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## FEATURING **Manville's News** PAGES 5-12

### Hamilton Street Gallery Presents an Exhibition Entitled "fragile"

April 24th - June 2nd

Hamilton Street Gallery welcomes the Spring season with an exhibition entitled "fragile". As we continually persevere through the devastation of the Covid 19 pandemic, many of us have developed an increased awareness of our mortality as well as the fragility of everything around us, including the people, places, and things we cherish. Even when handled with the utmost care, they are just as susceptible to the cracks, breaks and destruction as a



"Precipice" by Edward Jean Baptiste  
Acrylic on Canvas 48" W x 36" H  
2022, Photo by Hamilton Street Gallery



"Bee on a Daisy" by Harold Olejarz  
Digital Print on Aluminum 16" x 16"  
May 2021, Photograph by Artist



"The Beckoning" by Rita Herzfeld  
Acrylic on Canvas 48" H x 36" W  
2022, Photo by Hamilton Street Gallery

porcelain tea cup. For this juried exhibition 32 artists provide a wide range of media and interpretations as to what is fragile in reference to any person, place, object or existing circumstance.

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# Area Art Exhibits

## Hamilton Street Gallery

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The gallery is located at 6 Hamilton Street in Bound Brook, NJ, next door to the Brook Theater. Our hours are: Thursdays 12 to 5, Fridays 5:30 to 8 pm, Saturdays 1 to 5 pm and by appointment. Our Phone number is 732-748-2092 and our email is [info@hamiltonstgalleries.com](mailto:info@hamiltonstgalleries.com). website [www.hamiltonstreetgallery.com](http://www.hamiltonstreetgallery.com).

For safety concerns regarding Covid 19, wearing masks is suggested while visiting the gallery.

*A percentage of sales from "fragile" will go to support the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.*

### Featured Artists

- |                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Luis Alves: Collage   | David LaMorte             |
| Peter Arakawa         | Eryn Lewis                |
| Edward Jean Baptiste  | John Marron               |
| Patricia A. Bender    | Larry McCandlish          |
| Samantha Brown        | Kathleen McSherry         |
| Sam Caponegro         | Ann Marie Miller          |
| Pam Cooper            | Christy E. O'Connor       |
| Heloisa dos Devaneios | Harold Olejarz            |
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| Wayne Freitag         | Ellen Rebarber            |
| Richard Gessner       | Morgan Thomas Shankweiler |
| Susan Evans Grove     | Laura Spector             |
| Barbara Handler       | JoAnn Telemdschinow       |
| Rita Herzfeld         | Jan Ten Broeke            |
| Katie Hovencamp       | Peter Tilgner             |
| Laura Kern            | Mary Yess                 |

## Raritan Valley Arts Association Presents Arts Exhibit at SCLSNJ

Through May 27, the Art Space at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Warren branch will be featuring an exhibit in partnership with the Raritan Valley Arts Association (RVAA). The RVAA is one of the oldest arts associations in New Jersey.

The exhibit features 43 diverse works of art from six New Jersey artists in a variety of artistic mediums, including: watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, and handmade wood carvings.

Participating artists are Adnan Ali, Nancy Boney, Lydia Chibane, William Metz, Donna Souren, and Peggye Tombro. Subject matters include floral and botanical art, portraits, birdhouses, gnomes, and more.

*The Warren branch is located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren. For more information, email Kathy DeCristofaro at [kdecristofaro@sclibnj.org](mailto:kdecristofaro@sclibnj.org).*



Artists Peggye Tombro, a watercolor artist, and Lydia Chibane, an acrylic on canvas artist, are pictured in the exhibit space at the Warren branch.

## Self-Taught Artist Displays Works at the Mary Jacobs Branch



Librarian Manuela Miracle stands alongside artist Zhi Cheng's exhibited work, holding arts-based Library materials, including: "Creative Gouache: A Step-By-Step Guide to Exploring Opaque Watercolor" by Ruth Wilshaw, "Paint Yourself Calm: Colourful, Creative Mindfulness Through Watercolour" by Jean Haines, "Floral Watercolour" by Christin Stafff, and many more.

