

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

Working towards making Manville more storm resilient, we are in the process of updating the 2014 Somerset County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. To meet FEMA's requirements for plan approval, municipal staff members must participate in the plan update process by attending meetings, providing various types of information and feedback, identifying and assessing mitigation actions and reviewing draft documents.

It is also required that the public and other stakeholders, such as neighboring jurisdictions, agencies, businesses and academia, nonprofits and any other interested parties, be given an opportunity to comment and become involved.

We recently received a \$33,000 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) FEMA grant to help with the over all process of identifying and mapping our existing flood plains with the help from our flood mitigation consultant Tetra-Tech. This work is near completion. The mapping process will help in the prioritization of future buyouts in our hardest hit flood zones.

In addition, we have met several times with Somerset County OEM and with municipal staff who are part of our local Hazard Mitigation Planning committee to address and update the existing 2014 plan for completed projects and the overall re-

view of remaining projects. New projects will be prioritized and added to the plan helping Manville become more storm resilient in the years ahead. The existing updated 2014 plan is available for review on the Borough's website on the "Flood Information" page.

In the future, we will move select critical facilities out of the flood plain to higher ground. We will look to install temporary flood protection walls. We will look to obtaining secondary power generation for Borough Hall and the Manville Library (the Borough's designated Code Blue warming shelter.) Finally, we will continue to secure funds for additional buyouts over the next five years. All of these projects are part of the overall effort to make Manville more storm resilient.

There is a popular adage often attributed to Benjamin Franklin, the father of time management, "Failing to plan is planning to fail." I want to assure all residents we are creating a comprehensive plan to help reduce and mitigate flood risks to our Borough. We will aggressively seek Federal, State and County funding to make our plans become reality and minimize any expenses incurred. We will be welcoming public comment and feedback in the weeks ahead when the revised plan is made available.

Until next month,
Mayor Richard Onderko

First-ever Arbor Day Poster Contest

The Manville Shade Tree Commission announces its first-ever Arbor Day Poster Contest. Manville students from public, private, and home schools are invited to create an original poster using varied artistic techniques, including colored pencils, crayons, markers and paint, to illustrate this year's contest themes. Deadline is April 13, 2018. Winners will be awarded gift cards for first and second place in each age group.

To learn more about the contest visit www.manvillenj.org, Borough Hall or the Manville Public Library.

Our Local Business SpotLight

Celebrating 30 years on Main Street

Manville Chiropractic Center located at 313 South Main Street in Manville has been specializing in spinal health and wellness since Dr. Bill Schroeder and his wife, Cindy, opened their office in town in April 1988. Dr. Bill credits his dad, who worked at Johns Manville, for opening the office in Manville. His father told him that Manville is a great town with hard working people who need a chiropractor. Dr. Bill and Cindy call Manville a wonderful place to have a business where patients of all backgrounds are like family. He always remembers how the spirit of humanity really shined in this town after the horrific floods that devastated so many. It was an inspiration to see neighbors helping neighbors in a time of need.

Dr. Bill enjoys teaching his patients that the nerve system is like the body's internet. It is the control center and communication system for the whole body. If there is any interference along the spinal column between the brain and the body, caused from stress, it can result in decreased function, pain, disease, and lower quality of life. It is his job to find that interference with analysis and X-ray and correct it with specific spinal adjustments. A healthy Brain-Body connection is vital to good health. The drug crisis is escalating at a rapid pace and Dr. Bill specializes in natural alternatives so people can avoid toxic and even deadly effects of the downward spiral of drug addiction. His patients come to him for many conditions and look for a safe alternative to drugs. Each individual has different health goals and he respects and manages every patient's case on a personal level to help improve the quality of their life.

