

Manville's News

A New Beginning with a Proud Past

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Mayor Onderko's Corner
Richard M. Onderko, Mayor
Borough of Manville

One of your governing body's greatest responsibilities is approving and regularly monitoring the municipal budget. The 2017 calendar year budget cycle is well underway with budget adoption planned for some time in April. With the on-going property tax crisis in New Jersey, we must vigilantly focus on the "long-term" economic welfare of our community and we have already begun to do so.

Keeping Manville affordable with the challenges we face is a top priority of your Mayor and Council. With an on-going 2014 Blue Acres buyout program removing ratables from our tax rolls, we obviously have to look for ways to save. We have entered into numerous shared services agreements and put spending restrictions in place to help increase our general account balance "carry over amount" every year since 2013. Our town debt currently outstanding is \$7.2 million which has been paid down the past few years.

Each year obligations to fund employee State pensions, health insurance costs, and debt service payments increase. The challenge is to offset those increases with

cost savings to stabilize our municipal tax rate. Municipal tax increases have been \$8 in 2016 and \$24 dollars in 2015 on an average assessed home. We are targeting another low increase for 2017 as we work to balance the municipal budget. Our budget is approximately one-third of the overall annual tax bill.

With regard to funding our schools, the existing formula for determining the amount of State aid received by a school district is clearly not functioning as intended. The Borough's overall "town value" has decreased significantly and the existing school formula is supposed to take that factor into account when determining the "local cost share" of the school's budget. The School Funding Reform Act (SFRA) implemented in 2008 seems to ignore that factor helping make Manville the 8th most underfunded school district in our State. The aid calculation for the 2017-2018 school year only increased by \$328 dollars in total! We receive less in State aid today than we received back in 2010 and our enrollment is up over 100 students.

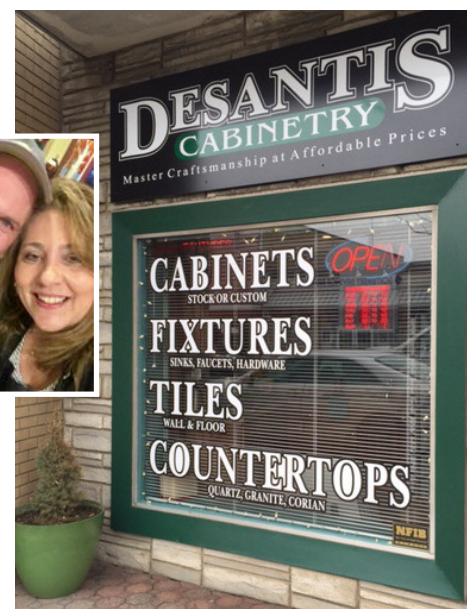
In closing, the school funding issue is still being discussed in Trenton. I have made the leadership in our State's legislature aware of the economic challenges we face here in Manville. One proposal on the table would give Manville \$1 million dollars more in school aid each year for the next 5 years. This would nearly double the amount of State aid we currently receive, help to provide a quality education for our students, and most importantly, help stabilize our property taxes since school funding is over 50% of your tax bill.

The next 100 days are critical starting from when Governor Christie introduced the State's budget in late February. A new school funding fairness formula needs to be implemented which will give more aid to Manville's underfunded school district for the 2017-2018 school year.

Until next month,
 Mayor Richard M. Onderko

Our Local Business SpotLight

DeSantis Cabinetry, 34 S. Main Street, is a local, family-owned and owner-operated company, serving Central New Jersey for over 29 years. We have been awarded "Angie's list super service award" in 2015 for our remodeling services in Manville, NJ. If you work with us, feel confident knowing that your job is our priority. We work on one job at a time as every customer is important to us. We personally assist you through every step of the remodeling process and try to make it as simple as possible for you. You can discuss your needs and budget with us and we'll try to do what we can to make them fit together. Our personnel are professional, respectful, reliable, punctual and courteous. You can depend on us to dedicate our time to your remodeling project until we finish it. Come in to see us at 34 S. Main St. Monday through Friday 10-4 or Saturday 9-12. If you would like an in-home consultation, please feel free to give us a call at 908-707-1114 or stop in to see all the different choices we offer for



your kitchen remodeling project. You can also find us at www.desantiscabinetry.com.

If you would like your business featured in the Business Spotlight, please email abierwirth@manvillenj.org.

