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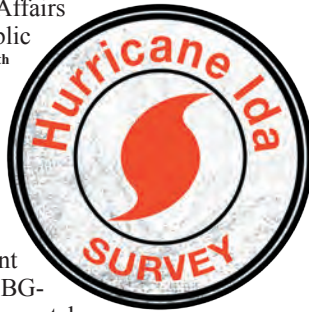
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Hurricane Ida Public Hearing Announcement

**Thursday, September 8th • 6:00pm
Manville High School Auditorium**

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is planning on holding a public hearing on **Thursday, September 8th from 6-8PM at the Manville High School Auditorium**. The meeting is open to the public and its purpose is to help develop a Hurricane Ida action plan for the \$228 million in federal aid allocated to New Jersey. These funds are from the HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief program (CDBG-DR). An action plan with public input must be submitted to HUD by the DCA on or before September 28th.



If your home was flooded during Hurricane Ida, please complete the Ida survey from the DCA. The link can be found on the Borough’s homepage www.ManvilleNJ.org. One must fill out this survey and then register to become eligible for funding a home elevation project or a possible buyout. The DCA wants to hear directly from you. Please take the survey and help Manville receive its fair share of the CDBG-DR funds to make Manville more storm resilient.

In addition, Governor Murphy’s office recently announced funding for a state-wide home elevation program with \$30 million allocated from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) fund. It’s important for homeowners seeking federal aid to take the Ida survey, register, and attend the public hearing to make your voice heard.

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Member Recruitment

Marine Corps League 1284 Road Detachment is Open to New Membership Applicants

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New Jersey Council for the Humanities Democracy Conversation Project

Through November 8, 2022, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) will be participating in a statewide initiative in partnership with the New Jersey Council for the Humanities (NJCH) called the Democracy Conversation Project.

The goal of the program is to discover what New Jerseyans have to say about the state of our democracy. The tool that SCLSNJ and NJCH are using to collect this information is called Storybox. These Storyboxes provide a place for New Jerseyans to add their voices to the national story with personal reflections on preprinted response cards.



Bridgewater Branch Manager Meredith Hoyer alongside a Democracy Conversation Project Storybox.

Join the conversation at SCLSNJ's Bridgewater, Hillsborough, North Plainfield, Somerville, Warren, and Watchung branches. To learn more about the Democracy Conversation Project, visit: <https://njhumanities.org/programs/museum-on-main-street/dcp>.

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Mayor Onderko's Corner

Richard M. Onderko
Mayor, Borough of Manville

As we approach the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Ida, I hope that more residents will take the time to fill out the on-line Ida survey to help direct more federal funds to Manville. To date, only 300 responses have been received. Please take the survey before the September 8th public meeting at Manville High School from 6 to 8 pm which will discuss how the \$228 million in federal funds will be allocated.

The storm caused a significant imbalance in our town's rateables. Flood damaged homes were given lower tax assessments which kept the average increase in property values to only 9% town wide. Individual homes like mine went up 18% which implies an automatic tax increase. The tax rate has decreased in value from 2.957 down to 2.616.

On an average assessed home of \$288,815 X .02616 it equals to \$7,555 for an annual tax bill. The Borough used much of its budget reserves to offset the impact of the flood and reached out to the State of NJ for extraordinary aid. We even lowered the municipal tax levy by over \$1 million. The State granted us \$600,000 to replenish our budget reserves for next year's budget cycle.

Tax bills will be mailed soon with a due

date of mid-September. Once the bills are mailed, one will have 25 days to pay from date of mailing. There will be no 10-day grace period and late interest charges will revert to August 1st.

Please download the Borough's new app "MyManville" for your cell phone. Simply accept "push notifications" after installation and you will be all set to receive the latest news and alerts from our Borough. This is another platform to get the messages out during times of weather emergencies. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for Nixle and Code Red reverse 911 messaging too.

Until next month,
Mayor Richard M. Onderko



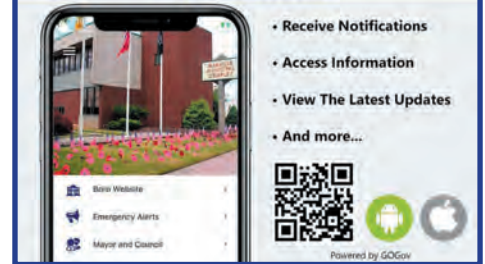
From the Desk of the Manville OEM Dir. John Bentz

Emergency Siren System Upgrade and My Manville Notification App

Greetings Manville residents. I am happy to report that we have received word from Senator Andrew Zwicker's office that Manville will receive \$200,000 from the State to upgrade our Emergency Siren System in town. Mayor Onderko and myself have been working tirelessly over the last 10 months researching and requesting funding to upgrade our emergency siren system in town. With this funding, we will be able to add two

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additional sirens in town to go with the five that we currently have. The additional sirens will be located at Cooper Pool and Memorial Pool. These additional sirens are critical in times of an emergency and the new system will also give us the capability to broadcast voice messages as well over it. In the event of an emergency and sirens are needed to be activated, we will now have the capability to activate them remotely which will replace our current system that is activated by one switch that is in Police Headquarters.

