

Manville's News



A New Beginning with a Proud Past

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Richard M. Onderko,
Mayor
Borough of
Manville

Mayor Onderko's Corner

I have some good news to report from prior actions we took back in 2016 to confront the abandoned home problem we faced throughout our town. No one wants to live next to a vacant, abandoned home that leads to neighborhood blight. We adopted Ordinance #2016-1173, an ordinance of the Borough of Manville, New Jersey, to provide for registration of vacant and abandoned properties, the creation of a Borough abandoned properties list (N.J.S.A. 55:19-54 et seq.), and the adoption of the New Jersey Abandoned Property Rehabilitation Act (N.J.S.A. 55:19-78 et seq.)

The National Vacant Properties Campaign shows that vacant properties are an increasing expense with every year that a property remains vacant or abandoned as such vacant properties produce minimal tax ratables and require significant time, attention and funds from departments such as nuisance abatement, crime, fire prevention and an overall decrease in neighboring property values.

Vacant and abandoned properties are a strain on the resources of local Police, Fire, Building and Health Departments, depreciate property values, reduce property tax revenue, attract crime and degrade the quality of life for remaining residents.

Taxpayers who take care of their homes and properties should not have to subsidize these properties and, accordingly, a registration fee should be assessed to cover such costs. It is necessary to take steps to monitor such properties and to protect Borough residents.

In 2018, the Borough of Manville collected over \$65,000 in fees. This ordinance has been effective in getting homes rehabilitated and reoccupied in our Borough. The initial registration fee is \$1,500, \$3,000 for renew after the first year and \$5,000 for each annual renewal thereafter. The full text of the ordinance can be found on the Borough's website, www.manvillenj.org.

Unfortunately, I also have some troubling news to report out of Trenton. It looks like a deal may have been reached to legalize the recreational use of marijuana for adults over 21 years of age which will include a full line of edible products that contain various levels of THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol. That is the chemical compound in cannabis responsible for producing a euphoric high. We are no longer only talking about just the tobacco-like form of marijuana.

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Manville Farmers' Market Opening Day

June 21, 2019
2:00 -7:00p.m.

It's almost summertime and what is more exciting than the prospect of fresh local produce provided by your nearby Farmers' Market?

SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!

We listened to you, our residents! After reading your survey responses, we are making some changes to improve the Manville Farmers' Market. We are excited to announce a NEW LOCATION FOR THE FARMERS' MARKET THIS SUMMER... The FRONT LAWN of the Borough Hall (325 North Main Street)!

The Farmers' Market will run from June 21 - September 20, 2019 every Friday with NEW IMPROVED HOURS from 2:00 -7:00pm. The Recreation Department has some family fun events planned for this seasons' market including music nights. Stay tuned for more information to come.

We are STILL looking for vendors for this year's Farmers' Market. Do you sell food-related or food-based crafts? Have a small business? We are interested in talking to you. Please contact jcolucci@manvillenj.org to request a welcome packet.

The Manville Farmers' Market is not only a great place to purchase local produce and goods, but it is a place to enjoy time with family and friends. There's no better way to strengthen your local community than to shop and eat locally! By visiting the Manville Farmers' Market, you support our local farmers as well as businesses and community members. Also, you support yourself by providing healthy and fresh foods for you and your family.

Contact Jennifer Colucci for more information: 908-725-9478 x104 or email jcolucci@manvillenj.org.

25th ANNUAL

INDOOR FISHERMAN'S FLEA MARKET

Sunday, March 10th

VFW Hall

600 Washington Ave, Manville, NJ

Admission: \$4
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9 am - 3 pm

Refreshments available!

New & Used Tackle

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Info and directions: call
Ed Brygier 908-526-0403

All proceeds benefit Manville
North End Vol. Fire Co. #3

Flood Facts....

