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CHAMBER AWARDS KENILWORTH STUDENT WITH SCHOLARSHIP

The Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce recently awarded one Kenilworth High School Senior with a \$1,000 scholarship for their continued education.

Several students submitted applications for the scholarships during the course of the school year and at their last Chamber meeting, the members of the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce awarded the prize.

Matthew J. Bihler, who will be graduating from the Union County Magnet High School, accepted his award in a small

ceremony that took place at the Kenilworth Public Library on the afternoon of May 27, 2008.

The Kenilworth Chamber has been raising money for these scholarships through its Street Banner Program and through the Taste of Kenilworth, hosted by Schering-Plough each fall.

Chamber president Joe Renna noted that the group was very pleased to again be able to offer the scholarship this year.



Kenilworth Chamber Chairman Joe Renna presents scholarship to Matthew J. Bihler, with mom Carol, dad Joseph and grandmother Frances Kuscavage.

Taste's Good!
Taste of Kenilworth
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NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBER KNOWS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Joe Percario General Contracting is Kenilworth's newest Chamber of Commerce Member. Joe Percario continues a family tradition of quality home remodeling through hard work and European craftsmanship. Joe learned his trade from his grandfather, father and uncles who worked as carpenters, masons and stone cutters. The company, that his father started, has been in business over 50 years.

Joe has first-hand experience in every aspect of construction, interior and exterior. As a hands-on owner, he uses that experience on every job, residential and light commercial.

Joe Percario has been a leader in roofing, siding and window replacement as well as being an award winning home remodeler. Services include additions, decks, painting and new construction. Joe Percario has been ranked sixth in New Jersey by Qualified Remodeler magazine.

Joe Percario's success as a total home remodeler is due to the company's reputation for quality, value and trust.

Percario's has been servicing Essex, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union Counties for three generations and has worked on more than 20,000 homes. Percario's also offers 24-hour emergency service.

Joe Percario's offices are centrally located in Union County, NJ. Their facility houses a show room, in-house workshop and in 1972, the company purchased a supply and lumber yard. The show room contains hundreds of roofing, siding, window, stone and molding samples. Customers have the ability to select the color, style and quality of the different materials first hand. Percario's staff does custom painting and woodworking in their in-house workshop, saving customers the expense and time it would take to outsource.

Joe Percario General Contracting owns its own lumber and supply store, over 100,000 sq. ft. in size. They are able to buy in bulk and share the savings with their customers. There is no delay or wait time for materials kept in stock.

Joe Percario maintains their own work crews and a quality control team to ensure that the work performed on

your home meets the highest standards.

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Joe Percario is a member of the Lumbermen's Association and the New Jersey Small Business Association. Their foremen are continually schooled in the latest technological developments and construction methods and are certified installers by major manufacturers including Interstate, GAF, and Certainteed.

Safety is Joe Percario's main concern, for their workers, for your property, and for your family. Your property is cleaned and secured at the end of each work day. Clean-up crews leave your home free of debris, obstructions and tripping hazards. Material is carted using their own dumpsters.

Joe Percario's greatest endorsement comes from their satisfied customers. In business since 1953, they have serviced thousands of homes like yours.



(above) Percario's "Do You Know Joe?" sign is a familiar sight in Kenilworth.

(left) Joe Percario, Jr. and Joe Percario, Sr.

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

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I hope everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day and spent some time honoring the memory of the brave men and women in our Armed Forces. You may have

noticed that new flags were waving along the Boulevard. Thanks to the Centennial Committee, 100 new flags were purchased and will fly for the holidays.

On June 29, 2008, the Borough will celebrate Independence Day with a fireworks display. This year, the festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a band. Also on hand will be vendors selling hot dogs and ice cream. Please bring a chair or a blanket and join us at the Harding School and David Brearley Middle/High School

to enjoy our nation's birthday! The rain date is July 6, 2008.

The Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad honored the memory of their deceased members on May 15, 2008. The Shield numbers of deceased members, John Scuorzo and Frank Corcione were retired as was the shield number of Frank Ferrara. Honorary membership was awarded to the late Angelo Cicariello, Sr.

The Kenilworth Little League will be holding its annual picnic on June 14, 2008. A large crowd is expected to enjoy the festivities. Please contact the Little League officers for additional information.

I hope everyone has a great summer!

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

JUNE 10, JUNE 24 AND JULY 8

Work Sessions to start at 7:30PM at the Council Chambers

JUNE 11, JUNE 25 AND JULY 9

Regular Meetings to start at 8:00PM (unless noted otherwise) at the Council Chambers

UPCOMING PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

JUNE 5 Work Session to start at 7:00PM

JUNE 26

Regular Meetings to start at 7:30PM

KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Regular meeting of the Kenilworth Board of Education shall be held on the second Monday of each month, with the exception of October when the meeting will be held on the second Tuesday. All meetings shall take place in Board Conference Room at the David Brearley Middle/High School (unless noted) and shall convene at 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 11, 2007

Regular Meeting

UPCOMING GATEWAY CHAMBER EVENTS!

Date / Event / Time / Location (Events are at no cost unless indicated)

- JUNE 10 FIND, GET AND KEEP CUSTOMERS: HOW TO USE THE INTERNET TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS**
8:00 am to 10:00 am, Crowne Plaza Hotel Clark, 36 Valley Road Clark, NJ
- JUNE 11 KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING**
8:30 am Access Self Storage of Kenilworth, 750 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ
- JUNE 12 LINDEN CHAMBER ANNUAL AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP DINNER**
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, III Amici Ristorante, 1700 W. Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, NJ
- JUNE 13 LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
12 Noon Township of Clark, Municipal Building, Room 16, 430 Westfield Avenue Clark, NJ
- JUNE 17 IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (IBA) MEETING**
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road, Clark, NJ (Mem. \$15, Non: \$20 at the door)
- JUNE 19 GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN LUNCHEON**
11:45 am to 1:00 pm, La Casa di Martino, 301 West Clay Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ
- JUNE 25 EMPLOYEE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**
8:00 am to 10:00 am, Lana's Fine Dining at Hyatt Hills, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ
- JUNE 25 CLARK CHAMBER GROUP**
8:30 am Clark Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 1213 Westfield Avenue, Clark, NJ
- JUNE 26 SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
8:30 am OEM Office, Springfield Fire Department, Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ
- JUNE 27 SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING**
8:00 am Olde Mill Inn, 225 Rt. 202, Basking Ridge, NJ (Mem. \$5, Non: \$25)
- JULY 3 NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS OF NEW JERSEY MEETING**
7:30 am Perkins of Green Brook, 297 U.S. Hwy 22 East, Green Brook, NJ
- For additional event information call the Chamber at 908-352-0900 or visit our website at www.gatewaychamber.com*

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D.A.R.E. GRADS AND ESSAY WINNERS

On April 24, 2008, 122 Kenilworth 5th graders from Harding School and St. Theresa's School graduated the D.A.R.E. program. All the students completed a 5 month program instructed by Detective/SRO James Grady. Through this program the students learned how to recognize and resist the pressures that may influence them to experiment with tobacco, alcohol and other illegal drugs. They also learned the dangers of violent behavior and bullying. The students now look forward to be drug & violence free.



(above) Student reading essay Alicia Casamento with Detective James Grady



(above) DARE essey winners: (Front row, l-r) Joshua Riley, Cynthia Liberal, Joseph Lobello, Eddie Palmadessa (Back Row, l-r) Alicia Casamento, Chioma Uka, Hope Bera, Det. James Grady, Anthony Renda, Christina Verdia.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Joe Renna,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and library staff, I want to thank the members of the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce for their continuing and very generous support of our annual Shakespeare festival, "The Bard on the Boulevard". Your contribution enables us to provide free high quality entertainment for members of the community in a familiar and convenient setting. Because we attract audience members from within Kenilworth as well as from other New Jersey municipalities, your sponsorship helps us shine a spotlight on what a great community Kenilworth is.