In addition to the upgrade to the siren system, we have also launched our My Manville App through GOGov that we will be using for emergency notifications as well as other information that needs to go out to residents. This free app can be downloaded typing in My Manville on the Apple or Android stores on your cell phone. Once downloaded, allow push notifications to your cell phone. No additional registration is required.

Until next month, I hope that all of you continue to stay safe. Sincerely, John Bentz

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News from the Manville Public School District

MHS Goes Abroad - Belize!

by Lauren Kurzius

On July 27th, 26 Manville High School students and 5 Manville teachers embarked on an adventure to Belize. Students and families had been fundraising, learning, and planning for a trip to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands since 2019 only to have that trip cancelled not once (Covid travel bans) but twice due to civil unrest in Ecuador's capital city of Quito a mere 48 hours before departure. It was a devastating blow to a much anticipated trip but a new destination to Belize was planned in three weeks by EF Tours. An outpouring of school and community support led us to a trip of a lifetime!

Students met their tour director, Dinziel Reynolds, at the Belize City airport with open arms and great advice for our adventure together. "Look around you," he said, "you are not just students on a tour. You are not just visitors in Belize. On this trip, you are family. You must look out for and take care of each other." And that's just what we did!

Students learned about the culture, economy, and ecosystem of Belize as well as the rich history of Mayan culture. Together we climbed the Mayan Ruins of Lamanai and Xunantunich, ziplined and cave-tubbed through the Cayo Region, learned how to

harvest cacao and produce chocolate like the Mayans, took a ecological boat tour of the New River, visited the Old Sugar Mill, snorkeled the coral gardens in the 2nd largest barrier reef in the world, learned jungle survival skills, ate terminates, scorpions and breadfruit, visited shark alley and saw sea turtles in the Hol Chan Marine Reserve, and Secret Beach in Ambergris Caye. We learned and laughed and loved through our journey.

Manville Goes Abroad travel program is run by Lauren Kurzius and promotes science education and an independent explorer mindset through travel. All students ages 14-18 are eligible to travel and must have completed their freshman year at time of travel. Our next adventure is to Peru and Macchu Picchu in June of 2023. Please contact Mrs. Kurzius for more information at Lkurzius@manvillesd.org.



New Courses to Enhance MHS

by Bill Le

It is common knowledge that High School is one of the most important four years of any person's life; Not only does it act as the final requirement for education but also as guidance for further education in colleges and universities. The four years of high school are also the four years in which you decide what you want to major in and more importantly what you want your career to be in the future. Electives are at the center of this since it allows a sort of preview of a certain field before deciding whether you like it or not.

Manville High School isn't like an ordinary high school. With around 50 electives ranging from Drawing to Robotics to Sport's Marketing to Architecture, it's almost certain to say that MHS has something for everyone. Now with the Class of 2022 leaving and the Class of 2026 entering, MHS has offered some new/revised courses

Starting next year, MHS will offer two new biology-related electives; Forensics and, Anatomy and Physiology which are set to expand interest in detective work and the Human body respectively. Two electives have also been renamed in order to appeal to students including; Architecture (formally known as CAD) and Engineering and Design (formally known as Tech Apps and Design). In addition to that, MHS continues to support ESL and ELL students as it will begin ESL Newcomer Mathematics which will give ESL/ELL students a chance to learn and develop the skills to do basic Algebra.

Overall, it is incredibly impressive that Manville, although a small town, manages to hold 50 or so electives and still has room for more. MHS's efforts to be an inclusive and also diverse learning environment is something that we don't see often and is something that MHS students should learn to appreciate when applying for colleges and universities or deciding what career path they will take in the future.



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

Summer Activities Round-up

Summer is here and it's been hot!! Here at Borough Hall, operations are moving briskly and vacation time has arrived for many residents and staff. Work continues in town as Hurricane Ida effects are becoming less noticeable with every day and are replaced with more 'normal' summer operations. Residents will have surely noticed road work, curbing, and other maintenance projects being completed around town, including a long-planned demolition of the public restroom building at Duke's Park. Numerous other town projects are also well underway, and residents will see more progress in the coming months heading into 2023. These include the Lost Valley Nature Park, where surveying and initial planning has been completed, as well as long-planned and necessary upgrades to our library facilities. Meanwhile, work continues with improvements to Papawick Park and the north side (sidewalks & paving).

