercial) - All
- **Basement Refinishing/Remodeling** - Building, Electrical, Fire & Plumbing
- **Bathroom Fixtures** (direct replacement and/or any piping changes) - Plumbing (need licensed plumbing contractor or homeowner)

- **Car Port** - Building, others as needed
- **Chimney Reline:** Fire
- **Deck** - Building
- **Demolition** - Building
- **Doors** -(adding, enlarging or eliminating) - Building
- **Driveways/Sidewalks** - Engineering
- **Electric Work** - Electric
- **Fence** (If: around a pool or over 6' or commercial) - Building
- **Fireplace** - Building, Fire, Plumbing, Chimney Certification
- **Garage** - Building (others as needed)
- **Gazebo** (over 100") - Building
- **Generator** - Electric, Plumbing, Fire
- **Heating/Vent/AC (HVAC)** - Electric (if fuel fired equip. does not need licensed electrician), Fire, Plumbing
- **Hood** - Fire & Electric
- **Lawn Sprinkler** - Plumbing & Copy of D.E.P. Landscape Irrigation License
- **Moving a Structure** - Building and all utility sign-offs as for demo (require footing/foundation application for set-

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From the Desk of the Sports Coordinator, Kim Monto

With the 2022 Winter Basketball Season coming to an end, I am so proud of the improvement that could be seen in all our players. I would also like to personally thank all the Volunteer Coaches for their time, knowledge, patience, and dedication that they gave this season. Without Volunteer Coaches the players wouldn't get a chance to be on the court.

The start of our Spring Sports programs is on the horizon, and I am so excited that all the Soccer programs are filled beyond capacity. There are still spots open on the Softball and T-Ball teams for interested participants. Watch your emails for messages from the team coaches regarding practice days and game schedules.

I am in the process of setting up our Summer Sports Camps and Clinics for Soccer, Basketball, Softball, and Baseball. Subscribe to the News Flashes from the Recreation page on the Borough website - www.manvillenj.org/308/Recreation or follow us on Facebook @ManvilleRecreation for the latest updates and camp information.

M News from the Manville Public School District

Weston's 60th Celebration

by Ciara Johnston

Weston Elementary School will be celebrating its 60th year on April 29th! This event will kick off at 9 AM and will run through 11 AM with a birthday celebration theme for Weston's 60 years of excellence decorated with balloons and other decorations around the school. The day will start with breakfast and a special photo opportunity for guests who have played a vital role in the past 60 years serving the Weston Community. The grade-level presentations will take place afterward, ending with the Weston School song sing-along.

Mr. Aldo Russo, Weston's principal communicates, "Each grade level will showcase a different decade beginning with the 60's all the way to the 2000s by singing a song from that era. There will also be a walkthrough of the entire school for all the guests to see the changes that have gone on over the past 60 years. Photos will be available for guests to reminisce about their time at Weston. A time capsule will also be put together out of current popular items and then be buried with the intention of uncovering it after another 60 years. Also, a sing-along of the Weston School song will take place for all to participate in, which will be led by the current and former Weston Music teachers." Along with all these events, there will also be a display of Weston t-shirts and a photo slideshow to view.

All grades, including Pre-K through 2nd grade will take part in these events to celebrate their school. Along with the grades, the main staff facilitating this event runs smoothly consists of Aldo Russo, Dorothy Raymondi, Carl Ruffer, and Jen Rutledge. Thanks to their help, and many others, this event will surely be one to remember and commemorate Weston's 60 years of excellence

Weston School is very proud to announce the celebration of Weston School's 60th Birthday. The event is led by Principal Aldo Russo, Weston School PTA, and the staff of Weston School. This event was inspired by Aldo Russo who daily enjoys learning the history of the Manville Community. He wanted to make certain that Weston School had a special day dedicated to the role it has played as an important beginning for all Manville students.



