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Photos by Brian Joho



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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

On September 14, 2011, Councilman Kevin Leary resigned from Council. Kevin has suffered from debilitating back injuries incurred from two car accidents, has had one surgery and anticipates that other surgeries may be necessary. He felt that he wouldn't be able to give his all to the council during this time and regrettably submitted his resignation. Kevin has been a great asset to the Borough Council during his term. I wish him well and a speedy recovery. Despite his resignation, Kevin will continue to be involved in the community and I am sure we will see him again once he is 100% recovered.

Taking Kevin's place is Toni Giordano. Toni jumped into the position with both feet and is already a fixture at council. Toni is an entrepreneur who owns several successful businesses located in Kenilworth. Toni's background is in the construction field, and particularly playgrounds. I know we all welcome her to council and I look forward to working with her.

On October 23, 2011 the Pride in Kenilworth Committee will once again host the annual Street Fair. Anyone who has joined us on the Boulevard in the past two years has seen how successful this event is and I know that it will not disappoint this year. Join us for the shopping, fun and food. The Fair begins at 10 a.m. and shuts down at 5 p.m.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to everyone who participated in this year's September 11th memorial dedication. It was truly a moving and memorable event. I would particularly like to extend my thanks to the police and fire fighters who participated in the event. Tom Haggerty of T.H.S. Multimedia in Kenilworth lent the fire department an enormous flag which they hung from far above the street and which could be seen blocks away.

I would also like to thank Olga Hackett who helped me bake over 100 cupcakes for the post-event refreshments, Darlene Candarella who baked cakes and cupcakes and Bella Palermo for their generous donations of cookies and pastries.

It was so wonderful to see so many the members of the community who came to the ceremony. I have always said that Kenilworth is a wonderful, loving and caring community. It was no surprise to me that so many people came to show their support and to remember those who lost their lives. Thank you all for being who you are and for making this Borough the special place that it is.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held in Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

OCTOBER 11, 25 & NOVEMBER 7, 2011

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

OCTOBER 12, 26 & NOVEMBER 9, 2011

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

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

OCTOBER 13 & NOVEMBER 10, 2011

Beginning September, 2011 until January 2012 the Kenilworth Planning Board will be meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The Work Session at 7:30 P.M. and the Regular Meeting at 8:00.

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.

OCTOBER 11, 2011 Regular Meeting

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(above) Kenilworth resident Justine Melillo submitted this photo. She would like to thank the Kenilworth David Brearley Football Coach and team members for coming to her aid after Hurricane Irene.

September 7, 2011

Dear Mayor Fiamingo:

We have been living in Kenilworth for over 35 years and never witnessed this nightmare. Our home is on the north side at the Cranford border. During Hurricane Irene the water was like a river in front of our home, rushing in the front and back door and kept rising filling up our family room and going up the stairs to our living room. We had to evacuate the premises as the water was coming in so fast we were afraid for our lives.

We could not have survived this nightmare without the outstanding help of all the special people in our town and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your help. Police Chief Grady, Fire Chief Giordino and Department of Public Works Superintendent Ryan. Fire Chief Giordino and the tireless volunteers in the fire department came to our rescue and pumped over six feet of water out of our home. The Police Department kept giving us advice and told us to drive our cars around to get the water out when the water subsided. Officers Lenny Hudak and Brian Pickton came around to see if we needed anything, gave us FEMA information and said they would try to get someone from FEMA to access our damaged home. The Department of Public Works cleaned up all our destroyed belongings during the flood which was a blessing.

We still have no heating or air conditioning and are trying very hard to dry out our home and slowly fix and rebuild everything. Without the use of our telephone it makes it hard to communicate. We pray that this will all be over soon and we will get some assistance from the FEMA.

We thank everyone for your assistance at these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Constantine J Avi Kiriakatis

Cc: Police Chief Grady

Fire Chief Giordino

Department of Public Works Ryan

**The Kenilworth Health Department will be hosting
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9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
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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.



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OCTOBER CALENDAR

**8:30 AM OCTOBER 12
KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING**

Access Self Storage
750 Boulevard, Kenilworth 07033

**8:30 AM OCTOBER 14
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMM.**

Visit our website for meeting location
OCTOBER 17

MORNING MARKETING EVENT
Call the Chamber office or visit our website.