The art of Zhi Cheng, 75, of Skillman, is being exhibited at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Mary Jacobs branch through the middle of May 2022.

Cheng began her journey of learning Chinese traditional painting in 2020 by taking online classes, watching YouTube videos, and by practicing many hours. Cheng's artwork features portrait drawings, flowers, animals, and landscapes.

*The Mary Jacobs branch is located at 64 Washington Street in Rocky Hill. For questions, email [maryjacobs@sclibnj.org](mailto:maryjacobs@sclibnj.org).*



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## Mayor Onderko's Corner

Richard M. Onderko  
Mayor, Borough of Manville

April is National Volunteer Month, and I would like to take a moment to thank all our volunteers in town who help serve others. Whether it is serving on our volunteer fire department, our rescue squad, our various boards like the Board of Health or the Land Use Board, or on various committees like Recreation or our Shade Tree Commission. I feel we have some of the best volunteers in Somerset County that help make Manville a special place to live.

National Volunteer Week is April 17th through the 23rd and the theme for 2022 is "Volunteering is Empathy in Action." Many of our residents willingly volunteered to help our community recover and heal from Hurricane Ida. This affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy. Let's all recognize the importance of volunteering and honor the significant contributions our volunteers make by generously donating their time and talents to help others in our community. My hats off to our volunteers!

We are still waiting to hear what Manville's share will be of the \$238 million in federal disaster aid that has been allocated to New Jersey statewide. I remain hopeful that we will get our fair share of aid to help

residents with a home elevation and buyout program which will help make Manville more storm resilient. In addition, the budget cycle is well underway, and it is apparent we need more municipal aid to help offset the flood damages our town incurred. I will continue to make my voice heard down in Trenton for more financial aid to help offset any property tax increase caused solely by the flood.

To all our elected officials at the County, State, and Federal levels, and in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of life's most urgent and persistent question is "What are you doing for others, and in this case, the residents of Manville?" I remain optimistic we will receive the much-needed aid we truly deserve after encountering a natural disaster.

Until next month, Mayor Richard Onderko



## Honoring Mr Panfile, a Borough Icon

Nazzarino Robert "Ned" Panfile entered into eternal life on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 with his loving family by his side. Born in Eynon, PA and moved to Manville in 1959 and called it home.



Ned was an educator for the Manville School system for 42 years. He was a member of the New Jersey Educators Association, Manville Board of Education, Manville Health Department, Manville Seniors, Manville Quarterback Club, Manville Athletic Booster Club, Somerset County Football Coaches Association and Board of Somerset County Educational Services. He coached at the University of Princeton for 20 years and was a Manville High School coach for 42 years. He also belonged to the New Jersey Football Coaches Association entering the Coaches Hall of Fame in 2011. Ned was a graduate of the University of Scranton and received a Master's Degree from Kean University. He was also a life member of the Manville/Hillsborough Elks.

To honor Mr. Panfile, please make a donation to the Manville High School Athletic Booster Club, 1100 Brooks Blvd, Manville, NJ 08835, Attention Stephen Venuto.



## Celebrate Arbor Day on Thursday, April 28th 10 am at A.B.I.S.

Watch the Shady Tree Commission as they plant a Crepe Myrtle and a London Plane tree and an Arbor Day proclamation will also be read. A variety of free saplings will be available at the Manville Public Library.

