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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS ROCKIN BBQ WITH THE KING

ROCKIN' BBQ WITH "THE KING" – "Elvis" (aka Elvis Tribute Artist Jim Barone) took time out from his January 10th performance at the Kenilworth Veterans Center for a photo shoot with members of the Kenilworth Historical

Society's fundraising committee and two young Elvis fans. The event, which also featured a BBQ-style dinner, was held to help defray the cost of an elevator at the newly restored Oswald J. Nitschke House museum and cultural arts center.



## JUNE 7TH TO BE A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE IN KENILWORTH

During a Kenilworth Council meeting held on December 10, 2014 a presentation was made by Michael Ysenko, Borough Historian for Early History Colonial American Revolutionary War history and Dorothea Krihak. Afterwards a proclamation was signed recognizing the Borough of Kenilworth's role in the American Revolutionary War during the Battle of Connecticut Farms, and June 7th was designated as a day of remembrance in the Borough.

Mayor Pugliese said much of the information in this proclamation was garnered by Michael Ysenko and Dorothea Krihak.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union State of New Jersey, on this 10th Day of December in the year 2014 hereby proclaims that our Borough was part of Connecticut Farms during the Battle of Connecticut Farms on June 7, 1780, in the course of the American Revolutionary War 1775 - 1783; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to honor our citizen hero militia who fought in this major battle against the British

Crown; protecting General George Washington and our American Continental Army who were encamped at Morristown, New Jersey at that date by stopping the surprise attack of five thousand British soldiers on route through Connecticut Farms, with the intent of marching to end the war with a British victory at Morristown; and

WHEREAS, General George Washington himself praised the militia at the Connecticut Farms Battle that took place that day on June 7, 1780, stating they fought "with honor".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Kenilworth hereby proclaims that moving forward every year, June 7th will be a day of remembrance and recognition of the hero militia here at Connecticut Farms that helped to win our independence from British rule to become the United States of America, fighting the Battle at Connecticut Farms, New Jersey during the American Revolutionary War.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in recognition and remembrance, from this day forward, Borough flags be flown at half-staff every June 7th.



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## MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

As we now find ourselves in the midst of the winter season there are a few measures we could all take to make our town safer and more enjoyable for all. I would ask, if possible, that all residents remove as many vehicles from the streets as possible in order that our Department of Public Works may plow as much as the roadway from curb to curb. This will make the roadway safer for all vehicular and pedestrian traffic alike.

As for parking on municipal roads, the new town ordinance provides that, unless otherwise posted:

- On days of the month that are even numbered, a vehicle shall not be parked on the even numbered side of the street; and
- On days of the month that are odd numbered, a vehicle shall not be parked on the odd numbered side of the street; and
- Between the hours of 9 PM to 12 AM the restriction on alternate side of the street parking shall be suspended.

In addition I would also ask that if you have a sidewalk abutting your property that you remove any snow and ice that may exist so that it is safe for pedestrian traffic. There are many residents including senior citizens and children, who use our sidewalks and therefore it is incumbent upon us to insure that they can safely walk within our borough during this winter season. As a gentle reminder it is noted that Borough Ordinance 170-2 requires owners and tenants to keep sidewalks free from snow and ice within 18 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain. In addition our walkways and steps leading to our front doors should be salted or otherwise have ice and snow removed so as to assure proper and safe passage for our postal carriers and other service providers.

During larger snow events the Borough's fire hydrants can become covered by snow or otherwise difficult to reach due to the movement of snow by residents and plows. This could make it difficult for firefighters to locate and reach the fire hydrant in the case of a fire emergency. I ask, if possible, that the residents within our community "adopt" the fire hydrant that abuts or otherwise is near their property and remove any snow that would otherwise conceal or make it difficult to reach the fire hydrant during a snow emergency. This communal undertaking will make things safer for our residents and easier for our fire department as they often take time to cause the snow removal following a snow event. As another gentle reminder Borough Ordinance 170-4 prohibits the depositing of any snow within a 5ft radiance of any fire hydrant.

Lastly there are many senior citizens who as a result of infirmity, illness or otherwise, are unable to travel during a weather event, therefore if you know of any senior citizens in your neighborhood, and if you have the time and ability, please inquire with them whether or not they need any basic groceries, amenities, prescriptions or if you can be of any other assistance to them during the weather event. It could be something as simple as merely taking out the garbage or spreading salt on their steps.

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*Mayor Fred M. Pugliese, Esq.*

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# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

## FUTURE SCIENTIST

St Theresa Grammar School in Kenilworth held a Science Fair Competition in which grades 4- 8th competed for prizes. The Science Fair was organized and run by the 7th grade science teacher, Mrs. Sue Aronowitz. The projects were on display and judged by biology, physics and math teachers from Mother Seton and Bishop Ahr High Schools.