**6:00 PM OCTOBER 18
IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
NETWORKING EVENT**

Molly Maguire's Irish Pub & Restaurant
1085 Central Avenue, Clark

**8:00 AM OCTOBER 19
EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**
Kenilworth Inn
Boulevard & S. 31st Street, Kenilworth

**8:30 AM OCTOBER 25
LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING**
John T. Gregorio Center

330 Helen Street, Linden 07036
**8:30 AM OCTOBER 26
CLARK CHAMBER MEETING**
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77 Brant Avenue, Suite 100, Clark 07066
**8:00 AM OCTOBER 28
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NETWORK MEETING**
Royce Brook Golf & Country Club
201 Hamilton Road, Hillsborough 08844

ROTARY CLUB WILL MEET AT BOULEVARD FIVE72

Kenilworth Rotary Club is pleased to announce that starting September 21st its new meeting place will be BoulevardFive72 Restaurant on the Boulevard in Kenilworth. The club meets every Wednesday at 12:15 for lunch and a Program. The club's 2011-2012 President is Superintendent of Kenilworth Schools Sylvan Hershey and the Board of Directors welcomes you to view its new website www.kenilworthnjrotary.org. For membership information and Program schedule please view the website. The Kenilworth Rotary Club, chartered in 1947, has been serving the needs of the community as part of the world's largest service organization. Rotary International whose motto is "Service Above Self" has been in existence for over 100 years.

FREE JOB READINESS PROGRAM : "PROJECT READY"

Project Ready will be accepting applications for its free six week job preparedness program on Tuesday, October 18 at 9:30am sharp. Applicants should be prepared to stay until 1:30PM. A six week program is offered to people seeking to improve their skills as they search for employment. Students receive training in basic business and computer skills. They learn interviewing skills, resume writing, Math and English. Upon completion of the program, staff assists students with job searches.

Project Ready is located within St. Joseph Social Service Center at 118 Division St. in Elizabeth. The staff of "Project Ready" consists of a staff director and several volunteers, most of whom are retired business and education professionals.

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RESIDENTS SHOW SUPPORT FOR U.S. TROOPS AT KENILWORTH FREEDOM RUN AND WALK

The Kenilworth 2K Freedom Walk, along with a 5K Freedom Run, was presented by the Kenilworth Historical Society in conjunction with the national "America Supports You" initiative, which recognizes residents' support for U.S. military men and women and communicates such support to members of the

Armed Forces at home and abroad. Donations made during the event will be used to ship packages of needed provisions to troops stationed overseas. Proceeds from the event also benefited the Kenilworth Historical Society's ongoing Oswald J. Nitschke House restoration project.



KENILWORTH STUDENT PLACES 3RD IN 5K RUN

Josef Bierenfeld (age 17) of Kenilworth placed third overall in the 5K Freedom Run that the Kenilworth Historical Society presented on Sept. 25. Bierenfeld is a student at David Brearley Middle/High School.



VAN DYK, WARREN CITED AS TOP OVERALL FINISHERS

Justin Van Dyk (age 29) of Cranford, N.J., and Kate Warren (age 25) of Westfield, N.J., were the top male and female finishers in the Run. Warren also captured the title of top female finisher in the 2010 and 2009 events.



(above, l-r) Rosalind and Nicholas Chonko of Kenilworth pause for a moment with Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo before setting out on the Kenilworth Freedom Walk. The Chonkos participated in the event in honor of their son Nicholas, who is a Green Beret serving in the U.S. Army's Special Forces.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It is with a great sense of relief that I am able to report that the Kenilworth Public Library came through Hurricane Irene virtually unscathed. I was saddened, however, to learn that some of our library patrons and staff members sustained significant damage to their homes either as a result of flooding or from falling trees. Unlike so many other locales in Kenilworth and the surrounding area, the library was also fortunate to have been spared the inconvenience of a sustained loss of electricity. It is with this in mind that I want to publicly thank the members of the library staff who reported to work on the Monday after the storm in spite of disruptions to their own lives so that the library could open its doors to people who otherwise would have been without air conditioning, internet access, and a place to charge their cell phones.