Program activities are also bustling. Our Recreation Dept. has been working double time to make magic happen all over town with offerings for all generations now in full swing. Our municipal pools have been open and busy due to the enduring heat wave. Even residents without passes were admitted without cost to get some relief from the heat. Our staff and Rec. Team were able to keep things running smoothly in spite of COVID-related challenges and back-to-school staff departures, so please remember to thank Director Stephanie and her team for their great work when you see them around town. Also, don't forget to keep an eye on our Borough website for all recreation program details, along with other important dates such as Community Day.

Due to the heat wave, Manville is in a very dry state as I write. And while this may seem ironic, I would like to remind all residents to conserve water and to be mindful of the risk of fire. Cigarettes, fireworks, an unattended grill...all can lead to ignition of dry grasses and brush which can quickly get out of control. Our Fire Dept. is well trained and always ready to roll, but would rather they have a

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Pack 193 Reorganization!

Do you want your child to have adventures in his life? Camping, fishing, having fun, learning teamwork by play, community service, learning patriotism and respecting of others. Scouting three basic tenets are God, Country and family. You can expect the program to hit all of these areas in a fun safe way. The idea is to teach them when they're not looking, in the midst of all the fun.

Come out and join Pack 193, our pack is over 25 years old. We offer new leaders training and mentorship. Currently, we have a full committee, Cubmaster and a den-leader. The children are grouped* by grade level for weekly den meetings. (Grades K-5). Each year in Cub Scouts has a different scout book geared to the reading level of the child and also serves as the Scouting record of their individual advancement. The costs for scouting are comparable to recreation programs in surrounding towns and are based on calendar year. Since it's a calendar year you only have to register for the first 4 months, like a trial membership! Uniforms begin with a Pack tee shirt and once your

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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 September 8.

We will be resuming non-perishable food donations for the food bank. Please bring your donation to the meeting. We will be collecting school supplies for the elementary schools. Bring them to the next meeting.

Secretary Claire Simmonds has resigned and is relocating to Florida. Sharon Lukac will be the interim secretary until election held at September meeting. The trip committee is currently working on trips for 2023. Suggestions are welcome. The Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 18 at the Somerville Elks. Information will be available in the coming months.

John Bentz, OEM Manager reminded us that hurricane season is upon us and to be vigilant. The town has received a \$200,000 grant to upgrade the siren system and 2 more sirens will be set up in the town. The sirens can also be voice activated. There is a notification system that can be downloaded to your smart phone. Information is available on the Manville Website. Reminder to fill out the flood survey so we can demonstrate the need for funding.

Detective Bill Sampson said the National Night Out was a success and it will be continued next year the first Tuesday of August.

Mayor Onderko said there will be Public meeting sponsored by the Department of Community Affairs on September 8 at the Manville High School Auditorium from 6-8 pm promoting elevations of flood prone homes. There is public money available and the program will pay 100% of the elevations. The Borough was awarded approximately \$600,000 dollars from the state but it is for next year's budget.

Upcoming Trips:

Atlantic City--Third Wednesday of the month to Caesars. Bus leaves the VFW at 9 a.m. promptly. Special Air Show trip on Wed., August 24. Cost is \$40 with \$30 returned. September trip has been rescheduled to September 14. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Wind Creek--Bethlehem, PA. Fifth Thursday of the month. The next trip is September 29. 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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From the desk of Officer in Charge Lt. Craig Jeremiah

National Night Out Recap

Manville's National Night Out is an annual event that fosters a relationship between our community and law enforcement officers. This year's event took place on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at Manville High School and is always scheduled for the first Tuesday in August, so please mark it on your calendar for August 1, 2023.

National Night Out allows officers and community members to really get to know each other. They can have a conversation, without the normal stresses during times when we usually meet – such as during a car crash, medical call or an investigation. This year's event was great and many youngsters got to see that police officers are their friends and are here to help.

Manville Police Sergeant David Sheffrin and Officer John Chismar were our department liaisons to plan the entire event and they did an excellent job. Sergeant Nick Franzoso grilled hot dogs, which were donated by Wegmans, throughout the event. I would like to thank all of our officers who assisted with the event and interacted with the community.

