

Manville's News



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

On Saturday, September 22nd, Manville Recreation held its annual Community Day celebration at the Lincoln Park ball fields. This is one of the best and biggest events of the year made possible by generous donations from our sponsors. It was a great day for Manville and our community. Our community spirit was on display for all to see. I would like to thank Recreation Director Ron Cefalone and the entire recreation committee and volunteers who helped organize the event including our Department of Public Works for their set-up and clean-up efforts.

I would also like to thank members of our Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, EMS and Rescue Squad, our Police Department, members of the Board of Health sponsoring free flu shots, the Manville Public Library, Manville's Arts Council, Manville's Shade Tree Commission, Sustainable Manville, and the Girl and Boy Scouts for taking part in the day's activities. Lots of hotdogs and hamburgers were served to our residents and many kids walked away with big smiles holding their caricatures drawn by artist Steve Nyman.

Several elected officials visiting Manville commented to me how well run the event was for our community. It was a great day for Manville and we look forward to planning Community Day 2019.

Looking ahead, our Borough will also be celebrating its 90th anniversary next year and will be christening a new fire truck for Company #3. I'm positive some special events will be planned to celebrate our 90th year. Stay tuned.

A quick update on our on-going Main Street projects. The Royce Brook bridge work is on schedule to be completed by late October for the roadway to be opened in both directions. In the November time frame, the crash beam on the under pass will be replaced by Norfolk Southern and the road diet planned for our Main Street is in the design phase with many pedestrian and traffic safety improvements incorporated. A public outreach meeting will be held in the weeks ahead to get feedback on the planned improvements. This is a multi-million dollar federally funded project with



construction planned to begin in 2021 and completed in 2022. Somerset County Engineering is managing the project since our Main Street is a county owned roadway. The entire project timeline is published on the Borough's website under Development Projects.

A tricky tray fundraiser event is being planned on Saturday, October 27, 2018 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2290, its Auxiliary and the Veterans of Manville. The purpose of this event is to raise funds to support their programs and to assist with maintenance of their facilities, which are a big part of our community. If you are feeling generous and want to help our veterans, they are requesting donations of baskets, or goods, services, gift certificates which may be incorporated into baskets and/or monetary donations that can be used to underwrite the costs of this event. The event will sell out so get your tickets early.

Until next month,
Mayor Richard M. Onderko

Volunteer Firefighters Needed



The Manville Fire Department is seeking new members. If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, consider joining our department.

The Manville Fire Department provides free training to all new members, a yearly clothing allowance and it is a great way to give back to your community. For more information feel free to contact:

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- Camplain Fire Company #2**
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908-526-0439
Meeting 7:30 pm - 1st Tuesday of the month
- North End Fire Company #3**
169 North 8th Ave
908-526-0403
Meeting 7:30 pm - 1st Monday of the Month

Manville High School Class of 1958 60th Reunion

The first graduating class of Manville High School is celebrating their 60th class reunion on October 6, 2018 at The Landing in Hillsborough. Check our November issue for photographs of the reunion.

Weston Mill – Part 1: History of the Dam and Mill

By John W. Jengo, PG, LSRP

The Weston Mill Dam, part of the historic Weston Mill, was located approximately 1.5 miles upstream of the Millstone River's confluence with the Raritan River and immediately downstream of the Weston Causeway (Wilhousky Street) Bridge in the Borough of Manville, New Jersey. Following its acquisition on September 25, 2013 by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the property was subsequently conveyed to the New Jersey State Park Service in January 2014 for inclusion in the Delaware and Raritan (D&R) Canal State Park. Once New Jersey took possession of the property, the long-awaited plans to remove the dam and restore this reach of the Millstone River were set into motion.



Photo of Weston Mill 1844 cornerstone recovered on June 25, 1983 – Image Courtesy of Franklin Township Public Library

The dam removal was undertaken to restore the lost ecological services of the Millstone River by re-establishing unobstructed, free-flowing river conditions that will benefit water quality, public safety, and migratory fish passage for species such as

American shad and blueback herring. The dam removal engineering plans also included emplacing scour protection around the former historic Weston Mill foundation walls to arrest the damage to the ruins and preserve the remaining fabric of the site for future study.