It is no secret that Manville residents have been plagued with several devastating flood events. For that reason, each month going forward, the Borough's Certified Floodplain Manager will devote a small article to keep residents informed about flood mitigation, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and other hot topics regarding flood control issues. This corner of the Manville's News will be called, "Flood Facts".

Did you know Manville's website offers a full page dedicated to Flood Information? Visit the website at ManvilleNJ.org and select the button shown here from the Home Page:



Next month's article will be devoted to the "Community Rating System" and why it is important to Manville's residents and the Borough of Manville's overall state of flood preparedness.

Andrea Wardrop is the Borough's Administrator and Certified Floodplain Manager.

For questions related to flood mitigation efforts, email Andrea at awardrop@manvillenj.org.

Fire Co. 3 New Truck Is On The Assembly Line

The Fire Co. 3 new fire apparatus will be ready and delivered in May, hopefully in time for our Memorial Day Parade. Check back for updates on the progress.



Cab Chassis



Water Pump

Board of Health targets small but effective changes

They say that the best theater stage crew is the one you never see. The Manville Board of Health has been attempting to be one of the best stage crews in Somerset County, slowly but surely working in the background to improve the Borough's ability to protect and improve public health.

"Our goal has always been excellence in standards, response, and community service," Suzanne Maeder, the Board's President, explains. "Manville has a great community spirit, and we want to harness that energy to make us one of the healthiest boroughs in Somerset County and the State of NJ"

In 2018, the Board implemented a new "letter" rating system for restaurants in town. Restaurants that complete random inspections without any conditional infractions receive an "A" rating. Any establishment that requires a re-inspection will see that letter drop to a B or lower should the restaurant not comply with health code. These letter ratings can be seen prominently displayed in the establishment's windows.

Continuing to seek excellence in standards, the Board also adopted new comprehensive criterion for massage establishments. Following Franklin and Bridgewater's lead, the Board of Health took a deep dive into the masseuse world, revising the town's long-outdated ordinance. Updates include rigorous sanitation practices, employee record maintenance, and a formal inspection checklist for the County's Health Officer. These updates have already spurred

a vast improvement in the quality of service in Manville's massage establishments.

The February 16, 2019 rabies clinic saw a record number of animals at Firehouse #3 for the Board of Health's annual free rabies clinic. Over 60 animals received rabies vaccines provided by Somerset County. The Board provides this service to Manville every year, and always looks forward to engaging with the community's pet owners.

Looking forward, President Maeder says 2019 has great things in store: "We are excited to partner with the Recreation Department in helping the Borough seek distinction in the Mayor's Wellness Campaign this year. As always, we will provide flu shots at this year's 90th Anniversary event to be held September 21st, and are looking forward to working with some of the county's health educators to be more communicative with our residents. We have so many resources to offer anyone who needs help and we want to see those resources utilized."

The Manville Board of Health can be reached by phone at 908-725-9478, ext 114.



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Department of Public Works March Services

In March, the Department of Public Works resumes the service of curbside collection of bulky items and yard waste.

Bulky items are scheduled for pick up on Tuesday, March 26th.

Only permitted bulky items, with the required number of bulk trash stickers, will be collected curbside on scheduled days. Bulk trash stickers can be purchased at the Borough Municipal Complex.

Items that cannot be accepted are: appliances containing Freon, car parts, tires, car batteries, consumer electronics, hazardous waste, masonry materials, dirt, medical waste, renovation or remodeling debris and any recyclables.

Yard Waste pick up is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th.

Yard Waste consisting of branches, twigs, leaves, or plant materials (no grass) can be placed curbside for pick up on the scheduled collection day. Branches are to be cut to four (4) feet in length and tied with twine (no wire or tape) and placed neatly curbside; please do not block sidewalks. Debris from private contractor tree take downs/trimming will not be accepted. Plant materials or garden debris consisting of weeds, leaves, or small brush clippings should be placed in biodegradable paper bags or in open barrels or cans; weighing no more than 35 pounds per can or bag. Loose yard waste will not be picked up and plastic bags are not accepted.

