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KENILWORTH FACEBOOK ALBUM TOPS 40,000 IMAGES!

Pat Boyle, the director of Kenilworth Recreation maintains a website for the Department and he also keeps a Kenilworth Recreation Facebook page current. The Facebook location will soon boost 40,000 photos and videos.

The 275 albums, dating back to the summer of 2008 are organized by event and easily searchable. Most every photo was taken by Pat, though he credits others, like recreation committee member Joe Kratzer who have contributed.

Kenilworth Recreation Facebook currently has over 1,400 friends and that number keeps growing as images are shared and more people "like" the content. Visitors are encouraged to "tag" the photos with names and to comment.

Boyle's use of social media is exemplary. The effort is effective in archiving images of Kenilworth and helps in promoting future events.

The Kenilworth Recreation department is very active and Boyle says they success is due the countless hours that the dedicated members of the Recreation Committee put into volunteering.

(right, l-r) Kenilworth Recreation Director Pat Boyle with wife Kristen. Pat credits Kristen and other dedicated volunteers on the Recreation Committee for the success of the events.



(above) Kenilworth Recreation Facebook Home page.

(right) Some of the 275 photo album selections.



Photos from Kenilworth's Fourth of July Celebration can be found on pages 6 and 7.

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR



This month, be on the lookout for the first annual Kenilworth Hot Rod and Classic Car Show. It will be held on July 28, 2012 in the municipal parking lot on South 21st Street across from the VFW.

Anyone who wants to register a car for the show should visit www.kenilworthborough.com and complete a registration form. The show will begin at 10 a.m. and will end at 4:00 p.m. We expect that the show will be fun for all, so please join us.

As a heads up, the annual Fireman's Carnival will be held on August 20th through August 25th. The Carnival is always great fun for young and old alike. The proceeds are utilized to help fund the volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad activities for the coming years. Your support of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad is greatly appreciated.

I want to again thank Bob Vetter and Steven Blau and all the guys from 10th Street Live for making the fireworks event so extra special. Ditto to Pat Boyle and the members of the Recreation Committee.

Have a wonderful summer and try to keep cool!

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

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Submitted by Department of Public Works

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Shaun Vanclief, a highly acclaimed Executive Chef made a decision many months ago to re-engineer his talents and passion for food preparation, presentation and taste to provide his customers with his new and exciting line of Olive Oil and Shea Butter based soaps. Atlantic Beach Soaps are manufactured using “only the finest natural ingredients,” each bar is handcrafted and identified by their deep, soothing scents, color and numbering scheme.

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No appointment is necessary to make a donation. Non-perishable goods and gift cards to any supermarket can be left in the Crying Room in the church on Sundays. Monday through Friday donations can be dropped off at the Rectory during business hours 9 am – 5 pm. Items most needed: tuna fish, canned meats, cereal, rice canned soups with meat, peanut butter, pasta sauces, sugar. Supermarket gift cards and checks made payable to St. Theresa's can be mailed to:

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THRIFT SHOP IS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY

The Kenilworth Community United Methodist Church at 455 Boulevard, Kenilworth, Thrift Shop is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are always new items to see, of anything you might need or a gift to someone else. Donated items accepted.

DAVID BREARLEY GRADUATES MOVE TASSEL AGAINST HUNGER

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak

David Brearley Middle and High School's first ever Graduation Food Challenge was a huge success. This was the first year for this new food collection drive. While the school has several other food drives during the school year, this is the first one to be held at the end of May.

During the summer months, food pantry supply levels are usually at their lowest because with children home from school all day, families have an additional need for food. The absence of the school breakfast and lunch plans causes some families to have a larger need for food assistance.

The Graduation Food Challenge will become a new annual tradition at David Brearley. Middle school teacher, Mrs. Diane Westbrook, came up with the idea and decided to make it a competition between the David Brearley Middle School eighth grade graduating class and the David Brearley High School graduating seniors. The winner is determined by the number of non-perishable food items collected.

