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Richard M. Onderko,
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Mayor Onderko's Corner

I want to provide some insight and information into the value and benefits of our annual reassessment program which began in 2017 and how the program will have a positive financial impact on our Borough in the years ahead. The program was started many years ago in Somerset County with 15 of the 21 towns participating in the program before Manville considered joining. We were the 16th town to sign up and with good reason to do so. One day all 21 towns will be in this program.

The annual assessment program is geared toward keeping our property assessments at 100% of market value. This is accomplished by re-assessing 20% of the town each year with all homes being re-assessed within a 5-year period. Each year 600 to 700 homes are identified for in-home inspections. The key benefit and positive outcome of this program is that it allows for all home values to be adjusted every year on a town-wide basis using recent comparable sales.

I want to share some interesting history that hurt the financial health of our town. In 2016, a town-wide assessment was done to adjust all home values in town to market conditions. Doing so, Manville, unfortunately, lost 25% of its valuation due to a depressed real estate market and the negative effects from flooding. This adjustment, along with the run of over 1200 successful tax appeals, drove our tax rate much higher. It is only after performing a town-wide reassessment that participation is allowed in the new annual program per the Somerset County Board of Taxation. Manville had the highest run of any town in Somerset County for tax appeals filed losing \$1.5 million in property tax revenues. The municipal budget was also significantly impacted by having to give back the school portion of taxes refunded.

Let me put the loss of \$1.5 million in tax revenues in perspective to our tax rate. A one percent increase in the rate raises approximately \$90,000 in tax revenues. An increase of 17% was required to make up for the loss of revenues from all the tax appeals filed. That had a direct result of

impacting the average valued home to pay \$400 more in taxes to make up the loss with higher-valued home paying even more.

As a direct result of implementing this new program, there were only a few tax appeals filed for last year, and our tax rate will stabilize over time. As homes that were set too low back in 2016 are brought slowly up to current market values, those homes will pay more in property taxes. Homes that were overvalued will be lowered and could see reductions in property taxes. This past year, 70 percent saw an increase in assessed value, while 30 percent saw a decrease.

In February of every year, we receive a green postcard in the mail with the determined assessed value of your property. Pay close attention to the value set, and if you feel your assessment is too high with market conditions, please contact our tax assessor to discuss. Every homeowner has the right to appeal their assessment by filing a tax appeal by May 1st. But first discuss the valuation of your home with our tax assessor George Sopko.

This new annual reassessment approach will result in tax fairness for every homeowner in town. No one, including myself, likes to pay higher property taxes. As property values increase, the tax rate will decrease since this is a revenue neutral program. Our town's finances will benefit, allowing for better cash flows and growing budget reserves in the years ahead.

Agreeing to join this annual assessment program was better late than never. We are probably the best fit of any town in Somerset County for this approach. It will help keep Manville affordable contributing to better financial management of your tax dollars.

I hope everyone had a happy Labor Day Weekend. With the start of the school year, please drive 25 MPH or less on our residential streets especially around our schools. Please help keep our kids safe.

Until next month,
Mayor Richard M. Onderko

Celebrate Our
90th Anniversary

on

Community Day

September 28th 2-7pm

Lincoln Park, Valley Fields

Helpful Homestead Benefit Information

Eligible homeowners are receiving their 2016 Homestead Benefit property tax relief in two payments this year. Most eligible homeowners received the first half of the benefit as a credit on their second-quarter property tax bill, or by check, around May 1, 2019. If you received a benefit earlier this year, you can expect the second half of the benefit as a credit or check on or about November 1, 2019. The amount of your second credit or check should equal the amount you initially received. You do not need to reapply or take any action to receive the additional payment. The Homestead Benefit program provides property tax relief to eligible homeowners. For most homeowners, the benefit is distributed to your municipality in the form of a credit, which reduces your property taxes.

The Borough of Manville has mailed Homestead Benefits notices – please check your mailbox for your notice. You can get information on the status (amount) of your Homestead Benefit either online or by phone.