In 30 years of practice the most rewarding and emotional moments were meeting and adjusting the police and firemen at Ground



Zero after 911, and also seeing many patients with various health problems respond and improve with spinal adjustments and better nutrition. He looks forward to serving the public for many more years because he enjoys making a positive impact on people's lives. Dr. Bill always says, "Your spine is your life line so stay well adjusted!" Services include specific hands on spinal adjustments to increase mobility, vitality and function, spinal decompression, and several adjunctive and supportive therapies and muscle massage. Carol, our in house certified massage therapist is available to provide muscle therapy and relaxation. Dr. Bill is also a Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician and performs extremity adjustments and mobilization techniques as well.

Dr. Bill is having an Open House and Food Drive to be held at the office Saturday, April 7th from 10am-3pm to celebrate 30 years of service. Anyone who brings a donation for the Somerset County Food Bank will be eligible for a 15 minute massage along with spinal consultations and exams for new and returning patients. There will be door prizes and refreshments. Call (908) 707-0050 or visit the web site at www.manvillechiropractic.com.



Deepening Our Roots: Manville's 2nd Annual Arbor Day Celebration

Dedicated to protecting and improving Manville's city trees through planting, conservation, and education, the Manville Shade Tree Commission invites residents to join them on Friday, April 27, 2018 for the second annual Arbor Day celebration.

Arbor Day is a different type of holiday – it's not about nationalism, religious convictions or cultural pride. Instead, it promotes the idea that people are responsible for restoring and preserving the natural world.

Trees bolster our local ecosystem by improving air quality, purifying water resources, protecting our soil and serving as a wildlife habitat. When properly planted and maintained, trees also enhance our quality

of life by improving the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increasing property values, and reducing home cooling costs.

The Manville Shade Tree Commission hopes to raise awareness about the overall impact of urban forestry by encouraging citizens to come out on Friday, April 27, 2018 from noon to 4 pm at the Manville Library and participate in the many unique programs and demonstrations they have planned. Activities include a chainsaw carving demonstration, adult and children's educational programs

focusing on trees, a visit by Eyes of the Wild featuring forest animals, games, giveaways, and much more.

Arbor Day celebrations are required for communities hoping to achieve Tree City USA status. They are also a great opportunity to teach new generations about trees and bring together people who have common interests. Joining the Manville Shade Tree Commission this year will be the Weston Earth Watchers Club, the ABIS Environmental Club, Sustainable Manville Green Team, and Manville Rocks! Working together, the message of being good stewards through environmental activism expands from tree plantings to



Jorge Rodriguez Rocks Arbor Day 4/27/18

include recycling and alternative energy sources.

The Manville Shade Tree Commission encourages private property owners to plant more trees and will be distributing free seedlings at the celebration to spread their message. They've also created an inspired itinerary of events for Manville's Second Annual Arbor Day designed to highlight a natural resource that is irreplaceable, essential, and deeply rooted in our sense of community pride – trees.

Manville Senior's Digest

The Manville Senior Citizens meet at noon on the second Thursday of each month at the VFW. Membership is open to anyone age 50 or older, residents and non-residents. The next meeting is April 12. For Senior news go to www.manvillenj.org.

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Borough of Manville Annual Re-Assessment Program: A Step in the Right Direction

On August 8, 2016, the Manville Mayor and Council adopted a resolution recommending the Borough enter into an annual re-assessment program joining the majority of Somerset County municipalities who have also adopted this strategy. In 2013, Robert Vance, Somerset County Tax Administrator, sent a letter to the Borough leadership at the time advising that Manville's "Director's Ratio" was 117.71%, the highest ratio in all of Somerset County. This ratio is an indicator to the Tax Administrator that sales in a town are, on average, below assessed values. Further, ratios above 100% indicate that the municipality is at risk for having large numbers of tax appeals which can place an unnecessary and dangerous financial burden on a municipality.

