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

### Mayor Onderko's Corner

The second round of Blue Acres buyouts will have a kickoff meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th beginning at 5pm. The location will be Bound Brook High School since Manville High School is being renovated. Seventy homeowners from the previously developed 2014 alternative list have expressed interest in receiving a buyout. This is a voluntary program and home owners can back out at any time. Notification letters will be sent out soon from the Blue Acres team in Trenton. Please keep an eye out for the letter.

The buyout program is being funded by the Federal government with funds set aside from Superstorm Sandy that devastated parts of New Jersey back in October of 2012. Two lists of homes were originally developed and submitted to the Blue Acres team back in 2014, a primary list and an alternative list. More funding was recently made available to Manville to satisfy all the homes on the alternative list.

Our Borough has participated in buyout programs in the past due to previous FEMA disaster declarations. After Hurricane Floyd hit Manville in 1999, thirty eight buyouts were encountered. After Hurricane Irene in 2011, only fifteen buyouts were funded. The first round of Superstorm Sandy, eighty nine buyouts took place. Removing homes from our hardest hit flood zones helps make Manville more storm resilient in the years ahead.

I will be making the case for more Municipal Aid with our representatives in Trenton to make up for the loss of property tax revenues as we create open space that needs to be maintained by our Borough's Department of Public Works. The empty lots are now State owned properties that cannot be used for storage by adjacent homeowners. Please keep these lots clear so our DPW can cut the grass.

A quick update on progress made with the old Rustic Mall redevelopment area and former super fund site. There is progress to report. The twelve acre tract was removed from the national list of sites in need of remediation back in 2015. The area has

been aggressively cleaned up to residential standards. A new redevelopment plan has been recently worked on with the help the Local Planning Services team from Trenton. The original plan was fifteen years old and needed to be updated. In addition, a new study for the site as an "area in need of redevelopment" will also begin soon. Hopefully both tasks will be completed and adopted by the end of 2019 and brought up-to-date with new State laws and requirements that have been put in place since 2005.

For our Main Street, the "road diet" construction phase is scheduled to begin in 2021 focused on enhanced pedestrian safety. We are also looking to have our Borough planner conduct an "area in need of rehabilitation study" for our Main Street corridor and possibly include a façade improvement program. We would like to also have an active chamber of commerce that would partner with us as we improve our down town. Talks are underway with the Somerset County Business Partnership to assist with having an active chamber in Manville once again.

I would like to wish everyone a safe 4th of July weekend. Borough offices are closed on Friday, July 5th. Happy 243rd Birthday America and let Freedom ring!

Until next month,  
Mayor Richard M. Onderko



Firefighters of Fire Co. #3

### Fire Co. 3's New Fire Truck Is Home

Manville Fire Company 3 is proud to introduce our new engine, which arrived on June 12th. The new engine is a 2019 Pierce Saber with a 2000 gallon per minute pump and a 750 gallon tank. Members will be busy training and outfitting the engine over the next few weeks. We want to thank everyone involved, especially the residents of Manville for making this possible.



Members of Fire Co. #3 Auxiliary

### Bocce Court at Memorial Park

Thanks to Manville's Public Works and Recreation Departments, a sport that dates back to Roman times is offered at one of the local parks. A bocce court has been installed at Memorial Park. The game of bocce has many benefits to offer across all age groups from the very young to our seniors. Some of the benefits include: social activities, stress relief, improves coordination and provides mindfulness.

#### How to Play

A bocce match begins with randomly chosen sides having the opportunity to throw the pallino from one end of the court into the playing zone. Once the pallino is in position, the same side gets the opportunity to bowl. The other side then gets their turn and tries to get their ball closer to the pallino than the other team. The end of the frame occurs when both sides have used up their balls. Whichever team manages to get their ball closest to the pallino gets the score for that frame, one point for

each of the balls that managed to get closer to the pallino than the other team's closest ball. Game lengths vary but typically range from 7 to 13 points. For more details on the game or equipment required, please contact our Recreation Department. Come out and enjoy our new addition to our park.



