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What is Touch-A-Truck?

A hands on opportunity for all ages to explore and learn about construction, emergency management, fire, and police vehicles. A child's interest in trucks and construction has the strong potential to transcend from "just a hobby" if it is nurtured and explored at events such as our Touch-A-Truck.

In addition, Touch-A-Truck is the perfect opportunity to encourage literacy and learning via a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skills in the everyday tasks that Public Works and other community departments fulfill to maintain public safety.

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Area Event

Jurassic Quest, Nation's Biggest Dinosaur Experience, Migrates To Edison, NJ – Tickets On Sale Now



Edison, NJ – The largest and most realistic dinosaur event in North America is BACK, BIGGER and BETTER than EVER! Greater-New York/New Jersey families can walk among the nation's biggest herd of photorealistic dinosaurs when Jurassic Quest® opens at New Jersey Convention and Expo Center for a limited run July 29-31.

Jurassic Quest opens its doors with its most beloved and unique experiences for the whole family including life-like dinosaurs, some of the largest rideable dinosaurs in North America, live dinosaur shows, interactive science and art activities including a fossil dig and real fossils like T-Rex teeth, a triceratops horn and life-size dino skull, a “Triceratots” soft play area for our littlest explorers, bounce houses and inflatable attractions, photo opportunities, and more.

New for 2022, families are invited to pick up a map at entry to embark on “The Quest,” an interactive scavenger-hunt style adventure with 10 clues leading them to meet dinos and prehistoric sea creatures, capture a Dino Snap, search for fossils, watch a live Raptor Training Experience and more, to earn a prize at the end (included with general admission).

Loved by millions, only Jurassic Quest can bring families memories this BIG! Walk through 165 million years of the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods to learn about the creatures that ruled on land, and “deep dive” into the “Ancient Oceans” exhibit to come face to face with the largest apex predator that ever existed – a moving, life-size, 50-foot-long megalodon! Meet the babies, hatched only at Jurassic Quest: Cammie the Camarasaurus, Tyson the T-Rex and Trixie the Triceratops – and, you may even catch one of our star dino trainers: Safari Sarah, Dino Dustin, Captain Caleb, Prehistoric Nick or Park Ranger Marty!

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TICKETS & LOGISTICS

Tickets are timed entry and start at \$19 (reserve online to ensure desired date and time at www.jurassicquest.com) or are available on-site, and include a 100% ticket guarantee that in the event of a show cancellation or postponement for any reason, ticket purchases will be automatically refunded for the full purchase amount. Tickets are for a timed arrival window, and advance ticket purchase is strongly encouraged. Guests can walk through the dinosaur experience at their own pace, and strollers are permitted. Some venues may have wheelchairs for use, but please contact the venue in advance to make arrangements.

General admission tickets include access to the dinosaur and marine exhibits, arts and crafts activities, and dinosaur shows. There are rides and activities that require activity tickets available on site, or guests can upgrade to the Kids Unlimited Rides ticket (the best value for children ages 2-12). Entry is free for children under age 2. Socks required for inflatable attractions.

Event: Jurassic Quest

Admission: Tickets available online

Cost for entry: KIDS & ADULTS – \$22

SENIORS – \$19

KIDS UNLIMITED RIDES (Includes Entry) –

\$36 for all-you-can-ride access to dinosaur rides, inflatables, fossil dig

General admission includes live shows, arts and crafts activities, dinosaur and marine exhibits. Tickets for individual activities available on-site (from \$6). Free entry for children under 2.

Where: New Jersey Convention and Expo Center Halls A-E (97 Sunfield Ave, Edison, NJ 08837)

When (Public Hours): Friday, July 29: 9:00am-8:00pm

Saturday, July 30: 9:00am-8:00pm


Sunday, July 31: 9:00am-6:00pm



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Mayor Onderko's Corner

Richard M. Onderko
Mayor, Borough of Manville

Town finances and disaster aid are on everyone's mind, but first, the month of May is "Military Appreciation Month," with Memorial Day designated as a solemn day of remembrance for all those killed in action defending our Nation's freedom. Our Hometown Heroes banners are back up and America flags will be on display for the Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 29th at 1pm.

Our freedom is precious and as President Reagan once said, *if we lose freedom here, there is no place to escape to, we are the last stand on earth.* Hopefully, the weather cooperates, and we can enjoy the parade this year. This Memorial Day weekend, take a moment to realize how lucky we are to live in the United States of America protected by the best military personnel on earth.