Weston Mill was perhaps the best-known of the four major grist mill sites along the Millstone River (the others being located at Blackwells Mills, Griggstown, and Rocky Hill) in part because the mill building survived into the modern era. Although the original dam and mill may have been constructed in the 1740s by Abraham Brokaw, Heinrich Schenck's name has been most closely associated with the mill's founding, probably because it is his name that is memorialized on Benjamin Morgan's well-known Plan of Somerset County in the Province of New Jersey map from 1766. The mill subsequently passed through nearly a dozen owners, but key among these

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BOROUGH OF MANVILLE FIRE SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

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Manville Seniors' 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 will be October 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.

Follow Manville Senior Citizens on Facebook and check out their activities and pictures.

At the last meeting, Laurie Roome from the Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability spoke about Medications Made Affordable through Medicare Part D. She went over various ways to save money on prescriptions and ways to pay for them. She talked about cell phone discounts for low income individuals and advised to ask your carrier if there are senior discounts. She reminded everyone that the open enrollment to change Medicare plans is from October 15th to December 7th. If you have not received your new Medicare card do not be alarmed. They are still being distributed and your old card is good until 2020. Should you have any questions regarding prescriptions, insurance information deciding on a plan or family issues contact S.H.I.P. (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) at 908-704-6319. She handed out a folder of very useful information regarding the help available.

The Manville Seniors will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary in October 2019 and are looking for volunteers to help the committee. Nominations for officers will be done at the November meeting and election in December. There will not be an Oktoberfest this year. The October meeting will have speakers from the Manville Board of Education, Manville Municipal Offices and Somerset County Recycling updating their programs.

Upcoming trips:

Atlantic City - Third Wednesday of the month in to Caesar's. Bus leaves VFW at 9 am. Cost is \$35 of which \$30 will be returned. Next trip is October 17th. Contact Josephine Pschar at 908-722-0156.

Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA. will be on the fifth Thursday of the month. The next trip is November 29th. 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.

All trips are open to the public.

**From the Desk of the Borough Administrator...
Andrea Wardrop**

The summer months transitioning into autumn is always a hectic time for Borough staff. Currently, there are a number of very important projects taking place at the Borough. The staff team recently announced a website redesign which will be released in early 2019. The redesign team is meeting regularly to research municipal websites to find a design that best suits the Borough of Manville's needs: a website that is easy to navigate and includes all of the information needed for the residents.

This summer, the Borough hired Administrative Intern, Alyssa Moreno, a Rutgers Economics major with a minor in public policy. Alyssa is the first Administrative Intern to serve the Borough of Manville and she did so with flying colors. The Borough Administrator, Andrea Wardrop, utilized Alyssa's talents in the technology field by having her teach Excel classes to the staff team, develop the FaceBook page with Kim Monto and assist with updates to the website by serving on the website redesign team. Alyssa is now back at Rutgers for her senior year, but will be assisting the Administrator on Thursdays throughout the school year. Andrea wishes to extend a big thank you to Alyssa for her efforts and wishes her much luck in the 2018/2019 school year!

The Kennedy Boulevard milling and paving project is now underway. The Borough was fortunate to receive grant funding for this large infrastructure project. The contractor, Top Line Construction, was eager to begin the project on

September 17th and expects completion in mid-November. If you have any questions about this or any other road project, please feel free to contact the Borough Hall.

Recycle Coach is a smart phone app that the Borough of Manville is asking residents to download to their iPhones and their Google Assistants or Amazon Alexa devices to have everything you need to know about Manville's recycling

LEAF DISPOSAL

The Department of Public works provides the service of vacuuming loose leaves curbside through mid-December with a weekly pass throughout each section of the Borough. Residents can place loose leaves to the curb for vacuuming. Leaves should be kept at least ten feet away from any storm water catch basin and be free of garden debris, branches and grass clippings.

Residents having a small amount of leaves can place them in biodegradable bags or containers for the final pick up on December 11th.

After the leaves are collected, they are brought to a facility and utilized in a composting process. Annually, the Department of Public Works collects over 1,000 cubic yards of loose leaves. This service is provided utilizing two leaf vacuuming machines each having a crew of two certified employees.

Resources are saved by bringing Manville's leaves to compost returning nutrients to the soil.

Before the winter months occur and once leaf vacuuming has been completed, a final street sweeping will be performed in each section of town. Street sweeping service resumes early Spring, weather permitting, with each section of town being swept periodically.

