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The Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department will be holding its Annual Fundraising Carnival, August 15- 20, 2011. The KFD Carnival has been a summertime tradition for over 12 years. Stop by St. Theresa's School for lots of rides (kiddie rides too), games, food and fun. Pay-One-Price-Ride-All-Night wristband nights are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Visit the Beer Garden or try your luck on the Money Wheel. Super 50/50 grand prize drawing on Saturday Night, grand prize over \$5,000 and you do not have to be present to win. (Hours M-F 6:30-10:30pm, Sat.5:30-11pm) Location: St. Theresa's School. 540 Washington Ave. Kenilworth, NJ. One block off of Kenilworth Blvd. Proceeds benefit the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire/Rescue Support Organization. The Kenilworth Fire Department thanks you for your support and we hope to see you and your family there. For more info please visit www.kenilworthfire.org.

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KENILWORTH GIRL SCOUTS AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY PARTNER IN PROJECT TO SUPPORT U.S. TROOPS

Kenilworth Girl Scout Troop 407 recently teamed up with the Kenilworth Historical Society in an effort to show support for U.S. military men and women at home and abroad while, at the same time, earning credits toward the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Members and friends of both organizations gathered at David Brearley Middle/High School on June 7 to package hundreds of items that the Girl Scouts collected for U.S. troops who are stationed in Afghanistan and who have ties to Kenilworth. The packages included food items, toiletries, socks, T-shirts and other much-needed provisions that were contributed by local residents. Handmade greeting cards also were enclosed. Monetary donations made by participants in Kenilworth's autumn "Freedom Run (5K) and Walk (2K)" events made the project feasible by covering shipping and other costs.

The next "Kenilworth Freedom Run and Walk" is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011. The Kenilworth Historical Society once again is

hosting the event in conjunction with the national "America Supports You" program, which recognizes residents' support of military men and women and communicates such support to the Armed Forces at home and abroad.



"KENILWORTH FREEDOM RUN AND WALK"

Registration forms soon will be available at the Kenilworth Municipal Building (Borough Clerk's Office), Kenilworth Public Library, Especially Yours Florist and on the Kenilworth Historical Society's Web site:

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

The annual Fire Department and Rescue Squad Carnival is being held this month. Beginning on Monday, August 15, 2010 through Saturday, August 20, 2010. There will be rides for the kids, with pay one price nights, great food and fun for everyone. The nightly 50/50 will be drawn twice each evening. The carnival will culminate with the drawing of the winner of the Super 50/50 on Saturday evening.

This is the primary fundraiser for the Fire Department. As everyone should know the Fire Department and Rescue Squad is a volunteer service. Although the Borough provides some funding for the department, the members volunteer much of their time to protecting the Borough. Attending the Carnival and participating in the 50/50 drawing contributes to the Department's ability to maintain its self and continue its good works in our community. I hope to see you there this year.

September 11, 2011 will mark the tenth anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center. The Borough will commemorate the anniversary with a service to be held on September 11, 2011 when the new memorial will be dedicated. The new memorial will recognize the three individuals with ties to Kenilworth, Robert Kaulfers, John Tobin and John Ueltzhoeffer who were killed at the Trade Center. Please take the time to attend the ceremony in remembrance of all who lost their lives in the attack.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

KENILWORTH ON CH. 45

The Kenilworth local government channel on Verizon TV Channel 45 can now be viewed on your home computer <http://kenilworthnj.peg.tv>.

You may watch what is currently airing on the channel or view any of the past Council Meetings, Freeholder Meetings, or other events that we have been able to post to the site.

Local Civic and non-profit Kenilworth organizations may have their events added to the bulletin board by emailing the information to WKOATV@kenilworthnj.org. Please make sure

you include a phone number and web address that residents can use to obtain more information. Do not forget to include the event dates and times.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held in Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

AUGUST 23, 2011

Work Sessions to start at 7:30 p.m. in the right hand Meeting Room, Second Floor.

AUGUST 24, 2011

Regular Meeting to start at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

AUGUST 25, 2011

A work session meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting to begin at 8:00 p.m.

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.