- Online Inquiry (For Benefit Years: 2014, 2015, 2016) www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml
- Phone Inquiry: 1-877-658-2972 (toll-free within NJ, NY, PA, DE, and MD) (2016 benefit only)

The Senior Freeze Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax or mobile home park site fee increases on their principal residence. To qualify, you must meet all the eligibility requirements for each year from the base year through the application year (the current application year is 2018).

If you apply:	Checks to eligible applicants expected to be sent on or before:
Before May 1, 2019	July 15, 2019
Between May 2 – June 1, 2019	Sept. 1, 2019
Between June 2 – Sept. 1, 2019	Nov. 1, 2019
Between Sept. 2 – Oct. 31, 2019	Dec. 1, 2019

How to check the status of your New Jersey Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement). If a reimbursement has been issued, the system will tell you the amount of the reimbursement and the date it was issued.

To use this service, you will need the Social Security number that was listed first on your Senior Freeze application (Form PTR-1 or Form PTR-2) and the Zip Code of your principal residence for the year of the application you filed.

If you have questions about the Senior Freeze Program and need to speak to a Division representative, contact the Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) Hotline: 1-800-882-6597. Have a copy of your application available when you call.

DPW Road Repairs

The Department of Public Works is now performing road repairs throughout the Borough. This process of milling out bad sections of roadways and repaving will continue through the summer months.



MHS Ash Tree Status

You may have noticed that all the Ash Trees that surrounded the High School grounds were recently removed. Unfortunately, they were infested with the Emerald Ash Borer beetle and had to be removed in order to stop the invasive beetle from attacking further.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive destructive wood boring beetle from Asia that was first discovered in Michigan in 2002. They continue to expand their range and threaten to kill the 7.5 billion ash trees throughout North America.

EAB is difficult to detect in the first one to two years before symptoms become visible. D-shaped holes in bark, sparse leaves, dying branches, and leaves with jagged edges are all signs.

The Shade Tree Commission has begun replacing some of the trees with other species such as oak and maple trees.

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Sustainable Manville News

Water Bottle Refilling Station Installed at the Library



In June, a water bottle refilling station was installed at the Manville library, replacing the old water fountain. The new station will help residents "go green" by reducing the need for single-use plastic water bottles, while also providing clean, cool, filtered water. The station is funded entirely by a grant from Sustainable Jersey, a grant won by Matt Brown of Manville Borough's Green Team - aka. Sustainable Manville. A big "thank you" goes to the Department of Public Works who oversaw the installation. The Sustainable Jersey grant will fund two additional refilling stations at Roosevelt and Weston schools and accompanied by educational programming on reducing single-use plastics.

Owen Kenyon testing out the new water bottle refilling station



ON THE DRAWING BOARD

The Manville Arts Council is looking for new volunteers and Board Members!

Do you feel that the arts make a difference in our world? Then it is time for you to get involved with the Manville Arts Council. Whether you are an artist or an accountant, living in Manville or beyond, your skill set is vital to the future of the arts in this community.

On Monday September 9th at 6:30 pm we will be holding an information session at the Manville Library to talk about how you can get involved with this fun and exciting organization. If you are unfamiliar with our programs then this is the perfect opportunity to learn more about what we provide for Manville residents and the new opportunities we have on the drawing board.

Are you ready to become a driving force within the MAC? Then we invite you to join our Board. This fall we have three positions up for re-election; Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. To

learn more about these board positions, or to download an application, interested community members can visit www.manvillearts.org/getinvolved to get more. Board elections will be held on October 7th at 6:30 pm at the Manville Library.

Since its inception in 2015, the Manville Arts Council has been inspiring creativity and a sense of togetherness in our community. Bright Lights has enjoyed 3 successful years of good-natured competition, and incredible outdoor light displays. The annual Art Expo at the public library creates a wonderful opportunity for New Jersey artists to showcase their work and the first Murals on Main project will be installed at the entrance to the Public library this September.

As we look to the future, we need your help to create the next great chapter of arts programming in Manville.