Items for collection can be placed curbside no earlier than 5 pm the evening before the scheduled date and no later than 7 a.m. on the day of pickup.

Non-compliance of the bulk trash and yard waste guidelines will result in the item(s) not being picked up and the issuance of a violation or summons.

Please contact the Department of Public Works Office with any concerns on how to properly dispose of solid waste items.

Looking Ahead to April:

Bulky items will be picked up on Tuesday, April 16th. Yard waste pick up dates are scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th & April 23rd.

Grass Clipping Drop-Off at the Public Works Yard will resume on Saturday, April 27th. The yard will be open from 8 am till Noon and clippings will be accepted in either open containers or biodegradable paper bags.

In observation of the Good Friday holiday, the Department of Public Works will be closed on Friday, April 19th. Friday's municipal waste will be collected on Thursday, April 18th.

Community Clean-Up Day 2019

Made possible with grant funding from the New Jersey Clean Communities program and sponsored by Manville Department of Public Works, Manville Recreation and Sustainable Manville. Residents will be coming together to accomplish one shared goal, the beautification of our great town!

Community Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 13th, 2019 starting at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers, ages 10 and up, will

Manville seeks Mayor's Wellness Healthy Town Distinction

By Suzanne Maeder

Collaboration seems to be at the forefront of Manville's civic programs recently. As a result, the town may be up for a distinctive award in 2019. Mayor Richard Onderko enrolled the Borough in the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, a program designed to promote the overall health of local communities.

Each year the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute (NJHCQI) recognizes towns that have made significant strides in their promotion of healthy living and community change. Towns can receive awards in three categories: Healthy Town, Healthy Town to Watch, and Healthy Town in the Making.

Manville hopes to receive high marks for the distinctive collaboration that occurred in 2018. Suzanne Maeder, President of the Board of Health, and Ron Cefalone, Director of Recreation, teamed up in big ways to encourage healthy living for their residents.

#PlayManville saw a successful social media campaign, increasing utilization of Manville's seven parks. The Recreation Department also worked tirelessly with the Department of Public Works to provide quality of life improvements at many of the parks, including a new tennis courts, turf upgrades, and coming in 2019, a bocce court at Memorial Park for all to enjoy.

The Board of Health worked in both the background and the foreground to promote the community's health in 2018, sponsoring a free rabies clinic for pet owners and free flu shots at the town's Community Day. The Board also implemented improvements to ensure that businesses maintain excellent standards: a letter-grading system for the town's restaurants and a brand-new set of health codes for massage and spa establishments.

Looking forward to 2019, the civics team hopes its hard work results in a Healthy Town recognition from the NJHCQI. Perhaps the greater hope remains that Manville continues to develop healthy and active habits, fostering both a love and care of community. One thing is certain: Manville has momentum.

Manville Municipal Alliance News

Please join Municipal Alliance Commission of Manville (MAC) and Empower of Somerset for our Youth Mental Health First Aid Training! The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations.

Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 13th.

Dates: March 16, 2019 & March 23, 2019

****MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS**

Manville Community Clean-Up Day
April 13th, 2019 8:30 AM



Manville's first rain garden (Manville Public Library)

Let's come together to accomplish one shared goal, the beautification of our great town!

All volunteers will meet at the Manville Library at 100 South 10th Avenue. Free t-shirt, refreshments, and transportation to clean-up locations will be provided to volunteers.

Register (required) online via CommunityPass (ages 10 and up): <https://www.manvillenj.org/308/Recreation>

Made possible with grant money from New Jersey Clean Communities and sponsored by Manville Department of Public Works, Manville Recreation, and Sustainable Manville. Approved by the Mayor and Council.



meet at the Manville Library located at 100 South 10th Avenue. Transportation to and from clean-up locations will be provided to volunteers as well as a free t-shirt and refreshments.

