

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

With 2017 in the books, looking back it was a pretty good year for our Borough. The big accomplishment was the adoption of the 2017 budget which did not ask for one tax dollar more than the previous year's 2016 budget. Cost savings and new spending procedures helped greatly. Our new financial system was successfully implemented to provide better reporting and additional controls.

As we focus on goals and deliverables for 2018, obviously the budget and any tax ramifications will be given top priority. Any tax increase will hopefully be kept to a minimum. We have a number of work efforts carrying over into 2018 that are important and will benefit our Borough when completed. Codification of our Borough's ordinances and digitizing our tax maps will finally bring us into the 21st century.

A new redevelopment plan for the old Rustic Mall property will be developed with help from Local Planning Services, a division of the State of NJ Department of Community Affairs. Adjacent Borough owned property will also be offered for sale and redevelopment. Hopefully the sale of the Borough owned properties will help spark interest in redeveloping the entire 12 acres of the old Rustic Mall.

Completion of our flood planning grant and work to catalog our flood plains will help in the determination and the prioritization for future Blue Acres and FEMA funded buyouts. There will be a few more buyouts in 2018 and the exact number has yet to be determined. In addition, we look to become more storm resilient as we update our hazard mitigation plan with Somerset County's Office of Emergency Management. Projects will be identified, prioritized and federal grants applied for to aid our resiliency efforts later this year.

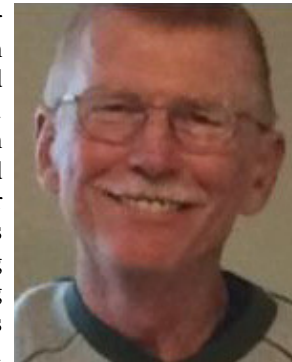
I'm optimistic 2018 will be a good year for our Borough. We will also have a new Governor sworn in later this month. I would like to wish Governor-elect Murphy all the best as he has some major challenges ahead. I hope he can deliver on his campaign promise to fully fund the school funding formula bringing much needed financial relief to our underfunded school district and the property tax payers of Manville.

Wishing you and yours a very happy, healthy, and prosperous 2018! Let's make it a great year together!

Until next month,
Mayor Richard M. Onderko

Thank You Walter Wilczek

On December 31st, our friend and long-time staff team member, Walter Wilczek, retired from the Borough of Manville. Walter served the Borough as the Zoning Official and Property Maintenance Inspector for over fifteen years. Walter's position included conducting field inspections and ensuring compliance with the Borough's land use and zoning ordinances.



Walt Wilczek

As you can imagine, Walter was not always popular with those who were not in compliance and his position was often the recipient of numerous complaints. Walter's success in his position was a result of his extensive knowledge of the

Borough's neighborhoods and businesses. Walter belongs to North End Fire Company #3. He joined in 1974 and was Chief of Company #3 from 1998-2003. He was Chief of the entire Department 2002-2003. Walter is extremely dedicated as a volunteer fireman.

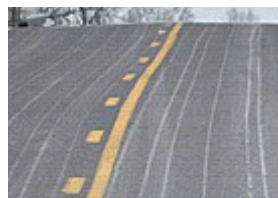
Walter, we thank you for your years of service to the Borough of Manville. We will miss your smiling face at staff meetings and you helping out in so many ways around the Borough Hall! We wish you a long and happy retirement!

Manville Borough Always Prepared for Winter Weather

Ever wonder what those white lines are that appear on the roads around town before a snow event?

Manville Borough's Department of Public Works utilizes a product 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; 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. Brine begins working immediately on all treated roads at the first snowflake therefore providing safety measures for motorists in a timely manner. Department of Public Works employees can then be dispatched to other critical storm issues like plowing operations. Motorists are strongly urged to always use caution when operating a vehicle in any winter precipitation event including keeping a safe distance behind any salt or brine trucks.