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### Street Smart Manville 2019

The Street Smart Manville 2019 campaign commenced on May 1st. The month-long campaign is a collaboration between Ridewise, the Borough of Manville, and the Manville Police Department, aiming to increase pedestrian safety in Manville. During that time local police officers had interacted with pedestrians and motorists to enforce pedestrian safety laws and educate people who are driving and walking. During the educational component of the campaign, the following warnings were issued:

Distracted Driving	3
Stop for Pedestrians in Marked Crosswalk	32
Failure to Use Crosswalk (Jay-walk)	25

Immediately after the educational phase the enforcement period began which resulted in the following summonses being issued:

Distracted Driving	3
Stop for Pedestrians in Marked Crosswalk	35
Failure to Use Crosswalk (Jay-walk)	1
Crossing Against Signal	1

As the educational/enforcement phases are now completed, Ridewise will be conducting a post campaign observations phase which will be scheduled shortly.



### How New Jersey Property Taxes Work

Property tax is a real estate ad-valorem tax, calculated by a local government, which is paid by the owner of the property. The tax is based on the value of the owned property, including land.

Bills are paid annually across four installments, which are due on the first of February, May, August and November. The amount a homeowner in New Jersey pays depends primarily on the value of his or her home and the total tax rates among all local tax authorities.

Property tax rates in New Jersey vary significantly by city and county. Municipalities, counties and school districts all determine their own rates. There may also be additional tax rates that apply for specific purposes such as parks or libraries.

County, municipal and school budget costs determine the amount of property tax to be paid. A town's general tax rate is calculated by dividing the total dollar amount it needs to raise to meet local budget expenses by the total assessed value of all its taxable property. An individual's property taxes are then calculated by multiplying that general tax rate by the assessed value of his particular property.

An example of this calculation would be: Assessment x tax rate divided by 100 = taxes to be paid:

$$200,000 \times 3.270/100 = 6540.00$$

### From The Desk of the Patrick Renaldi, Fire Marshal Bureau of Fire Safety



Anyone selling a house, leasing, renting an apartment or changing

ownership in anyway requires a CSAC-MAPFEC (Certification Smoke Alarm, Carbon Monoxide Alarm Portable Fire Extinguisher Compliance) Inspection before the house is sold or rented.

As of January 1st, the New State Law requires a 10 year sealed smoke detector in replace of the previous 9 volt battery units. If a home inspection is conducted, the inspection will fail since these 9 volt battery units are no longer acceptable under the new law.

As a reminder detectors shall be placed within 10 feet from a bedroom, included with this requirement is a carbon monoxide detector which also shall be within 10 feet of a bedroom, and the requirement is completed with the installation of a 2A-10-B:C type Fire Extinguisher located within the 10 feet of a kitchen in the egress path to an exit access, the extinguisher shall be mounted as required by the code and shall be at a height of 4 inches off the floor to a maximum height of 5 foot to the top.

As always if you are unsure of any requirements call the Code Enforcement/Bureau of Fire Safety Office at 908-725-9478 Ext. 117 or 112

### Manville Borough Re-Assessment Program Update

The Borough of Manville entered into an annual re-assessment program in 2017. This program considers the current real estate market and updates the assessed values of all properties in the Borough each year. Maintaining the annual program also eliminates the need for a costly full re-valuation program every 10 to 15 years. This program has been successfully implemented in several other Somerset County municipalities and has shown greater accuracy of assessments which ensures a fair and equitable distribution of taxation across the town.

A condition of the re-assessment program is the requirement by the State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation, that an inspection of every Borough property occur once every five years to confirm the details of the assessment records. This translates into a 20% requirement annually. Therefore, commencing in 2017, the Borough began inspecting properties in the areas commonly known as the Claremont and Lost Valley sections, representing the first 20%. In 2018, the Borough hired inspectors from a professional re-valuation firm, Appraisal Systems Inc., to complete the inspections of the next 20% of the properties in the North Side section of the Borough. For 2019, Appraisal Systems Inc. will continue completing inspections in the same manner as 2018. A letter explaining the process will be sent to the property owners in this year's areas during July, including the remainder of the North Side (south of Brooks Boulevard) and a significant portion of the South Side section north of West Campaign Road.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's office at 908-725-9478, Ext. 109.



### 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. There will not be a July meeting in lieu of the picnic. The next meeting will be August 8.

We can be found on Facebook @ManvilleSeniorCitizens. Check out our activities and pictures.