I want to encourage all members of the Chamber to join us for at least one of our upcoming performances: June 26, Twelfth Night; July 17, King John; and August 14, Julius Ceasar. Performances will be held at the David Brearley High School football field located at the Boulevard and 14th Street and will begin at 7:30 pm. Attendees must bring their own lawn chairs or other outdoor seating. In the event of inclement weather, performances will be moved indoors to the Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard. The performances are free and open to all members of the general public.

Yours truly,
Dale Spindel
Library Director

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KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR

ATLANTIC FEDERAL REPORTS 07 TOTALS



Atlantic Federal Chairman Donald Olsen addresses the Credit Union's 73rd annual meeting that was attended by more than 425 of its members. Olsen reported that at year-end 2007, the Kenilworth Credit Union's assets totaled \$234.6 million. He said that of the \$8 million in income available for dividend payments, 83.4% was paid out to members. More than 300 area companies offer the not-for-profit Credit Union's savings and lending services to their employees at no cost to their organization. For more information, go to www.atlfedcu.com.

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Preregistration is required. Kenilworth residents may sign up for special events one week prior to the date of the event by visiting the library or calling 908 276-2451. All programs are free to members of the general public.

Don't miss out on the fabulous programs the Kenilworth Public Library has in store for you this summer. For more information, please visit our website at www.kenilworthlibrary.org or visit us in person at 548 Boulevard. Program registration can also be done by phone by calling 908 276-2451 during regular library hours.

"CATCH THE READING BUG"

Is the theme of the library's 2008 summer reading program for children and teens, ages 2 and up. In addition to the weekly sessions of "Toddler Time", Story Time, Library Bingo, and Friday Fun-Tastik craft series, join the library for the following special events, appropriate for children ages 4 and up:

"BUGS AND THOSE THAT EAT THEM"

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 7:00-7:45 PM
"The Lizard Guy" will present live animals and insects

LITTLE TOOT - THURSDAY, - TUESDAY, JULY 10, 7:00-7:45 PM

Linda Gramatky Smith, daughter of Little Toot author Hardy Gramatky will read and discuss this children's classic picture book

"CATCH THE READING BUG" MAGIC SHOW

- MONDAY, JULY 14, 7:00-7:45 PM
Performed by Brian Richards

"THE CATERPILLAR HUNTER"

- WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 7:00-7:45 PM
Interactive performance by "The Traveling Lantern Company"

"AMAZING INSECTS & MAMMAL"

- THURSDAY, JULY 31, 7:00-7:45 PM
Travis Gale brings unusual and familiar insects and mammals to the library

7TH ANNUAL CASH-FREE SUMMER READING

TRICKY TRAY FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 5:30 PM

At the corporate cafeteria of the Schering-Plough Corporation located off Galloping Hill Road in Kenilworth, doors open at 5:30 PM

Join us for an amazing evening of snacks, fun and thousands of dollars worth of fabulous prizes where no one goes away empty handed.

All children and teens must be preregistered for this event. Children must be between the ages of 3 and 12 and must also be registered in a summer reading club in order to participate.

"THE BARD ON THE BOULEVARD"

- THURSDAY, JUNE 26 - TWELFTH NIGHT

- THURSDAY, JULY 17 - KING JOHN

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 - JULIUS CAESAR

The Library also invites you to attend the following performances of "The Bard on the Boulevard" outdoor Shakespeare festival. Performances take place at the David Brearley football field located at 14th Street and the Boulevard at 7:30 PM. Attendees must bring their own lawn chairs or other outdoor seating. In the event of inclement weather, performances will be moved indoors to the Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard. The performances are free and open to all members of the general public.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT ALSO INCLUDE:

WEDNESDAY MORNING TODDLER TIME,

May 7 and 14, 10:30-10:50 AM (for ages 2-3)

THURSDAY STORY TIME,

10:15-10:45 AM and 3:30-4:00 PM,
May 1, 8 & 15 (ages 3-5)

FRIDAY BINGO FOR YOUNG CHILDREN,

3:30-4:00 PM, May 2 & 16 (ages 3 & up)

FRIDAY BINGO FOR CHILDREN WHO CAN READ.