AUGUST 8 & SEPTEMBER 12 Regular Meeting

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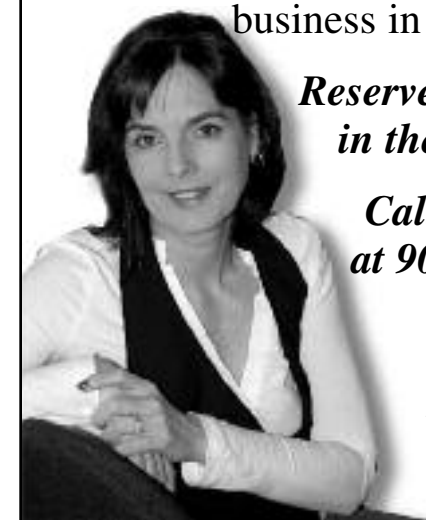
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SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The Borough will dedicate a new memorial to the three victims with ties to Kenilworth who were killed September 11, 2001 in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

Robert Kaulfers was a Sergeant with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey who died in the line of duty, having rushed from Hoboken to New York City after having learned of the attack. Originally from Roselle Park, Bob was married to Cookie Kaulfers and raised his two (2) children, Timothy and Meredith in Kenilworth.

John Tobin was a senior vice president of the FINPRO Division of March and McLennan, Inc. and was attending a meeting on the 99th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center when it was attacked on September 11, 2001. John was married to Barbara and was the father of Jennifer and Sean.

John G. Ueltzhoffer was raised in the Borough and was the son of Lillian and John Ueltzhoffer, a former councilman in the Borough. He was married to Uschi and was the father of three young children, Sarah, Jacob and Rebekah. John worked for Marsh & McLennan, Inc. on the 95th floor of the North Tower.

The memorial is being constructed by Robert

Vesselli of Vesselli Landscape & Design and David Kokai of Dave's Landscaping. Both Bob and Dave are donating a good deal of their time to create the memorial. Bartell Farm & Garden in Clark, NJ generously donated the pavers being used to construct the monument.

The Kenilworth PBA is purchasing the memorial plaque which will be incorporated into the memorial and the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad provided a piece of a beam from the World Trade Center which was given to them in recognition of their response to the tragedy.

Many local businesses, organizations and individuals donated to the Borough to help defray the cost of constructing the monument. "I am so grateful for all of the contributions made by so many of the merchants and local organizations", said Mayor Fiamingo. "We also received checks from local residents who sent notes remembering Sgt. Kaulfers, Bob Tobin and John Ueltzhoffer. It was truly heartwarming."

The memorial is being constructed in the front of Borough Hall and will be dedicated on September 11, 2011. All of the residents of the Borough are invited to attend the ceremony which is currently planned for 1:00 p.m.

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The Kenilworth "Crazy Eights" All Star Team played an action packed game at Newark Bears Stadium on Saturday, July 9, 2011 against Cranford. All the kids had a great time.

(right, top row, l-r) Coaches Vinnie Rappa, Head Coach Joe DiGrado, Joel Lardiere & Joe Miniom; (middle row, l-r) Bobby Cox, John Braun, Nick Facchini, Sean Boyars & Charlie Reithel; (kneeling, l-r) Joe DiGrado Mikey Graham, Joey Lardiere, Danny Ramos, Nicky Rappa & Luke Minio.



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The Kenilworth Little League's 7 year old All-Star team represented Kenilworth in various tournaments throughout New Jersey. The League's youngest All-Star team participated in matches from Morris County as well as competing in tournaments in the Trenton and Philadelphia, PA areas. The Kenilworth Bears, as the boys like to be known, played in these events throughout much of June and July.

Keeping in mind the purpose of the team and tournaments was simply to have fun, the team and their parents also held other events such as team BBQs between double-headers as well as post-game pool party celebrations. The Kenilworth Bears was just one of the Kenilworth Little League All-Star teams which had teams in age groups through the teens.



(right, kneeling l-r) Aiden Colon, Joseph Grimaldi, Nicholas Manee, Thomas Pugliese, John Sousa; (standing, l-r) Andrew Gasper, Anthony Mazzeo, Matthew Payne, Matthew Oliva, Derek Grachien, Jake Krawczyk.

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Wed: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Fri: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sat: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

DAVID BREARLEY GRADUATE IMAKHU TO PERFORM AT KENILWORTH LIBRARY

The Kenilworth Public Library invites adults and children ages four and up to "A Celebration of African Culture," by former Kenilworth resident Imakhu at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 10, in the library's main reading room. This performance will continue the library's summer reading theme of "One World, Many Stories," but is intended to be enjoyed by people of all ages.

