

# Manville's News



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**Richard M. Onderko,**  
**Mayor**  
**Borough of**  
**Manville**

### Mayor Onderko's Corner

Manville's 102-year-old Chester House Bar, run by the Trojanowski family, is one of the last reminders that Manville was formed around the old Johns Manville manufacturing facility that employed thousands of workers. As we celebrate our 90th Anniversary as a Borough in 2019, the transformation of our Main Street continues to evolve to a service-oriented economy today. We will never forget our proud past, but look forward to the future with the redevelopment of the Chester House corner. I would like to wish Tommy Trojanowski a happy, healthy and long retirement. Enjoy the free time with your family and grand kids. You earned it!

Currently, the governing body is in the midst of a budget cycle to set the

departmental budgets for 2019. It is one of the most important tasks undertaken to assess the short-term and long-term needs of our Borough. The ultimate goal is to keep any municipal tax increase to a minimum and under the 2 percent hard cap placed on the municipal tax levy.

There has been lots of talk out of Trenton these days about trying to fix New Jersey's finances and make our state more affordable. Senate President Stephen Sweeney has a proposal on the table called the "Path to Progress", which is a collection of policy proposals to make NJ more affordable. You can read more about the plan at [www.PathToProgressNJ.org](http://www.PathToProgressNJ.org). Here in Manville, we will continue down the path of paying down prior town debts, increasing budget reserves/surplus amounts and look for ways to save tax dollars. Keeping Manville affordable is priority #1!

With our Memorial Day Parade approaching, I hope to see a big turnout to honor our veterans who died while serving our Nation. We will hopefully have our new fire truck in the parade and have some military banners hung on our Main Street honoring our "Hometown Heroes". Our own "Canyon of Heroes" will begin

by our Borough Hall and will pay tribute to our residents who are no longer with us that served in the military. Some paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we all enjoy. We will never forget here in Manville. Hope to see you along the parade route.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Manville Moms!

Until next month,  
Mayor Richard M. Onderko



Councilman Petrone read a proclamation at the Council meeting held on April 22, 2019 to congratulate the Trojanowski family on the 102 years of the Chester House operating in Manville. Mayor Onderko presented the proclamation to Tommy Trojanowski and wished him a long and healthy retirement.



Memorial Day Parade

Sunday, May 26th - 1 pm



### THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS)

by Andrea Wardrop, Borough Administrator and Certified Floodplain Manager

The Borough of Manville has participated in a program known as the "Community Rating System" or CRS since 2013. This year, our Borough Administrator is working to improve the rating class for Manville to help reduce the flood insurance premiums paid by its residents.

The CRS is a voluntary program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). By participating in floodplain management activities, communities such as Manville, can earn reductions in flood insurance premiums for their residents as stated above. While this is a very important objective, the CRS program activities help to make participating communities more flood resilient. Activities such as public outreach, whereby those residents in a special flood hazard area (SFHA), are notified via special communications of the risks of being within the SFHA, receive valuable information on mediation actions that can be taken to help reduce flood risk and educational programs for residents to attend to become more knowledgeable about such issues as proper flow-through vents, elevation certificates and more.

Having a well-informed public about the risks of flooding is one of the best ways to ensure appropriate actions take place when a flood event occurs. In Manville, the CRS program has stimulated better public outreach. The Borough's website now includes even more valuable information including Manville's Flood Map, information

about elevation regulations and information on flood insurance. Visit the website to learn more: <http://www.manvillenj.org/579/Get-Flooding-Information>. From here, take a look at some of the informational links. Did you know you can watch the river gauges by logging into the Borough's website? For instance, as this article is being written, the Millstone River is reported to be at 2.37 feet with flood stage at 9 feet. Keep an eye on Manville's river gauges yourself using the link above.



The CRS program requires an annual recertification by an ISO field representative to ensure communities are maintaining their rating class status. Currently, Manville is a Class 7 rated community. As a Class 7, Manville's residents receive a 15% discount off their NFIP flood insurance premiums. Check your insurance policy and invoice to ensure you are receiving the discount. The Borough Administrator is working with a CRS Specialist at the present time on the five year review. Following this review, Manville officials will learn if they were successful in obtaining an improved class rating. For each class rating improvement, residents receive an additional 5% discount on their flood insurance premiums. If Manville is successful in obtaining a Class 6 rating, the discount on flood insurance premiums will increase to 20%.

