

# Manville's News

Manville Borough — A WREATHS *across* AMERICA Community 2017



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

Veterans Day is Saturday November 11th and I would like to dedicate this month's article in memory of a World War II veteran who has recently passed and was very well known in Manville. His name is Romeo Paulino, born February 6th, 1926 and died peacefully August 25th, 2017 at the age of 91.

Romeo was the son of Italian immigrants who arrived in America around the year 1914. Romeo grew up during the great depression and learned the trade of being a barber during his teen years. He was barely 18 when he signed up to join the United States Marines.

The reason Romeo joined the Marines was his brother Jim Paulino was in the Army and stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was attacked. When the Marine recruiter asked Romeo why he wanted to join the Marines, Romeo replied "I want to kill the enemy". And so began World War 2, the war to end all wars.

After 8 weeks of boot camp on Paris Island, Romeo was sent to California and then onto Kauai one of the Hawaiian Islands. From there his outfit was sent to the Islands of Japan – Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal. Romeo fought in the battle of Okinawa and was in the 16th anti-aircraft battalion

which shot down many Japanese planes. After the Japanese surrendered, Romeo and his outfit were sent into China to break up riots between the Chinese and Japanese.

Upon returning home, Romeo opened up his first barber shop in Finderne. Around 1955, Romeo opened up "Romeo's Barber Shop" in downtown Manville across from the previous police station at the current Dunkin Donuts location. He left the Manville shop around 1960 but came back in the mid 1960's and opened up a shop on Camplain Road next to Klines scrap metal recycling.

On August 1, 1971 Romeo and his son Drew opened up "Romeo's Barber Shop" at 406 South Main Street where he and his son proudly worked together for 46 years. Later that month in August of 1971, Hurricane Doria hit Manville and the shop was flooded. They suffered several more floods over the years but the shop remains open today where his son still cuts hair.

I would like to personally thank Drew for providing his dad's life story and allowing me to share in the local newspaper. Romeo was well known and I felt his story should be told. Romeo's Marine hat will be on display at Manville's VFW Post 2290 for all to see, remember and honor his service, sacrifice and dedication to our nation.

All our veterans are special. This Veteran's Day please thank a veteran for their service and the freedoms we continue to enjoy. Their sacrifices and bravery should never be forgotten.

In closing, there was a message posted on the shop's door at the time of Romeo's passing which poignantly read: "I shall pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it. For I shall not pass this way again".

This Marine fully accomplished his life's mission and may he rest in eternal peace.

Until next month,  
Mayor Richard M. Onderko

## REMEMBER, HONOR, TEACH Wreaths across America comes to Manville in December

You may have heard people in Manville say recently, "Wreaths across America is coming to Manville", but you are not familiar with this organization. The Wreaths across America organization is a non-profit whose mission is, "REMEMBER, HONOR, TEACH". This mission is carried out each December with the placement of veterans' wreaths on every grave marker at Arlington National Cemetery and at more than 1,300 military cemeteries nationwide.

The Borough of Manville has been selected by the Wreaths across America organization as one of its convoy stops as it makes its way from Columbia Falls, Maine to the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. Borough leaders are honored to have Manville selected as a WAA stop and are working hard to make Manville the very best stop along their 2017 journey to Arlington.

Mayor Richard Onderko was instrumental in bringing WAA to Manville with a single letter he wrote to the organization after learning about the great things they do from local resident, Mark Nipps. Mark has been active with WAA for years, riding his motorcycle in the convoy to help honor our fallen. "Wreath's" Event organizer, Lil Charron, was so moved by Mayor Onderko's letter

that she paid a visit to Manville in April of 2017. After meeting with the Mayor, the Administrator and the Manville High School Principal, Ms. Charron went back to Maine telling her colleagues, "We have to stop in Manville, New Jersey this year." And so it began!

On the morning of Wednesday, December 13th, around 9AM, please help to line Main Street from the Van Vechten Bridge to

Brooks Boulevard as the convoy makes its way to the Manville High School gymnasium. Manville's high school juniors and seniors will take part in a ceremony that morning honoring

the veterans of Manville & surrounding towns. There will be over 30 Gold Star parents traveling in the convoy this year as well as many veterans. The convoy will have over 10 semi-trailers filled with beautiful, hand-made balsam wreaths making the trip to Arlington.