US SPORTS institute

Manville Recreation Partners with US Sports Institute to offer Tennis Lessons



Manville Rec is bringing new tennis lessons to the Papawick Park tennis court. Foundation tennis lessons are ideal for beginners, ages 5-10 years with all ability levels. This program focuses on stroke technique, serving, court awareness, and rallying in fun in a low pressure environment. Classes will be taught by professional coaches with age appropriate equipment. Practice with skills and drills plus fun games. Fall classes will be held weekly on Fridays from Sept. 13th to Oct. 25th. Ages 5-8 yrs: 4-5pm and Ages 8-10 yrs: 5-6pm. Space is limited! Register today online at register.communitypass.net/Manville or by phone (908) 725-9478.



From The Desk of Patrick Renaldi, Director of Code Enforcement

Sheds and Fence Requirements

The Code Enforcement Office has received many questions concerning installation of sheds and fences. Listed below are the requirements to stay compliant with the State Construction Codes and Borough Ordinance:

As of March 2018, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has removed some items from construction permits requirements.

- Sheds less than 200 sq. ft. DO NOT require a construction permit, BUT DO require a zoning permit with a copy of your property survey.

- Sheds over 200 sq. ft. will require BOTH zoning & building permits and your property survey.

- Whether your shed is under the 200 sq. ft. rule or over, the Borough Ordinance is the same and will require your shed to be 4 ft. off property lines in all directions and 10 ft. from a primary structure (house, garage, etc.)

- Fence installation requires a zoning permit with a copy of your property survey.

- If you are removing an existing fence to install a new one, you are *still* required to submit a zoning permit and copy of your property survey.

If you are unsure, please feel free to call the Code Enforcement office at 908-725-9478 Ext. 117.

From the Desk of Michael Pitts, Interim Administrator / Chief Finance Officer

END OF SUMMER

Summer 2019 is coming to a close, families are returning from vacation and preparing for the return to school, college and to regular work schedules. Manville Borough will slowly begin the preparation of the 2020 municipal budget during the month of September. Preliminary budget numbers will be based upon projected 2020 revenues and expenses, ratable base growth, department requests, capital budget requests and contractual salary increases. The Finance Committee will meet with department heads to discuss the financial needs of the specific department. Those requests will be reviewed by CFO Michael Pitts, the future Borough Administrator and the Finance Committee.

Based on the outcome of the Finance Committee meetings, a draft budget will be formulated. After receiving the ap-

proval, the budget is then submitted to the entire Borough Council for their consideration, review, and approval. Once approved, the Borough will conduct a budget hearing and then adopt the budget. Many factors outside the control of the Borough may affect the budget approval process, including delayed certification of the tax rate for all 21 municipalities in Somerset County and the determination of funding by the State under the Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (CMPTRA). Historically, budget adoption usually occurs by April or May.

As summer wanes and we move into fall, I want to remind motorists to be aware of the increased traffic, pedestrians walking in the early morning and at twilight as well as students returning to school. Let's all be concerned about safety.

Fireworks at dusk!

We are excited to Announce:

Manville Community Day

September 28, 2019
2:00pm - 7:00pm
Lincoln Park, Valley Fields

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Manville Police Department's 3rd Annual National Night Out



Better Sleep: Safer Pedestrians?

Board of Health President Suzanne Maeder

No one will argue: we have a pedestrian safety problem in Manville. Too often in this past year Manville residents woke to news of another pedestrian struck by a vehicle while attempting to cross a street.

Did you know there are about 10,000 recorded crashes in Somerset county each year? Extrapolating the data, it would be a fair guess that about 300 Manville residents are involved in car accidents each year. 300 insurance claims, payments, potential hospital visits, or in bad cases, fatalities. We know from logging onto Facebook how often a pedestrian is struck on our Main Street.

But what if we, as a town, could halve that number? What if we, as residents,

could take proactive steps without waiting for a road diet, officer ticketing, or a pedestrian safety campaign? What could we possibly do?

One simple solution might be found in sleep. According to an academic study by Drew Dawson and Katherine Reid published in Nature, even moderate levels of fatigue produce greater impairment than the illegal consumption of alcohol. The CDC reported that 1 in 25 adult drivers admitted to falling asleep at the wheel in the previous 30 days.

A Manville which gets better sleep will be happier, healthier, and have safer streets. A new term called "sleep hygiene" may help – just like you clean your teeth, your face, and your home – you can clean up your sleep.

