

Manville's News

A New Beginning with a Proud Past



Mayor Onderko's Corner

Richard M. Onderko Mayor Borough of Manville

We begin the New Year looking towards the future to accomplish the goals and objectives we set to benefit Manville taxpayers and residents. The property tax crisis in New Jersey, and especially here in Manville, is still on everyone's mind. The Mayor and Council will continue to work hard to stabilize the municipal tax rate and try to balance the 2017 budget.

Looking back for a moment, a major accomplishment during 2016 was the acquisition of over \$500,000 in grants and aid to help reduce the property tax burden and make improvements to our town. We will continue to be aggressive in seeking much needed aid for our Borough from all available sources during 2017.

The governing body is organized into 6 committees on an annual basis, each with their defined roles and responsibilities. The committees meet monthly and as needed to address issues confronting our Borough. Three council members serve on each committee with each member of council chairing one committee and serving on two others. The responsibilities and membership of each committee can be found on our Borough's website: www.manvillenj.org.

Work has already begun on developing a five-year capital plan to highlight areas of need down the road. Like the old saying goes, "Failing to plan is planning to fail." I can assure the residents of Manville we will remain focused on issues of importance to improve the quality of life in our community and that proper planning will be a key element to our success. Some of our top goals and objectives for 2017 will be for the old Rustic Mall superfund site to begin redevelopment with a plan that benefits all parties and rejuvenates our town center and small business district. The new plans may include one and two bedroom luxury apartments, limited commercial space and some low income senior housing. The redevelopment site was cleaned to residential standards and has already been removed from the superfund national priority list in 2014. After two 5 year review studies conducted by the EPA, the annual monitoring of ground water will now continue every other year due to no detected changes in contamination levels found. That is very good news.

Residential sidewalk improvement work will continue around our grammar schools with the use of Community Block Grant funds to help ensure that students walk safely to and from school. Plans for safety improvements

to Main Street pedestrian crossings will begin development in 2017 with construction scheduled for 2018. This work will be paid for by a Transportation Trust Fund grant and coordinated by Somerset County engineering since our Main Street is a County owned roadway.

Our flood mitigation efforts will continue in 2017 as we begin work on a FEMA flood planning grant to catalog our flood zones and focus on public outreach to benefit our rating in the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS rating for our Borough is currently a 7 and we are determined to achieve a 5 rating which would give property owners who carry flood insurance a 25% discount on policy premiums. Today our discount is 15%.

The FEMA generator is now housed at the Borough's OEM building on its mobile trailer. The generator was the result of a FEMA grant. In addition, the Borough and the Veterans of Manville executed a three-year agreement for the sheltering of Manville's residents in case of emergency. The agreement with the Veterans also includes the expectation that the Borough will be able to transport the generator to the VFW Hall on Washington Avenue where a transfer switch will allow for an emergency power source.

We will continue to apply for FEMA "non-disaster" aid as we have done in 2016 for any homeowner seeking a voluntary buy-out or elevation that is a classified repetitive loss or severe repetitive loss policy holder. This is a national grant program that is competitive in nature and based on need. In 2016, we applied for 8 homeowners who qualified for the program. At some point during 2017, we will receive word if any funds will be made available.

We will be updating the Somerset County Hazard Mitigation Plan to include new projects that will hopefully be federally funded to allow for the future relocation of Fire Company Number 1 and our Rescue Squad buildings to higher ground along with our DPW garages and equipment storage areas. We will also be asking for flood protection for our sewage pump station, an access staircase to our OEM building, and 2 additional flood sirens.

The Raritan and Millstone River Flood Commission will continue to seek funding for smaller projects to help lower flood waters in our Borough. Unfortunately, we may never receive funding for a large Army Corps of Engineers' project consisting of levees and flood walls as seen in Bound Brook. We can remain hopeful that smaller projects will be effective in lowering water levels in various sections of town.

Other topics and items on our work schedule for 2017 include work to codify our Borough ordinances and develop an ordinance book with electronic access. In addition, our tax maps need updating from paper to electronic format. Labor negotiations are ongoing and both the PBA and DPW Teamsters contracts should be settled in the first quarter of 2017.