Brine prepared roadway



Brine dispensing vehicle

During anticipated snow events, the Department of Public Works will issue status notices to residents through the Code Red 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 the Manville Borough's website and click on "Code Red" and enroll to be kept informed of any emergency situation or critical community alert.

From the Desk of Andrea Bierwirth Borough Administrator...

2017 – A Year of Extraordinary Accomplishments

To say that 2017 was a "busy" year is quite an understatement. Borough staff, in all departments, helped make 2017 an "extraordinary year". A list of the highlights is provided below:

2017 Operating Budget – The 2017 municipal budget remained stable year-over-year from the 2016 operating budget amount.

Purchasing Policy Oversight – The purchasing policies within the Borough became more stringent in 2017. The Borough was under review by the State of NJ DCA following receipt of transition aid. This oversight by the DCA led to more stringent purchasing oversight than in previous years.

New Shared Service Agreements – The Borough established Shared Service Agreements for its financial services beginning in May 2017. The Borough's Chief Financial Officer, Accountant and Payroll Coordinator are employees of Montgomery Township. The new arrangement with Montgomery has led to new efficiencies, progressive financial reporting and ac-

counting processes and a newfound professionalism in the department that has had a positive impact on all departments. The Borough also shares its newly hired Recreation Director with Montgomery Township which helps reduce the annualized costs associated with the position.

New Financial and Payroll Software – The Borough's new financial team recommended the Borough obtain new and improved software for both its financial reporting and accounting processes as well as its payroll functions. The new software has automated many of the facets of finance, accounting and payroll reporting, bringing Manville into a much more efficient financial model.

New Four Year Labor Contracts – The Police PBA and the DPW Teamsters contracts were negotiated through December 31, 2019. The labor unions and management were able to arrive at agreements that were very cost effective.

Annual Reassessment Program Initiated – The Borough of Manville is now amongst 16 municipalities in Somerset

County that annually assess 20% of the town to more efficiently keep the Borough's assessed valuations current with real estate market conditions resulting in far less tax appeals.

Redevelopment Plan – State of NJ Assistance – The State of NJ DCA will be assisting the Borough in the upcoming months following a Resolution that was adopted by the Borough Council in 2017 to work with the Local Planning Services division of the DCA to review the Rustic Mall redevelopment plan and incorporate more of Manville's businesses into the overall improvement plan.

Flood Management Improvements – The Borough made several internal improvements to overall flood control management when the Borough Administrator obtained the designation of "Certified Floodplain Manager" through a licensing exam process in April 2017. This newfound designation provides new flood assistance services to Manville residents including the

ability to request FEMA mapping questions and other flood related assistance. The Borough looks to improve its overall "CRS" rating in 2018 to bring lower flood insurance premiums to residents.

Weston Mill Dam Removal – The summer of 2017 was an exciting time for local conservation and environmental enthusiasts with the removal of the Weston Mill Dam. The impetus for the dam removal came from State and local environmental groups. Borough leaders are hoping the removal of the dam will also lead to a reduction in the flood levels in Manville.

Sustainable Manville – 2017 saw the birth of "Sustainable Manville", a Manville-based team of residents and local government leaders working together for the betterment of the community. The Manville Green Team helped drive the upcoming "Rain Barrel Rebate" program in the Borough and is hoping to attain State of NJ recognition in the fall of 2018.

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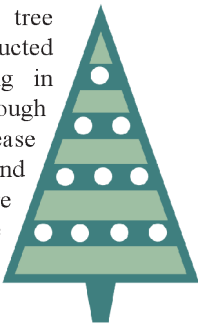
Manville Borough Department of Public Works Shares their Snow Operation & Emergency Plan

