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On Saturday, April 24th, from 8 to 9:15am, the Kenilworth Beautification Committee along with Cub Scout Pack 83 planted annuals in the planters along the Boulevard.



(above) Beautification Committee members Robert Porter, Maria Cardoso, Justine Melillo, Councilwoman Toncia Sosnosky and Trudy Neuhauser. Cub Scout Pac 83 leaders in uniform John Gasper, Laura Kossor, Rick Cherego & Rob Grimaldi; scouts (1st Row, l-r) Matthew Payne, Joey Grimaldi, Andrew Gasper, Aiden Colon, Vincent Grimaldi, Mark Periera. (2nd row, l-r) Joe Gasper, Justin Scazzaro, Thomas Campbell, Andrew Cherego, Chris Kossor, Robbie Herbert, Aidan Musser, Kevin Scazzaro.

## FAMILY SWIM NIGHT



(above) Gabriela Angrisano and Heather Braun



(above) Gianna Sandull and her father Glen



(above) Vinny Lardiere, Paul Weiss & Charlie Reithel

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## MEMO FROM THE MAYOR



May is the month that we celebrate the unofficial start of summer. It is also the a time that we remember those in the military service who have given their lives to defend our freedoms and our country.

Please join us in remembering all of our fallen soldiers at the VFW on Memorial Day, May 31. Services will begin at 11 AM with the presentation of wreaths. After the ceremony the Vets host everyone to hot dogs and all the fixings. Please take a moment out of your Memorial Day to do what the day is set aside for – remembering those who have lost their lives to defend you.

Our meeting on May 26, 2010 will be Youth in Government Day. At that meeting the jobs of all the Borough officials, including the Mayor and council members will be taken over by seventh and eighth grade students who are chosen by their teachers. These students will run the Borough council meeting and adopt resolutions just as if they were the elected Borough officials. It is a fun evening, seeing the students step up to take over these positions.

On June 9, 2010 we will hold a hearing on the budget which was introduced at the April 28th meeting. Although taxpayers do not have a right to vote on the Borough budget like they do on the school budget, they are entitled to review the budget and ask questions about it at the budget hearing. Anyone who is interested may receive a copy of the budget documentation at the Clerk's office.

As you know, the school budget was defeated in the School Board elections held last month. The procedure now requires that the council review the Board's budget, consult with the Board of Education and decide what reductions should be made to the budget. We expect to have a special meeting at which the proposed reductions will be discussed and public input will be invited.

Although the Council must specify what they have determined should be reduced in the budget, the Board of Education is not obligated to make those specific reductions, although they must reduce the budget by the amount determined by the council although the Board of Education does have the opportunity to appeal any reduction determined by Council.

I hope to see you all at the Memorial Day services at the VFW.

*Mayor Kathi Fiamingo*

## MEMO FROM CHIEF DOWD



I will be retiring from the Kenilworth Police Department on June 30, 2010, after 39 ½ years of service. Even though I still immensely enjoy my job, I feel that the time has come for me to step down. My journey on the Police Department started on January 1, 1971. My career working for the Borough of Kenilworth all of these years has been a truly enjoyable experience. It has been an honor to be the Chief of Police of what I consider to be one of the finest Police Departments around.

I would like to thank the Officers of the Police Department for the work that they performed under my leadership. Their dedication to duty and professionalism during my tour as Chief has been outstanding. I would also like to thank Mayor Fiamingo and the Council Members for their support of the Police Department.

Lastly, I would like to thank the residents and business people of Kenilworth who have always been strong supporters of the Police Department. Although I am leaving with a certain degree of sadness, I also am looking forward to some relaxing years. I am sure the excellent work of the Kenilworth Police Department will continue on after my departure.

Sincerely,

*William Dowd*

Chief of Police

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**10:30 AM MAY 3**  
**36TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**  
 Suburban Golf Club,  
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**8:00 AM MAY 4**  
**SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL**  
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**7:30 AM MAY 6**  
**NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS OF NJ**  
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**8:45 AM MAY 6**  
**WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
 Chamber Office,  
 135 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth

**8:30 AM MAY 12**  
**KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING**  
 Mike & Annie's Frozen Delights,  
 505 Boulevard, Kenilworth

**5:00 PM MAY 12**  
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**6:00 PM MAY 13**  
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**8:30 AM MAY 14**  
**LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
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**6:00 PM MAY 18**  
**IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION 2ND ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER**  
 Gran Centurions,  
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**8:00 AM MAY 19**  
**EMPLOYEE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 Kenilworth Inn,  
 Boulevard & 31st Street, Kenilworth

**8:30 AM MAY 25**  
**LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING**  
 Raymond Bauer Promenade,  
 North Wood Avenue, Linden

**8:30 AM MAY 26**  
**LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST**  
 Solar do Minho,  
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**8:30 AM MAY 27**  
**CLARK CHAMBER GROUP**  
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**8:30 AM MAY 28**  
**SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING**  
 Olde Mill Inn, 225 Route 202, Basking Ridge

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH**  
 All meetings are held in Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

**MAY 11 & 25**  
 Workshop meeting to start at 7:30 PM

**MAY 12 & 26**  
 Regular meeting to start at 8:00 PM

### PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

**MAY 27** - Regular meeting to start at 7:30 PM

**MAY 6 & JUNE 3** - Workshop meeting to start at 7:00 PM

### KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

All meetings begin at 7:30 pm. and are held in the Board Conference Room at David Brearley Middle/High School at 401 Monroe Avenue.