Manville Recreation Department 2022 Spring Sports Registrations

In-Person Registration on Wednesday, March 2nd
at ABIS Gym from 6pm - 8pm (Payment by Check Only)

Registrations is Now Open for the following Spring Sports programs:



Instructional Soccer - \$75 - 3:45pm to 4:45pm

April 8th - May 27th (4-to-6-year-olds) - Fridays at Huff Avenue Park

• **1st & 2nd Grade Development Soccer - \$75 - 5:30pm to 7:00pm**

April 12th - May 31st (1st & 2nd Graders) - Tuesdays at Huff Avenue Park

• **Co-Ed Travel Soccer - \$85 - Practices on Manville Fields**

April 9th - June 18th (3rd & 8th Graders) - Games are Played in Hillsborough

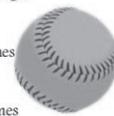


• **Girls' Softball - \$85 - Practices at Lincoln Avenue Field**

April - June (1st - 8th Graders) - Travel Required for Some Games

• **T-Ball - \$75 - Practice at Lincoln Avenue Fields**

April - June (4-to-6-year-olds) - Travel Required for Some Games



Volunteer Coaches are Needed for All Spring Sports Teams

Easter Bunny Trail & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Weston Playground

Easter Bunny Trail - 12:30pm - 1-, 2-, & 3-year-olds

Easter Egg Hunt - 1:00pm - Pre-K to 8th Grade



Registrations are accepted at the Recreation Office

or online through Community Pass

Visit us online: www.manvillenj.org/308/Recreation.org
For more information, please call 908-725-9478 ext.106

Manville High School Introduces Its' 2022 Drama Club Production: GREASE

by Kayla Knape

As the 2021-2022 school year reaches its second half, the Manville High School Drama Club is proud to announce their production for this year will be Grease, based on the original Grease movie released in 1978. This year's production will be the second time MHS has performed Grease in its time.

The main character cast list consists of Juliana Bucciero as Sandy, Anthony Yakobchuk as Danny, Cami Galvez as Rizzo, Jacob Reilly as Kenickie, Kamryn Conover as Marty, Kayla Knape as Frenchy, Todd Peterson as Doody and Teen Angel, Chloe Gosk as Jan, Lukas Rios as Sonny, and Kyle Sibaja as Roger. The ensemble is a very long list consisting of students from all grade levels at the high school.

As the ABIS production of Frozen comes to an end, the Grease cast is getting ready to begin their daily rehearsals in order to have the entire Grease play ready for performance by May for a three-night production on the 19th, 20th, and 21st. For ticket sales, visit the Manville High School website in May!



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Manville Seniors' Digest

The Manville Senior Citizens meet at noon on the second Thursday of each month at the VFW on Washington Avenue. Membership is open to anyone age 50 or older, residents and non-residents. The next regular meeting will be April 14, 2022.

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

AARP Foundation volunteers will be doing tax returns at the Library. Contact the Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services at 908-541-5710 to make an appointment. The Friends of the Library Book Sale is ongoing and mark your calendar for the Cupcake Competition on May 11th. Looking for bakers, volunteers to be judges and purchasers for the cupcakes.

The clubs annual picnic will be Thursday, July 7 at Knob Hill in Colonial Park with Elmer's Catering supplying the food.

Girl Scout Troop 63411 working for a Bronze Award did a presentation on single use plastic bags. Each girl spoke about the importance of the new law banning the bags, how it affected the environment and the reasons for the new law which goes into effect May 2022. In coordination with the Manville Department of Public Works and a grant they handed out reusable bags to everyone. They even showed us how to make a cloth bag from a T-shirt. Kimberly Fleming and Donna Lewin are the co-leaders of the troop.

Mayor Onderko discussed the flood issues and said he is working with Senator Zwicker on obtaining some funding. He also discussed the importance of elevating homes in the flood plain areas.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maroun said they will watch costs and supply chain issues with the work to be done at the schools. They will not go over the referendum amount but could adjust some of the projects. He introduced Alicia Mathewson Principal of Roosevelt School. She attended Manville Schools, taught at Roosevelt and is now its principal. She has come full circle. She went over the chal-

lenges after the flood and the many programs and activities the students are involved in.