The municipal budget has been introduced and due to the adverse financial impacts of Hurricane Ida, a tax increase is projected if we do not receive any extra-ordinary financial aid from Trenton. We made the case for additional aid mainly due to the emergency expenditures we encountered and the property assessment impacts of homes that were

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Making Manville More Storm Resilient

The Borough of Manville was recently asked and agreed to participate in a new Resilience Accelerator Program run by New Jersey State OEM and FEMA.

The NJ Resilience Accelerator program will tailor technical assistance and streamline relevant resources for participating communities to advance implementation of their long-term resilience measures now to better prepare for the future.

Communities have identified funding as the primary obstacle to taking action to reduce vulnerabilities to climate change and natural hazards. We are developing the initial component of the NJ Resilience Accelerator to assist communities with overcoming this obstacle by leveraging successful funding strategies to advance targeted plans for building resilience.

In addition, our first successful elevation post Ida has taken place on St. John Street. A ranch style home was successfully raised above base flood elevation. Our library recently had a permanent power generator installed so the location can remain operational during power outages. The Library also serves as our heating and cooling center and had new central air conditioning installed 2 years ago.



Memorial Day Parade Sunday, May 29th 1pm

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Above: New generator recently installed at the Manville Library was paid for by a CDBG grant

Left: Successfully raised ranch home +2 feet above base flood elevation with basement filled to grade

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Administrator's Corner, Gian-Paolo (GP) Caminiti

Property Maintenance and Rental Registrations Deadline

As the days get warmer and the smell of Summer is getting closer, operations at Borough Hall are taking off as well. Hurricane Ida's damages are getting smaller in the rearview mirror with every passing month as cleanup work in the Borough continues to move forward. Multiple homes damaged beyond repair were demolished in recent weeks under the Blue Acres program of the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection, while demolition and remediation work at the former Rhythms/Saffron banquet hall site made great progress.

Parks and recreation facilities are being used more actively than ever, with municipal pools poised for reopening soon. Our new (and former!) Recreation Director Stephanie Cornelson and her team have been making great strides towards getting our programs staffed and residents engaged. Please remember to thank her and the team for their commitment when you see them around town, and don't forget to keep an eye on our Borough website for all recreation program details.

Manville is in full bloom as I write. This beauty requires effort to keep things looking good however, and I would like to remind all residents that by ordinance, grass needs to be cut and things picked up outside of our homes. Failure to do so may result in a

violations notice and, in extreme cases, may result in our DPW team having to come in to provide the maintenance work at homeowner expense. So let's avoid unnecessary trouble and expense and show our pride in our community by keeping our town beautiful!

Borough Hall restoration work continues and is nearing completion. Paint and finish work are largely done, as we are still waiting for some supply-chain delayed replacement items to be delivered. We remain confident that all the major work will be completed shortly. As a final step, 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. Please keep an eye on our Borough website for the reopening date announcement.

In the meantime, our Borough Hall team continue to provide all municipal services from our temporary offices upstairs: service with a smile for all our residents! As a reminder, please remember that all of our rental housing units in town need to be registered before July 1, 2022 to avoid late charges and penalties. Get out there and register! Our opening hours are M-F from 9-5 to get your business done.

From the desk of
Sergeant David
Sheffrin



D.A.R.E Program Continues

The Manville Police Department is pleased to report that officers are back instructing in the schools. We work collaboratively with students and staff for several events and I would like to highlight two that have been well received by students, officers and staff alike.

The first program is the well known international program of DARE.

On Friday, May 6, 2022 A.B.I.S held its culmination program for 5th Grade students, who successfully completed Manville's

D.A.R.E. The students participated in D.A.R.E.'s revamped program known as the "Keepin' it Real" curriculum, which is based on the Socio-Emotional Learning Theory. Since 1983 D.A.R.E. has demonstrated leadership in the prevention of drug abuse.