## DO NOT THROW IT AWAY!

The David Brearley Middle and High School will be holding a used clothing drive and car wash on Saturday – May 15th, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM to benefit the Tim Carbone Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund. The following items will be collected: wearable and usable clothing (men's, women's, and children's), shoes, belts, handbags, linens, stuffed animals, and hard toys. The school will receive a cash donation for the total poundage that is collected. Please place all clothing and other acceptable items into a well tied plastic garbage bag and bring them to the car wash on Saturday – May 15th. If you can not make the car wash on Saturday, you may drop off your bags of clothes at the David Brearley Middle and High School main office on Friday – May 14th. For more information, please contact Josephine Bierenfeld at: (908)-298-1094.

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## KENILWORTH RESIDENT COMPLETES INTERNSHIP

Kenilworth resident Scott McGregor is one of four participants who recently completed an internship program in the visual arts sponsored by the Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation. The Foundation is dedicated to providing opportunities for young adults living on the autism spectrum. Scott attended a series of professional classes in the visual arts, followed by an introductory course in aspects of running a visual arts studio and gallery.

The internship culminated in a behind the scenes tour of the Montclair Art Museum on Saturday, April 17, 2010. Scott was awarded a certificate of completion.

The program was funded by a grant awarded to Arts Unbound, a non-profit organization dedicated to the artistic achievement of youth, adults and senior citizens with disabilities. Through professional classes in the visual arts and exhibitions in the Arts Unbound gallery and throughout New Jersey, the organization is committed to unleashing the artistic expression of persons living with mental, physical and developmental disabilities and providing vocational opportunities for emerging and established artist.

Scott is a Kenilworth resident who recently graduated from David Brearley High School.

He was enrolled in the Borough's special education program since the age of 2 ½ years. Throughout his education, Scott participated in both in district and out of district placements.

Scott began taking art lessons at Arts Unbound in Orange, New Jersey for the past two years. He was one of only four students chosen to participate in the internship.



(above, l-r) Scott McGregor and Linda Fiddle, Director of the Fiddle Foundation.

## ST. THERESA STUDENTS COMPETE IN FORENSICS COMPETITION

On Wednesday, April 21, 2010, Saint Theresa School in Kenilworth was one of six schools, a total of 56 students, who participated in the Union County Catholic League of Forensics "Duo" Competition held at Saint John the Apostle School in Clark.

Saint Theresa's School team consisted of twelve students: Michael Batkiw, Stephanie Cabrera, Sarah Ferreira, Nasya Hammond-Watson, Katelyn McCarthy, Michael Tanelli, Elizabeth Tramontana, and Ameer Richmond (all eighth graders); Angela Bui and Joshua Riley (7th graders); Concetta Aronowitz and Katrina McCarthy (6th graders).

Four of the seven finalists were from Saint Theresa's School. Stephanie Cabrera, Nasya Hammond-Watson, Angela Bui, and Joshua Riley all received Honorable Mention Ribbons. Michael Batkiw and Elizabeth Tramontana was awarded a third place ribbon.

Sarah Ferreira and Katelyn McCarthy was awarded the first place ribbon. This was only the third time the "Duo" category was introduced at an elementary school level.



(above, sitting, l-r) Michael Tanelli, Angela Marie Bui, Elizabeth Tramontana, Joshua Riley, Katelyn McCarthy, Katrina McCarthy; (standing, l-r) Ameer Richmond, Stephanie Cabrera, Michael Batkiw, Nasya Hammond-Watson, Sarah Ferreira, Conchetta Aronowitz.

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# EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT ST. THERESA SCHOOL

Celebrating Earth Day can be a learning experience starting at a very young age.

Mrs. Furlong's Pre-K 4 year olds from St. Theresa School in Kenilworth learned the importance of taking care of the earth through

recycling. On April 22nd the children played a game of recycling with paper bottles they designed themselves. They counted backwards as they disposed of their bottles in the recycle bin.



(above, top, l-r) Colleen Hannon, Jack Huss, Gianna Vilanni, Nicholas DelaPrida, Francesca Villani, Armand Benegas, Rayfe Potenciano. (bottom, l-r) Grace Williams, Niko DuBeau, Rosa Cascarano, Yadhira Rubio and Antonio Malang.