Food donation boxes were placed in every 8th and 12th grade homeroom classroom. These boxes filled up fast. Senior class advisor, Ms. Michelle Peruggia, did an excellent job of motivating the high school senior class of 2012 to donate food. The Bruins That Care charity club advisor, Mrs. Diane Westbook, took charge of the middle school donation coordination. Mrs. Westbrook is also a member of David Brearley High School's first graduating class of 1967. Ever since then, she has been looking for ways for the graduating classes to give back to the community.

This annual Graduation Food Drive is a great way for Brearley's graduates to say thank you to the Kenilworth community. It is also another example of the David Brearley Middle and High School students' concern for, involvement in, and dedication to their Kenilworth community.

This year's winner of the Class of 2012 Graduation Food Challenge was the David Brearley Middle School's graduating 8th grade class. Congratulations to the Bruins! All of the food collected was donated to the St. Theresa's Food Pantry in Kenilworth, New Jersey. A huge thank you goes out to all the students that donated non-perishable food and also to the David Brearley Middle and High School's Principal, Mr. Brian Luciani, for his continued support of student-led projects that support the community and help to improve our society.



(above, l-r) Class of 2012 senior and class President, Erin Clementi, and 8th grade President, Angela Amorim.

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ROTARY CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kenilworth Rotary Club has been awarding high school seniors in Kenilworth with scholarships for over 30 years. Celebrating 65 years of service to Kenilworth, the club meets

every Wednesday at 12:15pm at Bella Napoli. To learn more about being a part of Rotary International please call 908-276-5936 ext.541 or visit kenilworthnjrotary.org.



(above, l-r) President of Kenilworth Rotary Club and Superintendent of Kenilworth Schools Sylvan Hershey with recipients of the Kenilworth Rotary Club/Robert M. Schlenker Memorial Scholarship Fund, Samantha Myers, Matthew Peters and Rebecca Oliviera and far right Principal of David Brearley Middle School and Rotary club member Brian Luciani.

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For four years in a row MCproductions from Kenilworth New Jersey has been named best social photography studio in the state by the Professional Photographers Association of New Jersey.

During the annual photography convention hosted by the Photographers North East Organization Mario Cornejo, founder of MCProductions, won photographer of the year in social events, he was also recognized with the degree of Fellow Photographer, 2 Kodak Gallery award and 2 Court of honors.

And to top it off, Mario and MCProductions Photography Studio were recognized as one of the top 10 photographers in the East Cost by the National Association of Photographer in the US during the North East District competition this year in Ohio.

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The Kenilworth Public Library is handicapped accessible.

LIBRARY ADDS BONUS MUSICAL PROGRAM TO SUMMER READING CLUB SCHEDULE

Back by popular demand, the Kenilworth Public Library is pleased to announce that it will present a program by Yosi, an award winning composer and performer of children's songs at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 2 during the time of the Library's regularly scheduled story time session.

This program is appropriate for children ages 2 and up and will include plenty of silliness, laughter and singing along. Yosi has already recorded five albums of children's music and has won numerous awards, including Mom's Choice

Awards Gold Recipient and NPR's 2009 Best Music for Kids and their Families. More information about Yosi can be found at www.yosimusic.com

This program is free and open to all members of the general public. However, because space is limited, preregistration is required and preference will be given to children who are Kenilworth residents, with registration beginning on July 26. If space permits, registration will open to children from other communities on July 31.



BARD ON THE BOULEVARD TO PRESENT THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

The second performance of the Kenilworth Public Library's 2012 season of "The Bard on the Boulevard" outdoor Shakespeare festival will be a performance of one of Shakespeare's earliest plays, The Comedy of Errors, on Thursday evening, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the David Brearley High School football field located at 14th Street and the Boulevard. The play will be performed by The Hudson Shakespeare Company, a Jersey City based troupe that includes both amateur and professional performers. People planning to attend this performance should bring their own lawn chairs or other outdoor seating as sitting in

the bleachers is not recommended. In the event of rain or extreme heat, the performance will be moved indoors to the Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard.