We are looking forward to a productive year and we will keep everyone informed of our progress via the Community News and our Borough's website. I think we can all agree that there is plenty of important work to be accomplished to move Manville forward.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2017.

Mayor Richard M. Onderko



The MAC is ringing in the New Year with some great art programming!

This January, join us at the Manville Branch of SCLS for New Year, New Leaf, New Page.

Building on the success of our November fiction writing workshop, the MAC will be initiating an ongoing Writers' Workshop to provide support and encouragement to local writers. This group will provide a comfortable environment in which writers at all levels can share their work and ideas. The participants will determine the direction and content of the workshops, but possibilities include: sharing and critique of excerpts from ongoing projects; on-site writing from prompts; the discussion of mentor texts; and timed free writing practice. The group will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month beginning January 26th, 2017.

Group facilitator is Beth Borrus, a local educator who studied writing at UCSD and Naropa University....Or if drawing is your thing, check out our latest contest!

Call for Entries - The MAC is publishing a coloring book and we need your help. Design a Coloring Book page! We will be picking 20 of the best designs on, "What Art Means to Me or My Favorite Things." Here is some inspiration: Pets-Animals, Flowers-Nature, Tattoo, or Artistic Impression-Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Impressionism, Dali, Van Gogh. Submit a black and white drawing - 8.5" x 8.5" paper or digitally to ManvilleArts@gmail.com or the Manville Library. The contest is open to artists of all ages. Enter as many designs as you like. For more information on the MAC, visit our website at www.manvillearts.org.

Heather Ball
President

Borough Honors 50-Year Volunteers



Pictured L to R: Mayor Richard Onderko, David Mroz, Tom Matyk, and Tom Wood.

On Monday, December 12th, the Borough of Manville Mayor and Council honored three volunteer members of the Manville Fire Department. All three members were recognized for serving 50 years with the Fire Department. The Mayor and Council read three proclamations and expressed their gratitude to these volunteers for their dedication of time, knowledge and skills selflessly given over the course of the fifty years.

The Tax Appeal Process

In last month's Manville's News, we discussed property reassessments and why they are necessary. This month, we will discuss what homeowners can do if they believe their property has been improperly assessed.

All property owners receive a green post card early in February which notifies them of the assessed value of their property. If a property owner feels that the assessment of their property is too high, they have the right to file an appeal. Instructions to file an appeal are located on the back of this post card.

The appeal process allows the property owner the opportunity to show what they consider the proper value of their property through the use of comparable sales or an appraisal. The deadline to file an appeal for 2017 is April 1, 2017. Since April 1st falls on a Saturday, the deadline will be extended to the end of the business day Monday April 3, 2017.

All applications must be submitted to the Somerset County Tax Board along with the filing fee. Copies must be provided to the Manville Assessor's office and the Manville Borough Clerk.

An appeal application can be found online on the Somerset County Website at: www.co.somerset.nj.us/government/affiliated-agencies/tax-board.

Applications are also available in person at the Somerset County Tax Board located at:

27 Warren Street - Somerville, NJ 08876
(908) 541 - 5701
or at the Manville Borough
Tax Assessor's Office:
325 North Main Street - Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 725 - 9478

From the Emergency Management Director

Manville's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for the creation of plans that reduce vulnerability to hazards in addition to coping with disasters (both natural and manmade). Disaster management does not avert or eliminate the threats; instead, it focuses on creating plans to decrease the effect of disasters. A failure to create a plan could lead to a loss of life, lost revenue, and damage to assets. Examples of events covered by disaster management include acts of terrorism, fire, natural disasters (such as earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding etc.), public disorder, industrial accidents, and communication failures.

The Office of Emergency Management responds to emergencies by focusing on five specific areas of concern for each type of disaster: prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Prevention focuses on preventing the human hazard, primarily from potential natural disasters or terrorist attacks. Preventive measures are taken to provide permanent protection from disasters. Not all disasters, particularly natural disasters, can be prevented, but the risk of loss of life and injury can be mitigated. Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters.