Congratulations to all the winners... 8th grade 1st place winner was Ashley Wisniewski, 2nd place Zander Reyes, 3rd Place Molly Burke, Honorable Mention Jessica Kunigelis. 7th grade 1st place winner was Matthew Arias, 2nd place Kevin McClave, 3rd place Paige Vincent and Honorable Mention Esha Patel. 6th grade 1st place winner Shawna Stevens, 2nd place Sean Martin, 3rd place Klarriss Rivera, Honorable Mention Fiona Morales. 5th grade 1st place Alex Han, 2nd place Gianna Vaynberg, 3rd place Zachary Devaney and Honorable Mention Allison Jones. 4th grade 1st place Grace Williams, 2nd place Kaelyn Pavlik, 3rd place Richard Harrington and Honorable Mention Melody Cadet.

Principal Sr. Helene Godin of St. Theresa School in Kenilworth recently awarded 13 students the Student of the Month Certificate.

School Spirit was demonstrated throughout the month on each grade level from students that put others before themselves.



(above, front, l-r) Sr. Helen Godin, Sydney Phillips, Isabelle Gorombey-Kelly, Olivia Correia, Thomas Simon, Daniel Barnes, Nicole Santoro; (abock, l-r) Sean Meehan, Gabriella Ronquillo, Jessica Kunigelis and Samantha Siccardi; (missing) Luciana DellaPietra and Rhayane Koblinger

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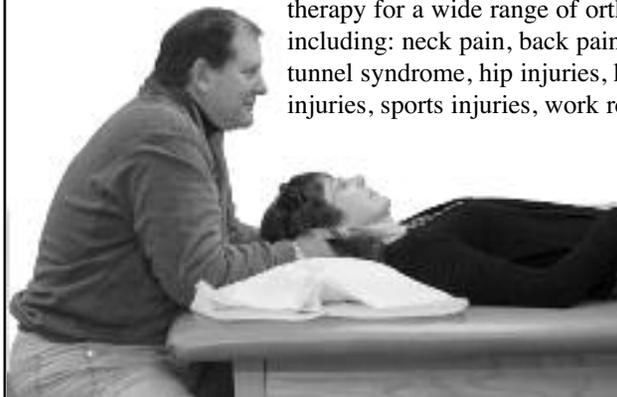
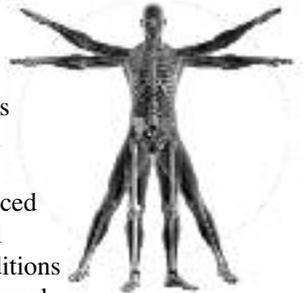
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*Girl Scouts from Kenilworth troop 40128 Hannah Miller, Kaylee Krill and Melody Stubbs are working towards their Silver Award. They are having a donation drop off of gently used Prom/Formal dresses and accessories on Saturday February 28 at the Kenilworth Rescue Squad from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please help these girls help other young ladies go to Prom!*

## KENILWORTH SCHOOLS WILL BE TAKING THE PARCC ONE STEP AT A TIME

*Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools (@KenilworthSuper)*

Kenilworth's children are moving closer to taking the PARCC for the first time. Students in grades 3-8 will take the test on specific days during the month of March. The PARCC is intended to replace outdated and ineffective tests with new assessments that measure real world skills colleges and employers say they value such as critical thinking and problem solving.

The national conversation about the PARCC is heating up. Regardless of one's position on the assessment, the fact is that New Jersey's school districts will be required to implement the test. However, how districts use the resulting test data is a matter for each community to decide. Kenilworth Public Schools will be taking a wait-and-see approach. What will have to be determined is the authenticity of the data. The primary question schools around the country like Harding and Brearley will have to answer is whether or not students' results on the PARCC

will genuinely reflect their mastery of the Common Core State Standards.

The Kenilworth School District will compare the performance of kids on classroom assessments to the their performance on the PARCC. We will be looking for some correlation between how they did on math and language arts benchmarks teachers administered in their classes to how these kids performed on the PARCC. An alarming difference in the results could indicate a problem with the effectiveness of the PARCC in its ability represent a child's ability.

Like various major newspaper editorials, the Kenilworth School District's position on the PARCC will be to approach this first year of implementation carefully and to make judgments on its ability to help our teachers improve student achievement only after we've had the chance to closely analyze the results.

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By: Tiffany Moutis, Assistant Superintendent • January 2015

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Encourage children's development/ progress in school. Maintaining a warm and supportive home, showing interest in children's progress at school, helping with homework, discussing the value of a good education and possible career options, staying in touch with teachers and students.

Parent involvement should be a support, not a substitute, for the true work of schools. Working to include parents is particularly important as students grow older. Structuring the partnership between schools and parents is one of the best things to improve student performance.