3:30-4:00 PM, May 9 (ages 6 & up)

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KPD COLLECTS GOODS FOR OUR TROOPS

The Kenilworth Police Department conducted a drive to collect goods to send to a Marine Unit in Iraq. Kenilworth resident Joe Zagorskas, age 26, is a Marine Sergeant who grew up in Kenilworth. Recently, he contacted Police Chief William Dowd asking if certain items could be shipped to him in Iraq for his platoon. As a result, Dowd organized this drive that took place from May 1st through May 8th. Items requested were non-melting snacks such as beef jerky's, trail mix, cookies, dried fruit and rice crispy treats. Also, instant green tea that the soldiers mix into their water, sunblock and foot powder. Sgt. Zagorskas had also requested white socks as the soliders go through tremendous amounts of socks because of the sand and weather. The Kenilwoth P.B.A. and Kenilworth Silver Card Association has offered to pay for the shipping

costs associated with this project. Chief Dowd stated that the drive was only for one week because the last time a drive was organized for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, the department was overwhelmed with goods for those victims because of the generosity of Kenilworth residents and businesses. He added, "What better way to support our fighting troops in Iraq, then to send needed goods to our soldiers, especially when it has been requested by one of our own." Dowd also stated that the Kenilworth Centennial Committee and Especially Yours Florist both have donated money that they had left over from drives they had in the past. The Chief stated these monies will be used to help the cost of shipping the goods to Iraq, which he expects to be quite a lot of money because of the amount of items collected.

MAYOR CONRAD REMEMBERED

William E. Conrad Jr., mayor of Kenilworth, 79 of Kenilworth died May 14, 2008. Born in Newark, Mr. Conrad lived in Kenilworth for 55 years. He was a vice president for Merrill Lynch in New York City for 21 years, retiring in 1978. A World War II Navy veteran, Mr. Conrad was a recipient of the World War II Victory Medal. William was a graduate of Rutgers University and attended Syracuse University. Mr. Conrad was the mayor of Kenilworth from 1970 to 1975, chairman of the Union County Conference of Mayors, and chairman of the Board of Directors for Memorial General Hospital in Union from 1976 to 1982. He was listed in Whos Who in the East publication and was chairman of the Planning Board for the Borough of Kenilworth from 1988 to 1989. Mr. Conrad was a C.Y.O basketball coach for St. Theresa School, and served on the St. Theresa Church Advisory Board and Executive Committee. He was a member of the American Legion Post 470 and the National Security Council. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary (nee Ferry) Conrad. Surviving are his wife, Constance (nee Vallorani) Conrad; three sons, William E. III, Scott William and Kurt Edward Conrad; a daughter, Elise Dailey; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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(above) Chief William Dowd, Patrolman Daniel Sims (PBA Pres.), Mr. Joseph Zagorskas, resident and father of Marine Joe Zagorskas. Boxes and packaging were donated by Access Self Storage.



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156 Boulevard
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A VILLAGE FOR KIDS OPENS IN KENILWORTH



(above) Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of Kidz Village.



(above) All in the family. Lou and Angela Medina with their children Chris, Lauren & Trinity in the King's Diner



(above) Trinity in Trinity's Salon.

Kenilworth's newest Chamber of Commerce member, Kidz Village which is owned and operated by the Medina family, has announced the opening of their new and exciting children's play facility which is designed to stimulate imagination, learning and social interaction in a safe and secure setting.