Some practical tips for sleep hygiene from a board of doctors for public health include:

- Avoiding caffeine, nicotine, and alcohol before bedtime: having difficulty? Try for avoidance 15 minutes before bed. Then bump it to 30 minutes, then an hour.
- Exercising regularly: even a 10 minute walk each day will help you sleep better.
- Leaving electronics out of the bedroom: this one is quite the challenge! Studies have shown that charging your phone in another room at night improves your sleep. It's easy to tell the kids to leave their phones downstairs, but can we?
- Going to bed at the same time every night: our sleep rhythms work best when they are well-oiled.

Perhaps if we as a town got a bit more sleep things would get a bit better. Maybe our reaction times as drivers would improve. Maybe we could make Main Street a bit safer by sleeping a bit better. Sleep well, Manville!

Operation Blue Angel

The Manville Police Department is pleased to announce the commencement of Operation Blue Angel which will assist qualifying residents of the Borough of Manville. The program is intended to provide Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) access to a residence in the event of an emergency where the resident is unable to open the door. Through the program a police department owned lock box, similar to a realtors lock box, is installed on or near the door of the home with a key to the residence inside of it. Responding police officers, in the event of an emergency, are able to retrieve the key by using a code accessed by the department's Communications Center, allowing officers to quickly enter the home without causing damage. Following the event, the code is reset for security purposes and kept on file at police headquarters.

Eligible residents are those 55 and older who, due to advanced age, mobility issues or medical concerns, could be unable to answer their door in an emergency. This program will be offered free of charge to any eligible resident.

Applicants to Operation Blue Angel must have a medical condition that is potentially incapacitating, must either live alone or be home alone on a frequent basis, must provide a key (or keys) for an entry door to the home and must grant the Manville Police Department permission to access and use the key in a medical emergency. The police department maintains ownership of the lock box. Eligible residents who permanently leave the home or who no longer require its use must notify the department so that the lock box may be retrieved. The resident will not be given the code to the lock box and may not request access to the lock box.

The Manville Police Department would like to acknowledge the generosity of Mr. Michael Santini, the Broker/Owner of Golden Key Realty, 1934 Washington Valley Road in Martinsville, NJ who graciously offered to provide all lock boxes for our initiative.

Application and liability waiver forms for Operation Blue Angel are available at the Manville Police Department or through the department website at www.manvillepd.org.



Drive 25 Campaign



The Police Department is reminding all motorists to slow down and be cognizant of all the motor vehicle laws while driving within our community. During the month of July, Officers conducted 68 Radar Posts along with 255 Motor Vehicle Stops and issued 146 summonses. For the safety of all our residents, please heed the warning and drive safely.



5th Annual

Manville

Town-Wide

Yard Sale

Saturday, October 12, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Register online at www.manvillenj.org/549/Manville-Town-Wide-Yard-Sale.

All payments are CASH only and must be made at the library.

REGISTER BY 9:00 p.m., Monday, September 30, 2019

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 September 12.

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

President Petrone appointed two new committee chairpersons, Mary Anne Urbaniak to the Ways and Means Committee and Eileen Bardi to Bylaws.

Changes to the schedule for the remainder of the year:

- **September:** 12th meeting, 15-22 Cruise, 25th Atlantic City.
- **October:** 16th Atlantic City, 17th meeting, 27th 50th Anniversary Party, 31st Sands trip.
- **November:** 14th meeting, 20th Atlantic City.
- **December:** 8th Christmas Party, 11th Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show, 12th meeting, 18th Atlantic City.

A new schedule will be handed out at

the September meeting.

Celebrating 50 years!!

Through the years the meetings have been a source of information and entertainment. We have had speakers talk about estate planning and wills, Medicare, insurance, nursing home care, scams and municipal issues. St. Peters Mobile Health Unit has done blood pressure, cancer, blood sugar screening as well as heart attack and stroke symptoms and discussed the value of good nutrition. The health aspect relates to the town Health Fair which originated in the 1970's and the club was instrumental in its success. Ophthalmologists and chiropractors have also given presentations.

