

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 the recent adoption of the 2018 municipal budget, I feel it is a good time to give a general financial overview of our Borough. For the past several years we were focused on stabilizing the municipal tax levy which is the amount of money required from all taxpayers in town for the operation of our Borough. We have executed shared services agreements with Hillsborough and Montgomery to save significant tax dollars since labor costs are our biggest expense. Cost reductions and improving operating efficiencies will continue to be our focus.

For the past several years we have also paid down previous debts incurred from prior bond offerings. Reducing our debt level helps stabilize the municipal tax levy. At one point in time, our Borough had over \$10 million dollars in outstanding bonds and short-term notes. The good news is at the end of 2018 our outstanding debt will be approximately \$5.4 million dollars. That total includes the latest 2018 capital bond offering for new vehicles and equipment. In addition, with stricter spending guidelines and oversight, we have increased our budget projected surplus each year to aid our cash flow.

The proposed 2018 budget increase was under the 2% budget cap and no "cap bank" was applied. The term "cap bank" is somewhat misleading since it only allows for more taxation above the 2% level. This year's municipal tax increase is approximately \$48 dollars annually on an average assessed \$230,000 home. One of Governor Christie's greatest bipartisan achievements was the adoption of a local "budget cap" to slow the growth of property taxes here in New Jersey. Our ongoing property tax crisis is directly related to a school funding problem caused by the School Funding Reform Act (SFRA) of 2008.

Manville's school district is grossly under-funded by \$9 million dollars while other school districts in our State are significantly over-funded. This has occurred because our elected officials in Trenton have not forced fair funding reform. However, Governor Murphy has campaigned to fully fund our schools with a 4-year plan, yet with the recent aid figures released by Trenton for the 2018/2019 school year, Manville was once again shortchanged. It seems the school funding equation is not being executed as it was

Manville's Memorial Day Parade Set



Manville's 72nd Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday, May 27, with no rain date. Hosted by the Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Post 2290 & Auxiliary, the parade will start promptly at 1 p.m. at the corner of Dukes Parkway/ Main Street. The parade will end at VFW Post 2290 at 600 Washington Avenue. Join your neighbors and line the parade route in support of our Veterans.

designed to balance out aid as economic conditions change in each town.

With the release of recently proposed school aid figures, I questioned why a district like Princeton received a 13.4% increase in aid (\$475,358) and Manville received only 5% (\$302,719). No one could explain how those figures were derived or if a significant loss of a town's taxable value had any impacts. What if a mistake was made? We have every right to question the calculation used.

Our politicians in Trenton have instituted "enrollment caps" and "hold harmless" conditions that need to be eliminated and the existing school funding equation should be executed as it was designed for "tax fairness." Only then can Manville provide a quality public education as mandated by the State of New Jersey. As enrollments have increased in Manville since 2010, we received no additional aid. School districts receiving too much aid under "hold harmless" continue to receive it. Why? Trenton needs to fully fund the SFRA equation as it was designed and approved by the courts. Unfortunately, there will be winners and losers when doing so but it is long-overdue that Manville wins and gets its fair share of school aid.

On April 17th, myself, members of our community and school board, including our new Superintendent Mr. Bob Beers, listened to a budget hearing on education down in Trenton. The new Commissioner of Education stated he is willing to "modernize" the SFRA equation and possibly eliminate "enrollment caps" and "hold harmless" provisions. However, the clock is ticking. The State's fiscal year budget deadline is June 30th. On a positive note, there is now one political party in total control in Trenton. The Assembly, Senate, and State House are controlled by the Democrats. They need to stop the finger pointing back at the Christie administration and simply fix the problem that has gone on for too long.

Everyone I speak to is in favor of lower property taxes. The only way to get there is for the local cost share of the SFRA to be reduced by Manville receiving its "fair share" of school aid. We need to keep the pressure on our elected officials serving us in Trenton to fix the problem and not forget about towns like ours, one of the top 10 most underfunded school districts in New Jersey.

Until next month,

Mayor Richard M. Onderko



Manville's Mayor, Superintendent, School Board members and many from the community visited the State house to make their voices heard at the School Funding Budget hearing on April 17th.

Our Local Business SpotLight

THE HAIR HOUSE INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATING 35 years of Business!