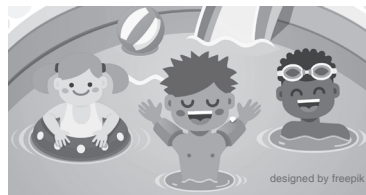
During the past few months, Det. Sampson of the Manville Police Department had the opportunity to work with the students in providing cutting edge instruction that not only teaches them to say no to drugs, but it teaches them how to make good decisions in any situation they may find themselves in. The program relied heavily on classroom participation, which made the program successful because of the students who worked tirelessly to complete each core-lesson. The Manville Police Department would like to thank our partners who assisted in making the return of the D.A.R.E. program such a monumental event.

The second program is titled **#NotEvenOnce**. The Manville Police Department continued with the training series titled: **#NotEvenOnce**. Manville is the first community in Somerset County to begin instruction in the **#NotEvenOnce** curriculum, which is designed to combat opiate abuse and teach awareness of the opiate epidemic. This program is taught by Det. / Sgt. Dave Sheffrin

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DPW News

Getting The Pools Ready For Summer Fun



A day at the pool is a favorite summer activity for kids. Manville's DPW has worked extensively over the last few months to make sure Cooper Pool and both the main and kiddie pool at Memorial Park are ready to open. Each location has been fully renovated to provide a safe swimming experience for Borough families.

Last year's unexpected problems related to storm IDA required more facility maintenance than usual to prep the pools for this summer. This required that the pools be drained, treated with an acid wash, and thoroughly scrubbed. All surfaces were then power-washed before refilling. The concrete decking surrounding each pool was power-washed as well. Chlorine delivery has resumed on a routine basis to maintain the proper chemistry of the water.

An inspection of the pumping system, new pumps and new automated lift chairs. As well as new upgrades for the bathrooms, also a new heater for Copper pool. Everything is now in good working order, spotlessly clean, and ready to enjoy.

There are many benefits of a community pool. They add to the Borough's recreational and property values, they encourage fitness for the whole family, and they increase public safety by giving children a place to take swimming lessons close to their home. The DPW is proud of the Borough's pools and asks residents for their help in maintaining these important neighborhood assets.

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. Note that the next regular meeting will be June 2, 2022 due to the Ark trip.

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 June 2 meeting.

Dr. Jamil Maroon introduced Manville High School Principal Adam Wright who proclaimed this year as a wonderful challenging school year and commended students, parents and grandparents.

Dr. Maroon congratulated the 110 D.A.R.E. program graduates and their commitment to a drug free life. He encouraged retired people in the community to use their expertise, knowledge and interests to come forward to discuss the new projects for the school district.

Lisa Gerickont reminded everyone there is still time to fill out the PTR application. Sewer bills will be sent out June 1st and will have a new look and a return envelope will be provided.

Norz Farmer's Market Canceled For This Summer

Thank You Manville for your years of support for the Norz Farmer's Market. We have made the heart wrenching decision to no longer attend any mobile markets. We hope to be fully operational 7 days a week at 120 S. Branch Rd., in Hillsborough by the first weekend in June. If you use EBT, we received a grant for an incentive program to help assist. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you and hope you are able to make it to our home stand. **For the month of June, if you bring in this article you will receive 10% off your order.** Check our hours as we get closer to June at norzhillfarm.com or on Facebook @norzhillfarm.

Thank you again for your continued support, Debbie and Rich Norz.

Donny Pelligrino, Jessie Pelligrino and Glorieta Tison representing Bridgeway Care at Home, a division of Bridgeway Senior Health Care, spoke about the new home therapeutic procedures being offered. They include in home physical, occupational, and speech therapy.

Mayor Onderko reiterated the storm water problems and water coming from surrounding towns. Dredging has been discussed as well as elevating or moving homes.

Thanks to Bridgeway for the donut treats and door prizes and Friends of the Library for the cupcakes. A favorite treat to complete our luncheon.

Upcoming Trips:

Atlantic City--Third Wednesday of the month to Caesars. Dates are June 15 and July 20. 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.

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.

All trips are open to the public.

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substantially damaged by the storm. We have asked for \$2 million to offset the financial impacts of Ida to help stabilize taxes.

Later this month we should also hear concerning Federal disaster aid to help our residents with elevations or buyouts. \$238 million was allocated to New Jersey. As soon as we receive word on our share of the funding and the program details it will be made public.

Earlier this month, we had our first Office of Emergency Management meeting with all parties gathered around the table that we need for support from during a flood emergency. I would like to thank OEM Director John Bentz for coordinating the meeting. In next month's newsletter we will remind everyone about preparedness as hurricane season begins.