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### Our Local Business Spotlight

#### Valairco Heating and Cooling of Manville Celebrates 51 Years of Service

MANVILLE, NJ - Valairco Heating and Cooling, located on Kennedy Blvd in Manville, is celebrating 51 years of serving the central New Jersey area and beyond. Kevin McHugh, owner and 3rd generation of this family run business, takes pride in a job well done and Valairco's commitment to providing the best value around through stellar workmanship, industry leading warranties, and affordable prices and maintenance packages. McHugh was instrumental in forging Valairco with innovative customer programs to meet 21st century needs.

McHugh is the nephew of Valairco founder Richard Valenti. He has been working in the family business since his summer apprentice days and took a full-time role in 1988. Since Valairco celebrated its 50th anniversary, they have been donating \$500 every three months to a charity or non-profit nominated by its customers, friends and employees as an expression of appreciation to the communities that have supported them over the years.



Valairco was founded 51 years ago by Richard Valenti with the help of his father Joseph, who is credited with developing some of the basic approaches in the air conditioning industry. As a young engineer, Joseph worked with Dr. Willis Carrier, who invented the first modern air-conditioning system that debuted at the Rivoli Theater in Times Square in 1925. In the 1930's, air conditioning spread to department stores, offices and slowly to residential homes. Joseph was a graduate of Cooper Union, and

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## 2019 BUDGET INTRODUCTION BOROUGH OF MANVILLE

The 2019 budget was presented and introduced at the April 08, 2019 Mayor & Council meeting. The total introduced budget for 2019 is \$9,356,753. The introduced budget reflects a tax rate of \$1.065 in 2019 compared to \$1.045 in 2018. This equals a tax rate increase of 1.93% for the year 2019. To break it down a little further, the average assessed home in Manville, valued at \$233,004, will be paying \$3.92 more a month in Borough taxes compared to what was paid in 2018.

### Property Tax Rate Information

2019	2018
Final Municipal Tax Rate = 1.065 = .02 increase over prior year	Proposed Municipal Tax Rate = 1.045
\$47.09 ANNUAL increase for the average assessed home value of \$233,004	\$47.81 Average Increase
\$3.92 MONTHLY increase for the average assessed home value of \$233,004	

1.93% Tax Rate Increase

When the Borough receives the final tax numbers from the County, the 2019 tax bills will be produced and distributed. Please remember, your tax bill is comprised of Borough taxes (based on the aforementioned budget adoption), school taxes and county taxes.

### Mayor Onderko and Borough Council Help Bring Awareness to Organ and Tissue Donation

At the April 8, 2019 meeting of the Manville Mayor and Borough Council, a proclamation was read honoring April as Donate a Life Month. Realizing the urgent need for donors around the country, the National Donate Life Month observance was established in 2003, to promote a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation. Established in 2012, National Donate Life Blue and Green Day represents a national effort to support and raise awareness for organ, tissue donation and transplantation.

The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network is committed to addressing that need through enhanced awareness. Donors not only give the gift of life, but also often restore health and sight to the recipients of the tissue and organs. People of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions are affected by the need for organ transplants; and there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents and over 115,000 Americans are awaiting life-saving and life-enhancing transplant operations.

**About NJ Sharing Network:** NJ Sharing Network is the non-profit organization responsible for the recovery and

placement of donated organs and tissue for those in need of a life-saving transplant. They operate 24/7/365 with a team of over 150 highly trained and dedicated



Valerie Balogh and Victor DiSanto accepted the proclamation

members on staff. Their Governing and Foundation Boards are made up of a diverse group of individuals from both public and private sectors, across a variety of disciplines, and many of whom have been touched by donations including donor families and recipients. They bring great experience and insight to the important and life-saving work of the NJ Sharing Network. For more information on organ and tissue donation, please visit their website at [www.njsharingnetwork.org](http://www.njsharingnetwork.org).

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The program can be intensive and the requirements time-consuming, but the Mayor and Borough Administrator believe the effort is well worth the investment. For more detailed information on the CRS program, Google "CRS Fact Sheet 2017".