Manville First Aid and Rescue Squad Auxiliary Donates \$8K



l to r: Ellen Ours, Ernie Brescia, Shelia Lessing, and Lora Williams

At the February Manville First Aid and Rescue Squad Installation Dinner, the Auxiliary presented the Squad with an \$8,000 donation check from the various fundraisers throughout 2016. These Auxiliary volunteers work tirelessly to make sure our Squad has all they need to keep going.

All-You-Can-Eat Steak Dinner

The next fundraiser will be the **Annual All-You-Can-Eat Steak Dinner at the VFW Post 2290 on April 30th**. Tickets are \$37.50. Dinner is served promptly at 6:00 PM. The meal will be sliced, all-you-can-eat filet mignon dinner. Dinner is followed by raffles and door prizes. Call Sandy at 908-722-3865 or any Auxiliary member for tickets.



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Tax Deduction Information For Manville Residents

The State of New Jersey has Property Tax Deductions available for Veterans, Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons. You may be eligible for one or more of these tax deductions. If you have not already applied, and you meet the requirements, you can pick up an application from your local Tax Assessor, Tax Collector or find it online at the New Jersey State Department of Taxation website.

Property Tax Deductions and Forms:
Go to: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation
Click on: Property Tax Relief
Click on: Other Property Tax Benefits

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze)

2016 Eligibility Requirements*

You must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You were age 65 or older as of December 31, 2015, or, if under age 65, you were actually receiving Federal Social Security disability benefit payments on or before December 31, 2015, and December 31, 2016; and
- You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2005, or earlier, as either a homeowner or a renter; and
- You have owned and lived in your home (or have leased a site in a mobile home park for a manufactured or mobile home that you own) since December 31, 2012, or earlier; and
- You paid the full amount of the 2015 property taxes due on your home by June 1, 2016, and paid the 2016 property taxes by June 1, 2017; and
- Your total annual income for 2015 did not exceed \$87,007* and for 2016 did not exceed \$87,007.* NOTE: With very few exceptions, all income received during the year must be taken into account to determine eligibility (including Social Security, pension income, etc.)

*Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available under this program may be changed by the State Budget. Any changes to the 2016 eligibility requirements will not be finalized until the completion of the State Budget that must be adopted by July 1, 2017.

For Additional Information
Visit our website: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptri/index.shtml
Call the Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline: 1-800-882-6597

Borough Clerk Pattie Zamorski Retires



On April 1, 2017, Patricia Zamorski, officially retired as Borough Clerk/Treasurer for the Borough of Manville. Pattie's long adventure with the Borough of Manville began in 1989 as Administrative Assistant. Pattie wore many hats through her years at the Borough Hall, but mostly, Pattie will be remembered for her kindness, empathy and loyalty and dedication to her fellow co-workers and residents. Pattie's retirement week was officially kicked off on Monday, March 27th when the Mayor read a Proclamation in her honor. Pattie's final day in the office was tough on all who have had the pleasure of working with her. Mementoes for her retirement were presented to Pattie such as socks to darn, jigsaw puzzles to assemble and a cookbook to help her enjoy her newfound gift of time!

The State of New Jersey also has the Property Tax Reimbursement Act (Freeze Act)

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Manville Senior's 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 meeting is April 13.

A representative from St. Peter's University Hospital Community Mobile Health service will be on hand to do blood pressure and blood sugar screening at the April meeting. Please come between 11 am and 11:45 am for the screening. There will be a short talk about heart health prior to the meeting.

Canned goods or non-perishable food items are collected before each meeting. Remember to bring one item per member to help stock the Food Bank.

The club's buffet and movie program will continue on announced dates.

Manville Police Department's Sgt. Jeff Petrone discussed crosswalk rules for cars and pedestrians and reminded everyone to be vigilant while driving on South Main Street during the Royce Brook bridge construction project.

We can be found on Facebook-Manville Senior Citizens. Check out our activities and pictures.

Seniors Trips:

Atlantic City — third Wednesday of the month to Caesar's. Bus leaves VFW at 9 am. Cost is \$35 of which \$30 will be returned. Next trip is April 19. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Ocean City, MD. — Monday, May 8 to Thursday, May 11. Trip includes guided tour of Assateague Island, gaming time at The Casino Ocean Downs, scenic nature cruise aboard the Ocean City Explorer, shopping at Tanger Outlet Center and much more. Cost is \$619 double and \$769 single. Contact Kathy Petrone at 908-526-2948 for information and reservations. All trips, day and overnight are open to the public.

Wednesday, June 14 — trip to Doolans, Spring Lake for Rock and Roll Show. Cost is \$76. Contact Jo Pschar for reservations at 908-722-0156.