In August of 2016, Mayor Onderko and the Borough Council heeded the Tax Administrator's directive to commence an annual re-assessment program. An annual re-assessment program involves ongoing inspections of all properties every five years to confirm the details of the assessment records. Moody's Investors Service recently reported that municipalities adopting the annual re-assessment program are implementing "...a systemized approach that will improve the accuracy of assessed values. The strategy looks to reduce costly tax appeals that can lead to revenue shortfalls and to short-term borrowing, sometimes on a regular basis. In extreme cases, tax appeals can cause considerable financial distress." Moody's also reports that, "Proactive reassessments on a more frequent basis keep

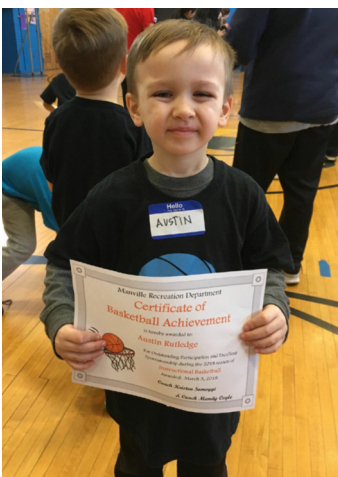
valuations more accurate." Improved accuracy in valuations leads to improved budget accuracy overall.

In 2014 and 2015, Manville Borough refunded \$351,749 and \$192,434 respectively due to tax appeals. Since the revaluation that was conducted in 2016 (prior to the annual re-assessment program), the number of appeals was reduced to \$35,673 in 2016 and \$65,636 in 2017. As can be seen from these appeals figures, proper assessments lead to reduced appeals. Fewer appeals and less refunded dollars help stabilize Manville's municipal budget and, ultimately, the tax rate.

The new annual re-assessment program is conducted by the Borough Assessor's office and is overseen by the Somerset County Board of Taxation. The specifics of the program include the inspection of all properties within the Borough every five years. Therefore, 20% of the town will be inspected each year on a revolving basis so any individual property will only be inspected once every five years. The inspections confirm the information on record regarding the property. The deadline to file an assessment appeal also changes under the new program from April 1st to May 1st any given year.

In early February of each year, Manville property owners will be notified of their new assessed value with the mailing of a green assessment notification card. Questions regarding assessments and the annual re-assessment program may be directed to the Borough of Manville Tax Assessor or Borough Administrator.

Basketball in the Borough News....



Austin Rutledge scored his first basket on the last day of the program

Our Instructional Basketball sessions have come to a close and our players have learned lots of new skills, made new friends and had FUN! Coach Kristen Somogyi and Coach Mandy Coyle returned to the Michelle Sniscak Gymnasium at Weston School to introduce future Manville basketball stars to dribbling, passing, shooting and offense/defense concepts! Our program runs Saturday mornings for 8 weeks – and we hope to see our Instructional Basketball players at our Basketball Camp this summer! Keep practicing!!!

Recreation News

Interested in coaching or volunteering with the Recreation Department?

Most of our Youth Sports programs are volunteer driven – and couldn't happen without the commitment of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and involved residents! In order to coach for our programs you must complete a Rutgers Certification class and undergo a Criminal History Background Checked (CHBC).

For more information contact Jean Weber at jweber@manvillenj.org or call 908-725-9478 x126. Coaching can be a very rewarding experience. Consider getting involved by becoming a volunteer coach or assistant.



Spaghetti Dinner

The Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 193 will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 22nd starting at 3 pm and ending at 7 pm at the VFW Post 2290, 600 Washington Ave. Adults \$10 - 12 and under \$5 - Children under 5 Free. Menu: Spaghetti w/meat or meatless sauce, salad, bread, drinks, dessert. Proceeds will help support the programs of BSA Troop & Cub Scout Pack 193. Support our Troop & Pack!



Hey Manville Residents! Join RECYCLE COACH for FREE NOW!

Beginning March 15th, Manville residents can join Recycle Coach free of charge! What is Recycle Coach you ask? Recycle Coach is Manville's new one-stop shop for obtaining all information on garbage and recycling collection schedules, what items can be recycled, how many "bulk stickers" you need for that mattress you need to discard and much more! Take the "What type of recycler are you?" quiz, set up a personalized calendar and reminders, report a missed collection (although rare, if it should happen to you, this is the place to go!), and even ask questions such as, "What do I do with broken glass? Do I recycle it or throw it away?"