Owner Mary Tabbitt has always dreamt of following in her grandmother's footsteps to own her own business. At the age of 24 years old, she became the proud owner of The Best Little Hair House and has moved to larger spaces to accommodate her ever growing business and clients.

Mary's grandmother, Jozefa Brzozowski (owned and operated the restaurant at the Polish Falcon's Camp in Hillsborough, NJ), inspired Mary. This is where she received first hand lessons in customer service at a young age.

Mary received her education at the Garden State Academy of Beauty Culture. She assisted stylists and gained experience at a small town salon (Shelly's). Mary decided, with a little coaxing from her family, to open her own salon and the rest is history.

With love for the beauty profession, Mary and all the stylists at Hair House International take master classes in NYC, Philadelphia, Las Vegas and other cities to be educated in the newest techniques and styles. Educated in many lines of services and products from around the world, the salon is on top of all the newest trends. The stylists regularly train at such renowned hair studios as Redken, Matrix, Kenra, Majirel-L'Oreal, S.O. Cap Hair Extensions, to name a few.

Mary has grown her business into a full service salon with family and staff speaking several languages including English, Polish, Spanish, Ukrainian and Russian. Services include: Hair, Skin, Nails, Health & Wellness.

Mary holds a Health Coach Certification for the past 6 years and has recently added the Wellness Program to her list of salon services. She has guided over 300 clients toward a healthier way of life and is always looking to help others.

Proms and Wedding appointments are one of the Salon's specialties. The most requested services are Color, High Lighting



(Foils, Balayage, and Ombre) in natural and trendy bright tones. Also popular for the summer months are the Keratin Blowouts or Treatments which work to help smooth the hair cuticle and remove frizz. A pre-consultation is recommended before booking any of these treatments.

The Hair House International understands what its clients like and expect. An experienced staff that understands each client's needs is what makes the salon so successful. In addition, the salon staff are very involved in community service, donating their time and talent to fund non-profit organizations.

Hair House offers services to clients suffering from medical hair loss; we also assist the American Cancer Society as well as cancer patients with selecting stylish wigs. Appointments must be made for these services to ensure complete privacy.

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From the Manville OEM Director, John Bentz

Monthly Siren Test

Greetings Manville residents, The Manville Office of Emergency Management conducts a monthly test of the Borough's Emergency Siren on the first Saturday of every month at 12:00pm. In the event of weather related emergencies or other circumstances on the first Saturday the test will be moved to the second Saturday of the month. The Emergency Siren is activated when we need to advise our residents during weather related situations or other emergencies in town.

The five emergency sirens we have across the town are located at Fire Company #2 (South 13th Ave and Washington Ave), OEM Building (South Weiss Street, Lost Valley), Haran Ave Park, Courtland Pump Station (Dukes Parkway) and Borough Hall.

In the event of an emergency and the siren is activated. We ask residents to turn to 1690AM on their radio to receive important information. We also ask residents to follow us on Facebook @ Manville Borough OEM.

Homestead Benefit Program

Homestead Benefit packets were mailed over a three-week period beginning in September 2017. View Expected Delivery Dates at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/deliverydates.shtml.

Eligible homeowners can expect to receive their 2015 Homestead Benefit property tax relief beginning around May 1, 2018. Most homeowners will receive the relief in the form of a credit on their second-quarter property tax bill. Eligible seniors and disabled residents can expect to see a property tax reduction of approximately \$259. All other eligible homeowners will receive an estimated \$202. Homeowners who earn up to \$75,000 and meet all other criteria are eligible for the Homestead Benefit. Senior, blind, and disabled homeowners under 65 who earn as much as \$150,000 receive the benefit as well.

This year's Homestead Benefit is based on the \$156 million appropriation that was included in the FY 2018 budget signed into law by Governor Christie in July, 2017.

- Eligibility Requirements - www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/eligibility.shtml
- How to File - www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/file.shtml
- Benefit Payment Information - www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/benefit.shtml
- FAQ - www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/hemail.shtml
- Check the Status (Amount) of Your Homestead Benefit - www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/statusinq.shtml

Tenants will not receive rebates of 2015 taxes.