Registration is required. Please visit Community Pass on the Borough's website at www.manvillenj.org/308/Recreation.

Working together making Manville a Clean Community!



IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATE.

Registration: 8:30 am - 8:45 am

Workshop: 9am - 1pm

Location: MHS Media Center

Address: Manville High 1100 Brooks Blvd. Manville, NJ 08835

Newest Eagle Scout from Troop #193



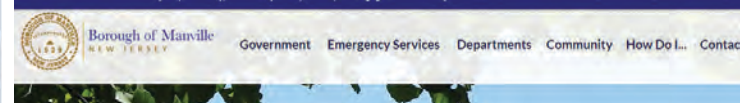
Mayor Onderko presents proclamation to Eagle Scout Matt Henry

Matthew E. Henry was presented with a proclamation by the Mayor and Council honoring him and his achievement to the rank of Eagle Scout at the council meeting held on Monday, February 11th. Matt is a member of Boy Scout Troop 193. For his Eagle project, he painted the fire insignia logo on the roadway in front of every fire hydrant in town.

Congratulations Matt!



To keep informed on the Borough activities, Follow us on Facebook @BoroughOfManvilleNJ



Manville's Website Gets A Makeover!

The official Manville website has been completely redesigned with a fresh new look and an improved user experience. We believe the website now better reflects the needs of the residents and the Borough of Manville. Visit the new website at manvillenj.org. Residents can find information on the website about the Borough government including the Mayor & Council meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Residents can also find a great deal of information about the community including upcoming special events, information about the Manville Farmers' Market, Sustainable Manville, and Manville Seniors, to name only a few topics of interest.

A new feature added to the website is the "How Do I?" tab located on the home page menu bar. This feature contains common questions that the Borough is asked and answers to those questions. In addition, residents can now "Report A Concern" by clicking that button on the home page and report a pothole or any general concern directly to the Borough staff.

Finally, take advantage of yet another new feature that allows residents to sign up to receive notifications from any Borough department when news alerts are posted to the website. Sign up now by clicking the "Stay Connected" button on the home page!

It is our hope that the new, improved website is utilized more than ever by our residents. We welcome your comments and suggestions; email the Borough Administrator at awardrop@manvillenj.org.

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WE CARRY THE FULL LINE OF NATURE'S BOUNTY VITAMINS!

Manville Seniors' Digest

The Manville Senior Citizens meet monthly - the 2nd Thursday at the VFW on Washington Avenue. Membership is open to both residents and non-residents 50 years and older.

The next meeting is set for March 14th.

As always canned goods and non-perishable food items are collected before each meeting to help stock the Food Bank

Manville Senior can be found on Facebook-Manville Senior Citizens. Check out all the activities and pictures.

At a recent Senior meeting, Dr. Bill Schroeder, chiropractor from Manville Chiropractic Center, gave a presentation on "spinal hygiene". He went over the stresses - chemical, physical and emotional which can lead to an unhealthy misalignment and muscle spasms. He stressed the spine is your lifeline, take care of it. A healthy spine and nerve system lead to a balanced system. He said good nutrition is important to help with inflammatory conditions and emphasized the dangers of taking opioids for pain.

MPD Detective Bill Sampson introduced another new Manville Police Officer Sean Carroll, who has been on the job 8 months. Sean gave us some background and his expectations with the job.

Mayor Onderko introduced Butch and Jill Gannone whom he recently married on January 12, 2019. He presented them with a rock designed and painted by Jorge Rodriguez. The rock had their names on it with two love birds in a tree. Jorge was instrumental in the successful rock program last year.

The Manville Credit Union donated money to the club in honor of Natalie Walkoviak who had served as president of the club for

18 years. Natalie had been an officer of the credit union for many years.

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 March 20. Contact Josephine Pschar at 908-722-0156.