Recreation Director Stephanie Cornelson talked about upcoming programs. Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9, Manville Community Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 30. She is working on restoring the recreation exercise programs and hopes to have the up and running in April.

Detective Sampson said the Dare Program is back at the schools. Do not use gift cards to pay bills if you get a request to do so. This is a scam. Reminder: the drug drop box is permanently located at the Police Station. Drop off drugs but no liquids or needles.

Upcoming Trips:

Atlantic City--Third Wednesday of the month to Caesars. Dates are April 20 and May 18. Bus leaves the VFW at 9 a.m. promptly. Special Air Show trip on Wednesday, August 24. 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 June 30. Bus will leave from the VFW at 10 am. Cost is \$40 with \$25 back. Contact Jo Pschar 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.

Wednesday, September 21 Train Ride to the Water Front at Lake Wallenpaupack and lunch at Silver Birches. Cost is \$100. Contact Josephine Pschar at 908-722-0156.

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Manville's 2022 Community Clean-Up Day April 30th -- Featuring Drop-Off of Tires & Electronics

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

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

Volunteers can register via Community Pass - www.manvillenj.org/308/Recreation.

This event is made possible with grant money from New Jersey Clean Communities and sponsored by the Manville Department of Public Works, Manville Recreation, and Sustainable Manville.

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

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

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

Manville Borough Re-Assessment Program Update 2022

The Borough of Manville entered an annual re-assessment program in 2017. This program considers the current real estate market and updates the assessed values of all properties in the Borough each year. Maintaining the annual program also eliminates the need for a costly full re-valuation program every 10-15 years. This program has been successfully implemented in 16 of the 21 municipalities in Somerset County and has shown greater accuracy of assessments, which ensures a fair and equitable distribution of taxation across the town.

A condition of the re-assessment program is the requirement by the State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation, that an inspection of every Borough property occur once every five-years to confirm the details of the assessment records. This translates into a 20% requirement annually and after last year, all sections of town were reassessed.

The results of these inspections and recent sales of properties in the Borough will culminate in a new Tax Assessments for Tax Year 2023. Potential buyers of property in the Borough are reminded that differences between a sales price and the current assessment of a property will be considered in the annual reassessment and should be fully understood by a potential purchaser. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's office at 908-725-9478, Ext. 109.



Emergency Alert System

Stay informed! Get emergency alerts and road closures from the Manville Police Department. Text 08835 to 888777.

MANVILLE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 30, 2022

8:30 am at the Manville Library

Register via Community Pass
(<https://www.manvillenj.org/308/Recreation>)

Volunteers Needed—Ages 10 & up

Tire & Electronics Recycling Drop Off*
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The Danger of Fentanyl

by Jerri Collevechio, Director of the Safe Communities Coalition Hunterdon/Somerset

Overdose deaths across the nation have reached over 100,000 in 2021, NJ has had 3,124 suspected overdose deaths, (the NJ Office of the Attorney General). Somerset County had 56 suspected overdose deaths, and 233 Narcan (reverses an opioid overdose) deployments. Overdoses and overdose deaths are largely contributed to illegal drugs being laced with **Fentanyl**.

Illicit Fentanyl is a deadly synthetic drug manufactured in foreign countries and smuggled into the United States. It is added to heroin, meth, cocaine, pressed into pills, and now cases show it is being added to marijuana/cannabis. Youth as young as 13 have overdosed not knowing that the marijuana they used was laced with Fentanyl. Most recently 5 cadets overdosed while on Spring Break. To address the urgency, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has launched a "One Pill Can Kill" awareness campaign to educate the public on the dangers of fake, counterfeit pills being produced in labs to look like legitimate prescription medications. The Safe Communities Coalition, of Hunterdon/Somerset, a division of Prevention Resources Inc., has created a documentary, "**Fentanyl Factor**", to inform the community that fentanyl, even in extremely small amounts, and one-time use can be deadly; it is like playing Russian roulette. We encourage parents to have frequent conversations on the harms and impact of using alcohol, marijuana/cannabis and illicit drugs.

