

Manville's News



A New Beginning with a Proud Past

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Richard M. Onderko,
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Manville

Mayor Onderko's Corner

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the Manville Arts Council for completing our first art mural on the side of the main entrance to our library. The Arts Council maybe a small group of volunteers but they are so talented. With the involvement of our community, many residents helped paint the mural too. It's a perfect addition to our town as it depicts some of our history as we celebrate our 90th Anniversary of becoming an independent Borough. If you haven't seen it up close, stop by our library to admire it in person.

CRS Rating System Update:

We recently received some great news for our Borough. We actively participate in the Community Rating System (CRS) which is a Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) program focused on making towns more storm resilient. Under the CRS, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reward community actions that meet the three goals of the CRS, which are: (1) reduce flood damage to insurable property; (2) strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and (3) encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

We just completed a full review cycle of all our efforts and were notified of our new point total. Points are awarded for actions we have taken to help make Manville more storm resilient. We now have a total of 2,976 verified credit-points to improve to a CRS Class 5 level rated community with an effective date of May 1, 2020. This is one of the best ratings achieved by any of the other towns participating in the CRS program in New Jersey and will entitle NFIP flood insurance policyholders to a future 25% discount off their bill.

The CRS uses a Class rating system that is similar to fire insurance rating to determine flood insurance premium reductions for residents. CRS Classes are rated from 9 to 1. Today, most communities enter the program at a CRS Class 9 or Class 8 rating, which entitles residents in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) to a 5 percent discount on their flood insurance premiums for a Class 9 or a 10 percent discount for Class 8. We are currently a Class 7.

As a community engages in additional mitigation activities, its residents become eligible for increased NFIP policy premium discounts. Each CRS Class improvement produces a 5 percent greater discount on

flood insurance premiums for properties in the SFHA. In the months ahead, we will work to achieve a Class 4 rating which would result in a 30% savings on policy premiums.

Rustic Mall Update:

There is even more good news to report. With work almost completed on a new redevelopment plan for the old Rustic Mall site and the recent designation of parts of our Main Street as an area in need of rehabilitation, we will be meeting once again with the developer and landowner to discuss a path forward.

The developer has had a green light to develop the property since 2015 after it was removed from the National Superfund Site listing. The old redevelopment plan was dated 2005 and needed updating to reflect current market conditions. I'm optimistic that with a new redevelopment plan in place and a vision for our Main Street, redevelopment of the 12-acre site will finally begin sometime in 2020.

Until next month,
Mayor Richard M. Onderko

Emmanuel Baptist Church Celebrates 100 Years



Who: Emmanuel Baptist Church
What: 100 Year Anniversary
Where: Manville, NJ
Why: In Praise to God
When: Lord's Day of Oct. 27, 2019
How: Worship Service @ 11 am
Centennial Service @ 3 pm
Fellowship @ 4:30 pm

~Please contact us to attend~

We often look back at the "good old days" and tell stories that begin with "remember when." From Facebook pages to old photo albums, most of us enjoy taking trips down memory lane. Remembering is good. And this is exactly what Emmanuel Baptist Church (EBC) has been doing as it turns 100 this year.

Our town has a "proud past." Over the years, Manville has been shaped by Eastern Europeans, Johns-Manville, military heroes, and even devastating floods. But also part of Manville's rich history is its churches—like EBC which was one of the first in town.

Our story begins in 1919 when two Russian Christians shared their faith with others. The message of Jesus Christ spread to 13 converts and EBC was born. Early church services were held in the Russian language, but it eventually changed in the

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Amy Ohlson and Heather Ball stand in front of the Manville Library mural

Manville Arts Council's First "Murals on Main"

On September 7th, the Manville Arts Council installed Manville's first mural on the wall outside the entrance to the Manville Branch of the Somerset County Library System. The design pays homage to the many different ways this library serves the community. Artists Heather Ball, Amy Ohlson, and Sharon Onderko, brought this detailed mural to life over the course of the last year along with help of many local volunteers.

Mural design concept was created by the MAC's President, Heather Ball and the art layout was designed by Media and Technology officer, Sharon Onderko.

When asked what the mural is trying to convey Ball says, "The Library Mural endeavors to motivate the residents of Manville to find their own way to make positive impact within our community. In addition to being a place to find the next good read, many community groups and organizations use the library as a place to hold meetings and events. The library system itself hosts a wide variety of programming throughout the year that bolsters the town and creates a fun, and educational atmosphere. The library mural is full of books and different items that represent many of the local

groups as well as some of the library's most popular programs over the past five years. Each time a viewer looks at the artwork the artists hope they will see a new item they never noticed before inspiring them to discover what it represents."