# BREARLEY'S SPRING BLOOD DRIVE IS A HUGE SUCCESS!



(above, l-r) The Spring Blood Drive Student Committee volunteers: Sommer Engler, Nicholas Almeida, Jessica DaCosta, and Anthony Madonia.

On Friday, April 16th, 2010 the David Brearley Middle and High School ran their second annual spring blood drive to benefit New Jersey Blood Services, a Division of New York Blood Center. This drive was another huge success. There were 113 potential donors presented and only 27 were deferred. There were a total of 86 donors who actually had their blood drawn. Fifty-eight (58) donated whole blood and twenty-eight (28) donated on the ALYX machine. The ALYX machine donors each counted as two pints of whole blood. Therefore, the 2010 Brearley Spring Blood Drive collected a total of 114 total pints of blood from only 86 donors or 1.33 pints per donor. The same student committee ran the Brearley Fall Blood Dive that generated 1.39 pints per donor.

This year's spring blood drive was initiated by Brearley students: Nicholas Almeida, Jessica DaCosta, Sommer Engler, and Anthony Madonia. Their faculty advisor was Ms. Cynthia Hegna, school nurse. The four Brearley student committee volunteers attended the New Jersey Blood Services High School Summit on October 26, 2009 at Johnson and Johnson world headquarters. These same four students organized a whole school assembly in November to educate and inform their high school peers and faculty of the urgent need for blood donations. They then ran the December/Fall Blood Drive at David Brearley.

Congratulations and special thanks go out to all students who attempted to and/or actually donated the gift of life in the form of blood or donated their time to process or assist the donors and NJ Blood Services workers. These students are proof of the spirit giving back to the community that is present at David Brearley Middle and High School.

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and Thursday May 7, 6 pm – 7:30 pm

### POP WARNER FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING SIGN-UPS

Sign-ups for Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading will be held on May 6, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at David Brearley High School. Please visit our website for more information [www.kenilworthbears.morowebdesign.com](http://www.kenilworthbears.morowebdesign.com)

## “VOICES FROM THE PAST” AND ESSAY/ART CONTEST

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a Kenilworth History Celebration for the general public on Thurs., May 20, in honor of National Preservation Month. All are welcome to attend the event, which will begin at 7 p.m. at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center (526 Boulevard). Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.

The celebration will feature “Voices from the Past,” a presentation spotlighting many colorful individuals who are significant to Kenilworth's history. Such historical figures, portrayed by the Kenilworth Historical Players theatrical troupe, include an 18th-century farmstead mistress; Mayor Oswald J. Nitschke; wife of local pioneer/builder James Arthur; Public Service Trolley line operator Elmer Guy; librarian Myra Antrobus; famous aviator Gen. James Doolittle; head mistress of McKinley School; an Upsala College student; a Rahway Valley Railroad conductor – and others. The audience will have a chance to “meet” the characters and view relevant artifacts and historical photos. The character portrayals are based on an entertaining script written by Historical Society museum and acquisitions chairwoman Fran Day.

During the evening, awards will be presented to winners of the Kenilworth Historical Society's “Kenilworth Alive” contest, in which fourth-grade students wrote essays about and drew illustrations of their favorite local historical characters from “Voices from the Past.”

## BIRTHDAY CLUB BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS

The Kenilworth Public Library recently announced the winners of the March 2010 Birthday Book Raffle: Fiona Morales and Riyana Patel both of Kenilworth. Each winner received a new book as their prize. Children between the ages of 3 - 12 years may enter the raffle during the month of their birthday, two winners are selected to win a new paper back book each month.

To register visit the library at 548 Boulevard during your birthday month.



(left) Fiona Morales, age 7 of Kenilworth.  
(right) Riyana Patel, age 5 of Kenilworth.



## MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT AT THE LIBRARY

Children at the Kenilworth Public Library had an opportunity to create a spring craft to take home and display. A Mother's Day craft will be presented on Saturday May 8th.

Children ages 4 and up may register for this program. Registration is required Kenilworth residents may begin to register on Saturday, May 1st. Out of town residents may begin to register on Thursday, May 6th. To register visit the library at 548 Boulevard or call 908-276-2451.



(above) Madeline Masucci, age 4 of Kenilworth decorates her spring craft.

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(above) Joe Lospinoso presents Allen Phillips with the Kenilworth Wrestling Club Scholarship Award (l-r) Joe Lospinoso, Allen Phillips and Head Coach Brian Luciani.



(above) Craig Gatto presents Robert Schielke with the Gatco Leadership Scholarship Award (l-r) Craig Gatto, Robert Schielke and Head Coach Brian Luciani.



Threatening inclement weather did not deter shoppers from visiting the Kenilworth Historical Society's April 17 "Treasures from the Attic Sale." The Historical Society is grateful to the many friends who donated items for the sale, which was held to raise funds for the organization's ongoing project to restore the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House and transform it into Kenilworth's first "living history" museum and cultural arts center.

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