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was Abraham Van Nest, who owned the mill when it was famously raided by the British on January 20, 1777 (an incursion that was successfully repelled by Colonial militia), Isaac R. Cornell (who rebuilt the mill and presumably the dam in 1844), and Wilbur H. Smith, who took ownership of the mill in the early 1920s and bore witness to its catastrophic collapse into the river on May 31, 1982 and its loss to arson during the early morning hours of July 7, 1983.

Fortunately, on June 25, 1983 just 12 days before the fire, the Meadows Foundation, a local preservationist group, and other volunteers lead by James (Jim) Moise, salvaged "some grinding machinery, a number of huge beams and construction joints, a millstone, some bricks and lumber" in addition to two cornerstones. The first cornerstone was reported to be a "small, squared block of shale 2½ feet long" that read either "IMB" or "JMB 1803" in simple lettering. The second, larger cornerstone was described as a piece of finished sandstone several feet long with an elaborate scripted engraving that read "Rebuilt by I.R. Cornell

program at your fingertips. For a quick look at Recycle Coach online, go to the Borough website home page and click on Recycle Coach!

The Borough recently created a re-development plan to begin the sale and overall marketing of eight vacant lots on Valerie Drive in Manville. The Borough's Progress and Development Committee, the Engineer, Mayor and Administrator have been hard at work to develop a comprehensive plan for the vacant parcels that will help bring ratables back to Manville. A competitive bidding process will be used to solicit bids for the parcel.

Finally, the staff will soon be working diligently to create the 2019 annual budget. The budget is probably the single most important "project" that is undertaken within the Borough that drives what services will be provided for the residents in the upcoming year.

Police Department Retirement

The Manville Police Department announced the retirement of Sgt. Jeffrey Petrone who retired on June 1, 2018. Sgt. Petrone served the Borough for 26 years in the Patrol Division. He was also the Traffic Officer for the department and was a member of the Somerset County C.A.R.T. team for numerous years. Stg. Petrone also served as the President of the Traffic Officers Association of Central/West Jersey. The Department wishes Sgt. Petrone well in all future endeavors.



Sgt. Jeffrey Petrone

1844." Following my outreach to members of the Meadows Foundation, I have been unable to determine whether any of these salvaged artifacts still survive, and where they are currently housed. The cornerstones are of particular interest so if any local residents know of the whereabouts of these aforementioned artifacts, I would appreciate any information that could be provided so that I can complete my archaeological study of this iconic mill (please contact me at john.jengo@stantec.com).

Part 2 of this article will describe the August 2017 dam removal and the hopes for restoring viable populations of fish to the Millstone River.

Photo ID: Weston Mill 1844 Cornerstone - Courtesy of Franklin Twp Public Library

Byline: John W. Jengo, PG, LSRP is a licensed Professional Geologist in several Northeastern states and a Licensed Site Remediation Professional in New Jersey, who works as a Principal Hydrogeologist for Stantec, Inc. As technical project manager, he planned, permitted, and successfully managed the removal of the Calco Dam, the Robert Street Dam, and the Nevius Street Dam between 2008-2013, along with the Weston Mill Dam in 2017.

Quilts of Valor Community Planning Meeting

Thank you to the Manville Community for last year's tremendous response in helping to create our first Quilt of Valor. The Manville Library decided to organize an effort to create another Quilt of Valor to be presented to one of our very deserving Manville veterans. If you wish to support this endeavor, please plan to attend our organizational meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to outline the process and to determine who wishes to support us by contributing their time and talents to this project. Donations of red, white, and blue cotton quilting fabric



would be greatly appreciated. Please bring any fabric donations to the meeting or drop them off ahead of time at the Manville Library circulation desk. If you are interested in helping, but are unable to attend, please contact the Manville Library at 908-458-8425.

Peter Keller received the first Quilt of Valor at the Wreaths Across America event in December 2017

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Manville Recreation News

Community Day 2018

A great day with some of the people and groups that make our community awesome!



Movie Night 2018..... and Music on the Lawn!