Murals take an incredible amount of planning before they ever make it to a wall. MAC Secretary, Amy Ohlson, was quoted as saying, "The road to this mural has been years in the making. Before the first drop of paint could happen money needed to be raised. We spent over a year fundraising before we were able to take this concept from page to canvas."

Numerous local residents supported this project by taking part in fundraisers but it was not until the Manville Arts Council received a donation from Mayor Richard Onderko that they were able to reach their goal and get the Library Mural completed.

If you are interested in joining the MAC as they work towards their next mural project and other arts programming, you can visit their website, www.manvillearts.org. Or you can follow them on Instagram, Facebook @ManvilleArts or the Facebook Group @MuralsOnMain.

A Great Big Thank You From the Ruffer Family!

One of the hardest things to do as a parent is wake up every day worrying about the medical finances of your child. For Gavin, this feeling is magnified due to his very rare genetic condition MECP2, a condition that creates too much protein in the brain and limits many of the basic skills for a 3 year old.

It was with great surprise and honor that Gavin was selected for the Elks Annual Pig Roast for Alex charity event. It was an amazing day for Gavin. Thanks to the Man-



Gavin and his brand new walker

ville/Hillsborough Elks Lodge, all of the support from the town, my co-workers and our Mayor, some of that financial stress has been lessened. Our family will never be able to send enough thank you's for the support we received for Gavin. We have already purchased a walker and plan on getting a sleep safe bed so Gavin will be safe every night.

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and please know that you have made a positive impact on Gavin's life.

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Manville Recreation News

Parks and Recreation:

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Essential Public Services

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

- Economic Value
- Health and Environmental Benefits
- Social Importance

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

Economic Value

• Parks improve the local tax base and raise property values: It is proven that private property values increase the closer they are to parks, an increase that translates into property tax revenues and improvements in local economies.

• Quality parks and Recreation are one of the top three reasons businesses cite in relocation decisions.

• A National conservation organization estimates that trees in cities save \$400 billion in storm water retention facility costs.

• Parks and recreation programs produce a significant portion of their operating costs from revenue generated by fees and charges.

• Parks and recreation programs provide significant indirect revenues to local economies from sports tournaments and special events. Economic activity from hospitality expenditures, tourism, fuel, recreational equipment sales, and many other private sector businesses is of true and sustained value to your local economy.

• Access to parks and recreation opportunities has been strongly linked to reductions in crime and to reduced juvenile delinquency

Health and Environmental Benefits

• Parks are the places that people go to get healthy and stay fit.

• According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, creating, improving and promoting places to be physically active can improve individual and community health and result in a 25% increase in residents who exercise at least three times per week.

• A study by Penn State University showed significant correlations between reductions in stress, lowered blood pressure, and perceived physical health, and the length of stay in visits to parks.

• Parks and protected public lands are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve air quality, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.

Social Importance

• Parks and recreation are a major factor in the perception of the quality of life in your community.

• Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access. Events held in parks foster community bonding.

• Over the past decade, voter approval rates for bond measures and other funding mechanisms to acquire parks and conserve open space exceeded 75%. Clearly, citizens view parks as an essential priority for government spending.

Meet our new Borough Admin, Brett Radi

The Mayor and Council are pleased to announce that Brett Radi is joining our team as Manville Borough Administrator.

Mr. Radi was appointed Administrator at the September 9, 2019 council meeting. Brett has more than 30 years of experience in the public sector.



Brett Radi, Manville Borough Administrator

He holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Rutgers University and is a Certified Public Manager for the State of New Jersey. He formerly served as the Somerset County Clerk for Somerset County and as the Deputy County Clerk for Somerset County prior to that. He has previous municipal experience serving as a municipal clerk and municipal administrator. Brett has held elective office on the Hillsborough Township Committee, and served as Mayor and Deputy Mayor. He resides in Somerville Borough with his wife and two children.

Please help us with wishing him the very best.

EMMANUEL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS, continued from page 11



1950s as the community became more Americanized. Today, we remain connected to our roots through an organization called RUEBU and through several members that have called EBC "home" for many decades. As for the facilities, the current building was dedicated in 1954, and a gym was added in 1983 to enhance the ministry. The sanctuary was renovated in the early 2000s to further accommodate the services.