Located at 131 S 31st Street, just off the Boulevard between the Shell Gas station and A&P, the nearly 11,000 square foot facility was created by the Medina family for children 10 and under. Angela Medina and her husband Lou, who has a background in construction, designed the beautifully decorated "village" where the sky (ceiling) is blue with white fluffy clouds, the grass (rug) is green and the sidewalks are gray. Everywhere you look you will see hand painted murals depicting beautiful scenes. The "village" is in a large open area allowing parents to relax in the "center of town" while comfortably watching their children have a blast exploring one pretend business after the next or playing in the huge multi-level indoor playground or on one of the 21 non-violent arcade games.

While your child is playing grown up in the comic book store, supermarket, dance academy, movie theater, tool shop, salon, high school, 50's style diner, or pretending to be a knight in the unique ball launching castle, parents can enjoy a fresh delicacy from the restaurant. Or how about a quit dinner with your spouse at one of Kenilworth's many fine restaurants? Kidz Village offers a safe and secure child drop off service anytime during convenient hours. Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm, Friday and Saturday 9am-9pm and Sunday 10am-7pm. There is a 1 to 5 staff/child ratio (one Kidz Village team member watching no more than 5 children).

Private party rooms are designed to accommodate small or large personalized birthday parties and group events in a comfortable environment. Owner Angela Medina takes pride in Kidz Village's personalized birthday parties. Angela, who got some of her inspiration for Kidz Village from being a Girl Scout Troop Leader, said "We don't just throw children's birthday parties, we create memories that last a lifetime. We do this by creating a personalized party that is as unique as your child".

Kids aren't just let loose during the party, but rather group activities are tailored to your child. The birthday child is asked what is their favorite

things, such as: Favorite TV show, movie, sport, and subject in school. The Kidz Village Party Host then integrates your child's favorite things into the actives of their birthday party. The result is a child that feels special from the time they enter the facility, when they see themselves featured on a video screen wishing them a happy birthday, to the spotlight that is shone on them while their guests sing Happy Birthday. The birthday child may choose to have a cooking party where their guest may decorate their own place mats and chef's hats followed by making their own pizzas and frosting their own cupcakes.

The Medina family would love for you to stop by to visit, but bring a child to play because at Kidz Village safety is a number one concern. Along with many other safety procedures adults must be accompanied by a child to be admitted. Team members are dedicated to the safety of their guests. To help insure the safety of the children the Medina's have implemented the following procedures... Numbered check in/out system at front desk; Guest must be buzzed in/out of the facility by team member at front desk; Security cameras throughout the facility with recording capability; Team members are trained in CPR, First Aid and Code Adam; The "village" is one large open area designed to help parents and guardians see their children at all times.

Perky's Pizza & Restaurant is run by Angela and Lou's eldest child, Chris. Chris who was a manager for Pizza Hut for 5 years said "Most children entertainment centers serve frozen pre-made pizza that is heated up at time of ordering. That was not good enough for Kidz Village." Chris created a diverse menu of fresh food to insure that adults as well as children enjoy their meal time. A variety of freshly made specialty pizzas are available and you can choose your own toppings. Also served are fresh salads, chicken wings, hot dogs, popcorn, French fries, cheese fries, chili cheese fries, onion rings, warm pretzels, mozzarella sticks and nachos with cheese & chili.

Along with son Chris, Angela & Lou also have two daughters working in the family business, Lauren age 9 and Trinity age 6. Both Lauren and Trinity proudly state that they are "Assistant Managers".

Your child will love the arts and crafts and story book time that is offered daily. So will their parents.

KIDZ VILLAGE FEATURES AN ARRAY OF THEMED PLAYROOMS

KIDZ VILLAGE PLAYGROUND

Kidz Village Playground is a huge multi-level indoor climbing structure used to combine exercise with playtime. Our bright and inviting play area offers many tunnels, slides and ridges with see-through nettings and walk-under paths so parents can keep a watchful eye as their children safely play.