#### At the June meeting

Ophthalmologist David Salz from Bridgewater attended the June meeting and gave an overview of common eye ailments, cataracts, glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Cataracts are clouding of the eye lens and a surgical procedure to replace the lens is the treatment with a 98% success rate. Glaucoma is the elevation of pressure on the eye and the cause of 9-12% of blindness. The risk group is over age 60, African Americans and family history of glaucoma. This is a symptom free issue that proceeds slowly and is found during routine eye exams. Treatment is eye drops to lower the pressure, laser treatment or surgery to insert a stent to relieve the pressure. Macular degeneration affects the central vision, difficulty adjusting to see and straight lines distorted. The risk factors are over 50, Caucasian, family history and smoking. Depending whether the AMD is wet or dry determines the treatment from injections into the eye to vitamin and supplements. He stressed that annual eye exams are important for good eye health.

#### Celebrating 50 years!!

The club has many yearly traditional social activities starting with the first Christmas Dinner Dance, Sunday, December 10, 1969 at Walt's Inn in Manville with our current Vice-President Joe Patero, then Manville mayor dressed as Santa Claus. We have been entertained by bands, DJ's, singers, impressionists, comedians and the late Nick Novicky playing his accordion and leading us in Christmas sing-a-longs. The Christmas Party continues to be a crowd pleaser with a sit down dinner, appetizers and dessert.

The picnic originated on July 11, 1996 at the Eagles Grove in Somerville and remained there until 2008. It was relocated to Polish Falcons in Hillsborough in 2009 and then 2012 to our current location Knob Hill at Colonial Park in Somerset. Remarkably we have had the same catering company for over 15 years. Says a lot about the service and the food. This is a good time to enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon and catch up with friends. These are two events which are well attended and enjoyed by all.

March 5, 2004 the Future Business Leaders Club from Manville High School as a service project held a Senior Prom for the Manville seniors at the MHS Gym. This started a wonderful activity for both the seniors and the students. We showed them our dance moves and we learned theirs. A dress up night for all and always a special buffet. The sponsorship changed over the years to the Manville Municipal Alliance, Recreation Department, Manville Education Association and currently the Manville Key Club. In 2012, was our first King Pete Keller and Queen Pat Zangaro and in 2018 was King Joe Patero and Queen Ann Marie Hannon.

Not to be outdone the 8th Grade Class at Alexander Batch School invited the seniors to Breakfast and Bingo on February 9, 2007 and continued until 2012. This was a fun time as we were served breakfast by the students and they also handled the bingo calling numbers. We have a lot to thank the students for in our school district for honoring us both at the high school and the intermediate school. Well done students!

#### 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 July 17. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156.

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

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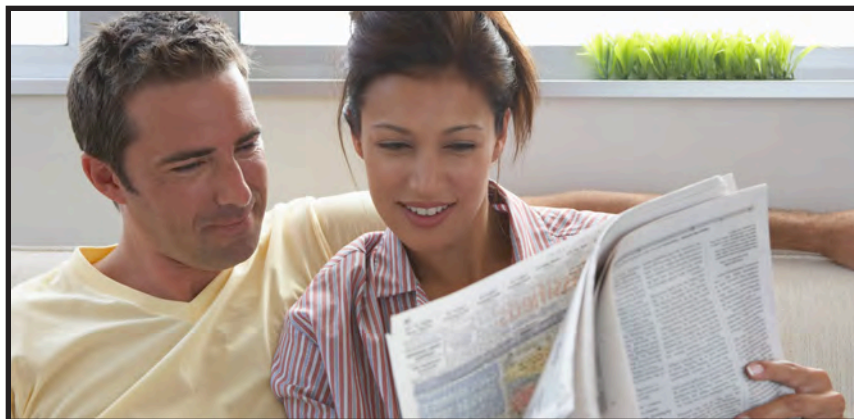
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### From The Desk of the Patrick Renaldi, Director of Code Enforcement

As the summer is upon us so is the grass and shrubbery season, along with other property maintenance concerns. Residents are urged to be mindful to maintain their properties. Listed below are some of the major complaints the Code Enforcement Office has been receiving.