The Borough will provide flags for those who help line the streets to make Manville "shine" that morning. Stop into Borough Hall after December 1st to obtain your free flag to wave on Main Street as the convoy drives through town. Please help us live the mission of Wreaths across America: "REMEMBER, our fallen U.S. veterans; HONOR those who serve; TEACH your children the value of freedom."

To learn more about this organization and to view inspirational videos and pictures of past convoy stops, visit their website at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org).



Romeo Paulino 1926 - 2017  
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## Special Events at the Manville Public Library

### JOIN US IN HONORING OUR VETERANS IN NOVEMBER



The motto of the Wreaths across America nonprofit organization is **REMEMBER** our fallen U.S. veterans; **HONOR** those who serve; and **TEACH** your children the value of freedom. SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch has scheduled several events in anticipation of our visit from this esteemed organization to support these tenets. Help us demonstrate our gratitude for the service Wreaths across America provides to our veterans by participating in these programs and lining the convoy route on December 13.



#### MANVILLE ROCKS WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Saturday, November 11  
3:00pm - 5:00pm

Join us for a special rock painting party in anticipation of our Wreaths across America visit. We are asking our community to interpret the WAA 2017 theme of "I'm an American. Yes, I Am!" as a means of showcasing our national pride. Bring a rock and your imagination; the party is on us!

#### LETTERS TO SANTA AND SERVICE PEOPLE

Thursday, November 30  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

What better way to come out as a community and say a resounding "THANK YOU" to the men and women serving in our military? We want our country's service people to know how much we appreciate their dedication and sacrifice, and nothing conveys this more than a personal card that can be saved forever. At this annual event, families may write and decorate a letter to Santa, and one (or more!) to a service person overseas. All materials provided. Hot chocolate, cookies and entertainment make this a memorable way to start your holiday season.



## 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 November 9th.

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

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

Manville Seniors are on Facebook-Manville Senior Citizens. Check out activities and pictures, especially the Lake George trip and Oktoberfest.

Tickets for the Christmas Party on December 10th at the VFW will be on sale at the November meeting. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for guests. A seating chart will be set up so make sure you sign in.

Nominations for all offices except president and treasurer for 2018 will be open in November and voting will be done at the December 14th meeting. Nick Trilone will collect dues for 2018 at the December meeting.

Oktoberfest was truly an October weather event, windy and cool, but it did not dissuade the members. Food and music as always was excellent. Thanks

to Elmers Catering and Jimmy Degio-safatto respectively. Guests giving short talks were Somerset County Surrogate Frank Bruno, Manville Mayor Richard Onderko, Manville Police Captain Mark Snisciak and Manville Detective William Sampson. President Petrone thanked Manville Librarian Director Nan Peterson for all her help with the club and helping set up the Facebook page.

#### Upcoming 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 November 15th. Contact Josephine Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Thursday, November 30th is the trip to Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA. The bus leaves from the Manville VFW at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$30 with \$20 back and \$5 for food. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Wednesday, December 5th is "A Slice of Brooklyn Christmas Lights Tour" and luncheon at Chimney Rock Inn. The cost is \$90. Reservations can be made with Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 trip to Sight and Sound, "Jesus" Lancaster, PA. with lunch at Shady Maple. The cost is \$120. Reservations can be made with Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156.

All trips are open to the public.

## Sidewalk Project Around Weston Elementary School Completed - Focus on School Children's Safety

Sidewalks around the Weston School were recently completed as part of a 2016 Community Development Block Grant.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. The program began in 1974 and is one of the longest continuously run programs at United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1,209 general units of local government and States. For the Borough of Manville, the program is administered through Somerset County. In addition to the funding for the sidewalks, funds for a new roof for the Library were also recently awarded.

The grant for the sidewalks was applied for as a result of the growing concern by Borough residents for the safety of children walking to school. Public safety is of paramount concern for the Borough and installing these sidewalks is another step the Borough is taking to ensure pedestrian safety.