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

Springtime continues to bring us significant progress in Borough operations. Remaining traces of Hurricane Ida flood damage are becoming fewer while clean up and improvements are all around. Take a good look around: lots of good things are happening as our weather gets friendlier. Parks and recreation facilities are being dust-

ed off, pool maintenance and improvements are underway, and residents can look forward to another great swim season. Meanwhile, Manville's recreation team continues to work diligently on rolling out activities for young and old alike to keep everyone engaged. Staffing efforts are in full swing as opening day for our pools races towards us. A special thank

you to the Recreation Committee as well for all you do in putting the time and effort on our recent Easter celebration! Don't forget to keep an eye on our Borough website for all recreation program details.

DPW has been continuing its tireless efforts to keep Manville functioning smoothly and looking good as well. Mulching and mowing and pruning and grooming, they are keeping new growth in check and our fields & facilities ready for the new season's activities. Bulk pickup is helping remove debris from homes and keep things tidy for remaining flood damaged items. They even orchestrated a controlled burn to destroy the huge volume of flood-damaged documents from Borough Hall! Please remember to thank them for all they do when you bump into them in town.

Borough Hall restoration activities have also been continuing at a feverish pace. Progress continues unabated as insulation, sheet rock, and spackle have given way to painting and flooring work. We are still waiting for some replacement items to be delivered but are confident that all of the major work will be completed shortly. Finally, we will have a good cleaning and replace furnishings to make the municipal complex whole again. We hope to have the reopening ceremony

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**From the desk of Sgt. Nick Franzoso, Patrol Commander**



**National Police Week - May 13th**

Our world is filled with events and daily reminders of what you should be doing. When I look at my calendar I see that February 9 is National Pizza Day and April 10 is Hug Your Dog Day.

The list of silly daily reminders can sometimes be entertaining but when I look at the month of

May the first that comes to my mind is National Police Week. This event is a weeklong ceremony held in Washington DC to honor Police Officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their communities. Officers and their families are honored and remembered by the Police Unity Tour and a Candle Light Vigil held on May 13 at the National Law Enforcement Memorial.

The Memorial Service started in 1982 with

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**BOROUGH OF MANVILLE**  
**PROCLAMATION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NED PANFILE AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.**

WHEREAS, Ned Panfile, born November 5, 1936, departed this earthly life on April 5, 2022, causing great sorrow and loss to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of University of Scranton and Kean University, Mr. Panfile was a diligent and dedicated educator with the Manville School District and served as Vice Principal at Manville High School until his retirement in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being an educator, Mr. Panfile was a baseball, wrestling, and football coach at Manville High School and a freshman football coach at Princeton University. In 1968, he coached the Mustangs to a 9-0 record in football and coached the Baseball team to a 21-2 record and won the CJ Group 1 and Mountain Valley Conference Title. In 1993, he returned to Manville as an Asst. Football Coach until 2018; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the Manville High School Football Field was renamed Ned Panfile Stadium in his honor for his outstanding dedication to Manville High School and the sports program. He was inducted into the NJFCA Coaches Hall of Fame in 2011 ; and

WHEREAS, he was very active in civic and community organizations, having served on the Board of Education for 16 years and was a member of the Manville Senior's Club, a founding member of the Manville Quarterback club, and served on the Board of Health and Manville Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Council to pay special tribute to such an outstanding individual as Mr. Panfile, whose service and dedication to the Borough of Manville will forever be etched in the hearts and memories of those whose lives he touched.

NOW THEREFORE I, Richard M. Onderko, Mayor of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey along with the Council do hereby commend the life and accomplishments of Mr. Ned Panfile and express deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

Borough of Manville  
 Richard M. Onderko, Mayor

Councilman Branden Agans                      Councilwoman Suzanne Maeder  
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 Councilwoman Barbara Madak                Councilman Stephen Szabo

Read into the Record: April 11, 2022

## DPW News

### " GRASS-CYCLING"

Definition: An alternative to disposing of grass clippings by recycling and its benefits.

It's not a new idea, yet the message doesn't seem to resonate; "Grass-cycling" is encouraged and promoted as a means of good environmental stewardship for decades.