For a century, EBC has joyfully worshiped God, celebrated the Gospel, preached the Bible, and lovingly served its community with one passion for the Lord's glory. On Sunday, October 27, we will officially celebrate our past and continue to embrace our future with hope as we seek to follow the Lord in all things—From Sunday Services to Friday Night Youth Groups and from sharing food with the neighborhood to hosting VBS for the children. Truly, our desire is to be a blessing to the town that we love.

We have come to the milestone of 100 Years because of God's grace, and we are grateful for the countless sacrifices of so many congregants that have gone before us in making EBC the wonderful church that it is. With the Lord's help, we will continue their legacy and pass the baton to future generations. Soli Deo Gloria!

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News and Events at the Manville-Hillsborough Elks

Welcome Home Kits for Homeless Veterans



On Saturday, August 24th, 70 people, mostly Elks from across the state, as well as local volunteers, met at Valley Brook Village, Veteran's Housing for Homeless Veteran's in Lyon's, NJ, to fill 50 apartments with Welcome Home Kit items for homeless veterans. All items were delivered within one hour. Many hands make fast work.

Thank you to everyone who took the time out to help at this event. Thank you to the Stirling Elks for using their \$10,000 Freedom Grant to purchase the Welcome Home kit items. Thank you to the NJ State Elks NVSC (National Veteran's Services Commission) for purchasing the cleaning supplies and Thank you to the Manville-Hillsborough Elks for the use of their grant to purchase 50 "Beds in a Bag".

The Elks motto is "As long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". Everyone in attendance proved that today.

Thank you as always for your continued support of our veterans.



Mike Forristel, Manville-Hillsborough Elks Veterans Chairperson, assisted with the disbursement of the lodge's donations of "Beds in a Bag"



NJ State Elks National Veteran's Service Commission headed the event. Pictured are Kelly Mazzocchi-East Central District Veteran's Chairperson, Jim Walsh-NJ State Elks Region 2 Chairperson, Rich Tabachuk-Committee Advisor and Past State President, Don Tonachio-State Chairperson, George Tencza-Marilton Elks Member, George Miller-Past State President



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Girl Scout Summer Camp Stories

by Tina Breen, Troop 60133 Leader

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Throughout the year Manville and surrounding towns, have Girl Scout troops who spend the school year teaching, developing and reinforcing these skills through "journeys" and "badge work".

But the summer provides the scouts with the special experience of Girl Scout Camp. We have four Girl Scout camps that some of our Manville scouts attended this summer. Camp Oak Spring is the closest day camp located in Franklin, NJ. Camp Lou Hoover provides the scouts with a resident camp experience where they sleep away for a week or more at a time. Camp Hoover is located in Middleville, NJ. Camp Agnes DeWitt is a day camp located in Hillsborough, NJ and Camp Oval is a day camp located in Maplewood, NJ.

All of the camps are huge advocates of spending time outside, and going to camp teaches them how to interact with nature by "leaving no trace behind". Camp teaches the girls confidence and kindness by building self esteem through traditional camp activities such as: swimming, canoeing, archery, horseback riding, ropes courses, cook outs, crafts, boating, hiking, fire safety, knife safety, zip lines and low ropes courses.

As a parent of two scouts that attended camp this year, I have been impressed with the independence that my girls gain each week at camp. The guidance and encouragement that my girls receive from the amazing camp counselors, builds them up and helps to mold them into the confident and strong young women that I am trying to raise. Girls Scouts in every way is a program that I am proud to be a part of and I feel lucky that my girls benefit from the platform that Girls Scouts USA provides.

For more information on how your child can join Girl Scouts, please email: info@gshnj.org.



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 October meeting will be on the 17th. Please note the change.

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

Laurie Roome, Community Educator from the Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services gave an overview on the difference between regular Medicare with supplemental plans and Medicare Advantage plans. She also went over the Part D prescription coverage. Open enrollment period is from October 15 to December 7 should you choose to change plans. The office will assist you if you have any questions regarding your coverage now and the plan you are looking at to join. Call 908-704-6319 for information.

Gerry Klimowich thanked Joe Paterno, Carol Barter and Lorraine Ott for their assistance in researching the first twenty years of the Club going through years of

From The Desk of Fire Superintendent/Fire Marshal, Patrick Renaldi

The month of October was named Fire Safety month after The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 where the fire burned for 3 days: October 8th-10th, killed approximately 300 people, destroyed roughly 3.3 square miles of the city, \$222 Million in damages, and left a numerous amount of residents homeless.