Dr. Bill Schroeder



Mayor Onderko with Butch & Jill Gannone

Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA. will be on the fifth Thursday of the month. The next trip is May 30. 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.

Thursday, March 28 trip to The Waterfront at Silver Birches, Lake Wallenpaupack, PA. for dinner and a show "Voices" (various impersonators). Cost is \$75. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156 for reservations.

All trips are open to the public.

Senior Freeze
Property Tax Reimbursement

2018

Eligibility Requirements:*

- You were age 65 or older on December 31, 2017, or, if under age 65, you were receiving Social Security disability payments on December 31, 2017, and also on December 31, 2018;
and
- You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2007, or earlier, as either a homeowner or a renter;
and
- You have owned and lived in your home or have leased a site in a mobile home park for a manufactured or mobile home that you have owned since December 31, 2014, or earlier;
and
- You paid all 2017 property taxes by June 1, 2018, and all 2018 property taxes by June 1, 2019;
and
- Your annual income did not exceed \$87,268* in 2017 and \$89,013 in 2018.* **Note:** With few exceptions, all income must be taken into account, including Social Security, pension, etc.

*Eligibility rules, income limits, and benefits may be changed by the State Budget that will take effect on July 1, 2019.

For Additional Information:
Visit our website: www.njtaxation.org and select "Senior Freeze"
Call the Senior Freeze Hotline: 1-800-982-6597

Manville Recreation News

Parks and Recreation:

Vital to the Borough of Manville #PlayManville

Essential Public Services

Just as water, sewer, and public safety are essential public services, parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in your community, ensuring the health of your families and youth, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of your community. Parks and Recreation has three values that make them an essential service in your community:

- Economic Value
- Health and Environmental Benefits
- Social Importance

Parks and Recreation has a value to your community that transcends the amount of dollars invested or the revenues gained from fees. Parks and Recreation provide a sense of public pride and cohesion to every community

Economic Value

- Parks improve the local tax base and raise property values: It is proven that private property values increase the closer they are to parks, an increase that translates into property tax revenues and improvements in local economies.
- Quality parks and recreation are one of the top three reasons businesses cite in relocation decisions.
- A national conservation organization estimates that trees in cities save \$400 billion in storm water retention facility costs.
- Parks and Recreation programs produce a significant portion of their operating costs from revenue generated by fees and charges.
- Parks and Recreation programs provide significant indirect revenues to local economies from sports tournaments and special events. Economic activity from hospitality expenditures, tourism, fuel, recreational equipment sales, and many other private sector businesses is of true and sustained value to your local economy.
- Access to Parks and Recreation opportunities has been strongly linked to reductions in crime and to reduced juvenile delinquency.

Health and Environmental Benefits

- Parks are the places that people go to get healthy and stay fit.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, creating, improving and promoting places to be physically active can improve individual and community health and result in a 25% increase in residents who exercise at least three times per week.
- A study by Penn State University showed significant correlations between reductions in stress, lowered blood pressure, and perceived physical health, and the length of stay in visits to parks.
- Parks and protected public lands are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve air quality, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.

Social Importance

- Parks and Recreation are a major factor in the perception of the quality of life in your community.
- Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access. Events held in parks foster community bonding.
- Over the past decade, voter approval rates for bond measures and other funding mechanisms to acquire parks and conserve open space exceeded 75%. Clearly, your citizens view parks as an essential priority for government spending

News and Events at the Manville-Hillsborough Elks

COUNTRY DANCING

Sponsored By:
Manville-Hillsborough Elks Lodge #2119
Motorcycle Committee
1500 Brooks Blvd, Hillsborough, NJ

Saturday, April 6, 2019

6-10pm

\$10.00 Per Person

Cash Bar & Light Fare Menu
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Kitchen is open 5:30-8:30pm

6-7pm Dance Instruction

7-10pm DJ & Music

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Michael Patricks

RING OF FIRE BAND

Saturday,
March 30th

Tickets only \$10
\$15 at the door

Doors open at 7pm

Show: 8pm to 11pm

Cash Bar

Light fare menu will be available from 7-9pm. For ticket info or to reserve a table call 908-725-1717.