Sunday, September 10 to Wednesday, September 14 — trip to Lake George, NY. Tour Lake George, visit Adirondack Winery, Saratoga Springs and much more. Cost is \$585.00 for double and \$745.00 for single. Contact Kathy Petrone for reservations.



First tree plantings of the season! Shade Tree Chairman Jack Kuhlman leads the charge!

MAC ON THE DRAWING BOARD

The Manville Arts Council will be hosting their 2nd Annual Art Expo this May. Join us on May 5th for our Opening Night Reception. This free event is open to the public. For more information visit us at ManvilleArts.org.



Recreation News



2017 INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Congratulations to all our Manville Recreation Instructional Basketball participants – and special thanks to Coach Mandy Coyle and Coach Kristen Somogyi for

making it such a fun program for our future Manville Basketball stars!!

SENIOR FITNESS REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2017 SPRING SESSIONS!

Registrations are open for the following senior fitness classes:

- Chair Aerobics – Fee \$15.00
- Low Impact Chair Aerobics – Fee \$7.50
- Zumba Gold – Fee \$7.50
- Chair Yoga – Fee \$20.00

All classes are held at the Manville Library.

You may register at the Recreation Office or at the Manville Library.

Employment Opportunities

The Manville Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for the following summer employment:

- Staff Positions
- Certified Lifeguard
- CPR Lifeguard
- Camp Supervisor
- Camp Counselor

Applications can be dropped off at the Rec Office located at Borough Hall, 325 N. Main St. Please call (908) 725-9478 Ext. 106 or 121 with any questions.

Manville Shade Tree Commission

The Borough of Manville recognizes trees as an important environmental asset. Their cooling canopies and vibrant colors add significantly to the quality of life in Manville. They are also the original green infrastructure. Trees absorb water, remove harmful substances from the atmosphere and filter storm water runoff, thus compounding their many benefits.

For several years, the Borough of Manville has had an established Board of Shade Tree Commissioners who are working together to achieve Tree City USA status for Manville. The Tree City USA program is a nationwide movement, instituted in 1976, that encourages communities to manage and expand their public trees. Standards must be met to receive this recognition, and Manville is well on its way to fulfilling these requirements.

Arbor Day — April 28

To highlight the importance of trees in our environment, Manville's Shade Tree Commission invites the community to observe *Arbor Day with them on Friday, April 28th at 12 noon at the Manville Library.* In a



brief public ceremony, members of the ABIS Environmental Club will help the Mayor plant trees on the Library grounds. Participants will also enjoy demonstrations and crafts, and leave with a giveaway to complete the celebration.

In the meantime, look for tree plantings throughout the Borough in Spring 2017 that will replace diseased or damaged specimens. These trees will be placed on municipal properties or town right of ways for all to enjoy. Residents may direct questions on tree-related issues to the Department of Public Works at 908-725-5512 x101 or dpw@manvillenj.org.

The current members of the Shade Tree Commission are Philip Petrone, Jack Kuhlman, Al Foeri, Charles Truskowski, David Tarby and Scott Merry. The Borough of Manville would like to recognize and thank these volunteers for their stewardship of a strategic program that improves our community in so many ways.

The Borough of Manville also thanks Mr. Nick Trilone for his years of service on the Shade Tree Commission.

Lastly, the Commission is seeking a new member to join as Secretary. If you are interested contact abierwirth@manvillenj.org.

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From the desk of the Borough Administrator

It is hard to believe half a year has gone by since I first stepped into the Manville Borough Hall on July 11, 2016. I decided that this month's edition of the "News" is a good time to provide the readers a look at the Administrator's role in Borough Hall and the initiatives that I have been involved with since coming on board in July 2016. An Administrator's role is quite different from the role of the elected officials. The Administrator is concerned with the day to day operations of the municipality, finding the optimal staffing performance during lean times, communicating policy initiatives to key staff team members and working closely with the elected officials to make their policy decisions a reality.

Presented below are only a few examples of the more significant initiatives completed in the past few months:

- FY 2016 Budget & Transitional Aid Award
- Active Shooter Training – Borough Hall employees
- Borough Employee Wellness Fair and Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- VFW Agreement for Sheltering and Generator Transfer Switch Installation
- Manville's News local monthly paper initiated
- Manville's 2017 Calendar – expanded content to include all Borough departments
- Rustic Mall Discussions reintiated
- Certified Flood Manager course – Administrator
- Green Infrastructure Improvements and Borough Green Team
- FY 2017 Detailed Budget
- Shared Service Agreement – Restructure of Finance Department
- Section 8 Housing Consultant
- Hiring New Borough Clerk
- Shared Service Agreement – Borough Finance Dept.