I also want to remind everyone that September is National Library Card Sign Up Month and if you don't already have a card with us, now is a great time to stop by, sign up, and see all the great things we have to offer.


Dale Spindel
Library Director
Kenilworth Public Library

BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS THIEVES OF MANHATTAN


The book group of the Kenilworth Public Library will meet at 7:15 PM on Tuesday, October 11, to discuss the novel *Thieves of Manhattan*, by Adam Langer. Published in 2010, *Thieves of Manhattan* is described by Academy Award nominated author and screenwriter Nicholas Meyer as "a richly twisted narrative" and that skewers the competitive and eccentric world of book publishing in a way that is both hip and funny. Part farce, part crime caper, and with a nod to recent literary controversies, the book shines a spotlight on the temptation of some to play fast and loose with the truth in the hope of coming up with a best selling and financially rewarding memoir.

Participation in the book discussion group is free and open to all members of the general public, including people who reside in communities other than Kenilworth. No previous experience with a book group is required and new members are always welcome. Because space is limited, preregistration is requested and can be done at the library or by calling 908 276-2451 during regular library hours. Copies of *Thieves of Manhattan* are available for check out at the circulation desk and residents of communities other than Kenilworth should inquire about ways they may be eligible for borrowing privileges at the Kenilworth Public Library.


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MYSTERIOUS BOOK DONATIONS BURDEN KENILWORTH LIBRARY

Many librarians are known to enjoy a good mystery now and then, but Kenilworth Library Director Dale Spindel, is currently dealing with one she'd just as soon close the book on. On two separate occasions over the past several weeks, an unknown benefactor has left piles of used books on the library's front steps during weekend hours when the library was closed. One of those occasions, the books were drenched by a passing rain storm, leaving a soggy mess for the library's part-time custodian to deal with when he reported to work on Monday morning. Although the intention of the benefactor had undoubtedly been to help the library, the end result was just the opposite.

While there are some public libraries that will accept used books on a limited basis in anticipation of a used book sale, the Kenilworth Public Library does not have enough space available to hold an event of this type. The library is also not able to add to its collection the large number of items that people seek to donate each year. According to Spindel, "there is something repellent to people about the idea of throwing books out, especially expensive ones like college textbooks, but the library just does not have the space to accept everyone's donations and not all of the books that people

wish to donate are appropriate for the collection of a small public library." "People who want to donate their used books to the library invariably mean well and may perceive that their donations are helping to fill our shelves but that is really not the case." "We are fortunate that, at the present time, we are still able to maintain a well rounded collection with the budget resources

available to us," she added.

Spindel pointed out that books pertaining to local history are one very important exception to the "no donations" rule. She requests that anyone wishing to make a donation of particular items to the library call her at 908 276-2451 or stop by the library to discuss the nature of the potential donation before dropping anything off.

RESOURCES FOR VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED READERS

In partnership with the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC), the Kenilworth Public Library invites members of the public to check out the library's new "Outspoken Library" kiosk. Through this workstation, library patrons who cannot read standard print due to visual or physical disability can enjoy a variety of materials that might otherwise not be accessible to them. Through TBBC's own Audiovision newspaper Reading Service and the National Federation for the Blind's Newslite, library patrons can choose from more than 300 newspapers, magazines and wire services, including such local favorites as the Star Ledger, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Time Magazine, TV Guide, People, and

even New Jersey grocery advertisements. Additionally, "Braille and Audio Reading Download" (BARD) provides digital audio access to more than 20,000 unabridged books, including current best sellers. The majority of items available through the kiosk are also available to patrons with home internet connections.

State of the art digital audio players with easy to use features are also available to eligible library users at no cost. Kenilworth residents who are interested in signing up for this program or who would like more information about "Outspoken Library" are invited to call Library Director Dale Spindel at 908 276-2451 to set up an appointment.

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TRIP TO ROCKVALE OUTLETS TO BENEFIT NITSCHKE HOUSE



(above) Kenilworth Nitschke House.