Many partner organizations assisted us this year to make the event successful and we would truly like to thank them. They provided



equipment, manpower and donations. In addition to displaying our police department equipment, the Manville Fire Department and Manville Rescue Squad also displayed their equipment. The New Jersey State Police did a fly over with one of their helicopters and the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Collision Analysis Reconstruction Team set up a crash investigation. The Somerset County Sheriff's Department Identification Bureau conducted photo line-ups. Somerset County Communications displayed one of their communication vehicles.

Manville Recreation helped in a variety of ways, such as planning, face painting and monitoring the giant bounce house, which was donated by Manville Policemen's Benevolent Association Local #236. The Somerset County Library provided information and had a couple areas set up to take photographs.

Mayor Onderko distributed yard signs showing support for Manville Police, Fire and Rescue.

Several organizations provided information to the public including Robert Wood Johnson Somerset Hospital, Somerset County Board of Health, Manville Municipal Alliance, Manville Department of Public Works, Manville

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Animal Response Team. Many others donated toward the event, including Reading Cinema, Party Right Rentals, McDonald's, Wal Mart and Quick Chek. Finally, there were behind the scene supporters such as the Manville Board of Education and Manville's Office of Emergency Management.

This was a great night that brought many organizations, partners and community members together. Although National Night Out

may be seen as a law enforcement event, it would not be so successful without all of the support and assistance of the many people involved. I truly appreciate all the time and effort everyone set forth in making this event so successful. Thank you!!



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From the Desk of the Recreation Director, Stephanie Cornelson

Hello Manville! As the summer comes to an end, we hope you were able to stay cool and enjoy the Free Swims we offered! We will be planning one more at the end of August so keep an eye out for the announcement! Our last day of the pool season will be Monday, Sept. 5th so make sure to mark your calendar.

We've also been busy hiding rocks in our parks for you to find. There are still a few out there! If you find a painted rock that has a unique 5 digit code on the back, please bring it to the Recreation Office for a prize!

Our fall registrations started on Monday, July 18. You can register online through Community Pass or at our Recreation Office. We offer Instructional Soccer, Developmental Soccer, Co-ed Travel Soccer and Travel Softball. It is also time to register for our fall adult programs – Adult Walking Program, Senior Chair Aerobics, Meditative Yoga and we're proud to offer a new program this year – Adult Self Defense.

We have some exciting community events coming up soon! This year's annual Community Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24th from 1pm – 5pm at Lincoln Park in the Valley. We will be hosting a planning meeting on Tuesday, August 16th at 6pm at the Manville Library Community Room. All Manville residents, businesses and organizations are welcome to join to help us plan this exciting event. We would love to have your input! Along with Community Day, we are partnering with the Manville Library to host a Storytime Nature Walk – details coming soon! Of course, don't forget our annual holiday events - Trunk or Treat, Letters to Santa & Service People, Annual Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Santa. Dates and details coming soon!

If you haven't seen it yet, we are sponsoring a "Manville Main Street Park Naming Contest." We are accepting suggestions to rename the park area on South Main Street between North Orchard and Rosalie Streets. You can vote by email or dropping it off at Borough Hall or the Manville Library. Last day to submit your suggestion is August 22nd. Our final vote will take place at Community Day where all residents have a chance to pick from three finalists.

For more details on all our programs, activities, and events, please like us on our Facebook @ManvilleRecreation page and check us out on our Borough's website at www.manvillenj.org/308/Recreation.

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.

From the desk of Officer in Charge Lt. Craig Jeremiah



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Another option for reporting incidents to law enforcement, is the Somerset County's STOPit app, where you can make anonymous complaints and include text, images and video. This is a great tool especially for reporting violence, threats, weapons or alcohol or drug abuse. More information regarding the app can be found on the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office website, STOPit / Crimestoppers page.

Remember, if you see something, say something. No matter what the issue is, we are here to help; it is why we took this job – to help you! We are here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Please call us anytime.

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IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

Youth Services

Video Game Party with GameTruck (grades 5-12)

September 6

Session 1, 1:30-2:00 p.m.

Session 2, 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Session 3, 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Session 4, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Play all kinds of video games on the GameTruck in the library parking lot!

Registration required.

LEGO® Club (grades K-5)

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 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 (families with children)

September 7, 14, 21, 28; 11:30 a.m. - noon

Participate in a craft activity inspired by the letter of the week!

Family Storytime (families with children)

September 12, 19, 26; 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Engage in early literacy with stories, singing, and socialization.

Horse Visit (families)

Noble, the Miniature Therapy Horse

September 13; 3:30-4:30pm

Meet Noble, the miniature therapy horse. Learn about miniature horses, what they eat, where they live, and what kind of jobs they have. Registration required.