#### It is found that grass-cycling:

- Saves time by eliminating bagging.
- Saves energy by conserving the fuel that is required to have clippings hauled to a landfill or a municipal drop off site.
- Saves landfill space.
- Encourages healthier grass.
- Releases nutrients back into the soil.
- Saves money.
- Reduces use of fertilizers.

Residents are encouraged to grass-cycle and take advantage of its benefits. An average home produces up to eighty pounds of grass clippings a year; quite a waste.

In the Borough of Manville, grass clippings

are NOT collected curbside.

Residents who desire to bag grass clippings will need to dispose of them. The Department of Public Works offers a grass clipping drop off site. Residents can bring grass clippings to the DPW Yard on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon starting April 23rd through October 29th. Clippings need to be in biodegradable paper bags or in a container. Plastic bags will not be accepted. Please do not leave bags outside the DPW Yard gate.

Just cut it, leave it; save your time, save your money, and naturally return nutrients to your soil – practice "grass-cycling."

#### Other Service Dates:

- Bulky Items are scheduled for curbside pickup on Tuesday, May 17th.
- Yard Waste pickup is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th & May 24th.
- Items for collection can be placed curbside no earlier than 5 p.m. the evening before the scheduled date and no later than 7 a.m. on the day of pickup.

## From the Desk of Borough Clerk and Deputy Registrar, Wendy Barras

### It's Wedding Season! Applying for a Marriage License

Spring has sprung, the flowers are blooming, the birds are chirping, and Wedding Season will soon be upon us here in the Registrar's office.

To get married in the State of New Jersey, a couple must have applied for a marriage license. This is processed through the Borough Clerk/Registrar's office at Borough Hall. The Marriage License is a four-part official document the couple brings with them to their wedding and is signed by their officiant and their witnesses after their wedding ceremony.

Marriage licenses applications can be submitted online through the Borough's website at [www.manvillenj.org/142/Vital-Statistics](http://www.manvillenj.org/142/Vital-Statistics) and once completed the couple can request an appointment date to come to Borough Hall to sign the license application in the presence of the Borough Clerk.

The following is necessary to complete the application:

- Either the Bride or Groom to be must be a resident of the Borough of Manville.
- The couple must come in together with one witness over the age of 18 years old to sign the license application.
- All parties must be able to present Government issued photo identification such as a Driver's License with current mailing address or a Passport when signing the license application.
- The couple will need to know their social security number and their mother's maiden name along with the birthplace of their parents.
- If either person was married prior, they will need to bring in their divorce decree or the death certificate of their former spouse.
- There is a \$28 fee payable to the Borough of Manville via either exact cash or check. Marriage licenses are issued after a 72 hour hold period and are valid for 30 days upon issuance.

Couples should know that this process is **ONLY** to obtain the Marriage License. They will need to get married. Couples should plan their wedding ceremonies separate from this process; the Registrar's office does not plan or perform wedding ceremonies. For additional information please contact the Borough Clerk at 908-725-9478 Ext. 103.

## 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 May 12, 2022.

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

The clubs annual picnic will be Thursday, July 7 at Knob Hill in Colonial Park with Elmer's Catering supplying the food. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$20 for guests. They can be purchased at the May 12 and June 9 meetings.

Guest speaker Aldo Russo Principal of Weston school spoke about the schools upcoming 60th Anniversary and the various activities in the school. Lunch was served courtesy of the school.

Tom Marciano went over the telephone clear caption program for people with hearing issues. This is a no charge program.

#### Upcoming Trips:

Atlantic City--Third Wednesday of the month to Caesars. Dates are May 18 and June 15. 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.