KIDZ KASTLE

Perhaps your child is ready for an exciting competition? Kidz Kastle is a friendly and safe arena where children can compete in a spongy ball launching battle. Two opposing teams of knights are equipped with a total of 10 stationary ball launchers. Our Kastle décor adds to the excitement of the adventure. Children 4 years and older may enter.

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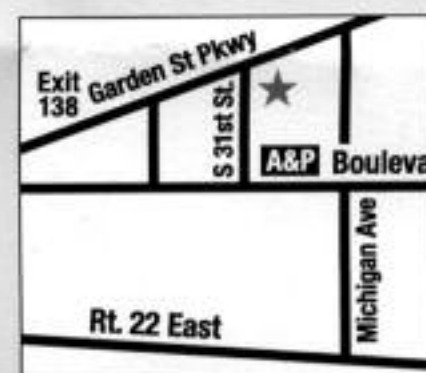
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The exterior of the Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) was restored and painted in its authentic colors as part of Phase I of the restoration project, which also entailed bringing basic utilities (gas, water, sewer and electrical service) to the site. The Kenilworth Historical Society is currently working to raise the estimated \$400,000 in funds that are needed to restore the interior of the house so that it can be fully utilized for its intended purpose -- as a "living history" museum and cultural arts center, where people from Kenilworth and other communities may learn about history and enjoy the arts.

Approximately 400 visitors toured the Oswald J. Nitschke House last October during Union County's annual fall heritage festival, "Four Centuries in a Weekend." Kenilworth Historical Society members served as historic interpreters in leading the tours, which focused on customs, clothing, furnishings and other areas of interest from the 1907 time period being recognized in honor of Kenilworth's 2007 Centennial Celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the borough's incorporation.

NITSCHKE HOUSE EARNS PRESERVATION AWARD

The Kenilworth Historical Society's effort to save and restore the Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) has been recognized by the State of New Jersey with a Historic Preservation Award. This prestigious, competitive award is given by the New Jersey Historic Sites Council and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Historic Preservation Office, to "individuals, projects or programs that are judged to demonstrate exceptional merit in the field of historic preservation."

The award was presented to the Kenilworth Historical Society at the 18th Annual New Jersey Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony held at the New Jersey State House on May 17.

The Nitschke House and five other preservation projects were honored.

The Kenilworth Historical Society acquired the historic Nitschke House in 2003, when its persistent efforts to save it from demolition prompted its then-owner Dr. Jerome Forman to donate the house to the organization, provided that it be relocated to make way for a new dental office on the property. In July 2003, the Kenilworth Historical Society moved the house 1,500 feet to land that it acquired with the generous assistance of the Kenilworth Veterans Center and a matching grant from the New Jersey DEP Green Acres Program.

"After working diligently over the past seven years to save the Nitschke House and now restore it, we are honored and thrilled to have the project recognized by the State in this very special way," said Shirley Boyden Maxwell, president of the Kenilworth Historical Society.

Phase I of the Nitschke House restoration project, which entailed bringing basic utilities to the house and restoring its exterior -- a more than \$350,000 venture -- was completed last June with the assistance of a nearly \$200,000 grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust and matching funds from the Preserve Union County grant program, E. J. Grassmann Trust, Schering-Plough, Kenilworth Historical Society fundraising events, and donations from individuals and businesses. The Nitschke House also was recently added to the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is currently working to raise the estimated \$400,000 that will be needed to restore the interior of the house and transform the site into a "living history" museum and cultural arts center. Its immediate goal is to raise \$225,000 to use as a match for other grants that it intends to apply for.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)3 organization that is dedicated to researching Kenilworth's past, saving its material culture and preserving its heritage. This includes the preservation and interpretation of the Oswald J. Nitschke House, representative of the founding and early development of Kenilworth; the political, social and economic forces and cultural traditions that shaped the community; and the rich history of Kenilworth from early settlement to the present day.