Every year since this occurrence local fire departments promote open houses and public education for their residents. Fire Prevention Week, is October 6-12, 2019 and this year's theme is "Not Every Hero Wears A Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape". The campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have a life-saving impact.

The campaign works to educate people of all ages to learn about home fire escape planning and practice, bring that information home, and spur their families into action, from young students who learn about the campaign at school to parents who attend a community event like a fire station open house - all of them truly are heroes because they're taking steps to make their households much, safer from fire.

If you would like more information about escape plans, smoke detectors, etc. or just want to discuss your fire safety concerns, please feel free to call our office and 908-725-9478 Ext 112.

Reminder: The Manville Borough Fire Department Open House will be held on October 6, 2019, 6-8 pm at the Campaign Firehouse on 13th Ave.

The Manville News articles.

President Petrone introduced Brett Radi the new Borough Administrator. Manville Police Detective William Sampson told us to be aware of robo calls regarding social security and scam text messages depicting violent acts. Do not answer or engage in the text message. Be sure to keep your vehicles locked even if in your driveway. There has been some cars burglarized in town.

Celebrating 50 years!!

In 2007, Manville PBA Local 236 started a luncheon program as a way to give back to the seniors and for a meet and greet time. This luncheon program continues to this day and is always well attended and enjoyed by all.

The Manville High School Drama Club in 2006 until 2014 sponsored a program for the seniors. On Sunday afternoon prior to the show, we enjoyed a buffet luncheon. Our only cost was the drama club ticket. This was a chance to see the students showcase their talents.

We have enjoyed and participated in many activities and events over the course of 50 years. As one program ends

another seems to pop up. We have been very fortunate these past years and look forward to many more milestones. Seniors enjoy our 50th dinner celebration!!

Upcoming Event:

Tickets will be on sale at the October 17 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 October 16. 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.

DPW News

Fall Has Arrived & It's Leaf Season



The Department of Public Works Provides Two Means of Leaf Collection

■ Bagged leaves can be put in biodegradable paper bags or containers and placed curbside for collection on the scheduled yard waste days or special bagged leaf days. Plastic bags cannot be accepted.

■ Leaf vacuuming should begin mid to late October and the start of this service is based on the amount of fallen leaves. Residents can place leaves loose curbside once this service begins; however, leaves must be kept at least ten feet away from any storm water catch basin. Loose leaves must be free of any other yard waste (garden debris, branches, etc.) These type items should be bundled or bagged for the scheduled yard waste days.

■ Should you have a small amount of leaves, please place them in a container or biodegradable bag for pick up on yard waste day.

■ The service of leaf vacuuming is done in each section of town at least once per week and is dependent on volume and will continue to about mid-December, weather permitting. If the weather becomes inclement, please contact the Department of Public Works for the status of the leaf pick up service.

■ Be safety-wise and never park a vehicle close to or on top of leaf piles.

Upcoming DPW Service

Dates:

➤Yard Waste curbside pickups: October 8th, October 22nd with the last pickup for 2019 scheduled for November 5th.

➤Bagged Leaves only will be picked up curbside on November 19th, December 3rd and December 10th, weather permitting.

➤Grass Clippings are still being accepted at the Public Works Yard located off William Street on Saturdays from 8 a.m. till Noon; the last drop off for 2019 will be October 26th.

➤Curbside pickup of Bulky Items is scheduled for October 15th with the last pickup for 2019 on November 12th.

ONE YEAR Anniversary Celebration

Join us to celebrate all that the ReStore, it's Volunteers, employees and customers have accomplished to support the work of Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity

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Explore Latin Dance and Rhythms with Your Library

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) will host an exciting event celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month on October 19, from 2-4 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to discover the Latin rhythms of the band Swing Sabroso and explore the basic dance steps of Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata with professional dancer Christina Piedra. This all-ages event will be hosted off-site at Veterans of Manville, located at 600 Washington Avenue in Manville.

For more information or to register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/2182818.

Explore Hispanic Heritage

With Somerset County Library System of New Jersey

Ritmo de Salsa

Featuring the Music of Swing Sabroso



Discover Latin rhythms with Swing Sabroso and explore the basic dance steps of Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata with professional dancer Christina Piedra.

October 19 | 2-4 p.m.

Hosted off-site at Veterans of Manville
600 Washington Avenue in Manville

Registration is required. Visit SCLSNJ.org.

