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Designating the Borough of Manville a Purple Heart Community



Senior Vice Commander Ted Dima presents the Purple Heart plaque to the Borough.

Mayor Onderko's Corner

The Borough of Manville recently received another recognition award at the New Jersey Association of Floodplain Management (NJAFM) conference held recently in Atlantic City. The award was the 2019 outstanding floodplain management award presented for the concept plan of the Lost Valley Nature Park. The award was also presented to Ellen Creveling of the Nature's Conservancy who partnered with the Borough in developing the plans. The 65-acre nature park will be built on land where frequently flooded homes have been demolished. The park project will return the area to its natural landscape and be beneficial to the floodplain of the Millstone River and the Royce Brook. The proposed nature park will also be tied into the Somerset County Greenway initiative.

We plan on meeting with Somerset County officials to discuss the recent underpass bridge strikes that continue to occur even with an early warning system in place that is supposed to alert truck drivers to the low clearance ahead. The Norfolk Southern railroad owns the underpass and the roadway is a county road. In other towns, flashing yellow lights are installed on the bridge to make it more visible especially at night. Hopefully, improvements will be made to avoid future traffic nightmares when the roadway is closed to remove a truck.

We also plan on meeting with Somerset County OEM officials next month to discuss the next round of non-disaster funding provided by FEMA on an annual basis. The continued goal is to make Manville more storm resilient using Federal aid. In the past we have applied and have been successful in receiving grants.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. As we close out the year, I would like to remind everyone we are participating in Wreaths Across America again this year. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a Veteran's wreath, you can do so on-line at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/NJ0130. The forms to mail a check are available at Brough Hall. The cost of a wreath sponsorship is \$15.

Save the date! Saturday, December 14th at noon in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Hope to see a big turnout like last year as we take the time to honor over 1,300 of our veterans buried there.

Until next month,
Richard M. Onderko

It's our 90th anniversary as an independent Borough and it is such an honor to be recognized by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 27 as a "Purple Heart Community". The Borough of Manville has a rich veteran history. Residents of Manville have been killed in action in every major conflict from WWI on. Over 1,300 veterans are buried locally in our three cemeteries. We had the largest VFW membership of any post in the state at one point in time.

The Wreaths Across America Arlington convoy stopped at Manville High School in 2017 and that was a special day for our community. In 2018, every veteran laid to rest at Sacred Heart Cemetery received a remembrance wreath. And now veteran banners of our Hometown Heroes fly proudly on our Main Street, with 7 killed in action and many more with the Purple Heart medal displayed. Some of our Hometown Heroes killed in action were: Thomas J. Kavanaugh, WWI; Anthony Trilone and Walter Szymanski, WWII; Robert Gray, Korean War; Sgt Andrew Horvath, PFC Michael Martineau and Col. John Dudash, who was shot down and missing in action for over a decade, all 3 were killed in action from the Vietnam War.

In May of 2018, we also had the POW/MIA Chair of Honor installed in our council chamber by Rolling Thunder as a constant reminder to the more than 82,000 still missing in action or being held as prisoners of war. We must take the time to remember all of our veterans and teach our youth about the price of freedom.

May God bless all our veterans and active military personnel protecting our freedoms.



Let us never lose sight that we live in one of the most patriotic towns in Somerset County, in the greatest country in the world, the United States of America - home of the free, because of the brave! A special thank you to Chapter 27 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart for recognizing and bestowing this honor on the Borough of Manville at our council meeting held on Monday, October 14th.



Due to Veterans Day, the last day to pay the November tax bill and avoid interest will be on November 12, 2019. Any remaining balance after November 12th, interest will be calculated from November 1st to the date the payment is received in the Tax Office and not the post marked date. Thank you.

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Bringing Awareness to the Vaping Crisis



According to recent research, within the past year, e-cigarette use has increased by 78% in high school students and 1 in 20 middle school students. One of the goals of the MAC this year is to raise awareness of this dilemma among our youth by hosting various educational and preventative events for our students, families, local agencies and community about the dangers of vaping. This year, the alliance is exploring programs with local and national resources to bring into our schools/community. Some of the programs and workshops include Youth Mental Health First Aid (Spanish), Naloxone (Narcan) Training and a Night of Conversation.

Here are a few signs that may indicate a potential use of e-cigarettes: pen/USB/marker, looking devices that require charging. These pen-like devices usually have

buttons, tiny lights or breakaway parts and/or have cartridges that may contain fluids, oils and other liquids that can be burned. E-cigarettes and vape pens may not give off a burning tobacco scent, however some do have aromatic scents such as fruit, candy, mints or marijuana. Some physical symptoms to look out for are excessive dry mouth, dry skin, and/or increased nose bleeds. If yourself, a family member, friend, or anyone you know is using e-cigarettes, try to engage them in conversation about the dangers of these products and how to quit.