Here's the scoop on how to get this great new app! Go to <https://recyclecoach.com> and select "Recycling Information for Residents". Enter "Manville, NJ" into the "Tell Us Where You Live" box and check the box "Remember My Location". Have a smart phone or Google Play? Download the Recycle Coach app from the iTunes Store or Google Play.

Now, have fun personalizing your calendar, asking questions, taking the quiz and getting more information than you ever thought possible on recycling in Manville!

Sustainable Manville News

The Manville Green Team has been hard at work this winter season planning several events including educational workshops and working on documentation to become a Sustainable Jersey certified green team.

Rain barrels will begin to be seen throughout the town as Manville's rain barrel rebate program gets underway. With the support of the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, Manville residents will be able to obtain rebates for their rain barrel purchases following an installation inspection.

For the most up-to-date information on Green Team happenings, visit us on Facebook: [@SustainableManville](https://www.facebook.com/SustainableManville).

If you are not a Facebook fan, you can visit our website at: www.manvillenj.org/483/Sustainable-Manville-Green-Team.

If you have interest in serving on the Manville Green Team, please contact abierwirth@manvillenj.org! We are always looking for new members to help with our programs.



News from the Tax Collector's Office

Attention Senior Citizens receiving the \$250.00 deduction on your property tax: the deadline to submit the Annual Post-Tax Year Income Statement Renewal is April 1, 2018. If you do not know if you are receiving the deduction, it appears on the right hand side of your tax bill. You can also visit the Borough of Manville's website at www.manvillenj.org, click "Online Payments", then click "Tax & Sewer Payments", enter your address and click search. If you are receiving any deductions, they will appear on the right hand side of the top of the page and will be listed under "Deductions. The form (Form PD5) can be obtained from the Tax Collector's Office or online at: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other_forms/lpt/pd502.pdf



Alexandra and Sadie Fleming helped stuff over 4000 eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Hunt will be on Saturday, March 24th, 1:00 pm at Weston School Playground. Bring your own basket. The Bike Parade begins at 12:30 pm. Please bring a canned food or pet item to donate. THANK YOU to all the local businesses and community members who donated prizes for the Hunt.

Rent - A - Tent



Enjoy your next spring or summer event at either Papawick Park or Lincoln Park in the comfort of a tent. The Borough of Manville's Recreation Department now has an outdoor tent available for rent. This 20 foot by 40 foot tent can be rented for spring and summer events at either Papawick Park or Lincoln Park. Enjoy some shade at your next outdoor event. There is a \$200 rental fee for usage of the tent. The rental fee includes set up and removal of the tent by the Department of Public Works. Grilling is not permitted under the tent. Applications for both Park Rental and Tent Rental will be available at the Recreation Department in early April. Be sure to plan your event early and Rent - A -Tent!

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Manville Municipal Alliance News

Alcohol Awareness Month

This April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Founded and sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) since 1987, this year's theme is: "Changing Attitudes: It's not a 'rite of passage'." No other substance is more widely used and abused by America's youth than alcohol, making alcoholism and alcohol-related problems the number one public health problem in the United States. Fostering healthy and responsible attitudes, talking openly and honestly, encouraging supportive relationships, and showing children that their opinions and decisions matter, are all ways to help prevent the use of alcohol and drugs. Parents often forgive underage drinking as a "rite of passage." They can simply sit back and hope their kids will "get through it," or they can change their attitude and take an active role in learning about alcohol and drugs and help their kids do the same. It can be challenging to develop the communication skills needed to talk with your children about drinking and drugs, but it will be well worth the effort you put into it, as you get to know your children a little better and help them build the coping skills they need to handle the anger, stress, peer pressure, loneliness and disappointment that are part of being an adolescent. So, let's get started. At the end of April the MAC will host an assembly for our high school students to encourage alcohol awareness. The speakers will explain their stories related to alcohol accidents that changed their lives forever. If you want more info on how you can help influence a change in our community please visit manvillenj.org/456/Municipal-Alliance. If you have any questions please email us at manvillemac@gmail.com. Our Alliance meetings take place the first Wednesday of the month, 6pm at Manville Library.