Please join us for
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2018 Manville Arts Council
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100 S 10th Ave Manville, NJ 08835

if you are unable to join us
a donation may be made at www.manvillearts.org
the Manville Arts Council is a registered 501(c)3 organization

The Borough of Manville Welcomes New Tax Assessor

On Monday, April 9th, the Manville Mayor and Council authorized the Borough Administrator to hire Mr. George Sopko as the Borough's new Part-Time Tax Assessor. Mr. Sopko has the experience necessary to continue the Borough's annual reassessment program that was recently initiated. George's experience includes serving as the current part time Tax Assessor in Rocky Hill



George Sopko

Borough in Somerset County and, more recently, as the Tax Assessor in Branchburg Township for commercial properties. George holds the designation of MAI, Member of the Appraisal Institute. Other certifications include General Real Estate Appraiser, State of NJ and Certified Tax Assessor, State of NJ.

It is common for Tax Assessors to work in multiple jurisdictions. The Tax Assessor's work includes field work and inspections, assisting residents with their questions regarding assessed values, working with the Somerset County Tax Administrator and Tax Board, and representing the Borough in tax appeal cases that may arise.

Mr. Sopko has a very special connection with Manville Borough. His grandfather, George Sopko, served as Councilman from 1935 through 1941 and his father was the Tax Assessor in Manville many years ago. Mr. Sopko will hold office hours at the Borough Hall on Mondays from 3pm - 7pm and on Wednesdays from 1pm - 5pm. In addition to Mr. Sopko's office hours, the Assessor's office is open daily Monday through Friday from 9am - 12:30pm where the Assistant to the Tax Assessor is available to answer questions and provide assistance.

Welcome to Manville, George!

Elk of the Year Lynn Santos



Mayor Richard Onderko and Elk of the Year Lynn Santos

Ms. Lynn Santos, a lifelong resident of the Borough of Manville, was recently recognized as Somerville Elks Lodge #1068 Elk of the Year at their annual celebration. Ms. Santos was further recognized

for her time and talents over the past five years since she joined the Elks. Ms. Santos first began serving the Elks in the capacity of the National Foundation's chairperson and had set some high goals for the Lodge. As a result, for the first time in many years, the Somerville Elks Lodge 1068 ranked first place in the District's per-capita contest. Ms. Santos has also organized many activities and events for the lodge promoting fellowship and attracting new members.

Congratulations Lynn! We thank you for your tireless dedication.

Temporary Park Closing Dukes Parkway Park

The Dukes Parkway Park located along the banks of the Raritan River will be closed temporarily to the public due to tree hazards. Several trees were compromised during the March weather events. The Manville Borough Tree Commission expert conducted a full site inspection and determined that 12 trees need to be removed. The primary reason for the need to remove these compromised trees is root rot due to the frequent flooding in the area. Also, the Emerald Ash Borer may be posing a potential threat to the trees. Most of the trees slated to be removed are green ash and honey locust. The tree removal will be conducted by the Department of Public Works and will begin once the area dries out sufficiently to allow for access with the equipment. Please keep in mind this is only a temporary closure.



ON THE DRAWING BOARD

Murals on Main Manville Ruby Slipper Project--A Memory Sharing Event

There's No Place Like Home! There's No Place Like Home!



Share your Manville memories and help us create a hometown mural on Main St.

Manville is a great town created by generations of families who have come together to build an amazing community. The Manville Arts Council wishes to celebrate this strong, resilient community by creating a hometown mural to represent both its history and its future. Please join us for the Murals On Main Ruby Slipper Project. Bring an item (MAC) memorabilia to share from paper items (including old or new photographs), Mustangs schedules/programs, and Manville Cinema ticket stubs to 3D items like varsity jackets, restaurant menus, special event posters and dog tags. We are looking for items that represent Manville! The MAC will provide a scanner to scan paper items, a photographer for 3D items, and have someone available to record verbal memories. Some of the images collected will be used as a reference for the art on our hometown mural. You don't have to be living in Manville to participate, just bring one Manville-related memorabilia to share. Light refreshments will be served.

Join us on Saturday, May 19th, from 12 noon - 3pm at the VFW for an afternoon of sharing memories.

From the desk of Chief Mark Peltack



Spring Police News

With the anticipated arrival of Spring weather, motorists should be prepared to encounter an increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic on our roadways. Motorists must stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Pedestrians must use crosswalks to cross the street and should always walk facing traffic. Bicyclists should wear bright colored clothing and must use lights if riding during hours of darkness. Pedestrian and bicycle safety is a shared responsibility. The Police Department has received a Pedestrian Safety Grant and will be conducting enforcement and educational patrols targeting pedestrian and bicycle violations.