Until next month,
Mayor Richard M. Onderko

From the Desk of Borough Tax Assessor, George Sopko

Manville Borough Re-Assessment Program Update

The Borough of Manville entered into 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 to 15 years. This program has been successfully implemented in the vast majority of the other Somerset County municipalities 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. Therefore, commencing in 2017, the Borough began inspecting properties on a rotating basis utilizing inspectors from a professional revaluation firm, Appraisal Systems Inc. In addition to the re-assessment inspections, properties that receive Certificates of Approval for permitted work or partially completed work are also inspected in August and September for potential Added or Omitted Added Assessments. If this work results in an increase in the value of the property, it will result in a separate billing to the property owner during October. It is anticipated that a significant number of flood affected properties will receive Added Assessments.

The results of these inspections and recent sales of properties in the Borough will culminate in the new Tax Assessments for Tax Year 2023, which are mailed on a post card to the property owners in February of 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.

From the Desk of the Recreation Director, Stephanie Cornelson

Hello Manville! I would like to start out by thanking everyone who volunteered at our Manville Clean Up Community Day and give a big shout out to our DPW who worked hard to organize the event! It was great seeing everyone come together to make our town a little cleaner!

While our spring sports are in full swing, we have been busy planning for our upcoming summer programs. We are currently accepting registrations for our summer camps, sports camps, aqua aerobics, swim lessons and more. Make sure you check out our newest programs including a **Senior Summer Yoga, Junior Art Camp co-sponsored by Manville Arts Council** and a **Senior Photo Workshop**. You can register in-person at the Recreation Office or online with Community Pass on our borough's website.

We are also planning a **"Welcome Back Manville"** Community Event on June 11th. It is a chance for Manville organizations and residents to start coming back together and enjoying what our town has to offer! The event will be held at Memorial Park & Pools from 4pm-7pm. This is free for our residents. We will be offering hotdogs, snow cones and popcorn. Along with the free food, we will also have music, free swim time and several games and activities. MYAL and the Recreation Department will be there taking registrations for their summer programs.

Stay tuned as we will be announcing the dates for our annual summer movie nights very soon. This summer we are excited to offer a couple of new things including **Family Rock Painting Nights** and a new event - a **Firefly Nature Walk** that will be held at Memorial Park in July.

For more details on all our summer programs, activities, and events, please like us on our Facebook @ManvilleRecreation page and check us out on our Borough's website.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at recinfo@manvillenj.org or by calling the Rec Office (908) 725-9478 Ext. 106.

"WELCOME BACK MANVILLE"

Come out and see what Manville has to offer this summer!

Recreation Department will be accepting registrations for:
 Summer Day Camps - Pool Programs - Sports Camps

Manville Youth Athletic League will be accepting registration for:
 Summer Wrestling Club, Fall Football and Cheerleading, Ages 5 - 14

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Celebrating Ms. Alicia Mathewson

by Kayla Knape

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.



Alicia Mathewson

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 principal 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."

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

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.



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The Library will be closed on Monday, May 30th

IN-PERSON EVENTS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Family Storytimes (families with children)

May 23, June 13, 20 & 27, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Engage in early literacy with stories, singing, and socialization.

Pajama Storytimes (families with children)

May 25, 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Dress in your PJs to listen to books and songs perfect for just before bedtime. You can also bring a stuffed animal friend who can then sleepover at the library. If you choose to have a stuffed animal sleepover at the library, you will receive pictures of their overnight library fun when you pick them up the following day.

Tots and Toys

May 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11:00 am - 3:00 p.m.
Stop by the children's area to socialize with other families while playing with toys that encourage open-ended thinking and learning.

LEGO @ Club

May 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Join the fun if you like building with LEGO® bricks. Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

ABC Art

June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11:30 - 12:00 p.m.
Participate in a craft activity inspired by the letter of the week!

Explore Art

June 1, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Use your imagination and creativity to make pieces of art using different materials and mediums.

Read to a Therapy Dog

June 6, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Practice your reading skills by reading a story to a certified therapy dog. Registration is required by visiting the Youth Services desk or calling 908-458-8425.

Ocean Crafts: I Spy Dioramas

June 14, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Make an ocean-themed diorama and/or a mini I Spy board to challenge your friends. All supplies will be provided.

Manville Makers: Catapults*

June 17, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Learn how to build a catapult from craft sticks and other ways to use levers in your Maker endeavors.