Preventive or mitigation measures take different forms for different types of disasters. In flood-prone areas, houses can be built on poles/stilts. In areas prone to prolonged electricity black-outs, installation of a generator ensures continuation of electrical service.

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From The Emergency Management Director

Preparedness is focusing on organizing equipment and procedures for use when a disaster occurs. This equipment and these procedures can be used to reduce vulnerability to disaster, to mitigate the impacts of a disaster, or to respond more efficiently in an emergency.

Response is the phase of an emergency that may commence with Search and Rescue operations. In all cases, the focus will quickly turn to fulfilling the basic humanitarian needs of the affected population. This assistance may be provided by local, national, or international agencies and organizations. Effective coordination of disaster assistance is often crucial, particularly when many organizations respond and the local emergency management agency (LEMA) capacity has been exceeded by the demand or diminished by the disaster itself.

Recovery phase starts after the immediate threat to human life has subsided. The immediate goal of the recovery phase is to bring the affected area back to normalcy as quickly as possible.

Manville's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is operated by a Director and three Deputies. All positions of the Office of Emergency Management are part-time. The OEM building is located at 60 South Weiss Street within the Borough of Manville.

"Members Wanted!"

The Manville Volunteer Fire Department is looking for dedicated men and women to expand our membership. If you enjoy helping people, you will find that volunteer firefighting is a very rewarding experience and an excellent way to give back to the community. The firefight-



ing family in this country contains over 1 million members. Over 70% of all fire fighters in this country are volunteers. Once you become part of the Manville Fire Department family, you will experience the exceptional camaraderie that exists in the fire service and will become part of a new family for life.

To be eligible to become a member, you must be: a resident of the Borough of Manville or employed within the Borough of Manville, at least 18 years of age, pass required health & physical screenings along with other minimum requirements. The Manville Fire Department will consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability or veteran status as well as any other legally protected status.

Any young woman or man between the ages of 14 and 17 who is interested in learning about the Fire Department can do so by joining the Junior Firefighters. Please contact Camplain Volunteer Fire Company #2 for more information.

All training, uniforms and equipment are provided at no cost to members. Some benefits of being a member of the Manville Volunteer Department include community college tuition reimbursement and a LOSAP retirement account. Stop by or call any of our firehouses to find out more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Manville Volunteer Fire Company #1
South 3rd Avenue

Phone - (908) 707-9877

Camplain Volunteer Fire Company #2
South 13th Avenue & Washington Avenue

Phone - (908) 526-0439

North End Volunteer Fire Company #3
North 8th Avenue

Phone - (908) 526-0403

Recreation News

Manville Harvest Fair 2016

Manville celebrated its first Harvest Fair in October! Residents were able to choose from a variety of activities including scarecrow making, pumpkin decorating, pie eating contests, fall arts and crafts and many more! The event was held at the Manville Public Library and sponsored by the Manville Recreation Department, Roosevelt PTA and Weston PTA. Several local vendors joined us including Main Street Gym, Frank's Pizza and Little Gym. Special thanks to all the organizations who helped to make this happen - Manville Library, Roosevelt, Weston, ABIS & MHS PTA's, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Manville Music Organization & Manville DPW. Also- a HUGE shout out to all our volunteers including MHS Key Club & ABIS Student Council!



Harvest Fair Coordinators: Jen Colucci, MaryAnn Wilczek, Amy Van Buren, Stephanie Cornelison, Nan Peterson, Jean Weber & Michelle Danysh



Amy Van Buren & daughter Abby enjoy their time together at the Manville Harvest Fair.

New Mural Displayed at Borough Hall



Weston Art Teacher, Ms. Amy Ohlson, collaborated with her 2nd and 3rd grade art classes to design a beautiful "Fish Mural". The mural is currently being displayed at Borough Hall. The Borough will be displaying artwork from the Manville schools throughout the year!



The Grzywacz children of Manville with Santa at Manville's Tree Lighting Ceremony December 3, 2016.