Saying "Good-Bye"

It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying farewell to Patricia Zamorski, long-time employee and Borough Clerk for Manville. Pattie retired on April 1st. Pattie will always be a very special part of the Borough of Manville and we all hope she will visit often! Best wishes for a very happy retirement, Pattie!

Andrea Bierwirth
Borough Administrator

A Reminder from Chief Peltack

One Text or Call Could Wreck It All



For anyone who thinks they can talk on their phone, text, apply make-up, or do any other distracting activity while driving, it's time for a crash course in reality from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA):

- In 2014, 3,179 people were killed and approximately 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver. (NHTSA)
- Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times as likely to be involved in a serious crash. (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)
- Ten percent of all drivers 15 to 19 years old involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crashes. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of the crashes. (NHTSA)

While those numbers may sound like just statistics, they're anything but. They could be parents, children, neighbors and friends from right here in Manville. There are too many sad tales of deaths and injuries that could have been prevented had drivers been paying attention to the road instead of someone or something else.

For those who think they can do two things at once, think about this: according to a 2014 article in the New England Journal of Medicine, the risk of a crash among novice drivers increased with the performance of many secondary tasks, including texting and dialing cell phones. Driving is an activity that requires your full attention and focus in order to keep yourself and others safe.

One of the most alarming forms of distracted driving is cell phone usage. According to a study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI), sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 5 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55-mph for the length of an entire football field. The risk of a crash among novice drivers increases with the performance of many secondary tasks, including texting and dialing cell phones.

Yes, this is a national problem, but it also affects us right here in Manville. No one is immune from the dangers of distracted driving.

Gathering STEAM!

Read Across America is a nationwide reading awareness event that arose from a very simple premise – a child motivated to read regularly will have a better chance at academic success, and develop a lifelong love of learning. The teachers and PTA at Weston School have fully embraced this idea, and plan an annual weeklong series of events designed to inform and entertain the children. This year, they asked SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch to kick off the week with an author visit, and the Library



(l-r) Pheobe Vornlocker, Gabby Negron, Ame Dyckman, Austin Totten and Ema Parameritis

was delighted to accommodate them. Award winning children's author Ame Dyckman was the ideal choice. Self-described as loud and mischievous, Dyckman's energy filled the room as she introduced students to her prize-winning books. Sporting blue hair and a unicorn horn, Dyckman read from her hot-off-the-press picture book titled, "You Don't Want a Unicorn."

The teachers also asked if



Library staff could identify guests to model reading to the children on Dr. Seuss's birthday. Manville's Mayor, Borough Administrator, Councilman Petrone, the Director of Recreation and Sports Coordinator, and



Mayor Richard M. Onderko



Councilman Philip Petrone



Jean Weber, Sherri Lynn & Stephanie Cornelison

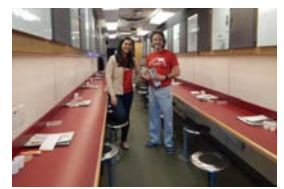
one of Somerset County's Library Commissioners accepted the invitations and moved in and out of classrooms with their favorite books in hand. Questions abound, and the guest readers were kept on their toes explaining concepts like where magma is found and why snakes molt.

The Library had an opportunity to bring the Rutgers Science Bus to ABIS School. Working with science teacher Kara Vredenburg, sixth grade students were brought by groups of 20 into a fully outfitted mobile science laboratory to experience what would happen if there was an infectious disease outbreak.

The most recent collaboration involved a portable planetarium called the StarLab. Manville



Roosevelt Staff Ryan McNully and Kirsten Lonsdorf with Avril Sibaja and her mother Danissa Shuster



Lizahira Rodriguez and Francis Jordan are ready to fight the Outbreak!

resident and Meadowlands Environment Center educator Kirk Weber volunteered his time to facilitate a week-long introduction to the stars for all the children at Roosevelt School. The show was repeated for families, with over 150 people coming out for this novel experience.

A heartfelt thanks to Kirk Weber, Principal Maroun, and the inspiring teachers at Roosevelt School for moving heaven and earth for SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch and our community – literally!