During the winter months, the Department of Public Works has a snow operation and emergency plan for winter related events. To properly snow plow streets from curb to curb, residents are asked to remove all vehicles from the streets. On "Emergency Streets" (posted with signs indicating "No Parking When Road is Snow Covered Tow Away Zone"), residents are required to remove all vehicles from the roadway once the snow begins to fall. Failure to remove a vehicle from an "Emergency Street" will result in a traffic summons and the vehicle being towed. The Snow Emergency Plan will be dependent upon the nature of the storm. Roads are pre-treated or treated as soon as snow begins to accumulate. The plowing operation does not start until an accumulation of two to three inches of snow covers roadways. Emergency Streets and main arteries receive priority with one to two passes performed on each street during the storm. Curb to curb snow plowing is performed once the storm is over. When curbing the streets, snow may be redistributed across a cleared driveway. This is unavoidable and it is suggested to residents that cleaning out the end of a driveway be done after streets are fully curbed. In accordance with Ordinance #20917-1181, residents are to refrain from throwing or shoveling snow into the streets; this is not permissible and creates a safety hazard.

For a listing of the Borough's "Emergency Streets", please visit the Borough website at www.manvillepd.org > Traffic Related Service > Emergency Street List.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Live Christmas tree pick up will be conducted periodically beginning in January and run through early February. Please ensure all ornaments and other decorations are removed from the tree before placing at your curb for pick up.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CONVOY STOPS IN MANVILLE!

On Wednesday, December 13th, a very special convoy came through town, greeted by hundreds of Manville students and residents who braved the frigid twenty degree temperatures to greet the esteemed Wreaths Across America convoy including thirty American Gold Star parents and spouses. This year's convoy selected Manville as only one of three stops in New Jersey after receiving a heartfelt letter from Mayor Richard Onderko inviting the convoy to Manville.



In addition to the Gold Star travelers, the convoy included Grand Marshals Colonel and Mrs. Roger Donlon. Colonel Donlon is a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and a Purple Heart Veteran. Mrs. Norma Donlon is a Gold Star spouse and an active advocate for numerous veterans' groups. Accompanying the Grand Marshals were Morrill and Karen Worcester, founders of the Wreaths Across America organization.

The convoy began its trek from Columbia Falls, Maine on Sunday, December 10th, making stops in southern Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut before arriving in Manville the evening of Tuesday, December 12th. That evening, the Wreaths Across America travelers were welcomed to our town by Firehouse 2 and 3 Auxiliary members who provided an amazing buffet of warm Manville favorites including potato soup, pierogi casserole and polish meatballs.



In addition, Wegman's, Applebee's and Wal-Mart provided donations of food and paper products to help welcome our special guests.

As the convoy entered Manville, the Finderne and Manville fire departments provided a patriotic Old Glory display flying high above Main Street for the vehicles to drive under.

Despite high winds, the ladders stood tall and the large American flag flew proudly. Overhead, the New Jersey State Police Aviation Bureau helicopters greeted the convoy passing over and hovering out of respect for the esteemed travelers.

After passing by the municipal complex on Main Street, the convoy turned onto Brooks Boulevard passing hundreds of Roosevelt School students waving their American flags donated by the Somerset County Veterans Office to greet the passing VIP's. The final destination was Manville High School where hundreds of veterans, local government dignitaries and guests met the Wreaths Across America travelers with applause and admiration. The ABIS choir, Solo Voce, sang the organization's theme song, "I'm an American!" and the Manville High School concert band played the national anthem and concert solo trumpeters played taps.

The hundreds who watched the ceremony were moved by Karen Worcester's key note address and by Colonel Roger Don-

lon's tribute to his wife, Norma. Colonel Donlon reminded all of the sacrifices our veterans and their families make as they serve to keep America protected. The Wreaths Across America theme for 2017, "Remember, Honor, Teach" was proudly displayed and spoken throughout the ceremony.

Local veteran, Mr. Peter Keller, was the recipient of the Quilt of Valor – a very special quilt made by local quilters who provide their completed squares to be assembled in honor of a local veteran. In addition, local veterans' families received special balsam wreaths hand created in Maine and delivered by the Wreaths Across America convoy. The veterans who were honored included Sgt. John Basilone, Colonel John F. Dudash, Sgt. George Banovich, Sgt. Andrew Horvath and PFC Michael William Martineau. All of these men were local veterans who died

serving our great country. Mayor Richard Onderko accepted a wreath in honor of General Frederick Frelinghuysen and laid it at the General's gravesite following the ceremony.