Manville Police Department

For the month of November, several officers of the Manville Police Department participated in "No Shave November." This event was held to raise money for families currently fighting, or who have experienced, a loss from cancer. Each Officer had sponsors who were gracious enough to donate to this cause. One hundred percent of the proceeds were donated to The Nick Magos Cancer Callout LLC fund.



Bottom Row: Kneeling: Sgt. Paul Meixner, Lt. Thomas Herbst, Ptlm. Sebastian Szelag
Back Row: Ptlm. Nicholas Franzoso, Ptlm. Todd Widitz, Sgt. Ronald Gazaway, Det. William Sampson, Sgt. Craig Jeremiah, Ptlm. John Granahan, Det. David Sheffrin, Ptlm. Richard Canuso.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS

Non-Emergency.....908-725-1900

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Non-Emergency.....908-725-1900

Manville School District.....908-231-8500

Mayor's Office.....908-725-9478 x 103

Board of Education.....908-231-8500

Borough Clerk.....908-725-9478 x 103

Public Works Garage.....908-725-5512

Building & Zoning.....908-725-9478 x 117

Health Department.....908-725-9478 x 114

Tax Assessor.....908-725-9478 x 109

Tax Collector.....908-725-9478 x 120

Treasurer.....908-725-9478 x 125

Recreation.....908-725-9478 x 121

Library908-722-9722

POISON CONTROL.....1-800-222-1222

The Borough of Manville Adopts an Abandoned Properties Ordinance



The Borough of Manville recently adopted Ordinance # 2016-1173 providing for the registration of vacant and abandoned properties within the Borough. Abandoned properties take their toll on the surrounding neighborhood by bringing down the value of the properties around them. Neighborhood decline is one of the consequences of abandoned properties in a neighborhood. In addition, there is a high correlation between vacant and abandoned properties and incidents of crime and a degradation of the quality of life for the remaining residents.

The Borough recognizes the impacts and costs associated with abandoned properties and authorized the creation of the Borough of Manville Abandoned Properties List (N.J.S.A. 55:19-55) and adopted the New Jersey Abandoned Property Rehabilitation Act (N.J.S.A. 55:19-78 et seq.) The Ordinance provides for the registration of vacant or abandoned properties such that, (the owner of any vacant property shall within 30 days after the building becomes vacant property or

within 30 days after assuming ownership of the vacant property) whichever is later, file a registration statement for each such vacant property within the Borough of Manville. Further, any Borough resident, business owner or other interested party may make a written request to the Borough Administrator and the Public Officer. The written request must include the street address and block and lot number of the property to be included and the grounds for its inclusion. The Public Officer shall provide a written response to the party within 30 days of the request indicating that the property will be added to the Abandoned Properties List or, if not, the reasons for not adding the property to the listing.

Owners of Borough of Manville vacant and abandoned property are required to enclose and secure the building against unauthorized entry and shall maintain the lawn and yard which is to include regular grass cutting. Mail and newspapers are to be properly discontinued and property shall be winterized by the cessation of water service to the property and the draining of water lines (other than buildings with a fire sprinkler system). Gas and electric utilities are to also be ceased (other than for buildings with a fire sprinkler system).

Owners that do not comply will face significant penalties and fines which shall be recoverable from the owners and a lien shall be placed on the property. For additional details on the Borough's Abandoned Property Ordinance or for a copy of the Ordinance, please contact the Zoning Department at 908-725-9478 extension 118.

Thank You to Councilwoman Susan Asher



At the Mayor and Council December 12th meeting, Councilwoman Susan Asher was presented with a beautifully engraved crystal award and thanked her for her fifteen years of service as a Councilwoman in the Borough of Manville. During her fifteen years on Council, Susan Asher served as Council President from 2006 through 2010 and was Chairperson of each of the Council Committees, most recently, the Public Safety Committee. Councilwoman Asher has also been Liaison to the Recreation Committee and she is a member of Friends of the Library and an Associate Member of the Manville First Aid and Rescue Squad.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017

- Keep a look out for registrations starting in January for Senior Fitness Classes. We will be offering Zumba, Chair Aerobics, Low Impact Chair Aerobics and Chair Yoga. All classes are held at the Manville Library.
 - We will also be offering dance classes for youth ranging in ages 18 months thru 14 years. All classes are held at Main Street Dance.
 - We will be offering our second session of the Art Connections Camp in February. It is held at the Manville Library. This class will be for grades 4th - 8th.
 - Spring Sports Registrations for T-Ball, Softball and Soccer will start in February.
- All information will be posted on our website www.manvillenj.org. Sign up for the newflashes and stay current on our towns programs and events.