Jerri Collevechio, Director of the Safe Communities Coalition Hunterdon/Somerset, stated, "One way to keep our community safe is to properly dispose of unwanted or expired prescription medications. DEA Rx Takeback Day is on Saturday April 30, 2022 from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at participating police departments across Somerset County. For more information, please visit our website www.njprevent.com or email jcollevechio@njprevent.com.

Manville Municipal Alliance News

Nic Stix Awareness

Nic Stix (Nicotine Sticks) is a single use (disposable) e-cigarette filled with e-liquids. These liquids can be flavored with strawberry, watermelon, mango, etc. This is another type of vaping device that is becoming popular. Each nic stix contains about 50mg of salt nicotine plus other additives that are equivalent to about 20 cigarettes. The popularity behind these devices is that they do not require a charging device and can be discarded once



From the desk of Lt. Craig Jeremiah

Speeding. As I am about to begin my 25th year as a police officer, one common concern that I have heard about throughout my entire career is the issue of speeding. Why do people speed? There are many reasons, some of which include running late to work, school, game or some other event, getting stuck in traffic and trying to make up time or maybe they just like to drive fast.

Whatever the reason is, there are consequences to their actions. Some of these include higher fuel consumption and costs - I can't remember the cost of fuel ever being as high as it is today, so that alone may be a deterrent to not speed. Other consequences include traffic crash risks - losing control of your vehicle more easily, increased stopping distances, getting more severe injuries or higher repair costs. Finally, no one wants to get a ticket.

As the weather is starting to warm up, more people will be outside. Drivers really need to slow down. They need to slow down in the



business districts where pedestrians will be walking around, shopping and crossing the street. They need to slow down in residential neighborhoods, where children will be playing outside and riding their bicycles. They need to slow down around the schools, where students will be playing at recess and walking home from school.

Manville is aware of the issue of speeding and has made an investment to reduce speeds within the borough by purchasing multiple speed board signs. These signs have helped bring awareness to drivers of their actual speeds. If you have any issues with speeding, please contact Sergeant Nick Franzoso at (908) 725-1900 ext. 610 to have a speed board sign set up in your neighborhood. After the sign has been posted in the area trying to educate the drivers of their speeds, a follow up is conducted with officers enforcing the speed limit. Our goal is to educate you now and for the future, rather than enforce the speed limits with summonses. Please do your part to reduce the concern of speeding and slow down.

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tax levy from 2021 levels. However, more needs to be done and that includes making the case to Trenton for more municipal aid.

I have been in contact with our state Senator Andrew Zwicker concerning the need for more financial aid for the municipal budget. The last 4 years we have not received any increase in municipal aid and have lost property tax revenues from Blue Acre buyouts. In addition, I have been in contact with the disaster recovery lead person from Governor Murphy's office, Dan Kelly, questioning when New Jersey will be given disaster aid. I will fight to see Manville gets its fair share this time. I hope we hear some good news soon.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter!

Until next month,
Mayor Richard M. Onderko

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- ting the structure in new location)
- **New Building** - All
- **Plumbing Work** - Plumbing
- **Pool** - Building, Electric, Plumbing, Fire (for heater)
- **Porch** - Building
- **Radon** - Building, Electric
- **Ramp** - Building
- **Roof** - Building
- **Satellite Dish** (over 24" Diameter) - Building
- **Shed** (over 100 sq ft or over 10' high) - Building
- **Signs** - Building, Electric
- **Solar** - Building, Electric
- **Spa/Hot Tub** - Building, Electric
- **Sprinkler** - Fire
- **Steps** - Building
- **Stove** (wood burning) - Building, Fire
- **Tank** (installation, abandonment or removal) - Building, Fire
- **Telephone/Comm.** Points/Voice data/Computer Wiring - Electric
- **Tenant Fit Out** - All
- **Trailer** (construction-building-sales) - All
- **Temporary Mobile Home** - All
- **Water Heater** - Plumbing
- **Windows** (adding, enlarging, or eliminating) - Building