Uncover the History of Halloween

Halloween is celebrated by people all over the world, many who are unfamiliar with its myths and origins. Discover the background of Halloween on October 24 at 7 p.m., at SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch. Professor Deborah

Hoeflinger, adjunct professor of History at County College of Morris, will share the history of Halloween and explore the culture and practices of the holiday. For more information or to register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1814153.

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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Family Storytime (families with children)

October 12, 11-11:45 a.m.

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

Game Night (families)

October 17, 6-8 p.m.

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

Ritmo de Salsa: Featuring the Music of Swing Sabroso (all ages)

October 19, 2-4 p.m. [see flyer and article above]

Discover the Latin rhythms of Swing Sabroso and the basic dance steps of Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata with professional dancer Christina Piedra.

Children and Teens

STEM (grades 1-5)

- Be an Archaeologist

October 2, 6-7:30 p.m.

Explore ways to uncover the past by investigating artifacts and ecofacts. Each class will include a hands on activity or project.

- Everyday Math

October 23; 30; 6-7:30 p.m. Explore math concepts like probability, cryptography, ciphers and secret codes. Each class will include a hands on activity or project.

Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages birth - 3 years)

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 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)

October 3, 10, 17, 24; 4-4:45 p.m.

Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

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

October 4, 11, 18, 25; 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)

October 8, 5-5:45 p.m.

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

Explore Art (grades 1-5)

October 9, 4-5 p.m.

Aspiring artists will use different types

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.

of mediums to create outstanding works of art.

Dungeons and Dragons (grades 5-8)

October 10, 24; 6-8 p.m.

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

Dinosaur Dig (grades K-4)

October 12, 2-3 p.m.

Explore a dinosaur dig site in the Library. Listen to an interactive fossil talk and dig for real dinosaur bones.

Stitch Craft (ages 9-14)

October 15, 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)

October 16, 5-6 p.m.

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

Read to a Therapy Dog (grades K-4)

October 21, 4-5 p.m.

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

Drop-In Craft - Halloween Craft

October 26, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Celebration (grades 2-6)

October 26, 2-4 p.m.

Play games, create art, and discuss the wild and zany adventures of Jeff Kinney's "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series.

Adults

Dominoes Ladies

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 1-3:30 p.m.

Spend the afternoon playing a relaxing game of dominoes.

English Conversation Group

- October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 1-2:30 p.m.
- October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 6:30-8 p.m.

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

Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion

October 3, 6-7 p.m.

"Our Kind of Cruelty" by Araminta Hall.

Become a Better Photographer

October 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Explore the art of photography.

Monday Matinee at Manville

October 7, 21; 1-3:30 p.m.

Monday Matinee at Manville.

Beginner Quilters Class

October 7, 21; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn the skills and steps required to make a quilt.

Easy Tech Workshop: Intro To Google Drive and Docs

October 8, 11 a.m. - noon

Explore Google Drive.

Resources for English Language Learners

October 8, 2-3 p.m.

Explore what the Library can offer to help you learn English.

Seniors, Let's Get Crafty

October 9, 11 a.m. - noon

Create painted acorn decor.

Writer's Group

October 9, 7-8:30 p.m.

Authors meet to discuss, critique, present, and improve their work.

The Senior Freeze - Property Tax Reimbursement Program

October 10, 7-8 p.m.

Explore the program that reimburses eligible New Jersey residents who are senior citizens or disabled persons for property tax increases on their home.

Coloring With Friends

October 11, 11 a.m. - noon

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

Evening Book Discussion

October 14, 6-7 p.m.

"The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein.

Fantasy Book Discussion Group

October 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"Kindred" by Octavia Butler.

Afternoon Book Discussion

October 16, noon - 1 p.m.

"I'll Be Your Blue Sky" by Marisa de los Santos.

For The Win! Game Club

October 18, 11 a.m. - noon

Connect with other game players and compete for bragging rights. Sensory friendly.

Workforce Wednesdays: Mastering The Job Interview

October 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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

The History of Halloween

October 24, 7-8 p.m.

Professor Deborah Hoeflinger will examine the history of Halloween and look at the culture and practices of the holiday.

What Is A Therapy Dog?

October 26, noon - 1 p.m.

Explore the differences between therapy dogs, emotional support pets, and service animals and learn how to get your pup certified as a therapy dog.

Air Fryer Cooking Class

October 28; 7-8 p.m.

Discover new tastes and techniques when using an air fryer.

Special Needs Social Hour

October 29, 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.

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