Additionally, in New Jersey, anyone under 17 years of age that rides a bicycle or is a passenger on a bicycle, or is towed as a passenger by a bicycle must wear a safety helmet. On August 1, 1998 this helmet law was extended to include roller and inline skates and skateboards.

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Scouting Values

In Manville, boy and girl scout programs are very popular with dedicated scouts and leaders planning meaningful meetings, fundraisers, badge opportunities and more. Why has scouting continued to be such a large movement in the United States, abroad and in our own town of Manville? What makes scouting so special? We recently asked Mr. Jim Kelly, Pack 193, Committee Chairperson, to help us understand how the movement has continued to grow and stay strong in Manville. Over the past two years, we have had several young men go on to the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank to be achieved as a Boy Scout. Mr. Kelly provided us with his thoughts by writing about "Values"; we decided to share his thoughts with all of our readers:



Jim Kelly, Pack 193, Committee Chairperson



share our worldview. They are the ones we need to work the closest with, for they are the people that will keep us honest to ourselves.

To create these values in our children, we as parents need to provide fun activities that promote them. Have our children learn by doing and realize their responsibility for the choices they make. Finally, being able to spiritually reflect on those outcomes and use them for personal growth.

So in conclusion, for me the best expression of values I know can be found in the Values of Scouting*. I hope to someday be remembered as someone that did his best to live by these values. My wish is for a movement like this to take hold in our town, county, state, nation and the world.

Pack 193 is proud to be sponsored by Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Post 2290 Manville,

For additional information on boy and girl scouting, go online to the following sites: www.girlscouts.org/ and www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/

***The Values of Scouting**

As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity, Respect, Care, Belief and Cooperation. We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. We have self-respect and respect for others. We support others and take care of the world in which we live. We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends. scouts.org.uk/about-us/key-policies/fundamentals-of-scouting/

Values

By Jim Kelly, Pack 193, Committee Chairperson

In these days of uncertainties, values are something for us to seriously consider. What are they and should we ever compromise them? This is hard when we apply them to groups of people. Do we need to be honest with people that are dishonest? Should we give our trust and loyalty to people with no integrity? If we use our faith and belief in God, tempered with our need to make a positive difference in all we meet, only then can our values be true and they will make the difference in the world we are looking for.

So the answer is our goal should always be to never compromise our values. But having certain values does not prevent us from finding ways for all to speak out, be heard and to be valued. Not compromising our values does not mean we can't work together with people of different views. In fact, it means that we should work the hardest with those that do not

Manville Recreation News

It's that time of year again – Manville pool passes area available for purchase beginning May 1st. Pool passes may be obtained at the Recreation Department in Borough Hall. Pool passes are \$45 per badge for ages 4-59 and senior badges, 60+ are \$20. Cash will no longer be accepted at the pools for payment of badges. The Manville pools open Saturday, June 23rd and remain open through Labor Day weekend. The pool locations are Veterans Memorial Park Pool, located on Colorado Avenue off of Roosevelt Avenue and Cooper Park Pool, located at the corner of Boesel Avenue and Cooper Street in Lost Valley.



Summer Camp Registration Coming Soon:

Weston Summer Camp runs from July 2nd through July 27th, from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm. The participation fee is \$70 per camper. Register at the Recreation Department.

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 May 10.

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.

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

A representative from St. Peter's University Hospital Community Mobile Health service will be on hand to do blood pressure screening and blood sugar testing at the May 10 meeting. Please come at 11:00 am for the screening prior to the meeting. There will be a short talk about the value of the screenings.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with a traditional lunch of corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes, Irish soda bread and beverages. Irish tunes were performed by Dan Gugger and Max Carmichael for our enjoyment.

Sgt. Ron Gazaway and Detective Sampson paid a visit to the Seniors at the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Detective Sampson explained the latest phone "scam" related to a check on WalMart letterhead. A check for \$1600 was attached to the letter directing the member to cash the check and send back \$1300 to the sender. The \$300 difference was their fee. The member reported this to the police department and did not comply with the request. Also, new Medicare cards are being issued without social security numbers, but a new identification number. There is no charge for the card so be aware if someone wants payment for the card.