The program on August 10 will reflect Imakhu's multifaceted talents as a singer, dancer, drummer, storyteller, and player of many instruments, including the guitar, flute and saxophone. Having been active in drama productions at David Brearley High School, Imakhu has gone on to amass many theatrical credits, including appearing in the role of Charlene in the road company of *Ain't Misbehaving* from 1997 to 1999. During the course of her extremely active career, Imakhu has also worked as a musical arranger, choreographer, and radio show co-host. More information about Imakhu can be found on her website at www.imakhu.com.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. Because space is limited, preregistration is required and preference will be given to Kenilworth residents. If space permits, registration will open to members of other communities on Monday, August 8.

NEW LAW MEANS CHANGE IN HOW YOUR TAX BILL LOOKS

This month, when Kenilworth residents receive their third quarter property tax bill, they may notice a new tax line for the public library. Is this a new tax? Absolutely not!

For towns with municipal or joint libraries, the minimum funding requirement of 1/3 mill Library operations tax levy has been in effect since 1884. Until this year, appropriations for these types of libraries were included within the municipal tax rate. This was different for towns within a county library system, which have always had a separate library tax to support library operations.

To ensure fiscal parity among municipalities that support a local or joint library and those that support a county library, on March 21, 2011, Governor Chris Christie enacted P.L. 2011, c. 38 (S-2068). The law provides a dedicated line item on the property tax bill for the minimum funding to municipal and joint public libraries.

The Kenilworth Public Library wants you to

know that this does not result in any increased taxes, but only changes the way your tax bill looks. This change reduces the municipal tax levy and rate, and creates a new line item on the tax bill for library purposes. Now all state residents that support a public library will clearly see the cost of the library on their property tax bills.

This new law simply provides a dedicated line item on the property tax bill to collect this minimum funding. It provides more transparency in library funding and creates equity for municipalities supporting county, municipal and joint libraries as all will be displayed similarly on the tax bill. It does not result in any increased taxes, nor does it change existing financial, operations, personnel, or other relationships between a municipality and the library.

Information on this new law can be found at njla.org/statements/municipaltax_faq.pdf

AUTHOR ROSEMARY DIBATTISTA RETURNS WITH MORE ADVICE FOR PROSPECTIVE WRITERS

Back by popular demand, author and former Kenilworth resident Rosemary DiBattista will return to the Kenilworth Public Library at 7:00 pm. on Tuesday, August 16, to give aspiring writers specific advice on the proper composition and handling of query letters to agents and publishers.

The presentation will be based partly on DiBattista's own experiences as an agented author.

In addition to being an author and teacher, Ms. DiBattista is also the former education editor of *Family* magazine. Her debut novel, an update of *The Taming of the Shrew* set at the Jersey shore, is the first in a projected series of romantic comedies based upon Shakespeare plays. It is currently out on submission.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. Because space is limited, preregistration is required.

"THE BARD ON THE BOULEVARD" SERIES CONCLUDES WITH TIMON OF ATHENS

The final performance of the Kenilworth Public Library's "The Bard on the Boulevard" series for 2011 will be a performance of *Timon of Athens* at 7:30 PM on Thursday evening, August 11, at the David Brearley football field at the corner of 14th Street and the Boulevard. One of Shakespeare's less well known plays, *Timon of Athens* touches on many themes but is ultimately a story of friendship betrayed and revenge. Timon is a wealthy gentleman who, generous to a fault, foolishly gives away all of his wealth to people who are not necessarily deserving of it. Once he has become destitute and is then shunned by those who had previously benefited from his generosity, Timon

plots his revenge. Not easily categorized, this play is considered by some to fall into the category of tragedy while other Shakespeare scholars classify it as one of Shakespeare's "problem" plays. As performed by members of The Hudson Shakespeare Company, the setting is being updated to the 1920s, making it more accessible to modern day audiences.

This program is free and open to all members of the general public and those planning to attend are advised to bring lawn chairs or other outdoor seating as sitting in the bleachers is not recommended for this performance. In the event of rain or extreme heat, the performance will be moved indoors to the Kenilworth Public Library,

located at 548 Boulevard.

The Kenilworth Public Library again wishes to thank the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce for signing on as a Gold Level Sponsor for the 2011 season of "The Bard on the Boulevard".