ON THE DRAWING BOARD

Call to Artists

The MAC is searching for New Jersey artists (both amateur and professional) to take part in our 3rd Annual Art Expo.

The Art Expo will run for two weeks in May and kicks off with the Opening Night Reception on Friday, May 4th. There is no application fee. Artists ages 16 and up are invited to exhibit. For more information, or to download a copy of the application, visit www.manvillearts.org.

Paper applications will also be available at the Manville Branch of the SCLS.



News from Manville Schools

Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln visit Roosevelt School

The students of Roosevelt School were honored by a visit from Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, on February 15th in celebration of Presidents Day, a federal holiday observed in the United States on the third Monday of February. It is a day that celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present. Channeling Honest Abe, impersonator Robert Costello astonished the children with the authenticity of his look and demeanor.

Grasscycling & Backyard Composting

An Alternative to Disposing of Grass Clippings & Yard Waste

GRASS CLIPPINGS are NOT collected curbside in the Borough of Manville. Residents who wish to dispose of grass clippings can bring them to the Department of Public Works' Yard on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon starting April 21st through October 13th. Clippings should be in biodegradable paper bags or in a container. Plastic bags will not be accepted. Proof of residency may be requested. The drop off location will be closed for holidays on May 26th and September 1st. Please do not leave bags outside the DPW Yard gate.

Don't Dispose - Cut It & Leave It Environmentally-Friendly Lawn Care from the New Jersey DEP

Grass clippings are a major part of New Jersey's municipal solid waste stream. As a New Jersey resident, you are already helping to avoid air pollution and wasted resources by recycling. You can do more by reducing waste at the source. Leave the grass clippings on your lawn when you mow, and let nature do the recycling. Just cut it and leave it to save time and money

You'll save 20-25% of your time because you won't have to stop and empty your lawnmower bag, and you'll avoid purchasing yard waste bags and hauling them to the curb. You'll need to fertilize less (25-50%), since clippings return nutrients to the soil.

Mow your lawn correctly
To maintain your lawn properly, mow high and mow often, so that you only take off about 1/3 of the length of the grass. This will result in an attractive, neatly trimmed lawn, and clippings will disappear when they filter down to the soil.

The right amount of water

Controlling watering rates will help your lawn grow at manageable levels and still stay healthy. Even in dry periods, lawns usually need a thorough watering only once a week or twice if soils are sandy. If managed carefully, water will soak

the soil four to six inches down, just right for building healthy root systems and greener growth. Early morning watering conserves water by preventing evaporation.

What to do with excessive growth

If you miss a week, or if heavy rain causes fast growth, you have some choices. Double mow – set the mower higher than usual and cut no more than the top third of the grass. In a day or two, set the mower height down and bring the lawn mower down another 1/3 of its height. Continue this process until you reach the desired height. Mulch heavy clippings into the garden - bag or rake the clippings and apply them to your garden as mulch. Spread them an inch deep, to cool the soil, retain water, prevent erosion and compaction, and smother weed seeds. Compost - grass speeds up your composting, but can cause odors and deplete oxygen if not properly managed. If you compost large amounts of grass, turn the pile often with a pitchfork.

What about thatch?

Clippings don't cause thatch. Thatch is formed from the accumulation of dead roots and stems. The more you fertilize and water your lawn, the more it grows and the faster thatch accumulates.

Fertilizer

Too much fertilizer means rapid growth and more mowing. Use soil testing to verify the need for fertilizer; see your County Extension Office for a soil test kit. Fertilize in September and again in October or November for a healthier lawn. This keeps the lawn greener through the winter and strengthens roots for thick growth in the spring without the unwanted long growth caused by spring fertilization.