Above is the corner of Newark Avenue and Whalen Street



Above is the corner of Onka Street and Newark Avenue

## Have you seen this sign in the Lost Valley?



Next spring, Manville residents will be able to enjoy a beautiful 1 1/2 acres of native plants and wildflowers in the Lost Valley at the end of Lincoln Avenue thanks to a grant received from the Nature Conservancy. The grant helped fund the seeds for the wildflower garden as well as the educational sign at the entrance of the garden. Native plants and flowers help to attract pollinators such as

bees and butterflies. Populations of bees and other pollinators are declining around the world. Pollinators require natural spaces with vegetation and flowering plants in which to live and forage for their food: pollen and nectar. The chief causes for pollinator habitat loss are agriculture, mining and human development. The Lost Valley Wildflower field will provide a natural habitat for pollinators in the Manville community.

The Nature Conservancy is the conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. Manville is fortunate that the Nature Conservancy is teaming with the Borough to help drive multiple initiatives including community asset mapping and developing a conceptual design for the Lost Valley Nature Park. The Nature Conservancy obtained grant funding for these projects. Elizabeth Schuster, Environmental Economist with the Nature Conservancy, presented her draft Lost Valley Nature Park Recommendations Report to Somerset County planning and engineering officials the week of October 16, 2017. On November 13th, Ms. Schuster will present her findings to the Manville Mayor & Council at the regular meeting of the Mayor & Council at 7PM at Manville Borough Hall.

## Borough Fire Houses Receive 'No Parking' Striping Upgrades

The Department of Public works in conjunction with the Fire Marshal's Office implemented 'No Parking' upgrades to all three Borough Fire Houses. In keeping public safety in mind, particularly at Fire House #2, upgraded striping and no parking signs have recently been installed at all three houses. As a result of the rail crossing in close proximity to #2, it became necessary to upgrade the striping and signage of the fire houses to ensure proper egress of the fire vehicles, especially when the gates are down for the rail crossing. All residents are reminded not to block entrances to any fire houses.



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Community Day 2017 was held on September 23rd on the grounds of Lincoln Park. Over 1,000 people attended the much anticipated community event that has become a highlight of the fall season. It truly was an amazing, fun filled day enjoyed by many. Local Girl and Boy Scouts participated along with music provided by Heritage 3. Borough Council members served up hundreds and hundreds of hamburgers (donated by Wegmans) and hot dogs (donated by Applegate Farms) for the hungry guests. Borough Fire Departments served popcorn.



## Manville's Recreation Department Hosts District 7 Meeting of NJ Recreation & Parks Association

Manville along with fellow members of Recreation Departments from Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex and Warren Counties meet regularly to promote parks and recreations, to network and enhance professional development. Manville hosted the October meeting at Manville Library.

According to the NJRPA's website, the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) is dedicated to enhancing the lives of all New Jersey residents by supporting outstanding park, recreation, and natural resources management programs. Since 1928, the efforts initiated by NJRPA and its membership have resulted in tangible benefits for communities throughout the state.

## Manville Borough at the Basilone Parade



## From the desk of Chief Mark Peltack

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Residents are reminded to protect themselves from becoming a victim of personal property theft in their vehicles. Keep your vehicles locked at all times and remove valuables. If you must leave a purse or other valuables in your vehicle at least lock them in your trunk where they are out of sight, but it is better not to leave valuables in your car.



## Somerset Regional Animal Shelter honored



BRIDGEWATER - A few years ago, the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter was "dangerously close" to shutting its doors.

The shelter was on shaky financial grounds after Somerville decided to switch its animal control services to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center and Bridgewater was taking a close look at its own contract with the animal shelter.

If Bridgewater had decided to end the contract, the shelter, whose home is on municipal property next to police headquarters, would have come perilously near to closing.

But hundreds of residents, armed with a petition with more than 7,000 signatures, came to township council meetings to show their support for the shelter. Bridgewater decided to stay with the shelter.

In recent years, buoyed by a loyal and hard-working corps of volunteers and staffers dedicated to saving animals'

lives, the shelter has staged a dramatic comeback, finding new homes for a record number of animals and enjoying financial stability thanks to more than \$1 million raised by the Friends of the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter.

Three years ago the shelter found new homes for 250 animals, Brian Bradshaw, the shelter's manager said Thursday at a Township Council reception honoring the shelter.

Last year, the shelter had 850 adoptions and this year is shelter is 110 over last year's total at this time. The goal, Bradshaw said, is 1,000 adoptions.