Please join us on Tuesday, December 10th at 6pm for a very informative vaping presentation, "Save Your Breath," at Manville High School

Remember, don't be judgmental, discuss all known risks and side effects, be their "friend" not their "foe" and lead by example. Professional help is also available through individual counseling, local hospitals, addictions centers, and smoking cessation programs.

For any questions, please contact us at manvillemac@gmail.com.



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The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) wants to remind all Americans that choosing safe behaviors behind the wheel could save their, or someone else's, life. While people's preferences in the types of transportation they use differ, they all have one thing in common — everyone is a pedestrian.

Traffic fatalities were on the rise in 2016, and pedestrian fatalities were no different. Approximately once every 1.5 hours, a pedestrian was killed in a traffic crash. In 2016 alone, 5,376 pedestrians were killed in traffic crashes — a 9-percent increase from 2015, the highest number of deaths since 1990.

As a motorist, avoiding a pedestrian seems like a no-brainer, but too many people are still paying with their lives. Unfortunately, if there is a collision between a pedestrian and a vehicle, the pedestrian is most likely to be the one killed or injured. Everyone is responsible for safety on Manville's roads.

Drivers and pedestrians need to stay alert at all times while traveling. Driver and pedestrian distraction negatively affects the safety of everyone. While driving, it can be tempting to pick up an electronic device or fiddle with the radio,

but that choice could cost someone their life. As a pedestrian, wearing headphones or using a cell phone could lead to disaster if you don't hear a car horn or miss a stop-signal at a crosswalk.

A simple fashion choice of wearing bright colors during the day, and using lights or reflective wear when dark outside can help decrease crash risks for pedestrians. The majority of pedestrian crashes happen when it is dark outside (76%); wearing reflective material, a blinking light, or carrying a flashlight makes it easier for a driver to see you and stop.

Drivers should remember that speeding increases the time it takes for you to identify and then react to other traffic. The higher the speed, the higher the risk since speeding also increases a vehicle's stopping distance, so even if the driver sees the pedestrian, they may not have enough time to stop.

We live in an age of constant distraction where life is hectic, and people are busy. But taking a few extra steps each day before and while you drive, or walk, or run could prevent someone from losing their life. Everyone is a pedestrian at some point in the day. Let's keep each other safe, and always remember to follow the rules of the road.

Officers Save a Life



On September 25, 2019, Sergeant Steier and Detective Canuso received a Heart and Stroke Heroes Award from the American Heart Association for their quick response and lifesaving actions. The Mayor and Council commended both officers with a proclamation read into the public record by Safety Committee Chair Councilwoman Zamorski on October 14.

Volunteer Firefighters Needed



The Manville Fire Department is seeking new members. If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, consider joining our department.

The Manville Fire Department provides free training to all new members, a yearly clothing allowance and it is a great way to give back to your community. For more information feel free to contact:

- Fire Company #1**
20 South 3rd Ave
908-707-9877
Meeting 7:00 pm - 1st Tuesday of the month
- Camplain Fire Company #2**
Washington Ave and S. 13th
908-526-0439
Meeting 7:30 pm - 1st Tuesday of the month
- North End Fire Company #3**
169 North 8th Ave
908-526-0403
Meeting 7:30 pm - 1st Monday of the Month

'tis the season TO GET READY FOR BRIGHT LIGHTS

Registration is open at www.ManvilleArts.org



MHS Class of 1979 40TH REUNION



DPW Reptile Program Boosts Environmental Awareness

Borough families were treated to a unique educational experience in early September at our Community day event, when Manville's DPW offered a community program that blended both entertainment and conservation. An educator from Rizzo's Reptile Discovery delighted the people in attendance by parading uncommon animals like a blue-tongued skink, an albino pygmy hedgehog, and Burmese python around for all to see and touch. The event included an age-appropriate discussion on the harmful impact of litter and human carelessness on other animals that share our space.

Using New Jersey Clean Communities grant money to fund the event, children learned to CARE (Conserve, Awareness, Recycling, Environment) about our planet while interacting with ten rare and wonderful species. The Clean Communities grant stipulates that local municipalities implement programs that promote cleanup, enforcement and environmental education. "Children need to understand the short and long-term impact of trash on our local ecosystem," said Manville's Director of DPW, Vince Lo Medico. "It is a win-win to find an engaging environmental program that provides quality information and concrete examples to pull it all together for the kids. We plan on offering more educational awareness programs like this in the near future."

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Community Day 2019 - 90th Anniversary Celebration



Arbor Day Celebration: Shade Tree Commission Planted Two Trees at Roosevelt Elementary



This past April, the Manville Shade Tree Commission planted two new trees at the Roosevelt Elementary school in celebration of Arbor Day. Mayor Richard Onderko, Commission Chair Jack Kuhlman, and Principal Dr. Maroun led the ceremony in front of students and school board members. The Roosevelt Elementary School Environmental club, led by Third grade teacher Alicia Mathewson, assisted in planting the trees and planning the event. The Manville Department of Public Works was also on hand to help. All students at the school received a sapling to plant with their parents at home. Refreshments were provided via donations from Wegmans (secured by Manville Librarian Nan Peterson). The Shade Tree Commission is planning the 2020 Arbor Day celebration in collaboration with the ABIS Middle School and ABIS Environmental Club. Stay tuned for more details!