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Two Manville Businesses Provide Holiday Cheer to Families in Need



Back Row: Mayor Richard Onderko
Front Row, L to R: Maria Arena (owner of Allure Hair Studio), Milagros Nittoli, Derek Nittoli (owners of Nittoli's Deli), Isabella Leonardis, and Brandon Powell

Gifts and gift cards in excess of \$3,000 were donated by Allure Hair Studio, their clients, and Canal Walk.



Pictured front to back: Stefania Leonardis, Milagros Nittoli and Isabella Leonardis.

Mayor Richard Onderko offered his thanks to the businesses for this beautiful act of charity to families in need within the community. Many thanks to Allure Hair Studio and Nittoli's Deli for their generosity and hard work! Allure Hair Studio is owned and operated by Neil and Maria Arena and Nittoli's Deli is owned and operated by Derek and Milagros Nittoli.



Manville residents are treated to a feast of baked ziti, sausage & peppers and much more!

On Sunday, December 11th, Allure Hair Studio and Nittoli's Deli of Manville sponsored their second annual dinner for families in need. With help from the Sacred Heart Church in Manville, Allure Hair Studio and Nittoli's invited over fifty Manville residents to this special event.

The meal, consisting of turkey, sausage and peppers, baked ziti, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and more was prepared and served by Nittoli's and Allure Hair Studio. Dinner rolls were donated by J & L Bakery of Manville. Dessert and coffee was also served in the Allure Hair Studio and Santa stopped by to visit with the children.

From the Desk of the Public Works Director

The Department of Public Works provides a wide range of services to the municipality. Visit Manville's website for more information. Go to www.manvil-lenj.org > Borough Services > Department of Public Works. Posted on the Calendar of Events on the home page are the pick up dates of the various services and their guidelines.

Winter Event Preparation

By: Vince LoMedico, Director of Public Works

"What are those white lines seen on the road before a snow event?" It is called "brine," which is a mixture of water and rock salt. Less than a quarter of the mixture is rock salt that is sprayed on dry roadways up to 48 hours before an anticipated snow event. This pre-treatment gets into the tiny crevices of the road, dries and acts as a barrier that stops the snow and ice from bonding with the pavement. Rock salt applied to dry roads does not stay put very long; instead, it bounces around and traffic causes it to be pushed to the curb line thus not being effective.

Cost savings is one of the benefits of brine; because brine begins working immediately on all the treated roads at the first snowflake, safety measures for motorists are provided in a timely manner. DPW employees can then be dispatched to other critical storm issues like plowing operations. Motorists are strongly urged to always take the utmost caution when operating a vehicle in any winter precipitation event including keeping a safe distance behind any salt or brine truck.

During anticipated snow events, the Department of Public Works will issue status notices to the residents through the Code Red



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One of DPW's Salt Trucks with a capacity of 10 tons of rock salt.

reverse phone call system. These notices can also be received on your cell phone, to your e-mail or by text. If you are not already receiving these notices, go to the Manville website and click on "Code Red" and enroll to be kept informed of any emergency situation or critical community alert.



Roosevelt School Holiday Concert

The Roosevelt School Concert was held at the Manville High School auditorium in Manville, Thursday evening, December 8, 2016 at 7:00pm. Excitement filled the auditorium as the Roosevelt School Band filed in carrying their instruments. Fourth and Fifth graders, some who have just picked up their instruments for the first time this October, played for a packed audience. Mr. Longstreet, Roosevelt's Band Director, surprised us all, joining the beginner and advanced group of players for the first time playing "Jingle Bells."