Manville officials would like to say thank you to all the residents who lined the streets to greet the convoy, the school instructors and leaders who helped make the ceremony so special and the sponsors who covered all costs associated with the production of the special ceremony. Most importantly, we thank the Worcester's, Ms. Lil Charron and the rest of the Wreaths Across America family for all they do for the country's veterans!



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
The State of New Jersey also has the Property Tax Reimbursement Act (Freeze Act).
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 Click on: Property Tax Relief
 Click on: Property Tax Reimbursement

News from the Manville Municipal Alliance

The Manville Municipal Alliance wants to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!!! As the year progresses please keep an eye out for some new and exciting programs for kids, parents, and the community alike. The Manville Municipal Alliance is proud to announce an upcoming program in the near future – A Youth Mental Health First Aid training. This program is designed to educate community members on how to help adolescents (ages 12-18) who maybe experiencing mental health issues, addiction challenges or a personal crisis.



One of the programs from this past year that was held in conjunction with MHS & ABIS schools was the STOP program. This program was performed by Somerville High School theater students who travel around New Jersey. The acronym for the STOP program stands for Students Tackling Ordinary Problems and it showcases real life issues that students face on a daily basis. Some important topics

covered in the assembly were addiction, suicide and bullying. The assembly was a very powerful reminder that we are not alone. Mr. Steve Venuto, Vice Principal of MHS said, "This was one of the most powerful assemblies I've ever seen here at Manville High School." The underlying message to students was if they see something or someone struggling speak up as this might save a life! For more information on the STOP program please visit www.facebook.com/STOPNJ/.

Any community members who wish to learn more about the Alliance can attend any of the meetings or community events. In addition, more information can be found on the webpage at www.manvillenj.org/456/Municipal-Alliance. The Manville Municipal Alliance meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Manville Library at 6pm. Any questions or comments can be sent to our email at manvillemac@gmail.com.

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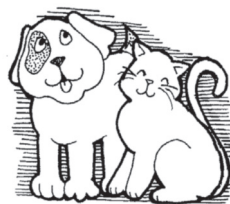
Happy New Year 2018

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Don't leave pets outdoors in extreme weather

In August 2017, Governor Christie signed a law [S1640: www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/S2000/1640_R4.HTM] that prohibits pet owners from leaving their pets outdoors when temperatures drop below freezing, 32 degrees, or above 90 degrees. Pet owners can be fined \$100 to \$200 if caught leaving their animals unattended for more than 30 minutes. If it's too cold or hot for you, it's too cold or hot for your pet!



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 January 11th.

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. Check out Manville Seniors on Facebook.

2018 Election of officers was held at the December meeting. The 2018 officers are President Philip Petrone, Vice-President Joseph Patero, Treasurer Kathleen Petrone, Membership Secretary Nicholas Trilone, Recording Secretary Carol Luszcz, Corresponding Secretary Thelma Bartus, Chaplain Josephine Pschar, Sergeant at Arms Gloria Wizda, and Trustees Theresa Evans, Barbara Panfile and Dorothy Rembelles. Standing committee chairpersons are Day Trips Josephine Pschar, Publicity/Public Relations Geraldine Klimowich, Atlantic City trips Josephine Pschar, Ways and Means George Brisebois, Sick and Welfare Carolyn Barter, Overnight Trips Kathleen Petrone, By-Laws Dorothy Rembelles, and School Liaison Ned Panfile.

Detective William Sampson and Captain Mark Sniscak discussed safety tips when shopping during the holidays. Be mindful of your surroundings, park in well lit areas, keep keys in your hand when approaching your car and use security at malls for escorting to your vehicle. Detective Sampson demonstrated the proper way to carry your purse always trying to keep it in front not hanging down the side. Do not leave your purse in a shopping cart unattended.