About the Manville Shade Tree Commission:

The Borough of Manville Shade Tree Commission is an appointed commission for the purpose of the regulation, planting, care and control of shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery in the streets, highways and public places of the Borough of Manville. The Commission is made up of appointed volunteers - Jack Kuhlman (Chairman), Joseph Markiewicz, Albert Foeri, Philip E. Petrone, Charles Truskowski, Scott Merry, Tim Kenyon, Nicholas Trilone, and Patricia Zamorski (secretary). To learn more visit their webpage www.manvillenj.org/608/Shade-Tree-Commission.

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 November meeting will be on the 14th. We can be found on Facebook @ManvilleSeniorCitizens. Check out our activities and pictures. Tickets for the December 8 Christmas Party at the VFW will be on sale at the November meeting. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$20 for guests. Nominations for officers for 2020 will be conducted at the November meeting with elections at the December meeting. Nick Trilone will collect dues for 2020 starting with the December 12 meeting. Installation of officers will be January 9. Here are some upcoming trips. To note: all trips are open to the public.

- 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 November 20. 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 January 30, 2020. 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.

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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.

***Please note the Library will be closed on November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**



Discover Russian Music and More at the Library

Explore Russian culture at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Manville Library branch on November 2, from 2-3 p.m. Ensemble Barynya will perform Russian songs, music, and dances for Library customers of all ages. For more information or to register: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/2456497.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

From Russia With Love

November 2, 2-3 p.m.
 Ensemble Barynya will perform Russian songs, music, and dances.

Game Night (families)

November 14, 6-8 p.m.
 Bring an old favorite or play something from the Library's collection of classic and contemporary games.

Family Storytime (families with children)

November 16, 11-11:45 a.m.
 An interactive program that fosters early literacy skills through books, songs, and activities.

Dog Bite Prevention (families)

November 16, noon - 12:45 p.m.
 Discover the tools needed to be safe around dogs.

CHILDREN AND TEENS

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

November 1, 8, 15, 22; 10-10:45 a.m.
 An interactive program that fosters

early literacy skills through books, songs, and activities.

STEM: Everyday Math (grades 1-5)

November 6, 6-7:30 p.m.
 Explore math concepts like probability, cryptography, ciphers, and secret codes.

Baby/Toddler Storytime (ages birth - 3 years)

November 7, 14, 21; 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)

November 7, 14, 21; 4-4:45 p.m.
 Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

Early Readers Book Club (ages 6-8)

November 12, 5-5:45 p.m.
 Emerging readers will spend time sharing stories in a small social setting.

Drop-In Craft: Puppets

November 16, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Make a craft to keep for yourself, or give to someone special. All supplies will be provided.

Read to a Therapy Dog (grades K-4)

November 18, 4-5 p.m.

Practice your reading skills by reading a story to a certified therapy dog. Registration by phone or in-person only.

Graphic Novel Book Club (grades 3-5)

November 20, 5-6 p.m.
 An opportunity to discuss one-off titles and short completed series.

ADULTS

Evening Book Discussion

November 1, 6-7 p.m.
 "In the Midst of Winter" by Isabel Allende.

Monday Matinee at Manville

November 4, 18; 1-3:30 p.m.
 Discover a film at the Library.

Medicare: What You Need to Know

November 5, 11 a.m. - noon
 Explore how to navigate Medicare coverage options and understand what changes are in store for Medicare 2020.

Dominoes Ladies

November 5, 12, 19, 26; 1-3:30 p.m.
 Spend the afternoon playing a relaxing game of dominoes.

Intro To Creativebug

November 7, 11 a.m. - noon
 Creativebug offers online video arts and crafts workshops and techniques. Discover how to paint, knit, crochet, sew, screen print, and more.

English Conversation Group

November 7, 14; 1-2:30 p.m. and 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

November 7, 6-7 p.m.
 "One Kick" by Chelsea Cain.

Legends of Holiday Plants

November 9, 2-3 p.m.
 Presented by Christa Woods from The Somerset County Park Commission.

Easy Tech Workshop: Write Your Resume

November 12, 11 a.m. - noon
 Basic resume writing workshop. Bring your own device or use one of ours.

Writer's Group

November 13, 7-8:30 p.m.
 Authors meet to discuss, critique, present, and improve their work.

Become a Better Photographer

November 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Explore low light photography.

For The Win! Game Club

November 15, 11 a.m. - noon
 Connect with other game players and compete for bragging rights.

Afternoon Book Discussion

November 20, noon - 1 p.m.
 "Starry Night" by Debbie Macomber.

Workforce Wednesdays: Business Etiquette For Job Seekers

November 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 Presented by Jan Goodman, community outreach specialist, Greater Raritan One Stop Career Center.



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