- **Lawn Maintenance:** your front, rear and side properties shall be cut including to the curb area, if your property has curbs.
- **Shrubbery** shall be maintained especially when the property is a corner property and the height of the shrubbery may obscure the view of on coming traffic, or when the shrubbery may overgrow into public walkways.
- **Accumulation of Garage/Rubbish:** all exterior/interior properties and premises shall be free of any accumulation of garbage and rubbish to avoid the rodent infestation.
- **Swimming Pool Installations:** even if a pool is not permanent in nature but it is regulated by the State of New Jersey Uniform Construction Code 24” or more in depth “requires” a Construction Permit.
- **Decks & Fences:** any new installation, even if you have a fence before and you plan on replacing it a Zoning Permit is required, with a copy of your property survey.

All of the following issues are Code Enforcement/Zoning Violations, and are strictly enforced by the Code Enforcement Department, which a Notice of Violation may be issued if your property is not being maintained or if new installation was constructed, if you are unsure call the Code Enforcement office at 908-725-9478 Ext. 117

### Playground Safety Tips

Forty years ago, playgrounds were downright scary. Everything was made of metal. The slides were so hot they'd burn the skin right off your thighs. Kids would go flying off of those spinning contraptions, or perch precariously 10 feet in the air on monkey bars with rock-hard earth or concrete underneath.

They don't make them like they used to, and that's a good thing. A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention finds that emergency departments still see more than 20,000 children ages 14 and younger for playground-related traumatic brain injury each year.

As the weather warms up and trips to the park become frequent, take a moment to familiarize yourself with the risks of playground equipment and injury prevention strategies.

#### What to Look For

Nearly 80 percent of playground injuries are caused by falls. Some of the top equipment associated with injuries are climbers, swings, slides and overhead ladders, according to the National Program for Playground Safety. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has come up with playground hazards you should watch out for when taking your kids to the park.

- **Improper protective surfaces:** Fall surfaces should be made of wood chips, mulch, wood fibers, sand, pea gravel, shredded tires or rubber mats and should be at least 12 inches deep.
- **Inadequate use zone:** The area under and around play equipment where a child might fall should be a minimum of 6 feet in all directions.
- **Protrusion hazards:** Beware of hardware that is capable of impaling or cutting a child (bolts, hooks, rungs, etc.), or catching strings or items of clothing. Children should never wear drawstring hoodies or bike helmets with hanging chin straps at the playground.

- **Head entrapment hazards:** There should be no openings that measure between 3 ½ and 9 inches.
- **Overcrowded play area:** Swings should be set far enough away from other equipment that children won't be hit by a moving swing.
- **Trip hazards,** like rocks or tree stumps
- **Lack of supervision:** Children under age 4 shouldn't play on climbing equipment or horizontal ladders.
- **Age inappropriate activities:** Spring-loaded seesaws are best for young children. Avoid adjustable seesaws with chains because children can crush their hands under the chains. A traditional seesaw should not hit the ground. "Whirls" or "roundabouts" are best for school-age children.
- **Lack of maintenance:** Metal or wooden swing seats should be replaced with soft seats, and equipment should not be split or splintered.
- **Sharp edges on equipment**



- **Platforms with no guardrails**  
Equipment not recommended for public playgrounds: One example is monkey bars. The number of injuries caused by monkey bars is so significant many experts recommend they be removed from all playgrounds.
- If any of our Borough playgrounds are unsafe, report the problem to our Recreation Department. And remember, there is no substitute for parental supervision, especially for young children. Thanks for your assistance in making our Borough parks the best place to enjoy your active recreation.

Resource: National Safety Council

### Junior Girl Scout Troop 60133 Unveils New Food Collection Bins

by Tina Breen, Co-leader of Troop 60133



On June 10th, at 6:00 pm, Girl Scout Troop 60133 unveiled new “BOBO Bins” (Buy One Bring One) and signage at the Manville Library



collection center. This year the scouts determined that their “Take Action” project would be to redesign the area so that citizens could clearly identify the collection bins, and not mistake them for traditional recycling bins. The old drop off area, included traditional blue recycling bins as donation receptacles, and the signage also had recycling logos on it. Nannette Peterson, Manville Branch Manager said, “Citizens often throw out recycling in these bins, and sometimes garbage and half full drink containers. I often put gloves on, and sort through the garbage to salvage the donated food items, but many donations are contaminated and therefore have to be thrown away.”