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

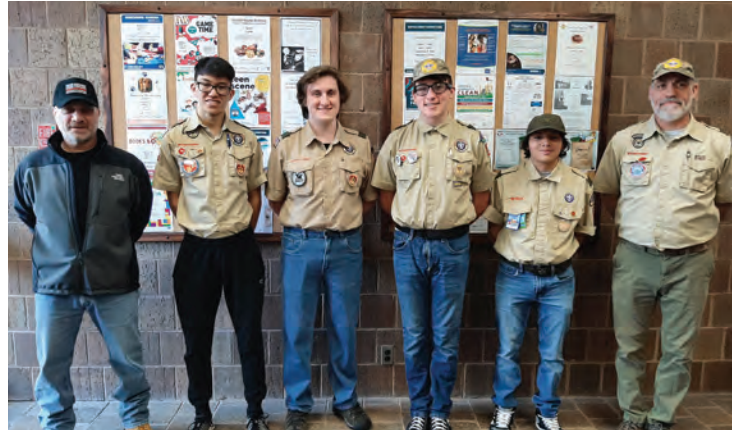
All trips are open to the public.

## Enjoy An Authentic Mexican Dinner at La Rivera Maya Restaurant



The Rivera Maya is a Mexican family-owned restaurant that opened its doors to the Manville community quickly after the pandemic began in 2020. We are located at 16 South Main St., Manville. Our mantra as a family-owned business is to provide our clients with the utmost customer service experience and to make them feel just like home. We attempt to give our clients a dining experience in which they can enjoy our home cooked traditional Mexican dishes in an ambience that is adorned with the utmost detail from our exported Mexican artisan platters to the Mexican art décor inside and outside of our establishment. The Cristalinas Chac family prides themselves on family not just from the meals we cook, but on the relationships we help build with our customers. We want to bring a little piece of Mexico to our Manville community to enrich this beautiful town even more and let them know that our doors are always open for good laughs and a great meal. Check out our menu at [www.lariveramaya.com](http://www.lariveramaya.com).

## Manville Branch Thanks an Eagle Scout



Left to Right: Ken Pizzoli, Colin Weber, Zach Pizzoli, Frank Docwra, Carlito Hernandez, Kirk Weber

The SCLSNJ Manville branch would like to thank Zach Pizzoli of Manville Boy Scout Troop 193 for selecting the library as the beneficiary of his Eagle Scout project. Zach replaced the dry, sagging cork bulletin board in the lobby with two new individually framed bulletin boards to better promote community news and library events respectively. The bulletin boards are well-crafted, and the wood frames perfectly compliment the lobby décor while upgrading the 40-year-old facility to modern standards.

Zach also replaced the ramp at the staff entrance with a new design that is more stable and weather resistant. The ramp is used to receive daily crates of books and materials from other SCLSNJ branches. Through the years, the ramp had significantly degraded to become a safety issue in bad weather. Additionally, he devised a new locking mechanism to hold the door open that makes it easier to receive deliveries.

The Manville Library is delighted with the outcome of each project and congratulates Zach in getting one step closer to attaining the prestigious Eagle Scout Award.

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## From the Desk of the Recreation Director, Stephanie Cornelson

Hi Manville! I would like to start out by thanking everyone who joined us for our Easter Egg Hunt at the Manville Library. We had a great time and hope you did too! Special shout-outs to the Manville Library for hosting,



the ABIS Student Council for volunteering, the Manville PBA, Walmart, Wegmans and the Manville Credit for their donations and of course to our Easter Bunny for making a special appearance! I would also like to thank everyone

who participated in our Easter Coloring Contest and congratulate our winners. You can check out the display and the winning pictures at the Manville Library.

We're excited to have our spring sports underway! Soccer and Tball have just started and we're excited to announce that we are offering a Softball Developmental Program starting in May. We are also bringing back our Senior Fitness



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## Manville Recreation News

### Summer Employment Opportunities

Manville Recreation is now hiring Summer employees: Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, and Sports Camp Counselors

#### Camp Counselors and Sports Counselors

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- CPR Pool Guards must be at least 15 years old and have a CPR certification. We will assist with training if needed.

Both positions require availability in the evenings and at weekends.