You can achieve the lawn you want and also protect our environment, when you practice careful turf management, and **Cut It and Leave It!**



Backyard Composting

Landfill use can be significantly reduced by composting kitchen and yard debris. Somerset County Recycling is providing two Backyard Composting Workshops in 2018:

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Somerset County 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater
10-11:30 am & 6:30-8 pm
Register by April 18, 2018

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Somerset County Admin Building
20 Grove Street, Somerville
10-11:30 am & 6:30-8 pm
Register by September 19, 2018

For more information or to register, call 908-231-7109.

SomCty Celebrates Women's History Month



Manville's own, Councilwoman Michele Magnani, is pictured with Freeholder Patricia Walsh and Freeholder Patrick Scaglione as well as several women in public government from around Somerset County. The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders proclaimed March as Women's History Month and celebrated women in public office. Congratulations Councilwoman Magnani!

Bulk Waste Stickers

\$3.00 Effective March 8, 2018

The Mayor and Council approved the first price increase for the Borough of Manville's bulk waste stickers in several years. The cost of the bulk waste stickers go toward offsetting a portion of the tipping fees paid by the Borough for disposal of the bulk items as well as some of the cost of Borough staff time to collect the items from the curb. If you have bulk waste stickers on hand, you do not need to purchase "\$1" additional stickers. The Borough will honor your previously purchased stickers.

Manville is a "green town". As a reminder, bulk waste collection should be utilized for items that cannot be reused. Many of the items that are placed at the curb for bulk waste pick-up can be re-used by another family. Even furniture items can be recycled. Try the following sites for donating your items:

- Market Street Mission – Morristown
George Street Thrift Store and Warehouse, 25 George Street, Morristown, NJ 07960 (973) 538-0427 - Hours: 9:00AM to 4:30PM - Monday to Saturday
www.marketstreet.org/thrift-store

The Thrift Store accepts donations of most items except toys, magazines, tires, batteries, and weapons. Donations are tax-deductible, and all proceeds benefit the Mission. Trucks, operated by men in the work therapy program, collect donated items on a weekly schedule.

- Vietnam Veterans of America, New Jersey – Thrift Stores and Charity Information - donationtown.org/charity/vietnam-veterans-of-america-new-jersey.html

Make New Jersey VVA clothing donations, toy donations, household items donations, and furniture donations to Vietnam Veterans of America of New Jersey by scheduling a free NJ VVA donation pick-up through the Donation Town donation pick up scheduling webpage.

- Lupus Foundation - lfapickupservice.org/

Items accepted include dry goods, electronics, furniture, children's items, power tools, sporting goods. For more information, call 888.445.8787.

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Read Across America Slumber Party



Krista Belle and Peter Gorbatuck



Slumber Reading Party at the Library



Nicole and John Rostron



Serenity Thomas and Noah Pellechia

Each year during Dr. Seuss's birthday week, thousands of schools and libraries work to promote literacy by bringing together children and books. On March 1st, Weston School Lead Teacher Laura Landau arranged a slumber party at the Manville Library to highlight the importance of reading at any age. Manville families donned PJs, and brought pillows, blankets and stuffed animals to read together in support of this important life skill. Many thanks to Laura Landau, the Weston PTA, and all the devoted parents and caregivers who braved the rain for this wonderful evening.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

LEGO® CLUB

Thursdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26
3:45pm - 4:30pm
Ages 5-10

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

CODING: JAVA

April 12, 19, 26
4:30pm - 6:00pm
Ages 9-13

Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of building a website? Participants are asked to bring their own chromebook or laptop if possible. If you are unable to bring your own device, contact the library directly to reserve a laptop.

MINECRAFT CLUB

Saturday, April 7
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 the library for more details.

SIGN LANGUAGE STORYTIME

Saturday, April 7
11:00am - 11:30am
Ages 4+

Stories and songs accompanied by Manville's own American Sign Language interpreter Christina Mosleh.

STORYTIME

Tuesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24
1:15pm - 2:00pm
Ages 3 1/2-5

Nothing is as important as fostering children's interest in reading. Introduce your preschooler to the magic of books through stories, music and a craft.