Troop 60133 purchased new containers on wheels for easy transfer, and redesigned the signage to look like soup cans, and grocery store shopping posters so that

citizens could easily tell the difference between the food donation bins and the recycling containers. Tina Breen, co leader of Troop 60133 said “We worked in conjunction with the Somerset County Freeholders, the Food Bank Network and the Somerset County Recycling center to make sure this new area was a win-win for everyone, and I am very proud of our girls. They found a way to TAKE ACTION in our community with a project that is sustainable and benefits hundreds of people in our community.

Attending the unveiling ceremony were: Pat Walsh, Somerset County Freeholder; Mayor Onderko of Manville; Nanette Peterson, Manville Library Branch Manager; Linda VanZant, Somerset County Public Information Director; Marie Scannell from the Food Bank Network; Marsha Burke from the Somerset County Recycling Division, Troop Leaders: Tina Breen, Jessica Gallo, and Shannon Rabin. Also the Girl Scouts of Troop 60133 and their family and friends.



*The Girl Scouts platform concentrates in developing leadership skills in young girls and young women. We accomplish this through “Girl Lead” troops and experiences. The scouts make most of the decisions about their troops including finances, activities, community service, life skill trainings, and of course fun!*

*If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Tina Breen please call 908.239.3636*

### From the Department of Public Works

#### Operating & Office Hours for the Summer

Through the summer months, the Department of Public Works Operating and Office hours are Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Residents are reminded to please place items for curbside pickup by 6 a.m. on the collection days for municipal waste, bulky items or yard waste.

#### Specific Service Dates:

- Curbside pickup of Bulky Items: Tuesday, July 9th and Tuesday, August 6th.
- Yard Waste curbside pickups: Tuesday, July 16th and Tuesday, August 13th.
- Grass Clippings will be accepted at the Public Works Yard located off William Street on Saturdays during July & August from 8 a.m. till Noon.

#### Municipal Waste Pick Ups Rescheduled Due to Holidays:

- In observation of Independence Day, the Department of Public Works will be closed on Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th. Thursday's municipal waste will be collected on Wednesday, July 3rd and Friday's municipal waste will be collected on Monday, July 8th.
- For Labor Day, the Department will also be closed on Monday September 2nd. Monday's municipal waste will be collected on Tuesday September 3rd.

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## Restoring the Memorial Park Children's Pool



Roughing up the surface to pour a new concrete surface. Pool is targeted to be opened by the second week of July.

Manville is currently making repairs to the Children's Pool at Memorial Park primarily to address the issue of water loss which has been significant. Leak detection studies were performed which indicated the skimmers needed to be replaced. This work has been completed.

Recent delays have been due to the condition of the floor joints within the pool. The joints are in need of serious repair. We are currently working with two manufacturers whose products will allow us to open and repair these joints for a



### Bike Night

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4th Tuesday of the month on these dates:  
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reasonable price.

Please be patient while we coordinate with both manufacturers and our contractor to ensure that the floor is properly repaired. The long-term benefit will be worth the wait. During this time, I hope your families will continue to visit Memorial Park and enjoy the family pool which is now open for the summer.

**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.**

### Programs for All Ages

#### Family Storytime (families with children):

July 6, 13, 27; 11-11:45 a.m.  
An interactive program that fosters early literacy skills through books, songs, and activities.

#### Afternoon Family Movie

July 9, 3:30-5 p.m.  
"The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part."

#### Songs and Silliness with Mr. Jon (families)

July 15, 3:30-4:15 p.m.  
Laugh and dance with Parent's Choice Award winner Mr. Jon and his silly friend George the Monkey.

### Children and Teens

#### Sewing Machine Basics (ages 9-14)

July 1, 4-5:30 p.m.  
Master the ABCs of sewing machine operation.

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

July 5, 12, 19, 26; 10-10:45 a.m.  
An interactive program that fosters early literacy skills through books, songs, and activities.

#### Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages birth - 36 months)

July 11, 18, 25; 10-10:30 a.m.  
Introduce your child to the beginnings of storytime in this interactive program featuring rhymes, movement, songs, and stories.

#### LEGO® Club (entering grades K-5)

July 11, 18, 25; 4-4:45 p.m.  
Join the fun if you like building with LEGO® bricks. Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

#### Drop-In Craft

July 13, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Let your creativity shine and make a craft.