M News from the Manville Public School District

Manville High School Key Club Students Participate in KEEP IT LEGAL Campaign

Manville School District has partnered this year with the Manville Municipal Alliance (MMAC) in a joint effort to combat underage drinking and substance abuse among our youth. On Thursday, March 2, 2017, twelve students from the MHS Key Club met with MMAC Members and Superintendent Anne Facendo at Manville Pizza in order to kick off the "Keep it Legal" campaign. Students assisted the owners of Manville Pizza to build close to 1000 pizza boxes. Each box received multiple neon-green stickers which read: KEEP IT LEGAL: It's illegal to buy alcohol for youth under age 21. The PENALTY is up to 6 months Jail Time + \$1,000 fine. This public service announcement found its way into every home that ordered a pizza from this establishment during the first weekend in March. The aim of this campaign is to raise awareness in the community - adult participation in underage drinking comes at an unpleasant price.

Athletic Milestones

Manville High School honored its Winter Sports participants on March 8, 2017 in a special awards ceremony at Manville High School. Members from Boys and Girls Basketball and MHS Wrestling were honored at the ceremony. Special Honors were received this year by Michael Tile and TJ Caswell (MHS Wrestling) for advancing to the State Finals in Atlantic City on March 3, 2017. MHS Senior Julie Pankowski was recognized for scoring her 1000th point in MHS Girls' Basketball.

SAVE-THE-DATE Right in Our Backyard: The Drug Addiction Epidemic in Suburbia

Wednesday, April 26th 7:00pm-8:30pm

Manville-Hillsborough Elks Lodge

1500 Brooks Boulevard
Hillsborough NJ 08804

Since 2004, more than 6,000 people have died in New Jersey due to heroin. With heroin use in New Jersey tripling national statistics, it is more important than ever for community members to be informed.

Join us for an informative panel presentation with Somerset County Assistant Prosecutor Brian Stack, Lorin Gaffen MA, LPC, LCADC, Rebecca Balaguer Student Assistance Counselor, Lisa Nadine Petit parent, Heather Walton recovery.

Registration is requested but not required. To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/ManvilleTHM>

All participants will be entered into a free drawing to win an Echo Dot that evening. For additional information contact Cindy Britt at 908-285-0834.

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Five reasons nature has a place in community planning

By Elizabeth Schuster, Environmental Economist, The Nature Conservancy

I've only just started working in Manville, but I already know it is a great place to live. How, you might ask? Easy—because so many residents have shared inspiring stories with me about why they chose to live here and why they are passionate about the town's future.

Manville has great character, with a walkable Main Street, thriving local businesses, green parks and a good amount of open space. This positions the community strongly for attracting new visitors, businesses and jobs, so there's no need to build gimmicky attractions like the largest ball of twine or a space-age amusement park. We can leverage the borough's many existing assets as we pursue a vision for a healthy, more sustainable future.

As an environmental economist, I spend my time thinking about natural assets – like



Winter along the Raritan River © Stein Magne Bjørklund

forests, wetlands, and rivers – and how they can be a powerful part of community planning and economic development. Here are five benefits of nature that nature can provide for communities like Manville:

1) Nature can absorb floodwater. Open space absorbs floodwater, while pavement and concrete prevent water from filtering into the ground and speed up the movement of floodwaters. When it comes to absorb-

ing water, certain types of habitats are more effective than others. Recent studies have shown that if a large enough number of green infrastructure projects are installed across a region in the right locations, it can notably reduce damage to homes from flooding.

2) Nature can attract visitors who will spend money at local businesses. Visitors are willing to travel to see a rare bird or kayak along a river, and will often spend money at local retail shops and restaurants. A relatively small investment in signage and trails in Manville's natural areas can promote greater public use of open space, and foster better access and connection to the Raritan and Millstone Rivers.

3) Nature has health benefits – especially for children. Providing safe, accessible trails and green spaces can give Manville's

children room to be active, and help in the state-wide effort to prevent childhood obesity.

4) Nature provides recreational opportunities. Who wouldn't prefer hiking, kayaking, fishing or cycling in their own town, rather than driving a long distance? Open space allows for those opportunities, and can also provide room for active recreation like soccer and baseball.

5) Nature provides clean drinking water. As rainwater flows over streets and parking lots into a river like the Raritan, it carries with it contaminants like agricultural chemicals, automotive fluids, trash and pet waste. When rainwater flows over fields, wetlands or other natural areas, the soil and plants absorb and filter the water. That means the water entering the river—and ultimately heading to our faucets—is cleaner.

The Manville Public Library

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Program dates and times are subject to change. All programs are free and registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Visit SCLSNJ.org or call the Library at 908-722-9722 for more information and to register.