BUDDING BUILDERS

Tuesday, April 24
3:30pm - 5:00pm
Ages 9-14

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

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Thursday, April 26
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.

EARTH DAY

Wednesday, April 18
3:30pm - 4:00pm
Ages 4-10

Use cotton swabs to paint the Earth in celebration of Earth Day.

MANVILLE TWEEN ADVISORY CLUB

Fridays, March 9; April 13
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.

SEWING SCRUNCHIES

Wednesday, April 11
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Ages 13-18

The 80's are back and so are its hair accessories. Spend an afternoon designing and sewing your own scrunchy. All supplies are provided and no previous sewing experience is necessary.

INTRO TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Monday, April 30
3:30pm - 4:00pm
Ages 9-15

Learn the basics of American Sign

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.

Language from ASL interpreter Christina Mosleh.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

MONDAY MATINEE IN MANVILLE

Mondays, April 2, 16
1:00pm - 3:30pm
April 2: *Wonder*

A boy with a deformity learns how to make friends when he attends school for the first time as he enters fifth grade. Starring Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson. Rated PG. Running Time: 113 min.

April 16: *Only the Brave*

A drama based on a crew of men who battled wildfires in Prescott, Arizona that claimed the lives of 19 of their members. Starring Josh Brolin and Jeff Bridges. Rated PG-13. Running Time: 133 min.

EVENING BOOK GROUP

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

April 9: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

CONGRESSWOMAN BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, April 10
4:00pm - 7:00pm

COMPUTER TIPS: MICROSOFT POWERPOINT

Wednesday, April 11
7:00pm - 8:00pm

An introductory class on the popular Microsoft Powerpoint presentation software. This is one in a series of instructor-led computer training programs for the public.

INTRODUCTION TO... GOOGLE

Thursdays, April 12, 19
11:00am - Noon

So you have a Gmail account, now what? Learn about some of the other features available in Google to broaden your computer savvy. Patrons will need an active Gmail account to fully participate in this class.

April 12: INTRODUCTION TO GOOGLE CALENDAR

Learn the basics of Google Calendar, a time-management and scheduling calendar service that allows users to create and edit events.

April 19: INTRODUCTION TO GOOGLE KEEP

Learn the basics of Google Keep, a note-taking service that offers a variety of tools for taking notes, including text, lists, images, and audio.

FINDING A JOB IN THE 21ST CENTURY: 90 DAY SUCCESS PLAN

Tuesday, April 17
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Learn how to create a 90 day success plan based on the principles from the book 'The First 90 Days: Proven Strategies for Getting Up to Speed Faster and Smarter' by Michael Watkins.

FIND YOUR FAMILY TREE

Wednesday, April 18,
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

April 18: *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

Thursdays, April 19, 26
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.

FANTASY BOOK CLUB

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

April 24: *The Book of Lost Things* by John Connolly

ADULT FINE ARTS CLASSES

Wednesday, April 25
6:30pm - 7:30pm

April 25: Mixed Media

Explore a variety of artistic techniques while relaxing with friends. Local artist and Manville Arts Council President Heather Ball will facilitate the classes. Registration is requested.

2ND ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 27
Noon - 4:00pm

All ages

The Manville Shade Tree Commission invites you to join them for an afternoon of entertaining and educational experiences that highlight the importance of shade trees in our community.

The itinerary includes a chainsaw carving demonstration, a hand-on program filled with amazing facts about trees, a traveling zoo show featuring animals that live in and benefit from trees, and much more.

Everyone will leave with a tree (or two!) to plant.

SELLING ON EBAY

Saturday, April 28
10:30am - Noon

Millions of people earn a part-time or full-time income on eBay and you could, too. Topics to be addressed include: How eBay works, safe trading, registering on eBay, selecting items to sell and learning their value, pricing your merchandise, writing a description, uploading photos, collecting payment, handling feedback and much more. Rick Feingold, an eBay PowerSeller and Education Specialist, will explain how to sell successfully, from start to finish.



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