This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in your community and become a role model for the youngsters of our town. For more information contact Stephanie Cornelson at

scornelson@manvillenj.org or 908-725-9478 ext. 106.

Job Applications can be picked up at the Recreation Office in Borough Hall or by visiting the Borough Website at [www.manvillenj.org/356/Summer-Employment](http://www.manvillenj.org/356/Summer-Employment)

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### PROGRAMS

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.

#### Chinese Kung Fu (grades 3 and up)

May 3, 4:30-5:15 p.m. - <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5859019>

#### Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion - "The Push" by Ashley Audrain

May 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5890787>

#### Evening Book Discussion - "The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb" by Melanie Benjamin

May 9, 6-7 p.m. - <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5890362>

#### Spring Sewing Workshop (grades 4-8):

May 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m. - <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5885918>

#### Afternoon Book Discussion - "Sea Prayer" by Kahled Hosseini

May 18, noon -1 p.m. - <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5890717>

#### Carnaby Street Duo Band

May 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5469004>

#### Pajama Storytime (families with children)

May 25, 7-7:30 p.m. - <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5886010>

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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. As a reminder, our opening hours are M-F from 9-5 to get your business done.



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# MAY 19, 2022

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**MANVILLE LIBRARY BRANCH**

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a small number of supporters and survivors. Now, years later Police Week gathers 25,000 to 40,000 attendees for a series of events throughout the week. I have personally been able to share in this experience. It was very humbling to meet so many families that have lost loved ones. In 2020, 414 Police Officers were killed in the line of duty. That number grew to 607 Police Officers killed in the line of duty in 2021.

The numbers alone are eye opening but

they only tell part of the story. The number of husbands, wives, co-workers, children, and friends affected by these deaths is a much bigger number. For one week out of the year these families and friends gather to share their sorrow and grief but honor those Officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice to their communities.

Take some time out this month and remember those who are not with us today.

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News from the  
Manville Public School District

## Celebrating Ms. Alicia Mathewson Principal of Roosevelt School

Article by Kayla Knappe

Ms. Alicia Mathewson is a born and raised member of the Manville community. She attended all schools in the district growing up and was a member of the National Honors Society, Key Club, and took many AP Courses during her time in high school. Soon after her graduation in 2004, she began teaching kindergarten at Weston School in 2008. She taught for a total of 10 years at Weston before moving up to Roosevelt to teach 3rd grade.

Ms. Mathewson taught for a total of 13 years in the Manville School District before becoming the principal at Roosevelt School, which she had never thought would be something she wanted to do. Between the years 2014-2016 she attended Seton Hall to get her principal certification, however, she had more interest in becoming a supervisor in the curriculum department. She explains that once COVID-19 hit the district, a principal position was posed to her, and she knew she had to do what was best for her students and families.

Being a teacher, Alicia's biggest focus was on designing lessons, assessments, student activities, and collaborating with other teachers in her school. Now as a principal, her mind is split in so many different directions and focuses. She supports her staff, students, families, and loves building connections with the community. She feels that having all 13 years of teaching experience has prepared her to be a principal.

Ms. Mathewson expresses her goals as principal at Roosevelt as "My goals as princi-

pal are to learn the roles and responsibilities of this new position, support the district and staff goals, continue to build relationships with staff, students, families, and the community, foster learning, implement the Roosevelt Road and our behavior rubric, as well as improve the overall culture and climate amidst the pandemic."

Alicia's passion for teaching came from the many teachers, staff, and administrators that she had the pleasure of being a student of during her time at Manville School District.

Ms. Mathewson has such a big heart and love for the school environment. On April 12th, she welcomed several members of her former National Honor Society to speak to the students of Roosevelt for College and Career Day. She believes it was a wonderful opportunity for her students to make new connections and to help prepare them for life after Roosevelt.