Explore Art (grades 1-5)

September 14; 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Use your imagination and creativity to make pieces of art using different materials and mediums.

Make It Lab (grades K-5)

September 19; 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Experiment and play with assorted science toys and gadgets every month!

Read to a Therapy Dog (entering grades K-4)

September 12; 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.

Make It Lab (grades K-5)

September 19; 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Experiment and play with assorted science toys and gadgets every month!

Crafts with Cats (families)

September 20; 3:30-4:15pm

Get creative with a craft to make while you learn about cat ownership from the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter and their special guest visitors, adoptable cats! Registration required.

TikTok Trends (grades 6-12)

September 21; 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Test out popular craft and food trends found on TikTok.

Camping Storytime (families with children)

September 26; 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Enjoy a story and activities by a pretend campfire.

Homeschool Hangout (grades K-5)

September 27; 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Meet other homeschoolers in the community while enjoying family-friendly activities.

Books and Bingo (entering grades K-3)

September 27; 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Hear a story and then play a round of Bingo!

Teen Trivia (grades 6-12)

September 28; 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Win prizes at a monthly after-school trivia contest!

Drop-In programs

Tots and Toys (families with children)

September 3, 10, 17, 24; 11:00 a.m. - 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.

Write Like a Pirate (grades K-5)

September 19; 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Ahoy Mateys! Celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day by creating your own pirate adventure mad libs story.

Adult Services

Monday Movie Matinee:

September 12; 1:00-3:30 p.m., "West Side Story" Rated: PG-13

An adaptation of the 1957 musical, West Side Story explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds.

September 26; 1:00-3:30 p.m., "Belfast" Rated: PG-13

It is 1969 and 9-year-old Buddy finds his peaceful life disturbed as a national conflict is starting to brew in Northern Ireland.

Book Discussion Groups

Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion

"The Guest List" by Lucy Foley

September 1; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Evening Book Discussion

"A Farewell to Arms" by Ernest Hemingway

September 12; 6-7 p.m.

Afternoon Book Discussion

"Last Summer At The Golden Hotel" by Elyssa Friedland

September 21; noon - 1 p.m.

Disabilities Social Hour

September 14; 11:00 a.m. - noon

Designed for adults with disabilities (21 and up) to meet new people and explore fun and interesting activities.

English Conversation Group

September 15, 22, 29; 1:00-2:30 p.m.

September 15, 22, 29; 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Practice speaking English in a friendly setting. Basic English skills are required. Hosted by Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County.

Find Your Family Tree

September 17, 21; 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.

Mayor Onderko Visits YMCA's Camp SOAR

This was the inaugural year for Camp SOAR, which stands for a Summer of Outdoor Adventure and Recreation. The main source of program funding is a grant from Somerset County, which is made available through the American Rescue Plan. Additionally, YMCA is partnering with the Somerset County Parks Commission to host the camp at Colonial Park. Camp SOAR intends to support under-resourced families in Bound Brook, South Bound Brook, Manville, and Franklin Township, who were disproportionately affected by the pandemic, with an affordable, enriching camp option. The camp ran from July 11th – August 12th.

"It was so nice to see so many kids take advantage of this month-long camp with the nice amenities of Colonial Park so their parents can work without worry. Thank you to the dedicated YMCA camp counselors and our Somerset County Commissioners for sponsoring. About 20 children from Manville attended and participated in the daily activities."

Daily activities included:

- STEM
- Arts & Crafts
- Sports & Games
- Nature Walks
- Mini-golf
- Splash Pad
- Literacy
- Summer Learning
- Loss Prevention
- Social Emotional Learning
- Team Building
- Character Devel.



Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity Opens Application Process for Affordable Veteran Home in Somerville

Bedminster, NJ (July 20, 2022) Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity (RV Habitat) is thrilled to announce that we are officially accepting applications from Veteran households for a new, moderate-income Habitat home in Somerville, NJ.

Located on Grove Street, the ranch-style home will have two bedrooms, one bathroom, and about 1200 square feet. The price is \$150,000.

"We are so excited to begin the selection process for our very first Veteran household," says RV Habitat Executive Director Melissa Flynn. "Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity believes everyone deserves a safe place to live. This is especially crucial for our

Veteran community, who has given so much to protect that safety." The Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity homeownership program offers an opportunity to purchase an affordable home with no down payment and a zero-percent mortgage.

Homeowners are selected through an extensive application process. In addition to committing to regular mortgage payments, selected applicants contribute between 250 and 500 "sweat equity" hours, working on the construction site and at the Habitat ReStore, completing financial literacy training, and contributing to Habitat's work in the office and community.