After the instrumental portion of the concert, Mr. Espineira, the Roosevelt School Chorus Director and Music Teacher, took the reigns as the Fourth Grade Class climbed the risers and sang their hearts out to holiday tunes



including: "Winter Wonderland." "Silver Bells." and "Feliz Navidad." Their sweet voices filled the air and brought much joy to family and friends. With motion and voice, the concert finale, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," brought the crowd to their feet. An outstanding performance by all!

Manville Branch Library Manager Recognized for Excellence in Youth Services

Our very own Nanette (Nan) Peterson was recognized on Tuesday, December 13th by the Somerset County Office of Youth Services for the excellence she has shown in providing exemplary youth services at the Manville Public Library. The 2016 Jean and Paul Krauss Award for professional service to Somerset County youth was given to Nan Peterson at the Youth Services Commission Meeting held on December 13th. Nan will also be recognized at a future 2017 Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholder's meeting. Congratulations, Nan!



Manville High School Did you know?

Manville Public School District has partnered with the Manville Public Library to provide greater access and opportunities towards college and career readiness for students and parents at Manville High School. Coming in January 2017: "College Search 101" – This interactive session for students and their parents will show Junior Students at MHS how to research and apply for the colleges of their choice. Sessions will be held at the following dates and times:

- Thursday, January 26, 2017
6:00 p.m. – Manville High School Media Center
- Saturday, January 28, 2017
12:00 p.m. - Manville Public Library

Eagle Scouts Honored by Mayor and Council



At the November 28, 2016 meeting, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manville honored three young men who have been awarded the level of Eagle Scout.

Becoming an Eagle Scout is the highest achievement of the Boy Scouts of America, and only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank. The requirements to become an Eagle Scout take years to fulfill and includes an extensive service project.

Keilor Jousee Chavez cleaned and refurbished equipment for our Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2290, which included equipment used when the Hall becomes an emergency shelter.

Luke X. Drobny marked storm drains to discourage dumping of oil and chemicals.

Matthew I. Drobny cleaned, painted and refurbished portions of the interior of the Manville Public Library.

Congratulations!

Our Outstanding ABIS Academic Students



Congratulations to our ABIS Academic Team who participated in the 2nd annual "Immaculata Scholastica" Tournament at Immaculata High School on November 30, 2016.

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EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Mondays, January 9 & February 13, 2017
6:00-7:45 P.M.**

January: The Dirty Life by Kristin Kimball
February: The Last Letter from Your Lover by JoJo Moyes

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU THROUGH MEDITATION

**Thursday, January 12, 2017
7:30 - 8:30 P.M.**

The New Year is a time to create a clean slate. Through meditation one can benefit in all aspects of life - mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Join Jim Rose, M. Ed Rutgers University, retired executive with Johnson & Johnson and long time meditator who has been meditating for over 30 years for this lively and enjoyable workshop.

He has been inspiring audiences on how to practice and learn this very simple technique. There will even be a little meditation sitting at the end. Join Jim and bring in the joys of a New Year, embarking on a new path.

CLEAR CLUTTER BE HAPPY!

with **Jamie Novak**

**Saturday, January 14, 2017
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.**

Are you putting off getting organized? Learn how to start the New Year off on a clutter-free and happy note!

Clearing the clutter and sorting the stuff can bring you more happiness. If you are ready to dig out from underneath the weight of all the stuff, join organizing humorist and bestselling author Jamie Novak for this one hour event. Join us for this laugh-out-loud funny program to learn:

- An easy plan for what to do first.
- New ways to stop procrastinating.
- Simple ways to finally clear the clutter from your home, mind and life for a truly happy new year!

You may have seen organizer extraordinaire Jamie Novak on HGTV or read one of her best-selling books including her latest "Keep This Toss That."

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Wednesdays, January 18 & February 15, 2017
12:00-1:00 P.M.**

January: Light on Snow by Anita Shreve
February: The Liar by Nora Roberts

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

**Saturday, January 21, 2017
1:30 - 4:00 P.M.**

A Certified Applications Counselor from Zufall Health will be available to answer questions and provide free assistance to enroll in the Affordable Care Act. Find out if you qualify for Medicaid/CHIP or the Marketplace. Please bring the documents on the checklist to expedite the enrollment process.