Our annual Family Movie Night was held at Memorial Park on August 25th and was a great success! Special thanks go out to the Manville-Hillsborough Elks for providing all of the food and drink for the evening. The movie played was Disney's Moana. All the families seemed to enjoy the food and festivities. Manville's Police Dare Officers were in attendance as were the Manville Public Library, Sustainable Manville and Katie Brunner, our local Yoga instructor. Manville Recreation also just held its first ever "Music on the Lawn" at Borough Hall on Saturday, September 15th. The featured group was The Coffeehouse Project with a guest singer Allie Harabin. Songs from The Beatles were featured and there was even an audience participation session. The location allowed for local patrons visiting Manville's nearby restaurants to enjoy the music and everyone enjoyed singing along to the Beatles.



Allie Harabin sings with John Fitzpatrick of The Coffeehouse Project

We are looking to expand this program and offer additional music nights during the fall. Details will follow. Stay tuned to Manville Recreation on social media as we always keep our neighbors in the loop.

Contact Manville Recreation at (908) 725-9478 Ext. 106 or 121. Registrations are always accepted at the Recreation Department during regular office hours. Visit us online: www.manvillenj.org.

Follow us on Facebook: @Manville Recreation

Thanks for a Great Summer

Well the sun wasn't always shining, however, the people we served were shining inside and out. Manville Recreation offered a smorgasbord of programs during the summer months. We started with our summer Weston Camp which grew to almost 100 participants each week. Many of those students also enjoyed our summer sports camps as well. I'd like to take this time to thank all of our summer staff who did a great job making sure the kids had fun while improving their skills. Summer programs offered by Manville Recreation include Weston Summer Camp, softball, soccer and basketball camps. We finished with Splash Camp at Memorial Park.

Next year we are looking to launch our first summer tennis camp at Papawick Park in the Weston section of Manville. This fall we are starting to recreate the old roller hockey site at that location to include a new tennis court with a pickle ball court lined within. This is a great time to be a Manville Borough resident as many new and exciting things are happening. Please make sure you get out and #PlayManville!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook with our winter sports registrations. You can also sign up from your kitchen table using your home computer accessing our programs from Community Pass.

Also, Manville Recreation heads into the Big Apple on Sunday, December 9th with a bus tour of New York City Holiday Lights and a dinner in little Italy.



News From the Borough Clerk's Office

Election Information Roundup

Important Dates:

October 16 - Deadline to register to vote (21 days prior to the election N.J.S.A. 19:31-6)

October 30 - Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for General Election (not less than 7 days prior to election) N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

November 5 - by 3:00 p.m. Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for General Election (up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before election) N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

November 6 - Election Day 2018

Manville High School
Class of 1978

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Fri. November 23, 2018

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Manville VFW

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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For Ticket Price & Details Please Contact:

Ed Komoroski -- Cell: (908) 432-3688

Email: EDKOMO@AOL.com

Look for Our Facebook Page...
Coming Soon!!

The BOROUGH OF MANVILLE announces the sale of 2017 and prior year delinquent taxes and other municipal charges through an on-line auction on October 16, 2018. For a listing of all parcels, delinquencies and costs, please visit

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Images from Moana Movie Night



Janelle Gonzalez



Gracie and Ella Weston



Above: Layanie Sanabria
Left: Monserrat Rojas

Eerily Easy – Manville Town-wide Yard Sale

It's not too late to get your residence on our electronic map or sell your treasures on the library grounds. The tax-deductible registration fee covers the Borough permit and extensive advertising via print and online newspapers, press releases, social media, on-line event calendars, online classified ads, email blasts and posters. All proceeds support the Friends of the Manville Library, a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Yard sale information and links to registration can be found on the Borough website: www.manvillenj.org/545/Manville-Town-Wide-Yard-Sale.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

The Art Shuffle

Mondays, October 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31
3:30pm - 4:30pm
(grades 4-8)

Join us as we delve into the library supply closet to upcycle existing art supplies into new and creative works of art.

LEGO Club

Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25
4:00pm-4:45pm
(grades K-5)

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

Stitch Craft

Tuesday, October 16
3:30pm - 5:00pm
(ages 9-14 years)

Learn the basics of sewing machine operation, including threading the machine, winding the bobbin, and a variety of sewing machine stitches. Participants will learn some hand sewing and finishing techniques as well.