The Comedy of Errors is not only one of Shakespeare's dramatic earliest works, but also his shortest. Its humor comes from puns and wordplay as well as from a strong element of slapstick and farce that derives from a plot based around the notion of mistaken identity.

The third and final performance of the 2012 season of The Bard on the Boulevard will be Hudson Shakespeare's August 16 presentation of Cardenio, a lost play that has been attributed

to William Shakespeare and which was based on the first act of Cervantes' Don Quixote.

Funding has 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. The Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce has also signed on as a platinum sponsor for the 2012 season of The Bard on the Boulevard.

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SUMMER READING CLUB KICK-OFF

Dream Big With Science was recently presented by Ken Fink of Wondergy at the Kenilworth Public Library.

Children had an opportunity to participate in an interactive science program to kick off the 2012 Summer Reading Club. This program was paid for by the Pat Malfetti Memorial Fund.



(above) Ken Fink of Wondergy demonstrates a scientific concept.

KENILWORTH LIBRARY NOW ON FACEBOOK

The Kenilworth Public Library invites everyone to visit its new Facebook page for up to the minute information about the library, whether it's programs for children and adults, bestselling books, DVDs and music that have been added to the collection, or other information of interest to the Kenilworth community. Check us out at Facebook.com/Kenilworth.Public.Library.

HOME CANNING AND FOOD PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES

Are you wondering what to do with the bumper crop of tomatoes being generated by your backyard garden? Are your neighbors pretending they're not at home when you ring their doorbell with yet another bag of zucchini? Not to worry, just sign up to attend "All About Canning," a presentation by Roselle Park resident Jenny Lichtenwalner that will be held at the Kenilworth Public Library at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7 in the Library's activity room. The program will be addressed to those who are curious about canning and want to learn more about what is involved and how to get started. Lichtenwalner will focus on New Jersey's seasonal crop, whether from your own backyard or the local farmer's market, and the ways these

foods can be safely enjoyed all year long.

Jenny Lichtenwalner grew up on a farm in Bergen County and was probably the only Douglass College student with a KitchenAid mixer in her dorm room. After many summers of working at the Union Square Greenmarket in NYC, she started canning her own food, and has been featured in the Star-Ledger. She recently started her own business, teaching canning classes in the Union County area. Jenny lives in Roselle Park with her family and a basement full of mason jars. She blogs on canning, home food preservation, and crafting at charliethyme.com

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

ADULTS AND CHILDREN INVITED TO LIBRARYFEST

The Kenilworth Public Library invites all members of the community to share in the accomplishments of the members of its summer reading clubs by joining us for "LibraryFest," an open house celebration of fun and entertainment to be held at the library on August 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Featured activities include the mind blowing magic of Francis Menotti, the not to be missed old fashioned charm of the "Give and Take Jugglers," and the spectacular balloon creations each child will receive from Mark Dolson of "Wings of Magic." Also featured will be a visit from Sparky, the mascot of the Somerset Patriots minor league baseball team and a chance to say hi to Bjorn, the Library's unofficial (but real) doggy mascot.

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Kenilworth artist Avi Kiriakatis won second place in the oils, professional category with her painting "Serenity" at the 2011 Union County Senior Art Show.

The Senior Art Show is sponsored by the Union County Department of Economic Development, Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging, and is funded in part by the grant from the New Jersey state Council on the Arts Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Award presentations were held on June 13, 2012 at Liberty Hall Center Atrium located at 1085 Morris Ave., Union, NJ where the art display will be open to the public through July 15, 2012.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MARKS 100 YEARS

Community United Methodist Church, 455 Boulevard, Kenilworth will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary of worshipping God and service to the community on October 14th. You are invited to come and celebrate with them on Sunday, October 14, 2012 beginning at 3:00 p.m. with an Anniversary Service followed by a reception of refreshments and fellowship.