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“CULINARY KENILWORTH” COMMUNITY COOKBOOK ILLUSTRATED BY LOCAL STUDENTS TO BE SOLD AT JUNE 12 RECEPTION

“Culinary Kenilworth” -- a compilation of favorite community recipes, student-rendered illustrations of many of Kenilworth’s food establishments, and poetry written by local students -- has been published and will be available for sale during a June 12 reception at the Kenilworth Veterans Center (33 South 21 Street). The event, sponsored in part by Schering-Plough Corporation and hosted by the David Brearley High School art and business management departments, will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The reception will include a “tasting,” which will give participants an opportunity to sample many of the foods for which recipes are provided in the cookbook. The cookbook artwork will be on display, and musical entertainment will be provided by the David Brearley jazz combo and chorus. All are welcome to attend. Admission is free.

“Culinary Kenilworth” is being sold for \$10 as a fundraiser for the David Brearley art department and the Kenilworth Historical Society, who partnered in the project. The Historical Society’s portion of the proceeds from cookbook sales will benefit its ongoing project to restore the Oswald J. Nitschke House and transform it into a “living history” museum and cultural arts center.

The production of the cookbook was a collaborative effort involving local high school students, teachers and Historical Society members. Janice Marsili’s art students created the dry-point etchings that illustrate the cookbook based on photographs that they and Danielle Wilkinson’s photography students took during a field trip to local food establishments, while students from Anne Phillips’ English classes wrote poetry inspired by the artwork. Cheryl Kress’ business management students typed the recipes – many of which the Kenilworth Historical Society collected from local residents during Kenilworth’s 2007 Centennial Celebration and others which were furnished by teachers – and are marketing the cookbook as part of an “Apprentice”-style team competition.

In addition to being sold during the June 12 reception at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, copies of the “Culinary Kenilworth” cookbook can be obtained by calling (908) 931-9696.

The student artwork and poetry that appear throughout the cookbook are being exhibited at Schering-Plough’s executive offices in Kenilworth during the months of May and June.

The student art and writing program that facilitated the cookbook production was made possible by an Artists-in-Education grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA) that David Brearley art instructor Janice Marsili applied for and was awarded. The grant allowed for professional printmaker Nanci Hersh and writer Penny Harter to share their skills with the high school students during a grant-funded “artist residency” arrangement at the school.

The Artists-in-Education grant program is carried out through a partnership between the NJSCA, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and a consortium made

up of Arts Horizons and Young Audiences New Jersey. This program provides New Jersey schools with long-term artist residencies. The program is made possible through state appropriations to the NJSCA as well as funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

The consortium has cited the local student printmaking endeavor at David Brearley High School as a best practices grant project and Marsili, as a best practices teacher. In addition, Marsili has been awarded a two-year extension to continue the Artists-in-Education grant program at David Brearley.

KENILWORTH HISTORICAL PLAYERS STAGE “DOOLITTLE”



(above) Members of the Kenilworth Historical Players rehearse for their premiere performance of "Aviation Hero Gen. James Doolittle: The Night He Dropped in on Kenilworth," which will be presented during the Kenilworth History Celebration that the Kenilworth Historical Society is hosting for the general public on May 30 (7 p.m.) at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center. The newly formed theatrical troupe includes (in foreground, from left) Brandyn Pantano, Dylan Lang, Gabrielle Florek, (standing, from left) Millie Hammer, Sean Reilly, Jessica Smith, Sommer Engler, Ernie Hammer, Barbara Morison and Lucille Lucadema. (Not shown: Tom McHale and Bob Engler)