*Article written by Andrea Wardrop, Borough Administrator and Certified Floodplain Manager. In June, Andrea will attend FEMA's Emergency Management Institute on the National Emergency Training Center campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland. A free, week-long course for local officials who meet the eligibility standards including holding a current Certified Floodplain Manager distinction. The CFM certification is issued by the Association of State Floodplain Managers, a national organization whose mission is to promote education, policies and activities that mitigate current and future losses, costs and human suffering caused by flooding, and to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains - all without causing adverse impacts.*

# "A PIG ROAST FOR ALEX"



**BBQ & Scenic Motorcycle Ride for GAVIN RUFFER**



COMMUNITY EVENT



**Sunday, May 19, 2019  
BBQ 12-5pm**

**Manville-Hillsborough Elks #2119  
1500 Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough NJ**

**Adults - \$25 Kids 10 to 18 - \$10 Under 10 Free**

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### News and Events at the Manville-Hillsborough Elks

**Mother's Day Dinner at the Elks #2119**

ALL YOU CAN EAT spaghetti & meatballs  
salad & dessert, coffee, tea & beverages

**Saturday, May 11th 4 - 8 pm**

Adults & Kids 11 and over - \$12; Seniors - \$10; Kids 10 and under - \$6

Call the Lodge at 908-725-1717 to reserve a table of 6 or more

### Public Works May Service Dates

- Curbside pickup of Bulk Items Tuesday, May 14th.
- Yard Waste curbside pickups are scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th & May 21st.
- Saturdays in May Grass Clippings will be accepted at the Public Works Drop-Off Site located off William Street. The yard will be open from 8 a.m. until noon and clippings will be accepted in either open containers or biodegradable paper bags. Please do not leave items outside the gated yard; this will be treated as an illegal dump.
- In observance of Memorial Day, the Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, May 27th. Monday's municipal waste will be collected on Tuesday, May 28th.

### Public Works Summer Hours:

The Department of Public Works will begin summer hours on Tuesday, May 28th. Operating and office hours will be 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. During summer hours, please be sure to have your items for pickup curbside by 6 a.m. on the specified collection days for municipal waste, bulky items or yard waste. Summer hours will be in effect through Labor Day.

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at that time, there were less than 100 people in the entire air conditioning industry.

Richard grew up around the industry and received his Civil Engineering degree from Newark College of Engineering [NJIT]. He worked as a systems engineer. In the 1960s, only 10 percent of the residential air conditioning market was saturated; he recognized the opportunity in Somerset County communities.

In the beginning, Joseph was the design engineer, Richard was the sales engineer and a third person handled the production and service. They grew to be a leader in residential and small business HVAC -- known for taking pride in a job well done. Their customers' reviews are a testament to their satisfaction. "We've been honored as a Best of Home Advisor winner and an Angie's List Super Service Award Winner four years and running."

Many satisfied customers measure Valairco's success through their industry leading warranties, affordable pricing and maintenance packages. "Our Comfort Plus Guarantee on new installations gives customers peace of mind with a five-year warranty on parts and labor and the option to extend it an additional five years at a reasonable rate," said McHugh.

Although Richard, now 81 years old, has passed the torch to McHugh, he maintains an active daily role in the business. Visit the Valairco website or call 855.661.3300 to learn more about their services and Exclusive Comfort Plus Warranty Program.

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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 May 9.

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

Manville Tax Assessor, George Sopko, informed everyone that the green assessment cards have been sent out. Home appraisal inspections will be performed on the South and North sides of the town in the fall. Letters will be going out to the property owners detailing the procedures to be followed. Lisa Gerickont reminded those who received the Homestead Rebate to pay the amount on the statement bill she mailed out for the May 1 payment.

Gerri Caldwell and Gloria Shatto from the Trust Department of Fulton Bank gave a presentation on Trusts and Estates going over the benefits of naming a trust to manage your will and estate. The trust acts as the executor and handles all the aspects of the will and the estate paying bills, distributing bequests, filing taxes and evaluating the estate. They work in conjunction with your attorney. They also went over the various kinds of trusts available.

Celebrating 50 years!! The club has had seven presidents starting with George Sopko in 1969 followed by Nick Wirzman and John Szymborski. In 1979 Frank Sterbinsky took over the reins for 15 years followed by Natalie Walkoviak for 17 years, Joe Paterno 3 years and currently Phil Petrone. The first meeting was held

at the American Legion then changed to the basement of Christ The King Church and now at the VFW where we continue to hold our meetings. Start up money was from dues, donations from the Manville Borough, Johns-Manville, VFW Womens Auxiliary and a basketball fund raiser between the Borough officials and the Manville Board of Education. Club membership soared to 625 in 1994. Membership declined in 2019, but the Club is still very active. The Club adheres to its basic preamble to promote social and recreational activities for the members, foster good community relations and enhance the dignity of senior citizens.