Habitat homes are truly community projects. Volunteers and generous donors fuel every step--from funding to planning, building to homeowner support.

If you are part of a Veteran household and are interested in applying for an RV Habitat home, or if you would like more information visit www.rvhabitat.org/apply-now/ or call Jessica Abbott at 908-704-0016, ext. 117.

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Manville's New Economic Development Committee (EDC) Is Working to Help Downtown

Manville's Business District lives in the heart of our downtown, and the Manville Economic Development Committee has specific goals to enhance its growth and vibrancy.

The Manville Economic Development Committee (EDC) was established by a resolution of the Borough Council on December 20, 2020 to help attract and encourage economic prosperity within the Borough. In simplest terms, it is a group of local business owners, residents, and volunteers committed to supporting established businesses while promoting occupancy of vacant commercial sites in Manville. The EDC does not make final decisions on approvals of new businesses, but rather works with the Borough Council to revitalize the downtown district through streetscape ("the look and feel of the street") and the stimulation of pedestrian traffic.

The EDC has two immediate goals. The first is to establish a communication network with existing business owners so that networking and collaboration is efficient, easy, and effective. On September 13, 2022 at 6 pm, the EDC will host its first Meet & Greet at the Manville Library. Local businesses are

invited to discuss ways to work together to create a positive, economically-viable business community in Manville. Through open exchange and shared aspirations, the Borough hopes that the committee would become a permanent structure, such as a Chamber of Commerce.

The second objective is to highlight the Borough as a desirable place to locate a business. At September's Meet and Greet, Van Cleef Engineering will present the Rehabilitation Plan for South Main Street and clearly articulate the Borough's vision of a reimagined downtown that serves as the social, cultural and economic heart of the Borough. When successfully implemented, Manville's strategic location, walkability, and affordable commercial real estate should prove attractive to small and mid-scale businesses now that work-from-home is here to stay.

The establishment of the EDC underscores the Borough's commitment to making Manville a vibrant and prosperous community, with attractive streets and high-quality businesses. The EDC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Manville Library, and welcomes constructive community input.

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son is really sure this is for him, the purchase of a scout uniform shirt** is appropriate.

Aug. 18 - Pack and Troop Pool Party/recruiting event Date/time/location TBD

For more information or general question please call (908) 725-1025 and leave a message. We don't answer the phone until we know who is calling. But we would love to talk to you about scouting!!

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slow, uneventful summer. The good news is that lawns don't need to be mowed as often, saving residents work and money. It also means that our DPW is able to catch up with summertime maintenance work apart from mowing public spaces. They have been busy as beavers lately, keeping our streets swept, parks mulched, street & crosswalk markings freshly painted, etc. Please remember to give DPW Director Vince and his team a word of thanks as they continue to keep Manville picked up and pretty on a daily basis.

Borough Hall restoration work has been completed!! Paint and finish work are complete and we have reopened the former courtroom for public Mayor and Council meetings. The rest of the ground-floor office space will be reopened as the long-delayed office furniture is delivered later this month/September to make the municipal complex whole again.

Do Not Knock Registry

The Borough of Manville established the Do Not Knock Registry in November of 2016 when it revised the guidelines for licensing of door-to-door peddlers and solicitors. Ordinance #2016-1178 provided for stricter guidelines for peddler's licenses to protect residents. To be put on the Do Not Knock Registry one simply needs to contact the Clerk's office at 908-725-9478 Ext. 103 or via email at WBarras@manvillenj.org. Their address will remain on the list until such time the resident would like to have it removed. When a peddler or solicitor is granted a license from the Borough, they receive a copy of the registry. However, unfortunately if a vendor doesn't file for the proper license, they would not be aware of the Registry. If a vendor comes to your door, a resident has the right to ask to see a copy of their solicitor license from the Borough. Should a solicitor become harassing or intimidating in anyway, the Borough recommends contacting the non-emergency number of the Police Department, 908-725-1900 for assistance. Please be advised this registry does not apply to religious or political persons or groups. As this article goes to print, there are no current Solicitor's Licenses that have been issued by the Borough.

Save Lives



We look forward to seeing our residents in person again not only for public meetings, but for all municipal services. Please keep an eye on our Borough website for the final 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! Our opening hours are M-F from 9-5 to get your business done.

Cole Chapkowski and Colin Weber Earn Eagle Scout



Cole Chapkowski has earned the rank of Eagle Scout on April 27, 2020. Coles' project was to make improvements to the Bocce Ball Court located at Memorial Park and by building a bench and sign for the Bocce Ball Court that can be enjoyed by the community.