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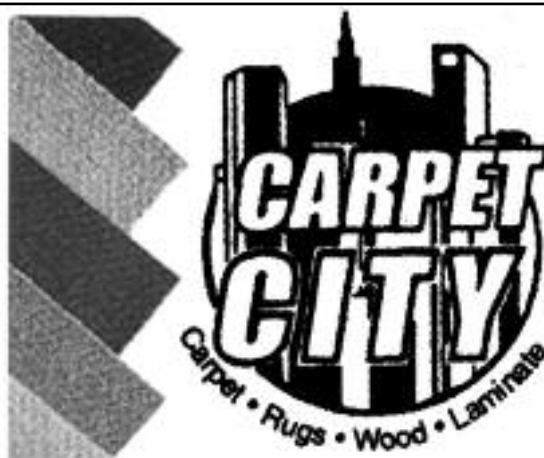
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With the "Going Green" campaign in full operation, companies and consumers are quickly generating ideas to make their lives and daily operations more green-efficient. Sometimes the simplest changes can lead to the more sufficient answer – including the simplicity of changing from standard batteries to rechargeable for everyday use.

"The growth of rechargeable battery use not only helps consumers and companies take a step toward becoming more green, but also helps them create long term savings," said Angel Cartagena, owner of the Batteries Plus of Union, located at 2200 B Route 22 East, Union. "Everyone is amazed when they actually start to break down their daily battery use. Consumers are already using rechargeable batteries in their cell phones, computers, cars, and MP3 players. If they simply used them in their digital cameras, razors, Palm pilots, and even their children's toys – instantly they will become more green."

The "Going Green" movement gains more steam when consumers realize actual savings. For example, consumers can look at their digital cameras:

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Although consumers will have to purchase a charging station for approximately \$18.00, the cost per picture will result in \$0.0002 per photo – 30 times more efficient than the standard battery.

"Battery power is the wave of the future, especially as energy prices continue to rise and as environmental concerns grow," said Tom Luhman, Director of Category Management at Batteries Plus. "Developments over the last 10 years have elevated the popularity of batteries, as most can be recharged and recycled."

Nationally, Batteries Plus's consumer rechargeable sales grew at a rate of 21.6 percent during the first quarter through third quarter of 2007 as compared to 2006.

Luhman said there is no end to what the battery industry will develop in the near future to help offset high energy costs and he fully expects the battery industry to climb much

higher than \$24 billion per year. The popularity of recycling will continue to push companies that manufacture energy-efficient goods to healthy profits and the savvy customers that use them to save more money over time.

"Efficiency is very important to the consumer and battery power is quickly proving to be one of the most efficient uses of energy for many key products used daily," he said. "Technology will continue to advance and perhaps the solution to the energy crisis is closer than we think."

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CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE GIVES MEMORIAL DAY GIFT OF FLAGS, SUPPORT FOR U.S. TROOPS

Approximately 100 new American flags graced the Kenilworth Boulevard this Memorial Day as a gift to the Borough from the Kenilworth Centennial Committee. The flags replace previous ones, which were weatherworn and no longer presentable.

The gift of new flags was made possible through funds raised by the Centennial Committee last year during a yearlong celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Borough of Kenilworth's incorporation. An additional \$1,000 raised during last September's Centennial Freedom Run and Walk, which was held in support of U.S. troops, was used to purchase a large quantity of items that were sent several months ago to U.S. troops in Iraq, in care of local resident Tom Drogon, who was stationed there at the time. The balance of the funds collected during the Freedom Run and Walk covered the cost of shipping more than 20

additional boxes of items to Iraq this month as a result of the Kenilworth Police Department's drive for items that local resident Joe Zagorskas Jr. and his battalion expressed the need for.

"We are delighted that, in addition to offering a full year of special events for residents to enjoy in celebration of Kenilworth's 100th anniversary, we are now able to give some significant gifts to the community in honor of the historical milestone that we commemorated last year," said Shirley Boyden Maxwell, who chaired the 2007 Kenilworth Centennial Committee and who also serves as president of the Kenilworth Historical Society. "From the start, our committee agreed to use any funds that remained at the end of the year, from our sale of commemorative T-shirts, mugs, flags and other Centennial fund-raising activities, for items that would benefit the Borough and local residents," Maxwell noted.

The Kenilworth Centennial Committee once again gratefully acknowledges the Centennial sponsors, whose generosity helped make the Borough's yearlong 2007 Centennial Celebration possible.

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