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

PROGRAMS

The Michael Geiter Band

March 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m.: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5499477

Peeps Diorama (grades K-5)

April 6, 6-7 p.m.: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5885814

Evening Book Discussion - "Sunflower Sisters" by Martha Hall Kelly

April 11, 6-7 p.m.: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5890301

Afternoon Book Discussion - "The Braid" by Laetitia Colombani

April 20, noon - 1 p.m.: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5890652

Drop-In Program - Haiku Bookmark (grades K-5)

April 22, 1:30- 5:30 p.m.: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5886078

Super Science - Make and Take (grades 2-7)

April 27, 3:30- 4:30 p.m.: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5862103

New Manville Library Charging Station

The Somerset County Library System installed a Charging Station in the lobby of the Manville Public Library. There are 8 lockers. Each locker has cables to charge an iPhone, Android or tablet. You create a 4-digit pass-

word code to open the door to safely leave the device and do other things while it is charging. The locker also sanitizes the device! It allows folks to recharge if they left cables at home. It will be an assist if power lines are down since it will be connected to the new Library generator.



SCLSNJ's Third Annual Job and Volunteer Fair for Persons with Disabilities



Attend Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Job and Volunteer Fair for Persons with Disabilities on April 7 from 4-7 p.m. The event will be hosted at the Bridgewater branch, located at 1 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater. This event is specifically targeted to adults and teens (16 and up) with cognitive and developmental disabilities.

"Job fairs introduce talented job seekers to hiring managers in a convenient, neutral venue," said Nan Peterson, branch manager. "During a brief three hour time span, candidates learn directly what industry-specific skills employers prioritize. Job seekers also have an opportunity to hone their interviewing skills while uncovering what positions are available as well as the typical pay for these positions."

See <https://sclsnj.org/april-7-job-fair> for vendor list.

Participating vendors and service providers are subject to change. This program was made possible through a partnership with The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board and the Somerset County Business Partnership. To learn more or to register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5746057.

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Ukrainian Pysanka Workshop

Presented by The Ukrainian History and Education Center

April 9
2-4 PM

Join the Ukrainian History and Education Center for a pysanka making program. During this workshop, participants will learn the history of the pysanka and then make their own pysanka using the traditional wax-resist method. Step by step instruction and all materials will be provided.

Register at SCLSNJ.org or 908-458-8425

This program was made possible by funds from the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission.





Bake A Cupcake For A Chance To Win!

The Friends of the Manville Library announce their 4th annual Cupcake Competition. Participants are invited to submit a minimum of 12 cupcakes to be judged on appearance and originality. The cupcake will sell for \$1 per cupcake after the judging, so here's an opportunity to showcase the family recipe. All decorations must be edible.

Entries will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at the Manville Public Library. Bakers may submit as many entries as they wish. Please contact

Nan Peterson, (908) 458-8426, at the library if you need to make other arrangements.

Stop by to cast your vote for your first, second and third favorite cupcake designs between 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm on May 11th. There are two age categories, (12 and under / 13 and up), and a total of 6 prizes will be awarded. First place winners will receive a \$50 gift card, so register now for this creative community event. Cupcake sales start promptly at 5:45 pm for non-bakers with a sweet tooth!

Join the Friends of the Manville Library

By joining the Friends you will help raise funds to improve our library, promote community awareness and use of the library, sponsor and support library programs & events. By becoming a Friend, you will help enrich the cultural literacy of the Manville community, volunteer opportunities, and have priority entry to special library events.

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Shimon And Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center In Bridgewater To Hold Center Wide Open House

Bridgewater, NJ – The Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center (JCC), located at 775 Talamini Road in Bridgewater, will be holding a center wide Open House on Sunday, April 3 from 1:00-3:00 PM. Special one day savings will be offered on fitness memberships and new registrations for JCC Camp Ruach, the JCC Blaustein Early Childhood Center, and the J-Crew After School Program. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet with JCC Staff and tours will be given of the JCC Campus, including the campgrounds.