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to the Rockvale shopping outlets (Lancaster, Pa.) on Thurs., Nov. 3.

The trip will depart Kenilworth (S. 21st Street Municipal Parking Lot) at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 8 p.m. Cost of \$39 includes motor coach transportation, about 6 hours of shopping time, a discount coupon book and a shopping outlet map.

Rockvale features more than 100 outlet stores offering up to 75 percent off retail prices on popular brand names – plus additional discounts

daily. There is no sales tax on clothing and shoes. Among the diverse range of outlet stores at Rockvale are QVC, Vanity Fair, Bass, Dressbarn, Jones New York, Kasper, Levi's/Dockers, Jockey, Izod, Lenox, Noritake, Black & Decker, Carter's, Disney, Christmas Tree Hill – and many more! Site amenities include favorite eateries plus trolley/shuttle service.

There will be complimentary door prizes on both trips. For information and reservations, please call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434.

JOHNNY APPLESEED A SWEET ADVENTURE

Miss. Lagua's students in Pre-K3 at St. Theresa School in Kenilworth learned all about Johnny Appleseed. The children started the day with Miss. Lagua reading them the story of the

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FLAWED LAW FOCUSES SCHOOLS ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Scott Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools

Many educators, including the state's Commissioner of Education, have decried No Child Left Behind's (NCLB) flawed measure of school success- achievement on standardized assessments. "No Child Left Behind is broken and we need to fix it now" said Duncan during testimony before the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. The fact that schools must meet "Adequate Yearly Progress" (AYP) by having percentages of students pass the language arts and math tests is viewed as a deeply flawed yardstick of student achievement. Many believe student success is not quantifiable. A child's abilities can be illustrated in numerous ways. The bubble-laden form-like

tests (the NJASK and HSPA) represent just one aspect of a student's capabilities.

Others explain that AYP is inadequate because schools cannot control various factors that influence student test results. What happens if several children decide not to take the NJASK or HSPA seriously on test-day? Can educators possibly affect a child who comes to the classroom already in need of serious remediation because of familial issues that deeply influence the social, emotional, and academic abilities of that child? The NCLB-critical literature is vast and Congress has already talked about tectonically altering the way school success is measured. In his testimony, Duncan explained, "This law has created dozens of ways for schools to fail and very few ways to help them succeed. We should get out of the business of labeling schools as failures and create a new law that is fair and flexible, and focused on the schools and students most at risk." In the meantime, strong programs such as those Kenilworth Schools deliver must adapt to the needs of NCLB that require the district to reflect on how well it is preparing students for the standardized tests and to take a hard look at its program in general.

For all its flaws, few would disagree that one thing NCLB has done right is to compel schools across the country to continually keep its eye on student achievement. For Harding and Brearley Middle-High Schools, the law has reminded us that three fundamental things continue to matter most when helping students grow- curriculum, assessment, and instruction. Doing all three things well is vitally important to ensure student achievement.

Mastery Skills Lists keep our curricula grounded. Establishing the skills our students are expected to attain is a start to ensuring all of them are meeting the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Knowing what kind of help our students need in order to acquire these skills takes effective child performance "story telling" among all of our district's teachers. Without effectively collecting performance data and efficiently sharing the information, our teachers will never have the "leg up" they need to remediate learning deficiencies. Finally, it is good old fashioned quality teaching that will help our kids academically grow. Our faculty deserves top-notch training and leadership if it is to bring the research-proven pedagogical ideas that work to the classroom.

Our schools have proven successful in helping students grow. For example, our current Sixth Grade class has exhibited a 16.9% growth rate in the last two years on the Language Arts Literacy portion of the NJASK. In our current Fifth Grade class, 15.8% more students in the last two years have moved from the Partial Proficiency category to the Proficiency category in mathematics, high quality curriculum, assessment, and instructional techniques are the center-piece of Kenilworth's continued march toward world class education. Our teachers help the community's kids grow by leaps and bounds. Let's hope the Commissioner of Education and the federal government measure the schools' success based on a growth model and recognize the Kenilworth district's more-than-adequate yearly progress in helping students grow from one year to the next.



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