Tickets for the July 11 picnic to be held at Knob Hill in Colonial Park can be purchased at the May meeting. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$20 for guests. Tickets will only be sold at the May and June meetings.

### 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 May 15. 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 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.

Sunday, July 21 trip to Monmouth Park Racetrack. Cost is \$78 which includes transportation, club house admission with track side seating at Turf Club and buffet lunch. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156 for reservations.

All trips are open to the public.

### From the desk of Chief Mark Peltack



Sgt. David Sheffrin, D.A.R.E. Program Instructor, lead the 2018-2019 D.A.R.E. instruction for all Manville 5th Grade students. The course was implemented at A.B.I.S. School, with the assistance of Principal Michael Magliacano and several members of his staff. The students learned and practiced ways to say no to drugs and make smart decisions in any situation they may find themselves in. D.A.R.E.'s "Keepin' It Real" curriculum is a program the Surgeon General identifies as building social, emotional, cognitive, and substance refusal skills that provide children accurate information on rates and amounts of peer substance abuse and how to combat it. The Manville Police Department continues its commitment towards Community Policing both in the schools and out in the community.

## Mayor Onderko and the Borough Council Proclaim April Autism Awareness Month

Read into the record at an April meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council, a proclamation declaring April as Autism Awareness month assisted in bringing awareness for those families impacted. Autism, a pervasive developmental disorder that manifests itself and affects the social, learning, and behavioral skills of those affected. It is currently estimated to affect 1 in 68 children nationally. In fact, rates are highest in New Jersey where the diagnosis rate for a child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder rose to 1 in 34 occurrences.



Autism is said to affect boys four and a half times more than girls and knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries. Neither income, lifestyle, nor education has an effect on autism occurrences.

There is not a single specific cause of autism, however current research links it to biological or neurological differences in the brain, as well as environmental assaults and neurotoxins. Accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and medical intentions are vital to the growth and development of the impacted individual. Those with autism need equal access to education, employment opportunities, community-based housing, family services, coaching and support, and medical treatment. New Jersey offers a wide range of services and support to this population through various organizations for autism.

### Girl Scouts Derby

On Sunday, March 24th, Girl Scout Service Unit 68 held their Pinewood Derby. First and Second place was awarded a trophy and 3 best theme cars also received awards. They had a silent auction for baked goods. The highest selling item won the Wooden Spoon Award.



### From the Office of the Manville OEM

The Manville Office of Emergency reminds everyone to have a plan in place for the care of their pets in the event of an emergency. Remember that pets, great and small, are family too! During a disaster what's good for you is good for your pet, so get them ready today!

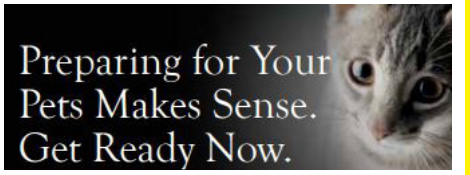
#### MAKE A PLAN

If you leave your pets behind, they may be lost, injured – or worse. Never leave a pet chained outdoors. Here are a few options to include:

- Create a buddy system in case you're not home
- Identify shelters that take pets
- Find pet friendly hotels along your evacuation route and keep a list in your pet's emergency kit: [www.gopetfriendly.com](http://www.gopetfriendly.com)
- Consider an out-of-town friend or relative
- Locate a veterinarian or animal hospital in the area where you may be seeking temporary shelter, in case your pet needs medical care
- If you have no alternative but to leave your pet at home, there are some precautions you must take, but remember that leaving your pet at home alone can place your animal in great danger!

#### BUILD A KIT

Include basic survival items and items to keep your pet happy and comfortable. Find out exactly what items your pet needs to be ready by downloading the following FEMA brochure: "Preparing Makes Sense for Pet Owners-Emergency"



Preparedness Pet Kit List": [www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1390846777239-c08e309debe561d866b05ac84daf1ee/pets\\_2014.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1390846777239-c08e309debe561d866b05ac84daf1ee/pets_2014.pdf)

Some of the items FEMA and the ASP-CA recommend include:

- Food - At least a three day supply in an airtight, waterproof container
- Water - At least three days of water specifically for your pets
- Medicines and medical records
- Important documents - Registration information, adoption papers and vaccination documents. Talk to your veterinarian about microchipping and enrolling your pet in a recovery database
- First aid - Including a pet first aid reference book
- Collar or harness with ID tag, rabies tag and a leash
- Crate or pet carrier
- Sanitation - Pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach
- A picture of you and your pet together
- Familiar items - Familiar items, such as treats, toys and bedding

Learn more about how to prepare your pets for emergencies at the State of New Jersey Animal Emergency website: <https://animalemergency.nj.gov/>.