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THE GALLERY ON THE BOULEVARD TO SHOW PAINTINGS OF DOREEN VALENZA

The Gallery on the Boulevard at the Kenilworth Public Library will display the paintings of New Jersey artist Doreen Valenza during the months of July and August. Featured will be paintings from Valenza's "Star Tulips" series which is based on an exploration of a floral shape created by the artist. Drawing her inspiration from science fiction and the cultures of Easter Island, the Mayas, Olmecs and Aborigines, the star tulips are designated as extraterrestrial in origin and have evolved into elongated skyscrapers and modern molecular abstractions. According to Valenza, "the shape recurs throughout my work and is the foundation for the visual language I use in my works."

Doreen Valenza turned her attention to painting full time in 2003 after spending more than 25 years as a visual merchandising and marketing professional for such businesses as The Museum Company, Viva International Optical Group, Macy's and Bloomingdales. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Caldwell College and is certified as an art teacher for grades K-12. She was recently elected president of The National Association of

Women Artists. Valenza is also the designer of a line of jewelry called Girlfriend Goddesses. Additional information about Valenza and selections of her work can be found at www.doreenvalenza.com.



(above) Doreen Valenza's painting
Star and Tulips 2007



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POLICE WARN OF CAR BURGLARIES

The Kenilworth Police Department would like to ask for assistance from and also make residents aware of several recent car burglaries that have been happening within the borough.

Over the last several months during the overnight hours, several dozen vehicles, most of them left unlocked and parked in residential neighborhoods, have been burglarized by unknown individuals, in which personal property ranging from GPS units, money, and other items, have been stolen from the vehicles.

The Kenilworth Police Department is asking for residents to be aware of this and to notify the police immediately if they see any suspicious activity. In an effort to deter these crimes, residents are also encouraged to lock their vehicles while parked and to take into their homes personal items such as GPS units or other valuables while leaving their vehicles unattended.

Anyone witnessing suspicious activity, or with information on these crimes are asked to report it immediately to the Kenilworth Police at 908-276-1700 or by calling 9-1-1 in an emergency.

ATLANTIC FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Atlantic Federal Credit Union (AFCU) is pleased to present three graduating high school seniors with \$1,000 college scholarship awards. The 2012 recipients are Galen Vosseller of Cranford, NJ, planning to attend Virginia Tech, Zachary Rippe of Park Ridge, NJ, planning to attend Vassar College and Kristina DiStaso of Verona, NJ, planning to attend the University of Vermont.

Applicants had to be high school seniors graduating in June 2012 and have an AFCU account at the time of submitting the scholarship application. Students were judged on academic achievement, community involvement, demonstrated leadership, and personal references. Based on calculations done by the New Jersey Credit League, the applicants from AFCU with the top three scores were chosen as the winners.

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MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Submitted by: Mr. David Novak



(above, l-r) Madison Rosa and Rebecca Oliveira

The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for June 2012, Rebecca Oliveira, is a mature, responsible graduating senior. Becky is a consistent member of the Honor Roll and the winner of both Spanish and English language Academic Booster Club Awards. Becky is currently Vice President of the David Brearley High School Student Council. She was the Secretary of the Class of 2012 during her sophomore and junior years. In addition to being elected this year's Homecoming Queen, Becky was also chosen to play on the varsity soccer team for all four years of high school. She served as soccer team captain in her senior year. Congratulations, Becky!

Madison Rosa is the David Brearley Middle School student of the month for June 2012. Her teachers report that she is a kind student who whole heartedly attends to anyone in need of help. During class, Madison exhibits the willingness to learn as she is a hard worker and active participant in class. Her work ethic is something to be admired. Congratulations, Madison, on becoming June's middle school student of the month.

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