We have had entertainment at some of the meetings, Hillsborough Rockets and Rockettes, Bridgewater Senior dancers, Heartland County Band and Beekeeper Mark Sopko who gave an entertaining and captive program on bees. Who knew bees were so important.

A highlight of 2014 was the celebration of the 100th birthday of club member and

historian Rita Ireland at the November 13, 2014 meeting. A truly special event.

Upcoming Event:

Tickets will be on sale at the September 12 meeting for the 50th Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, October 27 at St. Mary's Parish Center in Hillsborough. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$20 for guests.

Upcoming trips:

Wednesday, December 11 trip to Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show. Cost is \$78. Contact Jo Pschar at 908-722-0156 for reservations.

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 September 25. 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 October 31. 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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***Please note the Library will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.**

Get Lost in 'Disappearing Earth' With Author Julia Phillips

Julia Phillips' debut novel "Disappearing Earth" is a crime-driven narrative that explores the crime of two young, missing girls. Discover the mysterious connection between a witness, a neighbor, a detective, and a mother during this in-person author event on September 21 from 2-3 p.m., at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Manville Library branch, located at 100 South 10th Avenue in Manville.



"Writing this novel both took ages and happened very quickly," said Phillips. "I started developing 'Disappearing Earth' in 2009, when I began applying for funding to support a writing project set on Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula. It's incredible to think now that the novel is being published a decade after it was conceived."

Through the novel readers are taken on a journey through the isolated peninsula where Phillips spent over a year in search of a story to write, but was unclear on the topic.

"I didn't realize until I arrived that the subject that most compelled me was one I'd carried from America – how violence, especially gender-based violence, impacts us all," said Phillips. "My whole life, I've been obsessed with stories of women and girls in peril, from the fairytales I read as a child to the police procedural shows I still watch now. Riding a city bus, I saw some missing-person flyers with young women's faces. I couldn't stop thinking about them. The result was this book."

Before writing her first novel, Phillips wrote essays, articles, and short stories about a wealth of topics. Her resume includes pieces written for popular online communities such as "Bustle" and "BuzzFeed News" as well as short stories for literary magazines including "The Rumpus."

"I find writing fiction, whether a novel or a story, to be a very different experience from writing nonfiction," she said. "It feels more intimate and painful, like an excavation of the self with every sentence. This novel was the most challenging project I'd ever undertaken because the scope of it, and therefore the depth of that excavation, was so much greater than what I'd worked on before."

In preparation for writing Phillips often finds herself relying on libraries as an institution for resources and information. Her trip to the Kamchatka Peninsula was no exception.

"I depended on the Library so much," said Phillips. "Not only did I borrow books and movies about Russia, I also went to my local library weekly for its free Russian conversation classes, so I could practice my Russian before traveling to Kamchatka. It was such a gift to have that institutional knowledge and community programming at my fingertips."

To meet the author and explore "Disappearing Earth" register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1925819.

Programs for All Ages

Family Storytime (families with children)

September 7, 11-11:45 a.m.

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

Drop-In Craft - Fall Fun (families)

September 21, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Make a craft to keep for yourself, or give to someone special. All supplies will be provided.

Programs for Children and Teens

Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages birth - 3 years)

September 5, 12, 19, 26; 2019 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 (grades K-5)

September 5, 12, 19, 26; 4-4:45 p.m.

Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

Toddler/Preschool Storytime (ages 18 months - 5 years)

September 6, 13, 20, 27; 10-10:45 a.m.

An interactive program that fosters

early literacy skills through books, songs, and activities.

Early Readers Book Club (ages 6-8)

September 10, 5-5:45 p.m.

Emerging readers will spend time sharing stories in a small social setting.

Dungeons and Dragons (grades 5-8)

September 12, 26; 6-8 p.m.

Students will be guided through creating their own in-game personas and go on adventures in this role-playing game.

Stitch Craft (ages 9-14)

September 17, 4:30-6 p.m.

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

Graphic Novel Book Club (grades 3-5)

September 18, 5-6 p.m.

An opportunity to discuss one-off titles and short completed series.

STEM: Be an Archaeologist (grades 1-5)

September 18, 25; 6-7:30 p.m.

Explore ways to uncover the past by investigating artifacts and ecofacts.