Manville-Hillsborough Lodge #2119, 1500 Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

CASH

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In my opinion, these edible products are going to be extremely difficult to keep out of the hands of our youth. Underage uses in states that have legalized are up significantly. Edible products such as gummy bears, lollipops, soda pop, flavored water drops, assorted fruit-flavored chews, and chocolate chip brownies will be for sale. In Oregon, the industry has come under criticism for being unregulated and they have failed to stay up to date on mandated inspections. In Colorado, another state that legalized marijuana, THC impaired traffic deaths are up 151% since the state legalized pot in 2014. Why would anyone want these same problems here in New Jersey, the most densely populated state in our nation? It has also been reported that for every dollar of tax revenue gen-

erated by marijuana sales, there are significant associated costs that are incurred which far outweigh the revenues.

I often ask myself, why the rush to legalize in an unregulated industry, one that is against federal law where the associated sales revenues cannot even be deposited into our federal banking system? I do not believe anyone can say that the legalization of recreational marijuana is a positive step for our society or our youth. Help keep our youth drug free! It is not too late to call your legislators in Trenton and tell them to put the brakes on legalization and simply tell them to vote "NO!".

Until next month,
Mayor Richard M. Onderko

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Hitchcock Film Series

Join us for a four-week series on Alfred Hitchcock, widely considered one of the greatest directors of 20th Century world cinema. "The Master of Suspense," he turned the thriller into one of the most popular film genres of all time. Presented by Joseph Geddes, this series takes you through the highlights of Hitchcock's long career. Films will not be screened on the evening of the lectures. Contact SCLSNJ Staff to reserve copies of the films to view prior to each event.

- March 7 - Lecture: A Century of Hitchcock
- March 14 - Lecture: "The 39 Steps" and the Complications of an Innocent Man (Film: "The 39 Steps")
- March 21 - Lecture: "Rear Window" and the Problem of Seeing Too Much (Film: "Rear Window")
- March 28 - Lecture: "We all go a little mad sometimes": "Psycho" and On-Screen Madness (Film: "Psycho")

Brighten Our World Crayon Drive

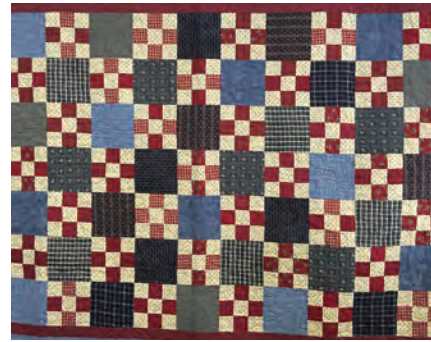
Drop off new or used crayons at the library throughout the month of March. Used crayons will be sent to a charity for recycling; new crayons will be distributed to those in need in the community.



The ARC of Somerset County Art and Craft Exhibit

The talented adults in the Camplain Road Day Program will showcase the products of their creative endeavors in our Community Room throughout the months of March and April.

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.



Manville's 1st Quilt of Valor 2017

Manville Community's 2nd Quilt of Valor

SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch is organizing a community effort to create another comforting quilt to be donated to a local veteran. Volunteers are needed to contribute their time sewing blocks to be included in the quilt. We'll provide the precut fabric and instructions; you'll assemble and sew the quilt block together, and return the finished block to the library by May 1. Please stop by the library beginning on March 11 to pick up the fabric and instructions.

New Nature Explorers Series at the Manville Library



L to R: Daniel Ortiz, Derrick Retana and Edward Ortiz with instructor Monica

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Toddler/Preschool Storytime - (ages 18-60 months)

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:00am - 10:45am

An interactive program that fosters early literacy skills through books, songs, and activities.