Tickets for the July 12 Picnic at Colonial Park will be on sale at the May and June meetings. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for guests.

Borough Administrator Andrea Bierwirth gave a presentation on Rain Barrels explaining the usage for diverting rain water from the storm drainage system. Manville is working in conjunction with Rutgers University and the NJ Water Supply Authority. Workshops are set up to teach how to set up the barrel and its proper use. Rebates are available with proof of purchase. Interested participants should contact Andrea at the Borough Hall.

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 May 7. 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 May 24. 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.

Friday, July 20 to Monmouth Race Track. Cost is \$75.00 which includes transportation and buffet. Contact Josephine Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Sunday, September 23 to Saturday, September 29, trip to Nashville & Memphis, TN. Grand Ole Opry, guided Nashville Tour, Elvis Experience tour, shopping and browsing time on Beale Street. Cost is \$1,219 double and \$1,539 single. Contact Kathy Petrone at 908-526-2948 for information.

All trips are open to the public. Trip brochures can be viewed on our Facebook page.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018
 Somerset County Courthouse Steps
 East Main St, Somerville
 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Manville Municipal Alliance News Sticker Shock Campaign



Photo by: Jessica Gonzalez, Manville MAC Coordinator

The Sticker Shock Campaign was organized by Manville Municipal Alliance in effort to tackle underage drinking. The Sticker Shock Campaign raises awareness about underage drinking and reminds adults of the social hosting law (penalty of 6 months in jail & \$1000.00 fine), should they choose to purchase alcohol for minors. By seeing the sticker on a placemat at the diner, patrons also take home a pizza box with the message that may spark a conversation with the teen and their parent. This event comes at a perfect time when parents and the community at large are preparing for prom, graduation, and other celebratory parties. The local businesses that work with were the Municipal Alliance are very receptive to this message for our youth. Manville Pizza and Restaurant hosted the event on March 30th.

Who - Members of Manville Municipal Alliance Mayor Rich Onderko, Jessica Gonzalez, Mariana Marin, Stephanie Cornelson, MHS Key Club Members, and ABIS Honor Society.

Help Wanted: Seasonal Employment

The Borough of Manville has a seasonal employment opportunity available. The seasonal employee will report to the Public Works Sanitation Department of the Borough of Manville. The position employment period will run from approximately June 15, 2018 through August 24, 2018 and be paid at a rate of \$15 per hour, for 28 hours in a 4 day week. Duties include, but are not limited to, the collection of municipal waste. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applications are available at the Manville Borough Hall, located at 325 North Main Street, Manville, NJ. Applications will be accepted through May 10, 2018. Equal Opportunity Employer

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News You Can Use

Letter Grading for Retail Food Establishment Inspections

What it Means for Restaurants and Consumers

On January 1st, 2018, Manville Board of Health Ordinance No. BH:2-4 took effect, requiring retail food establishments to post letter grades that correspond to their sanitary inspection score.

Having a grading system serves as a tool for consumers to make informed choices about where to eat and purchase food. Consumer awareness is a powerful incentive for retail food establishments to maintain the highest food code requirements. The following types of establishments will be required to post grading placards: restaurants, grocery stores, coffee shops, bar / liquor stores, bakeries, schools and corporate cafeterias.

The grades will reflect how well a retail food establishment is complying with Chapter 24, Sanitation in Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines, of the State Sanitary Code. When inspectors conduct an inspection they will evaluate the estab-

lishment's sanitary conditions and food handling practices. Based on a 100 point system, different violations will carry point deductions based on their nature and severity. This 100-point system will divide violations into three categories: Critical Items, Non-critical Items, and Public Health Hazards. The total number of violation points at an inspection will be deducted from 100 and will provide the score of the establishment's general sanitary condition. The grades are as follows:

SATISFACTORY – A 90-100

SATISFACTORY – B 86-89

CONDITIONAL SATISFACTORY – C 61-85

UNSATISFACTORY <61 or Uncorrected Public Health Hazard

The Manville Public Library

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Program dates and times are subject to change. All programs are free and registration is required unless otherwise indicated. Visit SCLSNJ.org or call the Library at 908-722-9722 for more information and to register.