New fitness members who join the JCC on April 3 will save up \$289; April dues are free and the Joiner Fee is waived. In addition, any new registrations for Camp Ruach, the Blaustein Early Childhood Center and/or J-Crew After School Program save \$100, respectively. New JCC Summer Swim club members will receive Early Bird rates and save \$100 on April 3. (Families that have decided on a JCC Camp Ruach program for their child may register online at jcccamp.ruach.org and do not need to attend the Open House in order to receive the savings.) Some restrictions apply on Open House offers. Anyone who cannot attend the Open House can schedule a personal tour, visit ssbjcc.org or call 908-443-9018.



Photo by the JCC

The JCC Blaustein Early Childhood Center offers programs for children ages 6 weeks through Kindergarten. Year-round programs are offered for Infants and Toddlers. Preschool and childcare hours are 7:30 AM-6:00 PM with part time options also available. Open enrollment is offered during the school year based on availability. The Preschool curriculum is focused on academic learning through play with certified teachers and assistants. Specials include swim instruction, Jewish holiday celebrations and more. Parents can register their child for after school enrichments such as Karate, Dance, Art, Sports and more. For further information, contact Early Childhood Director Adena Feinstein at 908-443-9021; AFeinstein@ssbjcc.org.

Camp Ruach, located on 14 acres at the JCC, is a high-caliber, inclusive, and welcoming day camp program for campers ages three years through entering grade 9. Camp Ruach offers eight weeks of camp June 27 – August 19, 2022, with a flexible schedule, and offers post camp week options. Diverse programming includes instructional and free swim, art, cooking, music, athletics, archery, ropes course, STEM, dance, community service projects, and more. Camp grounds include indoor and outdoor pools and an ADA-compliant splash pad. A half-day option is available for youngest campers, and transportation is provided for the full-day program.

Kindergarten through third grade campers participate in the Camp Elective Program. The program for 4th-6th grade campers consists of enriching elective programs and trips. Road Rulz Teen Travel for grades 7-9 offers trips throughout the summer, including overnight trips. The Sababa program for 7th - 9th grade campers offers trips and onsite camp activities. LIT (Leadership in Training) for Grades 8 and 9 prepares campers to be counselors, and offers one trip/week and participation in a community service project. Camp Ruach offers an inclusion program, offering one-on-one staff and individualized schedules as needed. Intakes are required prior to enrolling in the inclusion program. A variety of specialty camps are offered August 22-26 for Grades K-6. Post-camp program available August 22-26 for campers ages 3-5. Staff positions, including Senior Counselors and Specialists, are available. Details are available on the Camp website: jccCampruach.org. For additional information, please contact Camp Director Alanna Steinberg: asteinberg@ssbjcc.org or call 908-443-9026. Live chat at jccCampruach.org

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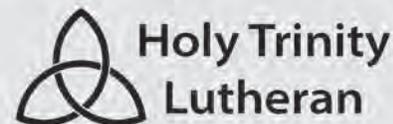
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Somerville Toastmasters Club #1103 was chartered in 1965 and is part of Division C, Area 32 in Toastmaster's District 83. We have enjoyed a solid history of success. Our club has earned the President's Distinguished Award 5 years in a row and we currently are well on our way towards our 6th consecutive year. Many of our members are strong and experienced leaders in Toastmasters District 83. In addition, many of our members have achieved, or are working towards, the education level of Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM). The leaders and experienced members in our club are committed to being excellent mentors to our new members.

We are a 'community club' that is open to anyone 18-years and older. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month! We are currently meeting virtually. Please contact us for the Zoom information. All guests are very welcome to attend. Join us on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm - no reservations are necessary.

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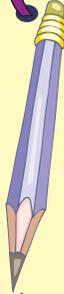
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