Ms. Alicia Mathewson, a former student of the Manville District, teacher, and now principal of Roosevelt school, has a huge passion for helping those around her and preparing young individuals for life outside of her hands.



## Important Ordinances

### Abandoned Properties - Ordinance #2016-1173

An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Manville, New Jersey, To Provide For Registration Of Vacant And Abandoned Properties In The Borough Of Manville, The Creation Of A Borough Abandoned Properties List (N.J.S.A. 55:19-54 et seq.), And The Adoption Of The New Jersey Abandoned Property Rehabilitation Act (N.J.S.A. 55:19-78 et seq.)

### Driveway Modifications - Ordinance #2020-1252

An Ordinance Amending The Land Use Code Of The Borough Of Manville At Section §31-406.1 "Off-Street Parking And Driveways"

A permit is required before construction begins.

### Graffiti Removal - ORDINANCE #2010-1100

An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 2009-1077, Known As "An Ordinance To Amend The Municipal Code Of The Borough Of Manville, County Of Somerset, New Jersey For The Prohibition Of Graffiti, Requiring Property Owners To Remove Graffiti, And Providing A Reward For Information Or Assistance Leading To The Apprehension And Conviction Of Any Person Committing An Act Of Graffiti"

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programs including a Low Impact Chair Aerobics and a Summer Yoga program.

The Recreation Department along with our Recreation Committee are working hard to plan for our upcoming summer season. Flyers are coming out soon for our summer camps including our Weston Summer Camp, Splash Camp and our sports camps. We are also happy to announce we are partnering with the Manville Arts Council to offer a new art camp - JAM (Junior Arts Manville) for Kindergarten thru 4th grade. We have also been busy planning for summer events including our Movie Nights and a new event in July - a Firefly Nature Walk to be held at

Memorial Park.

Last but not least, our pools are coming back in full force! We will be offering extended hours this year along with swim lessons and aqua aerobics.

Please check us out on the Borough's website and on our Facebook page for current flyers and updated information. We are still in the process of hiring seasonal employees for lifeguards and camp counselors. If interested, please contact the Recreation Department.

We will be hosting an in-person registration for summer programs on May 2nd at the Manville Library.

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## Veterans Honored With a Luncheon From The Guy Fieri Foundation

On April 2nd, Guy Fieri Foundation honored our NJ Veterans and their families to a luncheon at the VFW Post 2290. The gracious host, Guy Fieri, was present and posed for photos with everyone in attendance. Read about it at [www.guyfierifoundation.org/news/honoring-heroes-in-new-jersey](http://www.guyfierifoundation.org/news/honoring-heroes-in-new-jersey).



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All cupcakes will be sold for \$1 each

Registration forms are available at the Manville Public Library or [manvillenj.org/549/Friends-of-the-Manville-Library](http://manvillenj.org/549/Friends-of-the-Manville-Library)



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## Bridgewater Spring Carnival Sunday, May 1

**Presented By JCC Bridgewater  
In Partnership With Bridgewater Township And  
Bridgewater Commons**

*Bridgewater, NJ* – The Bridgewater Spring Carnival will be held Sunday, May 1 from 11 AM – 2 PM outdoors at Bridgewater Commons. The event is presented by the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center (JCC) in partnership with Bridgewater Township and Bridgewater Commons. The Carnival is a rain or sunshine event. Proceeds benefit the JCC Sustainability Fund.

Admission is free to the Carnival and includes all Carnival rides, games and inflatables. There will be a DJ and food trucks, with food available for purchase. Guests can purchase a \$10 wrist band all-inclusive of pony rides and an arts & crafts tent.

“We are so pleased to be partnering with the JCC for this great community event,” said Bridgewater Township Mayor Matthew Moench. “The Carnival is a great opportunity for families from all over Bridgewater to come together in a safe and fun atmosphere. I will be there with my family and I hope to see all of you on May 1.”