ADULT PROGRAMS AT THE MANVILLE LIBRARY

Adult Computer Literacy for Beginners

Mondays, April 17, 24 ; May 1, 8, 15, 22
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Learn the basics of your computer in four short classes. Topics include how to use a mouse, how to use a keyboard, how to create an email account, and how to safely navigate the internet. Space is limited and registration is required.

Evening Book Discussion Group

Mondays, May 8

6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

April 10: Miracles from Heaven by Christy Wilson Beam

May 8: Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner

Daytime Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays, April 19; May 17

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

April 19: What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty

Find Your Family Tree

Wednesdays, April 19; May 17

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Manville resident and genealogy enthusiast, Bob Vornlocker, will share his techniques to maximize your search results and help uncover your family tree.

Plants and Pollinators

Wednesday, April 19

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Meet the pollinators - Hummingbirds, Bats, Butterflies and Bees. Learn which plants can attract pollinators to your window box and create pollinator friendly gardens.

An Honest Look at Abe: Lincoln at the Dawn of the Photographic Era

Saturday, April 22

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

What was it that made Abe Lincoln—a president self-described as “tousled”—such a popular subject for photographers? In this lecture, photojournalist Jim DelGiudice will look at images of the man, his times, and the evolution of press and celebrity photography.

Coffee Time Talks: Censorship in the Golden Age of Hollywood

Tuesday, April 25

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Mystery author Sheila York, from the NY Chapter of Mystery Writers of America, will examine the topic of Censorship in the Golden Age of Hollywood, with a light touch, some audience participation, a few brief film clips and stories about what the public was not allowed to see in the movies as a result of the Production Code.

Adult Craft Night

Wednesdays, April 26; May 31

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Explore a variety of unique and attractive crafting techniques while relaxing with friends. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

Mayhem on the Mountain: The Kidnapping of Charles Lindbergh Jr.

Saturday, April 29

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Jim Davidson, co-author of “New Jersey's Lindbergh Kidnapping and Trial” covers the period from when the Lindberghs first settled in New Jersey through the kidnapping of their infant son.

CHILDREN AND TEEN PROGRAMS AT THE MANVILLE LIBRARY

Story Time

Tuesdays, April 25; May 2, 9, 16

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM

Ages 3 1/2-5 years

Stories, music and a craft for preschool children.

Mid-Week Mania

Wednesdays, April 26; May 3, 10, 17

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Ages 8 and up

Recharge your batteries for the week. The type of activity rotates each week between movies, gaming, and crafts. No registration is required.

Digame Un Cuento

Wednesdays, May 3

6:15 PM - 6:45 PM

Ages 3-6 years

Story time and craft program for both Spanish and English speakers. Experience stories in both languages, practice finger plays, and dance to music.

Crafty Kids

Fridays, April 14

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Ages 5-8 years

Explore the world of crafting. Take home a finished project each week.

“Magic: The Gathering” Gathering

Wednesdays, April 12; May 10

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Ages 8 and up

Our monthly gathering for players of the popular card game, Magic: The Gathering encourages both an experienced and beginner players with the guidance of a local expert. You can bring your own card deck or use one of the library's decks.

Lego Club

Thursdays, April 13, 20, 27; May 4

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Ages 6-10 years

Build with Legos based on a weekly theme.

Minecraft Club

Saturdays, April 15; May 13

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Ages 9-13 years

Hosted on our private server, each session will feature a new map or objective. Please contact the library for registration details.

Late Night Paint Nite

Tuesday, April 18

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Ages 11-18

An Instructor will guide you step-by-step and ensure you complete your masterpiece that evening. There are no mistakes and personal creativity is encouraged. Registration is required. Refreshments will be provided.

SKILLS USA COMPETITION



Julian Hernandez and Danny Camacho

Somerset County VoTech HS students Julian Hernandez (L-Franklin) and Manville's own, Danny Camacho (R), took part in the SkillsUSA State Championship. The SkillsUSA Championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. SkillsUSA's mission is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. The competition took place on March 11th at Gloucester County Institute of Technology. Various scholarships will be awarded to the winners. Results will be announced on April 8th. *Good luck boys!*

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Somerset Regional Animal Shelter's

Kitten Shower on April 12

Bridgewater, NJ – The Somerset Regional Animal Shelter is preparing for kitten season by hosting a “Kitten Shower” on April 12, at the shelter from 12-7pm, to collect supplies needed for the kittens that will soon be arriving this Spring.

For more information on upcoming events, visit us at www.srasnj.org.

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