Funding has also been made possible in part by the new Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the national Endowment of the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

More information about The Hudson Shakespeare Company can be found on their website, www.HudsonShakespeare.org.



(above) The Library presented crafts during the month of July. Children ages 4 and up participated had an opportunity to create and decorate photo frames, masks and sun catchers to take home and display.



(above) Singer and songwriter, Patricia Shih recently presented One World Many Songs. Families had an opportunity to participate in an interactive musical event. Her husband, Stephen Fricker also accompanied her.



(above) Birds From Around The World was recently presented by Arcadia Bird Sanctuary owner, Terry Jones.

(above & right) The Magic of Science was presented by Lisa Lou who educated and entertained children and their families with magical scientific experiments.

BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS JAYNE ANNE PHILLIPS'S LARK & TERMITE

The book group of the Kenilworth Public Library will meet at 7:15 on Tuesday, September 6, to discuss Lark & Termite, by Jayne Anne Phillips. Set in both West Virginia and Korea during the 1950s, this novel focuses on the sibling relationship between teenaged Lark and her brother Termite, a beautiful child who is, nonetheless, unable to speak or walk. Other characters in the novel include Lark and Termite's emotionally absent mother, Lola; Nonie, the aunt who effectively raises them, and Termite's father, Corporal Robert Leavitt, a soldier in the Korean War. According to the book liner notes, this novel "is a story of the power of loss and love, the echoing

ramifications of war, family secrets, dreams and ghosts, and the unseen, almost magical bonds that unite and sustain us."

Participation in the book discussion group is free and open to all members of the general public, including residents of communities other than Kenilworth. Previous experience with a book group is not required and new members are always welcome. Copies of the book will be available for check out at the circulation desk and residents of communities other than Kenilworth should inquire regarding ways they might be eligible for borrowing privileges at the Kenilworth Public Library. Preregistration is requested.

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THE BREARLEY WALLS HAVE CHANGED

Submitted by: David Novak



(above) Before picture.

The David Brearley Middle School Mural Project was made possible through a residency grant from the NJ State Council on the Arts administered by Arts Horizons. The grant was written by David Brearley Middle/High School teacher Janice Marsili and is the fourth of its kind secured by the David Brearley Art Department since 2007.

This \$6,700 grant covers the cost of a resident artist who works with the art teachers and students over the course of seven months. This year's resident, Julie Deery, is a well-known

Philadelphia mosaic artist. Ms. Marsili and Ms. Perez met Julie when they attended a two week summer artist/teacher institute at Rutgers Camden. Ms. Marsili has attended the institute as part of the last four grants' requirements, and Ms. Perez has obtained a scholarship to attend for the last two summers.

Both Ms. Marsili and Ms. Perez saw the construction of a mural as an opportunity to establish a visual identity for the David Brearley Middle School which shares space with the high school, and, at the time of the grant's writing,



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Mural details life's journey from childhood through middle school.

had recently lost its sports and activities programs. However, the project ultimately achieved much more than the art department had hoped for.

With the help of middle school language arts teachers Nicole Warchol, Cindy Yakovchuk, Michelle Van Steenacker and Lauren Blizzard, every single middle school student composed a six word memoir beginning with the words "I AM". The art teachers, two parent helpers and Acting Grant Supervisor Melissa Ferraris, helped the students make butterfly, flower or leaf tiles that they then stamped with their

memoirs. These tiles all became part of the mural, along with hot air balloon tiles created by the middle school teachers and incised with their personal six word memoirs. The mural truly became a wall that talks, giving a voice to the members of the middle school.

The story of the mural details life's journey from childhood through middle school, and includes images of graduation figures passing on to high school at its end. It begins with the Gandhi quote, "Be the Change You Wish to See in the World", then moves on to the next wall with the statement "We Are the Change" and

ends with "We Are the David Brearley Middle School."

The construction of the mural was predominantly the work of the printmaking and ceramics students, the cultural crafts classes, and the eighth grade art cycle classes. However, many others contributed their time and efforts to the project. Teachers, students, administrators, and community members all played a role in the wall's creation.

The materials for the mosaic mural were secured through donations from local businesses as well as by funding generated by the sale of crash glass mosaic frames created by the art classes and marketed by Ms. Kress's business class. The crash glass mosaic technique was taught to the teachers and students by artist Jackie Stack Lagakos who spent two three hour sessions working with the art students. Ms. Lagakos' workshops were made possible through funds raised at last year's art show sale of pottery and prints.