Homeschool Hangout

May 24; June 21, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Meet other homeschoolers in the community while enjoying family-friendly activities. Each month will focus on a different activity, such as book discussions, gaming sessions, STEM presentations, and more options.

TWEENS AND TEEN PROGRAMS

Art Workshop: Special Effects Makeup

June 7, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Learn how to do simple special effects makeup from a professional makeup artist.

Make Your Own Beach Accessories

June 22, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Participants will make accessories such as necklaces, stylish baseball caps, and bookmarks to enjoy a day at the beach whether you are riding the waves or laying on the sand, catching up on a book.

Teen Scene

June 24, 3:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Open stage for teens to explore, discover, and share crafting, D&D, writing, life skills, and more with peers.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Discussion Groups

Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion
"The Damage" by Caitlin Wahrer
June 2, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Evening Book Discussion
"The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave

June 13, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Afternoon Book Discussion

"The Plot" by Jean Hanff Korelitz
June 15, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Monday Movie Matinee

"The Courier" - June 6, 1:00 p.m.

Find Your Family Tree

May 21; June 11 & 15, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Manville resident and genealogy enthusiast Bob Vornlocker will share his techniques to maximize your search results and help uncover your family tree.

Arts and Crafts

May 26; June 30, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Eco-Friendly Crafts (May 26)

Alcohol Ink Workshop for Beginners (June 30)

Disabilities Social Hour

May 25; June 10, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Designed for adults with cognitive or developmental disabilities (18 and up) to meet new people and explore fun and interesting activities.

Google Privacy and Security

June 2, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Presented by John Holloway, a Manville Economic Development Committee Member. Learn how to keep your information safe online, signing in and storing passwords, retrieving a code by phone, text, or email. The program will also cover how to manage your saved passwords online.

Somerset County Historical Society Presents: Kate Macy Ladd Program

June 11, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Passport Services Resume - Wednesday, June 29 2022

Passport Service is returning to the Manville branch this Spring! Passport agents will operate by appointment from 4-7 p.m.

To make an appointment, call 908-458-8400 x1161 or go to <https://bit.ly/3sBiPOL>.



Stay Safe Online - Local Businessman Hosts Library Program

John Holloway, of HSS Computers and a Manville Economic Development Committee Member, will present a program on Google Privacy and Security on Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Topics covered will include how to protect your personal information online, how to sign in and store passwords, and how to retrieve a code by phone, text, or email to name a few. There will be plenty of time for questions.

From the desk of Diann Robinson, Exec. Director



The ADC's May Update

May is **National Older Americans Month** and this year's theme is "*Age My Way.*" Celebrants will be focusing on aging in place – how older adults can plan to stay in their homes and live independently in their communities for as long as possible. We are delighted that this year's theme coincides perfectly with the ADC's mission to keep families together by supporting caregivers who are taking care of the aging loved ones at home.

The ADC is in a strong position coming out of our 17 month closure due to COVID-19 but we need the support of our ADC family as we build back to our former census of 75 members per day. To increase community awareness of adult day care and the ADC, we have launched a public awareness campaign that includes hosting education programs such as our Legal Issues for Caregivers program on May 11 for the community. Please help us to spread the word about the event and about the ADC.

Now more than ever, the ADC is counting on the support of donors, caregivers, friends, and community leaders to ensure our financial stability. We invite you to attend our upcoming Getting Better with Age wine tasting or consider placing an ad in the journal.

Have a great month and we hope to see you at the ADC!

Call to Artists

The Adult Day Center of Somerset County is a non-profit organization that provides social day services to older adults with Alzheimer's and dementia. We are located in a large, modern facility across from the Somerset County Wellness Center next to Patriot's Stadium in Bridgewater. To enrich our member's experience, we installed a hanging system throughout the main halls of the facility with the goal of presenting three to four special art exhibitions per year. We are looking for artists and artist groups with whom to partner.

We are looking for a group of 10-15 artists to lend 3-5 pieces of their work for special

Property Tax Reimbursement Programs

Homeowners in New Jersey are often unaware of any programs that offer incentives regarding their property taxes. To simplify the programs, below are current programs available to residents who meet the criteria and apply to the state of New Jersey.