#### Early Readers Book Club (ages 6-8)

July 16, 5-5:45 p.m.  
Emerging readers will spend time sharing stories in a small social setting.

#### Snakes-N-Scales (entering grades K-5)

July 20, 1-2 p.m.  
Meet amazing creatures from the rainforest.

#### Explore Art (entering grades 1-5)

July 22, 4-4:45 p.m.  
Aspiring artists will use different types of mediums to create works of art.

### Adults

#### Dominoes Ladies

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 1-3:30 p.m.  
Spend the afternoon playing dominoes.

#### U.S. Citizenship Preparation Course

July 2, 9, 16, 23; 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Interested in becoming a US citizen? Attend an information session and learn more about the process and the free 7-week course, which starts June 11,

taught by Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County.

#### For The Win Game Club

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 10-11:30 a.m.  
Play cards and games with other players. Sensory friendly.

#### Coloring With Friends

July 5, 12, 19, 26; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Connect with friends while creating works of art with adult coloring pages. Sensory friendly.

#### Evening Book Discussion

July 8, 6-7 p.m.  
"Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate.

#### Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion

July 11, 6-7 p.m.  
"All Is Not Forgotten" by Wendy Walker.

#### A Virtual Tour of the Moon

July 11, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Amateur astronomer Bob Reichman will discuss Apollo's history and science through the vast library of Apollo images that chronicle NASA's greatest saga.

#### Let's Get Crafty

July 16, 2-4 p.m.  
The theme of this cycle of crafts is galaxies and constellations.

#### Fantasy Book Discussion Group

July 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
"All Our Wrong Todays" by Elan Mastai.

#### Find Your Family Tree

July 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Manville resident and genealogy enthusiast Bob Vornlocker shares techniques to maximize search results to uncover family trees.

#### Afternoon Book Discussion

July 17, noon - 1 p.m.  
"The Husband Hour" by Jamie Brenner.

#### Microloans and SBA Loans for Small Businesses: Presented by the U.S. Small Business Administration

July 18, 10 a.m. - noon  
Learn Information on resources and services for new or established entrepreneurs and small businesses, including training and loans.

#### Sewing 101: Introduction to Using a Sewing Machine

July 18, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Master the ABCs of sewing machine operation.

#### Monday Matinee at Manville

• Ruth Bader Ginsberg Biopic: July 8, 1-3:30 p.m.  
• "Welcome to Marwen:" July 22, 1-3:30 p.m.

#### Introduction to Tai Chi

July 27, 2-3 p.m.  
Presented by Dr. Gang Huan.

#### Special Needs Social Hour

July 30, 11 a.m. - noon  
Designed for adults with special needs (21 and up) to meet new people, as well as explore fun and interesting activities. Support staff are welcome.

## The Manville Public Library

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### SCLSNJ Offers Social Hours, Programs for Developmentally Disabled Patrons

In response to a community need, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) will expand opportunities for the special needs population to learn, socialize, and participate in recreational activities System-wide.

"As SCLSNJ continues to look for ways to address shifting demographics and welcome new residents, we are delighted to offer this series of Special Needs Social Hours for the special needs population across all 10 branch locations," said Christopher Korenowsky, director of public services. "The public library is happy to put staff resources and creative energies behind creating meaningful programming experiences in support of individuals with intellectual and developmental needs disabilities."

Programs will include opportunities to connect and share ideas during social hours; to discover creativity through arts and crafts; and to explore music, storytimes, and more.

The Manville branch, located at 100 South 10th Avenue in Manville

- For The Win Game Club: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 10-11:30 a.m.; August 7, 14, 21, 28; 10-11:30 a.m.
- Coloring With Friends: July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Special Needs Social Hour: July 30; August 27; September 24; October 29; November 19; December 10; 11 a.m. - noon

For more information visit: [sclsnj.org/social-hour](http://sclsnj.org/social-hour).

### Partners in Crime

On May 20, SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch partnered with the Manville Police Department and the Somerset County Sheriff's Office for a crime-solving event. Over 250 individuals participated in the event by conducting experiments and examining evidence in order to establish the identity of "the criminal." Pictured left to right are: Lily Peterson, Noah Anderson, Brian Holovach, and Art Lisciandro. For more interactive programs at your Library explore: [sclsnj.libnet.info/events](http://sclsnj.libnet.info/events).



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