### Manville Rec. News

The Borough of Manville Recreation Department, along with Mayor Onderko would like to say thanks to our 2019 Easter Egg Hunt volunteers. Kim and Tom Fleming, coaches for Manville Recreation Youth Basketball, amazingly filled 4,000 Easter eggs with help from the team. Sue Asher, Recreation Committee member, designed the "Easter Egg Hopping Trail" for the children. The beautiful weather and over 200 happy children made for a wonderful day.

It is community partners like you that can make a difference in this wonderful community assisting our youth.

A special thanks to Roosevelt and Weston School PTA's for their contribution.

We would also like you to mark these special dates below on your calendars:

- **Memorial Day Parade**, Sunday May 26, 2019 starting at 1pm in front of Borough Hall
- **Opening Day for the Pools**, Saturday June 22, 2019 (two locations, Memorial and Cooper Parks)
- **Borough of Manville 90th Anniversary Celebration**, Saturday, September 21, 2019

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**A note from the Tax Collector:**

For homeowners who qualified and filed homestead benefits by October 31, 2018 those homestead benefits have now been credited to the May 1, 2019 property taxes. FAQs for future filings:

**What if I unexpectedly sold my house after I filed my application?** The only way to receive your Homestead Benefit is to take credit for the benefit at the closing of your property sale. Discuss the matter with your attorney or closing agent so they can negotiate on your behalf.

**How do I change my mailing address?** You can change your mailing address when you file online or by phone. If you have already filed your application, information on changing your address is available online at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/changeaddress.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/changeaddress.shtml).

**My Homestead Benefit filing information has my name and my deceased spouse's name on it. How do I remove his/her name?** You must file a paper application in your name only. Enclose a copy of your Social Security card and a copy of the death certificate with your application. You can get a paper application online or through the telephone filing system, 1-877-658-2972 using your ID and PIN. **Note:** All name changes require you to file a paper application. You must include supporting documentation (i.e. death certificate, marriage certificate, legal documentation) with your application.

**My mortgage company pays my property taxes from an escrow account. How will the Homestead Benefit credit to my property taxes affect the amount of my mortgage payments?** Your mortgage payments will likely not change as a result of your Homestead Benefit credit until your mortgage company conducts your annual escrow account analysis. Contact your mortgage company with additional questions.

**My husband and I file our Homestead Benefit jointly. He is over 65 and I am under 65. Which income requirements apply?** As long as you are filing jointly, you will follow the income requirements for age 65 or older or blind or disabled

**My spouse and I live in the same house and each earned income that is below the income limit, but our combined income is higher than the allowed limit. Do we qualify?** No, you do not qualify because your combined income is over the limit. View more information on the income requirements

**I own a house with someone who is not my spouse and the percentage of ownership is not listed on the application. How do we file?** Each owner must meet the eligibility requirements on their own and file a separate paper application. A co-owner who did not occupy the property as their principal residence on October 1, 2016, or who does not meet the other eligibility requirements, is not eligible for the benefit and should not file an application. The benefit is available only for the share (percentage) of the property you owned (ex: 50% for two owners, unless otherwise specified on the property deed) even if only one owner lives in

the home. You can get a paper application online or through the telephone filing system, (1-877-658-2972) using your ID and PIN

**How do I get a paper application?**

- Go to the Online Filing System. Once you enter your Identification Number and PIN, you can print the paper application immediately or you can request that we send you a paper application by mail;

- Call the Phone Filing System at 1-877-658-2972. After you enter your Identification Number and PIN, you can indicate that the name preprinted on your application is incorrect and we will send you a paper application; or

- Call the Homestead Benefit Hotline at 1-888-238-1233, (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. except State holidays) to request a paper application.

You can get information on the status (amount) of your Homestead Benefit either online or by phone.

- Online Inquiry [www1.state.nj.us/TYTR\\_Saver/jsp/common/HRInquiry.jsp](http://www1.state.nj.us/TYTR_Saver/jsp/common/HRInquiry.jsp)
- Phone Inquiry: 1-877-658-2972

**PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES**

**Papel Picado for Cinco De Mayo (all ages)**

May 4, 2-3 p.m.