President Petrone thanked all the officers and chairpersons for their hard

work and dedication to the club planning events and trips and serving refreshments monthly.

The Seniors held another memorable Christmas Party. Hors d'oeuvres, drinks, a three course meal and dessert was available to all who attended. A sing-along was started by DJ Bob Kita and had the seniors up and dancing. Everyone was treated to a tote bag courtesy of the club. Thanks to the committee for a job well done.

January meeting will have installation of officers. Superintendent of Schools Robert Beers will be at the meeting to go over the new school redistricting plan. President Petrone will present the 2018 agenda relating to trips and events. Nick Trilone will collect dues for 2018. Reminder dues must be paid by February 2018.

Upcoming trips:

Atlantic City - First Monday of the month to Caesar's. Bus leaves VFW at 9 am. Cost is \$35 of which \$30 will be returned. Next trip is January 8. Contact Josephine Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA will be on the last Thursday of every month. The next trip is January 25. Bus will leave from the VFW at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30 with \$20 back and \$5 for food. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156 for reservations.

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

Trip to Las Vegas, NV - April 15-20, staying at the Flamingo. Cost is \$889 double, \$1175 single includes air fare and hotel. Contact Kathy Petrone at 908-526-2948 for information and reservations.

All trips are open to the public.

Our Local Business SpotLight

J&L BAKERY

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Hello! My name is Lew-is Demeter, Jr. and, with my wife, Julianne, we are the proud owners of J&L Bakery. We have been in Manville for 3 ½ years and are very proud of other neighboring towns and the Manville people who support us in our little bake shop to bring you the best quality bakery food products that we can make.

All J&L bakery is made from scratch; there are no chemicals and no preservatives. Our rye bread takes 11 ½ hours to produce and jelly donuts are made with home-cooked jelly we make ourselves. All doughs are also made fresh from scratch including Danish and cookies made with fresh butter, eggs, milk and cream. Our butter cookies are "bagged out" by hand; no machines! No cookies are ever store bought. All products are scaled, mixed, created and baked right here at J&L Bakery.

We love doing what we do and love the people we bake for! Julianne, my wife for over 52 years, creates all the miniature items, pecan butter balls, Kifli cookies, ruggalagh and pierogis. Julianne has the patience and hands for making all of these special delicacies. Walnut poppy

strips are a specialty of Julianne's! In addition to all of the special bakery items, we have homemade soups, cabbage & noodles, and kielbasa & sauerkraut. All are homemade, just like you will remember! There are never any short cuts taken!

We are a proud bunch of bakers, starting back in the 1860's with my great grandfather, grandfather, my uncle, Benny Skrobinski, my dad and me and, now, my son, Lewis III, who is also a full-fledged baker! We have over 150 years of experience and I am with this business over 65 years myself. We keep plugging along because there aren't many of us around anymore. Where are the small shoemakers, butcher shops, jewelers, hardware stores and bakeries these days? We provide the quality and personalized service you remember. We really love what we do and love all of our customers for loving us!

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts, Lewis and Julianne Demeter

Business Hours:

Monday 6:00 am - 6:00 pm, Tuesday - Friday 6:00 am - 7:00 pm, Saturday 6:00 am - 6:00 pm, Sunday 6:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Manville Borough Thanks Dayna Camacho for Service



Mayor Onderko and Councilwoman Camacho

Councilwoman Dayna Camacho served her last Borough Council meeting on December 11, 2017, upon the completion of her three year term on the Council. Originally hailing from North Jersey, Ms. Camacho moved to the Borough of Manville in 2004 with her husband Ted and two sons, Robert and Danny. She quickly took on volunteer roles at both the Roosevelt School and ABIS becoming the PTA President. In addition to sitting on the Borough Council, Ms. Camacho manages a Hair Salon in Hunterdon County, assists with two family owned businesses and is the President of the Manville Republican Club.

Thank you Dayna for your service and dedication to Manville Borough.