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Program

- Blue in color booklet
- Usually comes out in February
- Sent to you by the State of NJ
- Has an income page that needs to be filled out by you or your accountant
- Also, a page to be filled out by Tax Collector
- To be mailed to the State of NJ in the envelope provided

Receiving one of these booklets is determined by:

You (or spouse/Civil partner) were 65 or older on December of the previous year

OR you are actually receiving Federal Disability (no age requirement)

You lived in New Jersey for the past 10 years as a homeowner and owned your primary house for the past 3 years; you paid the full amount of property taxes on your primary residence in full.

You lived in New Jersey for the past 10 years as a mobile; leased a site in a mobile home park where you placed a mobile home that you owned for at least the 3 past years and you paid the full amount of mobile home park site fees due.

The State Budget has set the following income qualifications: Applicants are eligible if their income did not exceed \$87,007 for 2015 and \$70,000 for 2016.

Homestead Benefit

- Green in color
- Usually gets mailed from the State of NJ in the summer
- Application is done by calling the State of NJ and receiving a confirmation number

Eligibility is determined by the following:

- You are a NJ resident
- Owned your principal residence since 2015
- Paid your property taxes in full

The State has also determined you are eligible if you are over 65 or disabled and make less than \$150,000 OR you are under 65 or disabled and make less than \$75,000.

\$250.00 Senior Citizen Deduction

- White in color
- Comes from the local tax collector
- Has an income page to be filled out by you or your accountant

Eligibility is based on:

You own your house, turned 65 the previous year, have an income of less than \$10,000 excluding Social Security, must confirm income every year.

If you have any further questions, please visit the Division of Taxation satellite office located at 75 Veterans Drive, Somerville, NJ 08876, between the hours of 9am -4pm.

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and Det. Bill Sampson, who are certified instructors for the program.

#NotEvenOnce, partners specially trained police officers teaching soon to be graduating seniors, about opiate awareness and their inherent dangers. The objective of the program is to provide information to young adults (age 16-18) about making informed decisions regarding the use of opiates (prescription pills and heroin) while building positive relationships between the police and students.

The Manville Police Department was fortunate enough to have two local recovery specialists participate in the final interactive phase of the training; which was instructed to the entire 2022 graduating class of Manville High School. The positive feedback provided by the students, staff and police re-iterate the fact that Manville prides itself in taking a proactive approach towards combating Drugs and Violence amongst our youth and young adults.



exhibitions. We are focusing on work that can be hung on our hanging system and everything lent must be "ready to hang." Work can be for sale and will be labeled with artist contact information. We will host an exhibition opening that will be promoted to our members, family and supporters during the exhibition time.



Cupcake Challenge Wrap Up

The Friends of the Manville Library would like to sincerely thank all participants for their inspired submissions to the 4th Annual Cupcake Competition. The Friends sold 377 cupcakes, our best year yet!

First Prize in the 12 and under category went to Max Cebula, with Ethan Klosowski receiving 2nd Prize and Andraccella Baines receiving Third Prize. Ashley Kaiser won First Prize in the 13+ category, followed by Jennifer Feeny with 2nd Prize and Juliane Badger with Third Prize.

Congratulations to all and our heartfelt "thank you" for your effort and enthusiasm.

The Friends would also like to thank our supporters for their donations. Our generous friends at LJ'z Boardwalk, Manville Pizza, Reading Cinema, Weis Market in Hillsborough, Saker ShopRite in Somerville, and Candyland Crafts Baking Supply Store in Raritan supplied the prizes so that 100% of the profits can go to improvements to the library.

12 and Under winning cupcakes



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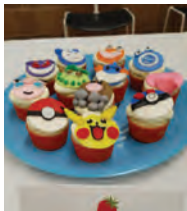


3rd

13 Plus winning cupcakes



1st



2nd



3rd

Girl Scouts Patriotic Chairs

Girl Scout troop 60171 invites the Manville Community to paint a wooden chair red, white, and blue, and place it somewhere in the community on Memorial Day weekend to represent all of the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice and never returned home.

With respect, honor and gratitude... we will remember you.



12 < Winners - L to R: Ethan Klosowski, Andraccella Baines, Max Cebula



13+ Winners - L to R: Juliane Badger, Jennifer Feeny, Ashley Kaiser

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Youth Leadership Somerset Accepting Applications Empowering Youth to Lead with Purpose

From the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners

Youth Leadership Somerset, a leadership development program for Somerset County youth entering grades 9-12, is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 program year, which runs from September through May. Classes are held one Saturday per month for approximately five hours. All sessions are held in Somerset County, and most take place in Somerville. The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 29.