The mural was unveiled to the public at a May 12, 2011 culminating event attended by over 200 students, parents and community members.





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SENIOR EXPERT SHARES LIFE-AFFIRMING MESSAGE

“Life is an Adventure, so Stay Engaged and Active”

The Auxiliary of Trinitas Regional Medical Center welcomed Richard “Rick” Stone, Executive Director of the Senior Citizens Council of Union County, who shared his more than three decades of knowledge of senior health and societal issues with an audience at Trinitas recently. Dr. Stone, whose PhD is in life-span developmental psychology from West Virginia University, informed the audience that there is increasing knowledge of older citizens thanks to a variety of factors, including the growing study of gerontology.

“Thirty or 40 years ago, there was plenty of information about young people but very little was known about the health and wellbeing of

people as they aged,” Dr. Stone explained. “Better health care and better nutrition are helping people live longer now as we see growing numbers of people in their 80’s and 90’s and those who are 100 years old or older.”

It’s important to maintain a positive attitude towards. “Some people go into a panic when they see the first signs of aging and the health issues they may have as they get older,” the psychologist noted. “Simply put, life can be an adventure. As people get older they should never stop doing what they have done their whole lives simply because they are older.” Dr. Stone cited the work of Maggie Kuhn, founder of the Gray Panthers in the 1970s, stressing, “She believed that too many people accepted stereotypes about what it meant to be ‘old.’ She worked hard to change that view and, decades later, we’re still reaping the benefits of her progressive thinking.”

Dr. Stone recommended that older people remain active, engage with younger people, keep up with lifelong hobbies and interests, and consider retiring to an area where public transportation, culture and entertainment are readily available instead of more remote suburbs. He further emphasized that society overall needs to refocus on the potential of aging, instead of the debilitating aspects of becoming older.

He reminded the audience that volunteering energizes older people. “It’s better to think about ‘giving back’ to society rather than concentrating on ‘getting’ services and entitlements.”

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(above, l-r) Sam Rodriguez of Elizabeth spoke with Dr. Rick Stone following the psychologist’s talk at Trinitas Regional Medical Center. Stone accepted an invitation from the Auxiliary of Trinitas Regional Medical Center to address an audience about increasing societal awareness of senior health and life issues.


the mission of Trinitas Regional Medical Center, the Auxiliary is a committed group of volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to a variety of events and programs. The Auxiliary of Trinitas Regional Medical Center fosters interest among its members and throughout the community in the work of Trinitas, provides and encourages volunteer service for and in the hospital, and sponsors and conducts fundraising activities for the benefit of the hospital. The Auxiliary also offers educational programs on health-related subjects for the community.

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KICKING OFF THE POUNDS

Karen Pati was not happy with her body; she was in her 30's raising two young children and wanted to make a change in her life. She was concerned about the effects her weight would have on her health. Her children were her motivation. She wanted to be sure that she was around for them and eventually her grandchildren. It was her 8-year-old son who coxed her into joining Karate World in Kenilworth, NJ so she could get into shape. Both her son and daughter were enrolled in the youth classes at the gym.

Karen joined Karate World and started to train regularly. Karen first thought the gym would be a little scary because she didn't know what to expect. She recalled "I was self conscience about my appearance and had the idea that the instructors would be tough and mean like in the movies." Karen found the total opposite to be true. She said, "This school has saved my life. Everyone here has been so friendly, and they have always given me their endless support. The instructors are always motivated and enthusiastic which makes for a fun atmosphere!"

It took about two years for Karen to loss over 130 lbs. She loved the experience so much that after sixteen years she is still going strong, working out every day. She has earned a black belt in Muay Thai and is a 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Her husband Tony also earned his 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do. Jeff Dunn, owner of Karate World said, "Pati has transformed her body through cardio kickboxing. She is a new woman. She looks gorgeous!" Karen, a social worker, credits Master Dunn and Karate World with saving her life.

Karate World is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Students from all over New Jersey and even New York drive the distance to be a part of this school located at 753 Boulevard in Kenilworth. Master Dunn would like to invite interested parties to a free class. He can be reached at 908-241-0066.



(above) Karen Pati prior to joining Karate World.



(right) Karen today, over 130 pounds lighter with black belts in Muay Thai and Tae Kwon Do.



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