Propbox Players Present Little Red

Saturday, October 20
1:00pm - 2:00pm

(entering grades PreK - 2)

An inclusive, interactive performance of the classic story, Little Red Riding Hood. This program is designed for children who are at least 3 years of age at the time of the program.

Family Game Night

Thursday, October 25
6:30pm - 8:30pm
(all ages)

The monthly gathering for families and friends 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.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Beginner Quilters Class (adults)

Mondays, October 1, 15
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Participants will learn how to measure, cut, and assemble basic quilt blocks. Sewing machines and sewing tools will be provided. Prior sewing knowledge is not required. Each class will build on the skills learned in the previous class. Fabric will be provided to new participants. Participants are asked to agree to an

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.

attendance policy since this class is very popular and has a lengthy wait list. Patrons removed from the class for too many absences will be able to register again and move back into the class when a space is available.

The Beatles: From Liverpool to Abbey Road

Wednesday, October 3
6:30pm - 8:30pm

This lecture will follow in the footsteps of The Beatles as they embark on their historic journey starting from their early days as a cover band in Liverpool and Hamburg, into the excitement of Beatlemania, including concert performances, and films, thru their creative ground breaking studio albums (Rubber Soul, Revolver, Sgt. Peppers) to the formation of Apple Corps and finally to their remarkable final recordings at Abbey Road Studios. Coming full circle, Beatles Scholar Vincent Bruno will explore the highlights of each individual's post-Beatles work.

Monday Matinees at Manville

1:00pm, 3:30pm
Monday, October 8:
I Can Only Imagine

"A musician writes a popular song about how his faith helped repair his relationship with his dad. Based on a true story." Rating: PG, running time: 110 minutes.

Monday, October 22: Tully

"An overwhelmed mother of three hires a young night nurse to care for her baby. The nurse becomes a confidant for the woman, who is grappling with her identity." Rating: R, running time: 95 minutes.

Evening Book Discussion

Monday, October 8
6:00pm - 7:00pm
Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

Floral Arrangements 101

Wednesday, October 10
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Presented by the Neshanic Garden Club, learn the basics of elementary types of design, as well as proper floral care and handling. Three lucky attendees will go home with a floral arrangement made during the evening.

Witchy Woman: The History of Witchcraft

Saturday, October 13
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Actress Alisa Dupuy portrays Eliza Blackhart of the Breckenvale Coven. She will enlighten us about the history of witchcraft and Halloween. Costumes encouraged!

Find Your Family Tree

Wednesday, October 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 Discussion

Wednesday, October 17

12:00pm - 1:00pm
The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck

Become a Better Photographer: Landscape Photography

Thursday, October 25
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Presented by the Somerset County Photography Club.

Learn how to capture landscapes to make your images as inspiring as the scenes you viewed. The basic principles of landscape photography will be taught, including examples of both successful and unsuccessful landscapes. Phil Witt is an outstanding nature photographer, past president of the Camera Naturalist Photography Club, New Jersey's only club devoted entirely to nature photography. Phil runs photography workshops for Audubon and currently serves on the NJ Audubon Board of Directors.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow: Ichabod Crane and Washington Irving

Saturday, October 27
2:00pm - 3:00pm

Neill Hartley brings an all new adaptation of this horror story written by Washington Irving. The interactive one-man interpretation of the story of the headless horseman draws the audience into the schoolmaster's world in sleepy Tarry Town. The program, followed by discussion about this 19th century author who also wrote Rip Van Winkle, ends with a dramatic reading of the story's postscript.

Actor, Director, Spokesperson and Teacher, Neill Hartley earned a Master of Fine Arts from Temple University in Acting and was a faculty member there 1989-2000. Since 1994 he has been teaching Speech & Voice at the University of the Arts and is a speech and dialect coach for several professional theaters. As an actor he has performed with Arden Theater, InterAct Theatre, and the Philadelphia Shakespeare Festival, among others.

This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Finding a Job in the 21st Century: The Art of Effective Communication

Wednesday, October 31
1:00pm - 3:30pm

Workshop attendees will understand a working definition of communication, review communication models and their key elements, apply Myers Briggs personality assessments to develop effective communication skills, investigate different styles of communicating, learn how tolerance for disagreement affects effective communication, identify common communication filters, and learn new tools for effective communication.

Crochet Club & Knitting Too!

Wednesday, October 31
6:00pm - 8:00pm
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