Youth Leadership Somerset gives participants an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and form connections with peers from across the county. Through presentations by community leaders, small group challenges, and interactive programming, participants explore a wide variety of subjects including the environment, mental health, law enforcement, emergency response, housing, economic development, recycling, local government, justice, healthcare, culture, and leadership.

The application is available on the county website here - Youth Leadership Somerset Application 2022/2023 <https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/residents/community-leadership-programs/youth-program/program-application-3062>.

Candidates will be selected by the end of June. Those accepted to the program will receive a full scholarship to ensure that financial status is not a barrier.

Feedback from past participants:

"Youth Leadership Somerset gave me a broader perspective of the world and how I can impact the community around me now and in the future. For anyone interested in this program, it is a one in a lifetime opportunity and I'm so grateful for the experience."

"Youth Leadership Somerset has been a wonderful place to ponder important economic and social questions. The sessions have been filled with discovery and growth."

Developed by the Leadership Somerset Class of 2000, Youth Leadership Somerset is sponsored by the Somerset County Board of Commissioners. To learn about the adult leadership program, contact us at leadershipsomerset@co.somerset.nj.us or visit the website at Leadership Somerset <https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/residents/community-leadership-programs/adult-program>.

For more information about applying to Youth Leadership Somerset, contact Melania Tchir at (732) 469-3363 or youthleadership@co.somerset.nj.us.

To stay up to date with Somerset County events and information, sign up for email alerts or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Brook Arts Center Summer Camp Program



Registration for the Brook Arts Center Summer Theater Camp is now open! We are thrilled to announce our 2022 program offering two 3-week sessions, July 11-29, and August 1-19. Weekdays 9 am -3 pm. Camp Brook is designed to provide a fun creative experience for students entering grades 3rd - 10th in the Fall of 2022, who are interested in exploring the wonders of theater.

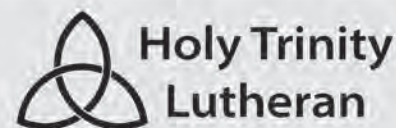
Our experienced staff has designed a fun program that will develop self-confidence, self-expression, and creativity and teach students to work as a team. Campers will explore their imaginations and creativity through theater games, pantomime, role-playing, and improvisation.

In both August and July sessions, campers will have the opportunity to discover the various aspects of theatre. Each session will focus on a theme and a variety of scenes and musical numbers from selected shows. All leading up to Opening Night! Performing on the Historic Brook Theater stage!

Session 1: Disney – We will focus on materials from Disney across history! From the classic animated movies, wonderful stage productions, and Disney Channel Originals, with choices from Frozen, Newsies, Little Mermaid, Descendants, Peter Pan, High School Musical, Beauty and the Beast, Mary Poppins, and much more!

Session 2: Kids on Broadway- We will take campers across the musical theater canon and explore shows that focused on, who else... KIDS! From kid-centric shows such as School of Rock, Matilda, Annie, Bye, Bye Birdie, Fun Home, Into the Woods, and scores of others!

Cost per Camper \$525.00 Early Bird Special 500.00 (Expires 5/15) Ask about our family and both sessions discounts. A Registration Form is available @ www.brookarts.org. Email Theatermanager@brookarts.org or 732-469-7700 for more information.



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Area News

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During the first week of May, approximately 30 kindergarteners from LaMonte Elementary School in Bound Brook visited the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Bound Brook branch.

During the visit, the students were able to participate in a special storytime and were also given a VIP tour of all five floors of the branch - learning about how each staff member helps visiting customers.

Aaron Pickett, youth services supervisor said, "Every week, we have visitors saying, 'You came to our school!' and then mentioning whatever was their favorite fact they remember from their visit - that we have tablets for checkout, asking where the Sonic the Hedgehog comic books are, or telling us that they remember our names. Even more excitingly, we have several parents visit with their children who said that their kids came home from school asking to be taken to the library."

The branch will be hosting additional school tours throughout the summer. The Bound Brook branch is located at 402 East High Street in Bound Brook. To schedule your own tour of the Library, email boundbrook@sclibnj.org or call (908) 458-8410.

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