Make Music in Manville - (grades 5-8)

Fridays, March 1, 15, 29
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Sponsored by Manville Recreation, this free afterschool program offers ABIS students a chance to create music together while sampling several instruments.

Family Storytime - (families with children)

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
11:00am - 11:45am

An interactive program that fosters early literacy skills through books, songs, and activities.

Nature Explorers Series - (families)

Saturday, March 2

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Maple Sugaring - Discover the secrets inside a maple tree! Learn both the history of maple sugaring, beginning in the time of the Native Americans, as well as the techniques used to make this tasty treat today. Then, try some authentic maple sugar on a silver dollar pancake!

The Magic Conductor's Reading Adventure: Dining Car Mystery - (grades K-4)

Saturday, March 9

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Assist Steve the Magic Conductor as he performs magic and solves a mystery in the dining car of his train.

Stitch Craft: Spring Sewing Project - (ages 9-14 years)

Tuesday, March 19

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Learn the basics of sewing while creating handmade projects you can be proud to give or keep. Each month a different project will be completed in class.

LEGO® Club - (grades K-5)

Thursdays, March 21, 28

4:00pm - 4:45pm

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

Adult Programs

Beginner Quilters Class

Mondays, March 4, 18

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Learn the skills and steps required to make a quilt.

Learn To Control Your Diabetes

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27

11:00am - 12:30pm

A free workshop taught in 1.5 hour sessions over six weeks by Maria Courel of Healthcare Quality Strategies. Are you a person with Medicare who has diabetes, or know someone who does? Learn how to improve your blood sugar readings, lower your A1C, lose weight by eating better, and more. To get the most out of this workshop series, attendance at all sessions is strongly encouraged.

English Conversation Group

Thursdays, March 7, 14

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Practice speaking English in a friendly setting. Basic English skills are required. Hosted by the Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County.

Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion "Our Little Secret" by Roz Nay

Thursday, March 7

6:00pm - 7:00pm

This is an opportunity for adults to get together once a month to discuss a book of contemporary fiction or non-fiction.

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"Always Make the Audience Suffer as Much as Possible" - The Films of Alfred Hitchcock Discussion Series

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Hitchcock is widely considered one of the greatest directors of 20th Century world cinema. Presented by Joseph Geddes, this series takes you through the highlights of Hitchcock's long career.

Monday Matinee at Manville

1:00pm - 3:30pm

Monday, March 11 - Operation Finale

Monday, March 25 - Unbroken: Path to Redemption

Book Discussion - "Mother's Promise" by Sally Hepworth

Monday, March 11

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Tech Training

Wednesdays, March 13, 20

1:00pm - 2:30pm

March 13: Introduction to the Internet -- Learn to use your Internet browser more efficiently through shortcuts and multi-tasking. Safe browsing will also be discussed.

March 20: Intermediate Internet -- Learn to utilize Internet text and photos in your personal documents. Basic familiarity with Internet browsers and a

PC mouse/touchpad is recommended.

Fantasy Book Discussion Group - "The Fifth Season" by N. K. Jemisin

Tuesday, March 19

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Find Your Family Tree

Wednesday, March 20

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.

Book Discussion - "Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty

Wednesday, March 20

12:00pm - 1:00pm

How-To Festival - (all ages)

Saturday, March 23

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Flex your DIY muscles, explore new techniques, or learn something new. Demonstrations include candle making, faux finish painting, the proper way to iron clothing, and more.

Passport Services

Wednesday, March 27

6:00pm - 8:00pm

SCLSNJ offers passport services with hours set for your convenience. No appointment necessary. For more information visit www.SCLSNJ.org/passports or call (908) 458-8400 ext. 1161.

The Secret Identity Of Rosie The Riveter

Wednesday, March 27

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Drawing on recent research projects, Seton Hall University's Dr. James J. Kimble explores the myths around the famous "We Can Do It!" poster and relates his quest to find the woman behind the image.

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