According to Laura Friedman, Executive Director of the JCC, “The JCC is extremely fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community, and we are thrilled to be partnering with Bridgewater Township and Bridgewater Commons on this family event. We thank Mayor Moench, Bridgewater Commons and their respective staff for their support of this event and for collaborating with the JCC to provide a wonderful day of family fun that is open to all to enjoy.”

Bridgewater Commons is located at 400 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ. The Carnival will take place at Lord & Taylor Parking Lot 9.

The Bridgewater Spring Carnival Title Sponsor is RWJ Hospital, Somerset. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For further information please call the JCC at 908-443-9018, visit [ssbjcc.org](http://ssbjcc.org) or e-mail [Info@ssbjcc.org](mailto:Info@ssbjcc.org).

The Birnbaum JCC, Bridgewater Township and Bridgewater Commons also partner on the annual Bridgewater Community Day event, a free outdoor family event that features Touch-a-Truck, Dog Day, inflatables, game truck, crafts, music, vendors, food trucks and more. The 5th Annual Bridgewater Community Day will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2022 from 11 AM – 2PM outdoors at Bridgewater Commons. Interested sponsors and vendors should contact Debbie Golden, JCC Special Projects & Marketing Director, at 908-443-9003; [DGolden@ssbjcc.org](mailto:DGolden@ssbjcc.org)

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## Sixth Annual Bridgewater Beerfest Saturday, May 14

**At Shimon And Sara Birnbaum Jewish  
Community Center, Bridgewater  
Outdoor Event Supports  
JCC Special Needs Programs**

*Bridgewater, NJ* – The Sixth Annual Bridgewater Beerfest will take place on Saturday, May 14 from 4 – 8 PM, outdoors at the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Bridgewater. The community is invited to attend the Beerfest event that benefits The JCC Sustainability Fund and JCC Special Needs programs for children and adults. The JCC is located at 775 Talamini Road in Bridgewater, NJ.



The Beerfest will feature tastings of more than 40 beers. Featured breweries include (list in progress): Ashton Brewing Company, Bradley Brew Project, Brix City Brewing, Bolero Snort Brewery, Frye Brewing Company, Hackensack Brewing, Heavy Reel Brewing Company, High Rail Brewing Company, Icarus Brewing, Jersey Cyclone, Last Wave Brewing Company, Oyster Creek Brewing Co., Ross Brewing Co., Ship Bottom Brewery, Sunken Silo, Twin Elephant Brewing Company and Untied Brewing Company.

The event will also include bourbon and tequila tastings. There will be live music and food will be available for purchase from Food Trucks. The admission fee for the Beerfest is \$60/person and includes a beer sampling glass. Use discount code “Beer” to save \$15 on General Admission fee when registering on Eventbrite. Designated Driver Admission is \$15/person and must be purchased with a General Admission ticket. Must be 21 or older to attend. Register online at [ssbjcc.org/bridgewater-beerfest](http://ssbjcc.org/bridgewater-beerfest). Sponsorships are available, including an Event Sponsorship for \$395. Vendor tables are available for \$150. To become a sponsor or vendor, please contact Debbie Golden, JCC Special Projects & Marketing Director at 908-443-9003; [DGolden@ssbjcc.org](mailto:DGolden@ssbjcc.org). For additional information please call the JCC at 908-443-9018.

Special needs programs offered by the JCC include The J-Zone Respite Program for children ages 5-16; J-Cares Adult Intern Program; The J-Connect Social Program for Adults; Camp Chaverim for ages 15+; Adaptive Aquatics Skills Program and the Rising Tide Special Olympics Swim Team. The JCC Blaustein Early Childhood Center, JCC Camp Ruach and J-Crew After School Program work with families with children with special needs. The JCC offers adjusted schedules and one-on-one assistance. For additional information, please contact Ellie Willoughby, JCC Special Services Director, at 908-443-9029; [ewilloughby@ssbjcc.org](mailto:ewilloughby@ssbjcc.org).

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