Please make sure to collect the following information for everyone in the tax-household**.

Proof of Identification:

- Driver license
- Residency/Green Cards
- Work Permits - County ID
- Naturalization/Citizenship Certificates

- Social Security Cards/Numbers
- Any other types of IDs/Visas

Proof of Income

- All employers information (name, address, phone numbers, 2-3 recent pay stubs)
- Previous year's W-2s and/or income tax
- Unemployment benefits forms

- Any other income reported on 2015 income tax return (alimony, IRA distributions, stock income, rental income, etc.)
- Social Security Benefits (survivor/disability/retirement)
- Information about any employer offered health insurance options (name of plan, cost of coverage for the employee, who can be covered under the plan)

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

**Wednesdays, January 25 & February 22, 2017
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.**

Explore a variety of unique and attractive crafting techniques while relaxing with friends. We will supply all the materials required to create a new project each month.

Helping Manville Recover from Storms

**Monday, January 30, 2017 @ Manville Library
7:00- 8:30 P.M.**

Remember Hurricane Irene? Superstorm Sandy? A number of Nor'easters? Somerset County Department of Health is reaching out to Manville residents to discover what health and recovery resources would be most useful to individuals after a flood or storm. Your experiences are valuable, and they can help our department create a program to aid those affected by weather disasters to recover more rapidly from them. To register for the program, please contact: Stacey Legg at 908-203-6072 or legg@co.somerset.nj.us

AARP TAX ASSISTANCE

Starting:

**Thursday, February 2, 2017
11:00 A.M. - 5 P.M.**

BEFORE YOU CAN SAY "JACKIE ROBINSON" BLACK BASEBALL IN AMERICA AND NEW JERSEY IN THE ERA OF IN THE COLOR LINE

**Saturday, February 18, 2017
2:00 - 3:00 P. M.**

This presentation by history professor Dr. Lawrence Hogan includes exhibit materials, as well as selections from the acclaimed video documentary of the same name. The black part of our national game is explored, and the speaker examines in depth the rich relationships that comprised "Blackball" during America's era of segregation. The program will feature a rendition of the unique "Breaking the Line with the Mudville Nine," a Negro League version of "Casey at the Bat" by storyteller, poet and actor Kevin Kane. This narrative poem was first performed in 2013 at the Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame. Kane currently teaches music and performance art at a public school in the South Bronx, just blocks from Yankee Stadium. This program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

CHILDREN AND TEEN PROGRAMS AT THE MANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

a branch of the Somerset County Library System.

TWEEN TIME

**Wednesdays, January 4 & 25
3:30 - 5:30 P.M.**

Join us as we have a little fun and recharge our batteries for the week. What will we do? One week might be a video game tournament while the following week might be popcorn and a movie. This program is open to ages 10-12. No registration required.

MINECRAFT CLUB

**Saturdays, January 7 & February 18, 2017
1:30 - 3:00 P.M.**

Starting in January, Manville Library will host a monthly Minecraft program on our private server. Each month will feature a new map or objective. This club is open to ages 9-13 and registration is required. Individuals with their own PC Minecraft account are asked to use these accounts, since library Minecraft accounts are limited.

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.

ART STUDIO

**Fridays, January 13, 20, & 27
February 10, 17 & 24, 2017
3:30 - 4:15 P.M.**

Children ages 5-8 will learn to use various mediums while developing their drawing skills. We'll explore painting, watercolor, collage, sculpture and more in a relaxing environment where everyone's an artist.

Yu-Gi-Oh! TOURNAMENT

**Saturdays, January 14 / February 11, 2017
1:00 - 4:30 P.M.**

Build your deck, bring your cards and compete at a Yu-Gi-Oh! tournament at the Manville Library! There will be prizes for the finalists. There is no cost to compete, but participants must provide their own cards.

STORY TIME

**Tuesdays, January 17, 24 & 31,
February 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2017
1:15 - 1:45 P.M.**

Stories, music and a craft for preschool children ages 3 1/2 - 5 years old.