MANVILLE RECREATION SENIOR EXERCISE CLASSES AT LIBRARY

There is no denying that regular exercise prevents chronic disease, improves mood, and preserves mobility and independence. Beat the winter blahs by signing up for one or more classes today! Register at the Manville Recreation Department or at SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch.

SENIOR CHAIR AEROBICS

Mondays & Wednesdays: 9:45am - 10:45am
January 3, 8, 10, 17, 22, 24, 29 & 31
February 5, 7, 12, 14, 21, 26 & 28
March 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 & 28
Registration Fee: \$20.00

Raise your heart rate with cardio exercises and tone muscles in the upper and lower body. Work on balance, core and overall agility and muscle strength. Modifications will be provided for those who need to work at a slower pace; suggestions will be given for those who want to push themselves a little further. This



class is good for all! Please bring your own hand weights and wear appropriate footwear (sneakers) and exercise clothing.

SENIOR LOW IMPACT CHAIR AEROBICS

Tuesdays: 9:45am - 10:45am
January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
February 6, 13, 20 & 27
March 6, 13, 20 & 27
Registration Fee: \$10.00

Exercises to strengthen muscles and bones, improve balance and reduce the risk of fractures and falls. Endurance and flexibility exercises use optional light hand and ankle weights for arms and legs. The dynamic lightweight resistance training helps participants build muscle strength, increase bone density; improve mobility, posture and coordination. Routines start and end with low-impact dancing and/or aerobics. This effective and efficient class can be adapted for all fitness and physically-challenged levels including wheelchair.

SENIOR CHAIR YOGA WITH CARRIE

Fridays: 11:30am - 12:30pm
January 5, 12, 19 & 26
February 2, 9, 16 & 23
March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Registration fee: \$20.00

Chair yoga provides safety while offering a full range of movement for joints and muscles. Chairs are the perfect tool for any student that may need assistance with balance, strength and flexibility. Chair yoga will still provide all of the health benefits of yoga including: improved muscle tone and balance, reduction of stress, better sleep, and a more positive sense of well-being and happiness!

ADULT WALKING PROGRAM

Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Manville High School: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
January 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
February 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27
March 1, 2, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29
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Make it your New Year's resolution to become a Friend of the Manville Library this January. Membership in the Friends is very affordable, beginning at \$5 per year for students and seniors, and \$10 per individual. Local businesses are encouraged to support the Friends as well.

Sponsorship provides invaluable financial assistance for amenities like publicity materials, speakers fees, equipment, and new furnishings not feasible in the library's budget. Virtually all the Friends income goes directly to the library. The Friends of the Manville Library is a registered non-profit organization, so your membership dues are even tax deductible. Recent Friends purchases include a mobile TV stand for the Community Room, grid wall panels for exhibits and displays, a conference table

and comfortable chairs for the Community History Room, and new mats for the entrance of the library.

In addition to your donation, the Friends welcomes volunteers to help with activities like our annual Town wide Yard Sale in October, our Cupcake Competition in the Spring, and our Continuous Book Sale throughout the year.

The Friends of the Manville Library support the library's mission to connect residents to their community by promoting literacy, fostering lifelong learning, and providing opportunities for recreation. We hope you will join us in these efforts by becoming a member or renewing your membership with a donation.

For more information, or to pickup a membership form, please stop by SCLSNJ's Manville branch.



PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, TWEENS AND TEENS

MANVILLE TWEEN ADVISORY CLUB

Friday, January 12
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.

MANVILLE'S BUDDING BUILDERS

Tuesday, January 16
3:30pm - 5:00pm
Ages 9-18

Monthly meeting for tweens and teens looking to explore STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Each meeting will focus on a different activity designed to enrich the youth's engagement with STEM topics.

NATIONAL WINNIE THE POOH DAY

Friday, January 19
3:30pm - 4:15pm
Ages 3+

Celebrate National Winnie the Pooh Day and A.A. Milne's birthday with stories, games, and fun activities.

STORYTIME

Tuesdays, January 23, 30
1:15pm - 2:00pm
Ages 3 1/2-5

Stories, music and a craft for preschool children.