Learn about the ancient art form of paper cutting and create your own tissue papel picado banner while listening to mariachi music.

**Friends of the Manville Library: 3rd Annual Cupcake Competition (families)**

May 8, 5-7 p.m.

A friendly competition to support the Library.

**Nature Explorers Series (families)**

May 18, 2-3 p.m.

Explore nature and the environment along with a naturalist from the Somerset County Parks Commission.

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

**LEGO® Club (grades K-5)**

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 4-4:45 p.m.

Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

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

May 3, 10, 17, 24; 10-10:45 a.m.

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

**Stitch Craft: Hand Embroidery Design (ages 9-14)**

May 21, 4-5:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of sewing while creating handmade projects you can be proud to give or keep.

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

**English Conversation Group**

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 1-2:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.

**The Manville Public Library**

100 South 10th Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835 | 908-722-9722 | [SCLSNJ.org](http://SCLSNJ.org)

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



**3rd Annual Cupcake Competition is on May 8th**



2nd Annual Cupcake competition 1st place winners

Friends of the Manville Library will be hosting its 3rd annual Cupcake Competition on Wednesday, May 8th. The competition will be held from 5 - 7pm in the Community Room at the Manville Library. Newly added this year will be entries divided into two age categories - 12 & under and 13 & over. We will be judging entries on creativity and presentation and will be offering 1st, 2nd & 3rd places in each age category.



Registration is open now and forms can be found at the Manville Library or [ManvilleNJ.org/380/Friends-of-the-Manville-Library](http://ManvilleNJ.org/380/Friends-of-the-Manville-Library).

Not a baker? We would love to have you help us with judging & eating! Voting will be 5-6pm and we will start selling the cupcakes at 5:45 for \$1/each. We hope to see you there!



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

**Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion**

May 2, 6-7 p.m.

"Best Day Ever" by Kaira Rouda.

**Monday Matinee at Manville: "A Star is Born"**

May 6, 1-3:30 p.m.

In this new take on the tragic love story, musician Jackson Maine discovers and falls in love with struggling artist Ally.

**Beginner Quilters Class**

May 6, 20; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn the skills and steps required to make a quilt.

**Dominoes Ladies**

May 7, 14, 21, 28; 1-3:30 p.m.

Spend the afternoon playing dominoes.

**Poetry of Poland**

May 11, 2-3 p.m.

Raritan Valley Community College English Professor Izabela Zieba will present and lead a discussion on contemporary Polish poetry.

**Book Discussion**

May 13, 6-7 p.m.: "A Dog's Purpose" by Bruce Cameron

May 15, noon - 1 p.m.: "Surprise Me" by Sophie Kinsella

**Let's Get Crafty**

May 14, 11 a.m. - noon

Spend an hour getting crafty with the librarian and some friends.

**Find Your Family Tree**

May 15, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Bob Vornlocker, Manville resident and genealogy enthusiast, will share techniques to maximize search results to help uncover your family tree.

**Fantasy Book Discussion Group**

May 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"The Dreamers" by Karen Thompson Walker.

**Operation Paperclip: Germany's**

**Secret Wartime Technologies**

May 23, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Why were some of Germany's leading scientists smuggled into the United States after WWII? Bruce Tucker, from Rutgers' Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, will discuss this top secret operation.

**Immigration Information Session**

May 23, 6-7 p.m.

Kelly Ayala, of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, will conduct a naturalization and immigration information session. Attendees will receive a free Civics and Citizenship Toolkit.

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**Discover Contemporary Polish Poetry**

Explore the poetry of Poland at SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch on May 11, from 2-3 p.m. Raritan Valley Community College English Professor Izabela Zieba will share contemporary Polish poetry from Wislawa Szymborska, Czeslaw Milosz, and Adam Zagajewski. For more information or to register visit: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1403189](http://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1403189).

**Celebrate Cinco De Mayo at the Library**

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch on May 4, from 2-3 p.m., through learning, crafts, and music. Library customers of all ages will discover the ancient art form of paper cutting by creating tissue papel picado banners while listening to mariachi music. For more information or to register visit: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1517622](http://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1517622).

**Explore the Basics of Sewing**

Library customers ages 9-14 can learn the basics of sewing while creating handmade projects at SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch on May 21, from 4-5:30 p.m. Attendees will explore sewing machine operations, hand-sewing, and finishing techniques. For more information or to register visit: [sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1334869](http://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1334869).

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