Colin Weber has earned the rank of Eagle Scout on August 15, 2022. Colin's project was the construction of a Gaga Pit at Memorial Park that can be enjoyed by the children of the community.

The highly coveted rank of Eagle Scout consists of many hours working with diligence and sacrificing other pleasures are required. Proclamation's were read into the public record at the August 15, 2022 Council meeting. Congratulations, Cole and Colin!



DPW News



Keeping Our Sewer Lines Clear

To keep our sewer lines clean, the Department of Public Works routinely conducts Sewer Jetting on all lines. This routine service in Manville has been occurring for over 40 years. We appreciate your continued cooperation as we maintain our critical infrastructure.

What is Sewer Jetting?

High-pressure water jetting, also referred to as "hydro-jetting" and "jetting", is a non-invasive process that forces water through a series of flexible hoses into sewer lines. The high pressure jetting can break up and flush out deposits that are blocking the sewer lines like sediment, grease, hair, mineral build-up, tree roots and debris. This process allows us to keep our sewer infrastructure clear and working properly.

Will this cause a mess in my residence?

With high pressure water being forced through a series of sewer lines, some smaller than others. As jetting is taking place, gurgling within your toilets can occur - this is normal and should not cause any concern.



Mayor and Council Request Financial Aid Due to Hurricane Ida

The Borough was hit hard with the adverse financial effects of the storm last year. The State has only one extra-ordinary aid program to help towns in financial distress. For the last four budget cycles, we did not receive any increase in our municipal aid amount. We used much of our budget surplus this budget cycle to cut the property tax increase in half. The \$600,000 awarded will be used to replenish our budget reserves for next year's budget.

Municipality	Amount Requested	Award Amount
Atlantic City	\$2,035,824	\$2,035,824
Camden	\$18,955,000	\$18,955,000
Manville	\$2,000,000	\$600,000
Penns Grove	\$550,000	\$550,000
Salem	\$1,658,000	\$1,658,000
Seaside Heights	\$730,809	\$730,809
Paterson	\$17,809,625	\$17,810,000



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session 3: 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.
session 4: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

at the Manville Library branch parking lot

Registration is required.
Visit SCLSNJ.org for more information.

HORSE VISIT



September 13 | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
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House lifting basics

August 2022

Tribar Services has lifted over 200 homes all over New Jersey. The lifting takes the home out of harms way from flooding, while adding value to the house. The first question asked is how much to lift the house. Lifting a house ranges from \$15,000 to \$50,000. For a complete job, including the items mentioned below, total cost can range from \$60,000 to over \$100,000. ICC funding of \$30,000 is available to customers with flood insurance. The actual lift is just the beginning of the process. Keep reading below for the steps involved.



Step 1: Engineering: This will consist of a property survey, elevation certificate, and lift and foundation plan. The foundation plan will also include information on your new stairs, flood vents, supports, openings, just to name a few. These items are required for the work to begin, and an accurate price to be given for your project. This paperwork will help you identify how high your house needs to go per FEMA requirements. Most BFE (Base flood elevations are 4 to 5 feet. To have the greatest protection and lowest flood insurance you need to be 3 feet above the BFE for your area. The approximate cost for the initial elevation certificate and survey is between \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Step 2: Permit requirements: Each town has different requirements for the permits. You will need to have a completed engineer plan for the lift and foundation detail, and elevation certificate, and a survey. In addition to this you will need to disconnect the utilities to your home.

Step 3: Permit application: You and your contractor will apply for the required permits to complete the job. House lift work starts when you have the approved permit. The average permit cost is based on your town and the cost of the project. Budget around \$1,400 - \$1,800 for permits. This is based on previous permit experiences.

Step 4: House lifting: The lifter will prepare the house for the lift (ex remove landscaping, make holes in foundation, separate the house from foundation, etc.) This is usually included in the lift price, but not all house lifters are the same. It is important to ask every question you have, even if you think it is silly. They will then lift the house to be able to install the new foundation.

Step 5: Foundation: Basement or crawl space will have be filled to meet the outside grade. A concrete slab will be installed and your new foundation wall be constructed to the height per your architect or engineer plans. Openings will be left for flood vents, door, window as per the plans.

Step 6: House set-down: Set down the house and attach to the foundation. It will be attached using anchor bolts or straps as required per your plan.

Step7: Stairs, utilities, etc.: You will need to have stairs installed and reconnect all your utilities. This is something most house lift or masons will not be able to do. It is very important to ask about additional work that is required for you to be able to move back home again.