LEGO® CLUB

Thursday, January 25
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.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Thursday, January 25
6:30pm - 8:30pm
All ages

Families are invited to spend an

evening playing together or with fellow gaming enthusiasts. Bring your own games or choose from our wide selection of board and card games.

INDIVIDUAL SELF-DEFENSE

Saturday, January 27
11:00AM - 1:00pm
Ages 12+

Lisa Gilmurray, Detective Lieutenant of the Somerset County Prosecutors Office, will instruct students in self-defense techniques using body language and their own intuition. Various scenarios will be discussed to give participants an understanding of their personal weapons and how to get away from an attacker.

MINECRAFT CLUB

Saturday, January 27
1:30pm - 3:00pm
Ages 9-13

Explore the world of Minecraft with fellow game enthusiasts. Each 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 Manville's Young Adult Librarian for more details.

PJ STORYTIME: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Kick-Off

Monday, January 29
6:30pm - 7:15pm
All ages

Bring a favorite stuffed animal friend to hear stories, sing songs and discover fingerplays. Wear your PJ's if you dare. Learn about SCLSNJ's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten early literacy initiative.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25
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.

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.



ON THE DRAWING BOARD

The Manville Arts Council would like to thank all who participated in the Bright Lights 2017 contest, whether you decorated your home, voted or took your family on a ride around town. Our borough was shining bright during the holiday season. Some great prizes were given out as well. First Place went to Richard Ave, Second Place was Dominic St and Third Place was Fucillo St. We would also like to thank everyone who donated on our Giving Grid during the month of December. Stay tuned to our Facebook page @manvillearts or our website www.manvillearts.org for upcoming events throughout 2018! Happy New Year!



First Place: Richard Ave.



Second Place: Dominic St.



Third Place: Fucillo St.

COMPUTER TIPS: Identifying Malware

Thursday, January 4
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Learn how to protect your computer from malware.

COUPONING WITH CHRISTY

Tuesday, January 2
7:00pm - 8:00pm

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.

EVENING BOOK GROUP

2nd Monday of every month
6:00pm - 7:00pm

January 8: Love and other Consolation Prizes by Jamie Ford

INTRODUCTION TO GMAIL

Thursday, January 11 (Pt. 1) & 18 (Pt. 2)
11:00 am – Noon

January 11: Pt. 1-Library staff will teach you how to create a Gmail account and go over the basics of sending and receiving e-mails. A mobile phone that can receive calls or texts is required for authenticating the e-mail address. Please bring the phone with you to finalize creation of your account.

January 18: Pt. 2-Library staff will teach you time saving techniques for managing your Gmail account. Attendees must have an active Gmail account already set up prior to attending this program.

TEA WELLNESS SEMINAR AND TEA BLENDING

Saturday, January 13
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Lady Tea, Sharon Levy, will teach participants how to blend loose teas and ingredients to create their own special tea blends.

FINDING A JOB IN THE 21ST CENTURY: Book Talk – The 2-hour

Job Search

Tuesday, January 16: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Friday, January 19: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Library staff will present an overview of the techniques described within the book, The 2-hour Job Search by Steve Dalton, to target potential employers and expand your network.

FIND YOUR FAMILY TREE

Wednesday, January 17
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

January 17: The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

FANTASY BOOK CLUB

4th Tuesday of every month
6:30pm - 7:30pm

This is an opportunity for adults to get together once a month to discuss a fantasy fiction book.

January 23: Ready Player One by Ernest Cline.

ADULT COMPUTER CLASS: Best of the Web: Cooking Websites

Wednesday, January 24
11:00am - 12:00pm

Library staff will present a list of the most popular and interesting cooking websites to help you find new and delicious recipes.

CROCHET AND KNITTING CLUB, TOO!

Wednesday, January 31
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 FINE ARTS CLASSES

Wednesday, January 31
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Explore a variety of artistic techniques while relaxing with friends. Registration is requested.

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