Manville Mayor Richard Onderko said he remains committed to maintaining the borough's relationship with the shelter.

Onderko said the shelter personally helped him after his wife discovered a ferret under her car in their garage.

The shelter has four full-time workers and six part-time workers. But there is still a need for more volunteers, Bradshaw said.

Staff Writer Mike Deak: 908-243-6607; mdeak@mycentraljersey.com  
Animal control: 908-725-0308.

## South Main Street Bridge Construction Update

Somerset County Bridge G0701, located on South Main Street in Manville Borough, between Roosevelt Avenue / Kyle Street and Kennedy Boulevard, has been under construction since February of this year. It is estimated that the project will be completed by the end of July 2018, over the course of 3 stages of construction.

Stage 1 included traffic control adjustments as the first step in the process. Additionally, the relocation of utilities was also included during this phase, which included working around a sewer main. The cement decking was recently poured and allotted 14 days to cure. Phase 1 was



completed on schedule. Traffic patterns have been altered as the next phase began.

Seeding and planting on the south bound side has been completed and from a public safety standpoint, a push button for pedestrian crossing has been installed.

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## Manville Borough Recognizes Fire Prevention Week

Members of the volunteer fire companies recently attended a Mayor and Borough Council Meeting to receive a proclamation in recognition of Fire Prevention Week. Councilman Ron Skirkanish read the proclamation into the public record. The theme for 2017 is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out". The premise behind this year's theme is that within seconds a fire can escalate and seconds count. To ensure personal safety, knowing two escape routes will aid our community members in escaping a fire safely.

Some additional tips are on the NFPA website at [www.nfpa.org/](http://www.nfpa.org/).

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— Mayor Richard M. Onderko

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## FUN TIMES AT THE LIBRARY

### Macrame Dream Catchers

Pictured: (L to R) Danielle Approbato; Jillian Korman; Jiomar Pratts; Juan Pratts



**LEGO CLUB** made a Lego-scape of a hay ride, corn maze, and pumpkin patch. Pictured: (L or R) Nicholas Michael; Jayden Barrantes; Teddy Malgeri

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, TWEENS AND TEENS

#### LEGO® CLUB

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30;  
3:45pm - 4:30pm  
Grades K-5

Join the fun if you like building with LEGO® bricks. Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

#### MANVILLE TWEEN ADVISORY CLUB

Friday, November 3  
3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Ages 10-12

Tweens meet once a month with the Young Adult Librarian to discuss their ideas for programs and participate in implementing them.

#### MINECRAFT CLUB

Saturday, November 4  
1:30pm - 3:00pm  
Ages 9-13

Each Minecraft session features a new objective. To self-register, you must have your own PC Minecraft Account and laptop. If you do not and still want to join, contact the Young Adult Librarian for more details.

#### STORYTIME

Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28  
1:15pm - 2:00pm  
Ages 3 1/2-5

Stories, music and a craft for preschool children.

#### NAME THAT TUNE: YOUNG ADULT EDITION

Thursday, November 9  
1:00pm - 3:00pm  
Ages 10+

Show off your extensive knowledge of music in this fun group activity. Teams of two or three players compete to prove who is the quickest at identifying popular songs from different musical genres. The winning team members will win a prize and a poster placed in the library announcing their music mastery.

#### INTRO TO MARTIAL ARTS FOR KIDS

Friday, November 10  
3:00pm - 4:00pm  
Ages 4-12

Explore a fun way for boys and girls to achieve fitness and focus. The martial

arts teaches self-discipline and socialization skills. Learn some basic self-defense techniques, which foster teamwork and caring for others, while building muscle and strength, coordination, balance, agility and flexibility. No prior knowledge is required. Wear clothing that is cool and comfortable and bring water to class. Presented by Eagle Martial Arts of Hillsborough.

#### MAKE A DIFFERENCE: RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES

Monday, November 13  
3:00pm - 4:30pm  
Ages 12+

Sew and donate a whimsical pillowcase to bring comfort and support to young patients who are hospitalized. All materials will be provided. Please register for this program.

#### DIGAME UN CUENTO (TELL ME A STORY)

Tuesdays, November 14  
6:00pm - 6:45pm  
Ages 3 1/2-6; families welcome  
Story time, craft, finger play and dance for both Spanish and English speakers.

### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

#### ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

Thursdays, November 2, 9  
1:00pm - 2:30pm  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Practice speaking English in a friendly setting. Basic English skills required. Hosted by Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County.

#### IS QUICKBOOKS RIGHT FOR YOUR SMALL BUSINESS? Quickbooks 102: Beyond the Basics

Thursday, November 2  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Quickbooks is a popular way for small and mid-sized businesses to keep track of their accounting, but many users aren't aware of the software's powerful advanced features beyond the basics. Presented by George Pinkerton of UCEDC. Registration is required.

#### COMPUTER TIPS: Microsoft Office (Word & Excel)

Mondays, November 6, 27  
1:00pm - 2:00pm (Demonstration)

**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.**

#### 2:00pm - 3:00pm (Workshop)

Learn to navigate the basics of Microsoft Office's two most popular products: Word and Excel. Over the course of several sessions, participants will learn the fundamentals of how to manipulate and manage their Microsoft Office documents. These sessions will be conducted in a lecture style with the option of attending a hands-on workshop afterwards. Attendance for all sessions is not required. This is not a beginner computer course; a basic understanding of how to use a computer is necessary to understand the material.

**November 6:** MS Excel - Data Cells (concept, data cell categories; cell re-sizing; manual, numeric, auto)

**November 27:** MS Excel - Data Formatting (wrap text, copy-paste, drag & paste, line spacing, border styles)

#### COUPONING WITH CHRISTY

Tuesday, November 7  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Maximize your savings potential through coupon clipping. Learn about a variety of sources – online, print, and local promotions – from other dedicated couponers in our new coupon exchange club. Each month will have a different themed focus on just about everything you purchase, from groceries and clothing to electronics, travel and more. Presented by Christy Seccamanie.

#### MEDITATION WITH TIBETAN SINGING BOWLS

Saturday, November 11  
10:30am - 12:00pm  
An enlivening, down to earth and humorous introduction to the relevant practice of meditation. Are you interested in a natural way to reduce stress, anxiety, and an overactive mind? Do you want more peace, calm and balance? Explore what meditation is and is not, learn the benefits of meditation, erode the myth that you can't meditate, get a taste of meditation and relax and listen to the Tibetan singing bowls. Jessica Morris is a full-time meditation teacher and singing bowl musician with over ten years' experience leading group and individual sessions.

#### EVENING BOOK GROUP

2nd Monday of every month  
6:00pm - 7:00pm  
November 13: Glory Over Everything by Kathleen Grissom

#### FIND YOUR FAMILY TREE

Wednesday, November 15  
10:30am - 12:30pm  
Manville resident and genealogy enthusiast, Bob Vornlocker, will share his

techniques to maximize your search results and help uncover your family tree.

#### DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

3rd Wednesday of every month  
Noon - 1:00pm  
November 15: The Peach Keeper by Sarah Addison Allen

#### INTRODUCTION TO ESSENTIAL OILS

Saturday, November 18  
1:00pm - 3:00pm  
Discover how to support your health and well-being through the use of essential oils. Essential oils have enhanced lives for thousands of years, offering a variety of benefits. Learn how and why they are so effective, how to select the right oils, and simple practices to bring essential oils into your everyday life. Csilla Bischoff, integrative health coach, will present this informative class to deepen your knowledge and understanding of essential oils while providing practical tips and inspiration.

#### ACA ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

(Asistencia para la Inscripcion en el ACA)

Saturday, November 18;  
10:00am - 4:30pm  
Certified Applications Counselors 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.

#### FINDING A JOB IN THE 21ST CENTURY: Networking and LinkedIn Basics

Tuesday, November 21  
6:30pm - 7:30pm  
Are you new to social media and career networking? Develop a viable networking plan to help land your next job. This session will focus on the elements of a professional LinkedIn profile to expand online job opportunities. An active email address and basic computer skills are recommended.

#### CROCHET AND KNITTING CLUB, TOO!

Wednesday, November 29  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Looking for someone to craft with? To teach or to learn from? You'll enjoy meeting new people while honing new skills.

#### ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Wednesday, November 29  
6:30pm - 7:30pm  
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. Registration is requested.



Save the Date! Manville's Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, December 1st at 7PM at S. Main Street and N. Orchard.

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