Learn to Draw Cartoons (grades 4-6)

September 21, 11 a.m. - noon

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.

Develop the skills needed to create unique cartoons.

Read to a Therapy Dog (grades K-4)

September 23, 4-5 p.m.

Practice your reading skills by reading a story to a certified therapy dog.

Explore Art (grades 1-5)

September 25, 4-5 p.m.

Use different types of mediums to create works of art.

Programs for Adults

Individualized ESL Lessons,

- September 3, 10, 17, 24; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- September 4, 11, 18, 25; 10 a.m. - noon

- September 4, 9, 16, 23, 30; noon - 5 p.m.

Call the library to schedule an appointment.

Dominoes Ladies

September 3, 10, 17, 24; 1-3:30 p.m.

Spend the afternoon playing a game of dominoes.

Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion

September 5, 6-7 p.m.

"The Breakdown" by B. A. Paris.

Monday Matinee at Manville

September 9, 23; 1-3:30 p.m.

Discover an afternoon movie.

Evening Book Discussion

September 9, 6-7 p.m.

"Gone So Long" by Andre Dubus III.

Easy Tech Workshop: Get A Gmail Account

September 10, 11 a.m. - noon

Sign up and practice writing, sending, opening, and forwarding emails.

Seniors, Let's Get Crafty

September 11, 11 a.m. - noon

Create chrysanthemum boxes.

Learn Your Library: Library Basics

September 11, 2-3 p.m.

Discover the resources your Library has to offer and more.

I Wrote My First Draft, Now What? Panel Discussion with NJAN

September 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

New Jersey Authors Network will address what to do after you've written your first draft.

Lynda.com and LinkedIn Learning Basics

September 12, 11 a.m. - noon

Learn how to access training in various subject areas such as computing, photography, business, design, and more.

English Conversation Group

September 12, 19, 26; 1-2:30 p.m.

September 12, 19, 26; 6:30-8 p.m.

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

Become a Better Photographer: Presented by the Somerset County Photography Club

September 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Explore the art of photography.

Coloring With Friends

September 13, 11 a.m. - noon

Connect with friends while creating works of art with adult coloring pages. Sensory friendly.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

September 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

Actress Jill Lawrence brings to Jackie O. to life. This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Learning Express Basics

September 16, 2-3 p.m.

Access tests, test prep, and eBooks in areas of career prep, HS equivalency, college admissions tests, school skills elementary through college, citizenship, and more.

Beginner Quilters Class

September 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn the skills and steps required to make a quilt.

Find Your Family Tree

September 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Afternoon Book Discussion

September 18, noon - 1 p.m.

"Ladies' Night" by Mary Kay Andrews.

Workforce Wednesdays: Resume Writing Workshop

September 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Presented by Jan Goodman, community outreach specialist from the Greater Raritan One Stop Career Center.

Game Night

September 19, 6-8 p.m.

Bring an old favorite or play something from the Library's collection of classic and contemporary games.

Julia Says, "Bon Appetit"

September 19, 7-8 p.m.

Learn how Julia progressed from not knowing how to boil an egg to being a famous instructor of French cooking.

For The Win Game Club

September 20, 11 a.m. - noon

Connect with other game players. Bring your own games and cards or borrow ours. Sensory friendly.

"Disappearing Earth" - With Author Julia Phillips

September 21, 2-3 p.m.

Discover the thriller with the author.

Air Fryer Cooking Class

September 23, 7-8 p.m.

Discover new tastes and techniques when using an air fryer.

Special Needs Social Hour

September 24, 11 a.m. - noon

Designed for adults with special needs (21 and up) to meet new people and explore fun and interesting activities. Support staff are welcome.

Sleep and Aging

September 26, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Learn how age, lifestyle, illness, medication and other issues impact sleep patterns and quality of sleep.

Social Media and its Influence on Public Opinion

September 26, 7-8:30 p.m.

Prof. Carlos Yordan from Drew University will explore case studies in which social media has been used to influence how people perceive current events.

Caregiver Health: Finding Balance

September 28, 2-3 p.m.

Presenters from United Way of Northern New Jersey will give information on local and state resources available to caregivers.

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