Tribar Services is a full service house lift contractor and can lift your house and set it down in approximately 1 month. Other companies turn around times varies. Utility disconnects are also varied and out of the control of the contractor, but we suggest planning to be out of your house for 3-4 months.

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The Arts on Division Fall Festival 2022

Festival Joins the Jazz Fest on Sunday, September 11

Somerville, NJ – The annual Arts on Division (AOD) sponsored “Art All Day” will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 beginning at 1:00 P.M. on West Main Street between Maple and Division Streets in Somerville. The Festival will be presented as along with the annual Central Jersey Jazz Fest.

Local artists will be creating and selling original works, live music will be available all day, and art activities for children will be presented.

The Jazz Fest, held on East Main Street between North Bridge and Grove Streets, will feature The Dizzy Gillespie Afro-Latin Experience, Curtis Lundy & Emoja Ensemble, and Lezlie Harrison Quartet, with additional performances by TD/NJPAC Jazz for Teens

The Artisan Market will offering jewelry, paintings, drawings, photographs, ceramics, woodwork, art clothing, and a variety of other unique artworks.

Participating artists include Susan Amann, Susan Antin,



Bags by Isabel Couture will be available at Art All Day on East Main Street Somerville on Sunday September 11, 2022

Lisette Bedoya, Dana Benner, Jean Best, Jim Brady, Courtney Brancato, Dominique Brancato, Adrian Collazo, Celia Connaire, Tracy Coon, Dally’s Mom, Damien Dodds, Leslie Floyd, Victor Fuentes, Andrea Gianchiglia, Mackenzie Grace, Lisa Hirsch, Keiko Inouye, Bernard James, Isabel Lacouture, Casey Lynch, Gina Marquardt, Valerie Martin, Michelle Ortiz, Victoria Ramirez, Irix Screen, Helen Stubbs, Linda Tokarz, Margaret Turner, Bob Yurochko, Chalk Artists, The Day de DaDa Collective, Street Painters: Leo Alban, Alejandro Medina, Leon Rainbow, Aldo Sanchez, Children’s Art Workshop, Create your own T-Shirt, Demos by Frontline Arts, Claymore Vets and Center for Contemporary Art

Additionally, visitors will be able to dine on food from many of Somerville’s fine restaurants.



Arts On Division is a New Jersey Non-Profit 501c3 corporation
For information on Art All Day and the Artisan Market, visit www.artsondivision.com, <https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleAOD/> or email Susan Antin at susanantin@verizon.net. Information on the Central Jersey Jazz Fest is available at www.centraljerseyjazzfestival.com.

The Art and Jazz Festivals are sponsored by Arts on Division and the Downtown Somerville Alliance.

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Local Student Isabella Baute Arboleda, Receives National Honor

Atlanta, GA – The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced student Isabella Baute Arboleda from Manville, NJ, has been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS Co-founder and President James W. Lewis.

“On behalf of NSHSS and our co-founder Claes Nobel, a member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, I am honored to recognize the hard work, passion and commitment that Isabella has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence,” said Lewis. “Isabella is now a member of a unique community of scholars – a community that represents our very best hope for the future.”

NSHSS members automatically become lifetime members at the time of their initial membership. Each step along the way – from high school to college to career – NSHSS connects outstanding young scholars with the resources they need to develop their strengths and pursue their passions.

Formed in 2002 by James W. Lewis and Claes Nobel, member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, the National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and helps to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study, and peer networks. Currently there are more than 1,700,000 members in over 170 countries. For more information about NSHSS visit www.nshss.org.

Tiny Art Show at the Montgomery Branch

Last month, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey’s (SCLSNJ) Montgomery branch asked residents, “What does community mean to you?”

Residents, ages 4 through adult, were then provided tiny art canvases and the encouragement to use any arts medium to answer this question.

“The Tiny Art Show offered the Montgomery staff a clean canvas from which to get to know our community anew,” said Manny Miracle, adult services department supervisor. “It sparked conversation between our staff and customers of all ages as well as many conversations around the dinner table. Diversity, open space, helping hands, and open hearts were shared in multiple vibrant canvases.”

Continued Miracle, “The Tiny Art Show is both reflective and aspirational in that not only does the art showcase what our wonderfully diverse and creative community looks like but how our community wishes to see itself moving forward.”

The canvases will remain on display through August 31, 2022. The Montgomery branch is located at 100 Community Drive in Skillman. To learn more, call (908) 458-8430 or email montgomery@sclibnj.org.



Best friends, Srishti and Divya, 12, collaborated on their Tiny Art Show piece - creating one larger canvas out of their two smaller canvases.



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