LEGO CLUB

**Thursdays, January 19 & 26,
February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2017
4:00 - 4:45 P.M.**

Grade K-5 build with Legos based on a weekly theme.

SENSORY PLAYTIME

**Mondays, January 23 & 30,
February 6, 13, 27 2017
11:00 - 11:30 A.M.**

Sensory play provides many opportunities for children to engage in active learning and experience the world by touching, tasting, smelling, seeing, and hearing. It contributes in crucial ways to brain development. Children from ages 2 to 4 will play, create, investigate and explore with a variety of media during this 6-week program.

LATE NIGHT PAINT NITE

**Friday, January 27, 2017
5:30 - 7:00 P.M.**

AGES 13-18 years

Embrace your inner artist and join us for a fun evening of painting! Our Instructor, Manville High's APG Advisor Christine Zarnowski, will guide you step-by-step through the evening's featured painting and her assistants will ensure that you stay on track to completing your masterpiece by the end of class. There are no mistakes and personal creativity is encouraged! There are no fees for this event. Registration and adult accompaniment is required. Refreshments will be provided.

COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS 101

**Saturday, January 28, 2017
2:00 PM - 4:00 P.M.**

Presenter: Barbara Wichinsky

Does the prospect of selecting a college and going through the admissions process seem overwhelming? Is the terminology confusing? High school sophomores and juniors and their parents should attend this seminar to hear an experienced professional demystify the steps needed to complete a successful search. Join Barbara Wichinsky, M.Ed., former Director of Guidance and Independent Consultant at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 28 at the Manville Library.

Powerful Partners Strengthen Manville's Young Minds

Since 2015, Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's Manville Library branch has worked with the Manville School District to offer students access to the many resources available through the Library System. It makes good sense, as the Library System and School District have common goals, and both hope to foster the love of lifelong learning. Partnering reinforces the idea that, when working together, big differences can be made in the community.

"We are very appreciative that the Manville School District has embraced our Library as a support system," said Nanette Peterson, branch manager at SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch.

"We are conscious of the fact that this is not always the case. From the Superintendent to the teachers and teacher aides, we have a very personal and symbiotic relationship with our local schools."

This relationship includes Library staff bringing "browsing tables" to both Roosevelt and Weston Schools two times each month, a service the Library staff hope to continue. "Initially, the idea was to allow the children to pick a book that interests them to bring home to read," explained Peterson. "We want them to get used to the idea that a Library is a place where you can find something about any topic. We also wanted them to bring the book back to the Library, along with their parents and siblings, so the family might see the growth and changes at our branch."

The benefits go beyond the children. "This very hands-on process of selecting books that we think will be of interest to the children has made us better librarians - we are talking to the children firsthand about what they like -- or don't like -- and this feedback is invaluable," said Peterson. "This has improved our materials selection and the relevance of our collection. It has also increased our visibility in the community. It is the best feeling when a child recognizes us around town."

When teachers contact the Library for age-appropriate materials on specific topics, such as the Three Branches of Government, the Library can respond with a current selection pulled from every branch in the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey, which, in Peterson's words, "Validates why it was beneficial for Manville to join the Library System."

What's more is that SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch, located at 100 S. 10th Avenue, doesn't "just" offer books. The Library also offers a variety of programs to expand young minds.

Mendhi Program



Working with the ABIS and High School media specialists, the Library recently offered a Mendhi program to teens and tweens. They learned about this fascinating cultural art form and had fun while doing it.



Working with Anne Facendo, the Superintendent of Manville Schools, the Library is working to show students

that the "the tassel is worth the hassle." To support this effort, the Library will be hosting a college prep event: College Search Process 101 on Saturday, January 28, 2-4 p.m. High school sophomores and juniors and their parents should attend this seminar to hear an experienced professional demystify the steps needed to complete a successful search. The program will be presented by Barbara Wichinsky, M.Ed., former Director of Guidance and Independent Consultant.

SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch looks forward to continuing to expand the relationship with the School District to continue to make a difference in the lives and minds of Manville's youth. For more information about programs and resources at SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch, call 908-722-9722 or visit SCLSNJ.org.



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