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The library's regular schedule of operation:  
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Wednesday 10am - 6 pm,  
Friday 10am - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 2pm  
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## LEGO CREATIONS

Children ages 4 and up are invited to build Lego creations at the Kenilworth Public Library on Wednesdays at 3:30 – 4:30pm. Each week a new these is presented to inspire creativity.

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(above) Jaden Francis, age 5 of Kenilworth displays his winter Lego creation at the Kenilworth Public Library.

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You can read books from anywhere, not just library books. The same book may be read over and over again too. When your child reaches each milestone, a small prize will be given. Children ages 0 to 5 years old who have not yet entered kindergarten are eligible to register for this program.



(above) Congratulations to Julian Banasiak, age 18 months, and a resident of Kenilworth on the completion of 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Level 1. Julian received his first prize for listening to 100 stories. Children receive a small prize after completing each level of this program.

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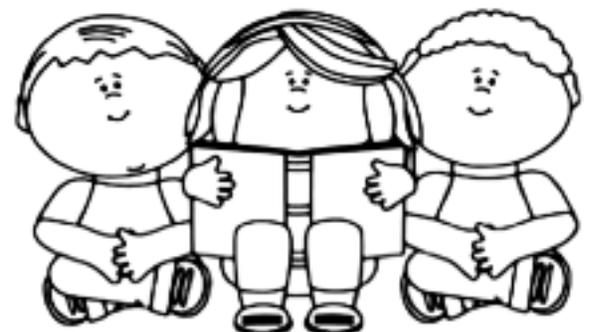


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# GATEWAY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS INTRODUCED

The Gateway Young Professionals will meet monthly for intensive networking.

The group kicked off its program year on January 28 at Kilkenny House in Cranford, NJ, with a presentation by association president Brian Randall of The Insurance Centers.

“This group is about bringing together young professionals who want to grow professionally and meet potential mentors,” Randall said. “If they’re looking for a job, we want to help them. If they’re looking to grow their businesses we want to help them. If they’re looking to help out other young professionals, we want to plug them in to the group quickly.”

Already the group has garnered the interest of almost 50 young professionals in the Gateway Region. Kate Conroy, vice president of the Gateway Chamber, said, “We feel overwhelmed by the support members have shown for this new group. The Young Professionals is off to a great start, and we can’t wait to see where the journey takes us!”

Added Jim Coyle, Gateway president, “The

Gateway Chamber is thrilled to be a part of such an endeavor. There is no additional membership fee to be part of this group. Once you’re part of the Gateway Chamber, you’re automatically a member of all our local groups and are invited to attend as many as you’d like.”

The other groups under the Gateway umbrella are: Union County Chamber; the Central Jersey Chamber; the Route 22 Chamber; the Springfield Chamber; the Kenilworth Chamber; the Roselle Park Chamber; the Clark Chamber; the Linden Chamber, the Somerset Hills Business Network; the Gateway Association of Business Women, the Warren Township Chamber of Commerce and the Irish Business Association.

*The cost of attending each meeting is \$10.00 and includes a free drink.*

*The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at Kilkenny House in Cranford.*

Future meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

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## TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN TO BENEFIT KENILWORTH'S NITSCHKE HOUSE

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino (Uncasville, Conn.) on Sat., February 21.

The trip will depart Kenilworth (St. Theresa's School parking lot) at 8 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 9 p.m. Cost of \$52 includes motor coach transportation, an approximate six-hour visit to the casino, which

additionally houses a wide range of distinctive shops and popular restaurants, a \$15 coupon for food and a \$10 coupon for free bets

There will be complimentary door prizes on the bus. For further information and reservations, please call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434. As space is limited on this popular outing, it is suggested that reservations be made

early to ensure availability. Gift certificates for the trip are available for purchase.

Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) by helping defray the cost of an elevator that makes the newly restored "living history" museum and cultural arts center fully accessible to everyone.

## 'SOUP'S ON' SOUP-TASTING EVENT MUSEUM PROJECT

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a soup-tasting event on Tues., March 3, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the cafeteria of David Brearley Middle and High School, 401 Monroe Avenue., Kenilworth, N.J. This popular event -- "Soup's On" -- will give participants the opportunity to taste a variety of favorite homemade soups, along with assorted breads and desserts.

Admission is \$14. Advance reservations (by February 24) are required.

For reservations/tickets,

please call 908-709-0434 or 908-709-0391

or visit Especially Yours Florist

(13 North 20th Street, Kenilworth),

where tickets for the event also are being sold.

Proceeds from "Soup's On" will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) "living history" museum and cultural arts center by helping defray the cost of an elevator that makes all levels of the newly restored site fully accessible to everyone.

The recently restored Nitschke House "living history" museum features five authentically furnished historic rooms on the first floor for interpreting life in the 1905-1934 period, an exhibition center on the second floor and a cultural arts center on the lower level, all of which are wheelchair accessible.

For further details regarding the Kenilworth Historical Society and the Nitschke House, please visit the organization's Web site at [www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org).



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