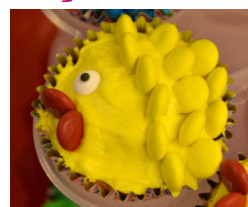
Friends of the Library 2nd Annual Cupcake Competition

If you enjoy baking and decorating cupcakes — or simply like eating them — don't miss the Friends of the Manville Library's 2nd Annual Cupcake Competition on Wednesday, May 9 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Amateur bakers are invited to participate and encouraged to create a theme for their cupcakes. Teams from organizations or companies are also welcome. Contestants may enter multiple designs, but a minimum of 12 cupcakes for each design is required for judging and sale. Judging is based on creativity and presentation. First, second and third-place prizes will be awarded.

In addition to the "competition" cupcakes, donations of traditional frosted cupcakes are most welcome. All cupcakes will be available for purchase immediately following the judging for \$1.00 each.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Man-



ville Library, the event raises funds to make improvements to the library building and enhance library services. Last year, the Friends of the Library purchased display cases for the Children's area, gridwall racks for exhibits/displays and a new conference table and chairs for the Community History Room.

Stop by the library to pick up a Cupcake Competition registration form or go online at ManvilleNJ.org/380/Friends-of-the-Manville-Library. The Friends of the Manville Library membership information may be found at www.somerset.lib.nj.us/PDFs/mvlfriendsapp.pdf.

The Friends will also be accepting donations of like-new books to sell in their continuous book sale. For more information, call 908-458-8425.

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SIGN LANGUAGE STORYTIME

Saturdays, May 2
11:00am - 11:30am
Ages 4+

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LEGO® CLUB

Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
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.

AN INTRO TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Mondays, May 7, 14, 21
3:30pm - 4:00pm
Ages 9-15

Learn the basics of American Sign Language from ASL interpreter Christina Mosleh.

BUDDING BUILDERS

Tuesdays, May 8
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.

DIGAME UN CUENTO / TELL ME A STORY

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Tuesdays, May 8
6:15pm - 6:45pm
Ages 3 1/2-5 (families with children)

Listen to stories in Spanish and English and create a craft.

MINECRAFT CLUB

Saturdays, May 12
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.

PAPER LANTERNS

Wednesday, May 16
3:30pm - 4:00pm
(grades K-4)

Make a colorful paper lantern to celebrate Asian culture.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Thursdays, May 17
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.

CODING: JAVA

Thursdays, May 24, 31
4:30pm - 6:00pm
Ages 9-13

Are you interested in expanding the scope of your website? Java is a great tool to increase your website's functionality. 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. There are a limited number and reservations are done on a first come, first serve basis.

ADULT PROGRAMS

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
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.

3rd ANNUAL MANVILLE ARTS COUNCIL ART EXPO

Opening Night Artists Reception

Friday, May 4

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Artwork on display May 4 through May 18, 2018.

COMPUTER TIPS: "WEBIFY" YOUR MS WORD DOCUMENT

Thursday, May 10

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Create Microsoft Word Documents using web text & photos. Learn how to easily place Web browser text and photos into your MS Word document. Browser shortcuts for efficient navigation will also be covered. You are welcome to bring your own laptop. Microsoft Word not required. One of a series of instructor-led computer training classes for the public.

EVENING BOOK GROUP

2nd Monday of every month

6:00pm - 7:00pm

May 14: Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

FIND YOUR FAMILY TREE

Wednesdays, May 16

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

May 16: Elizabeth is Missing by Emma Healey

ADULT FINE ARTS CLASSES

Wednesdays, May

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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.

May 25: Sketching and figure drawing.

TASTE OF KOREA COOKING CLASS

Saturday, May 12

11:00am - Noon

Teens, Adults

The Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project will demonstrate 5 dishes and serve a full meal to participants. Recipes and other books on Korean history and culture will be available for free. Registration is required.

JACK THE RIPPER: PROFILING A SERIAL KILLER

Thursday, May 24

11:00am - 1:00pm

The Ripper is one of the most infamous serial murder cases in the world. The unknown assailant, like a phantom in the night, committed his grisly tasks and vanished without ever being caught. The identity of Jack the Ripper is by far the most beguiling aspect of the murders. Dr. Mark R. Vogel, a clinical psychologist who has studied the case, reviewed original police files, and visited the murder sites himself will discuss Jack the Ripper, and offer an overview of a serial killer psychological profile. Dr. Vogel is the author of "The Ripper's Time".

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Get Ready to Read

Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15
1:15pm - 2:00pm
Ages 3-5

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