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ANNUAL LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE WILL OPEN 2010 SEASON ON APRIL 10TH

Volunteers have been hard at work cleaning up the Little Theresa's Parking lot. The parade will begin at 1 pm and League Field located on North 14th Street, getting it ready refreshments will be served at the field at its conclusion. for Opening Day on Saturday, April 10th.

Rain date is April 11th. Volunteers are always welcome; if Line-up for the parade will begin at 12 noon in St. interested please call Frank Locorriere 908-377-5363.

What to Expect at Meetings - At Kenilworth Chamber Meetings you'll be networking with other businesses, learning what's going on in the Borough from municipal officials, and having the opportunity to explain through the Member Spotlights what you do and why you're the best at it!

You may just show up, but we would like a head count. Please let us know if you plan on attending by calling the Chamber office, by calling 908-352-0900 or via email to helendurish@ gatewaychamber.com.



KENILWORTH SILVER CARD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SILVER CARD DINNER AND BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT

No. 135, will hold their annual Silver Card Dinner and Business Networking Event on April 22, at the Kenilworth Veterans Center located at 33 South 21st St. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner provided by the Garlic Rose Bistro of Cranford including appetizers, pasta, salad, garlic potatoes, vegetables, prime rib, dessert, coffee, beer and wine. Contemporary music will be provided by The Michael Craig Duo. The dress is business casual.

This is a great opportunity to network with local business owners and law enforcement members. For reservations or

REC TEAM GIRLS ARE CHAMPS

The Kenilworth Recreation 7th and 8th grade girls

The Kenilworth Silver Card Association, Inc. PBA Local to place an ad in the souvenir journal, please call: Rob Schielke at (908) 931-9030 or Ken Mentzel at (732) 594-5446 or email KPD@njdriver.com.

> The association is comprised of both civilian and law enforcement members, with the mission to further the ongoing charitable efforts of the Kenilworth PBA and other charities. The PBA Silver Card is the highest honor a civilian can receive from the PBA.

> This year's guest speaker will be Donna Lamonaco, founder of Survivors of the Triangle which provides resources to assist surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

The 8th grade class at St. Theresa School in Kenilworth



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competed in the Mountainside Recreation League and were the Champions. Team: Julia Pugliese, Dallas Geoghegan, Victoria Perdigao, Cristina Verdia, Alicia Casamento, Jessica Pace, Samantha Mate, Danielle Vellucci Coach: Bill Zorich, Asst Coach: Pat Boyle

are kicking up their heels for graduation. The class of 2010 took a photo opportunity to enjoy spring like weather and capture the moment. Mrs.Vitale the gym teacher choreographed the event while Mrs.Sacco the computer teacher climbed the roof to take the picture!



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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR



We have a lot on our agenda this spring. The census forms have arrived and I urge you to fill them out and send them back. The census determines a multitude of issues which are important to the taxpayers of New Jersey. Not the least of these issues is our representation in the United States Congress. I am sure that many of you have heard that many people have fled the State. If New Jersey has lost a significant portion of its population it could reduce the number of Congresspersons our state will have representing us in the House of Representatives. It is very

important that we all complete the Census forms and send them in so that we ensure that our interests are completely represented in the federal government. So, if you have not yet completed your Census form, please do it today and send it in.

On April 10, 2010, the Kenilworth Little League will once again celebrate opening day. The parade will begin in the parking lot of St. Theresa's School and will proceed along the Boulevard to the field. This annual event is one of the best parts of living in a small town. Seeing all of the children who are excited to begin the season has to make you smile and remember your childhood. Please join everyone to cheer on each of the teams along the parade route.

On April 20, 2010 the School Board elections will be held. In addition to voting for the election of school board members, each registered voter is given the opportunity to vote on the school budget. Unfortunately, this election is notorious for its lack of participation. I urge everyone to come out on April 20, 2010 to exercise their right to vote on the school budget. If you have taken a look at your tax bill, you have noticed that the largest percentage of your tax bill is represented by the school tax. Whether you support the budget or not, your vote will allow your representatives on the school board know how you feel.

Most of you have heard of the deep cuts made by Governor Christie to state aid for both the schools and the municipalities. These cuts were necessary in order to balance the State budget. The cut in aid to Kenilworth was almost 22% of the State aid received in 2009, which had already been significantly cut back from prior years.

Although the reduction in State aid makes it more difficult to complete the municipal budget, your mayor and council are committed to presenting a budget which minimizes the tax increase to our taxpayers. We continue to work on the budget and have again requested the cooperation of our employees and department heads to reduce the budget even more.

Finally, along with the members of the Borough Council, I would like to recognize the members of the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department who spent countless hours during the torrential rains we experienced last month pumping out the basements of residents. Their help and support is greatly appreciated by all.

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Valerie De Stefano-Dlagado was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002 and beat it. In November 2009 she was diagnosed with bone cancer.

A benefit will be held to help pay Valerie's medical expenses at the VFW in Kenilworth on April 17th at 7:00 until midnight featuring a fun filled night of music and comedy. \$25.00 per person will get you beer, soda and wine. Cash bar will be available. Bring your own snacks and nine of your friends and reserve a table of ten. There will have a small tricky tray auction and 50/50. Help us raise money to call Kasie 908-654-9511 or Diane 908-694-1248. You can also purchase tickets at the V.F.W. hall and Especially Yours Florist in Kenilworth. Donations are tax deductible, please make checks payable to VFW D-D Benefit.

BULKY WASTE PICK-UP

The spring bulky waste pick up dates are Wednesday, April 14 for the north side of town and April 21 for the south side of town. The pick ups will begin on those days and will continue until they are completed. General household items will be picked up. Please refer to the 2010 Information Guide distributed by the DPW for further information.

UC FIRST ALERT AVAILABLE IN KENILWORTH

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held in Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

APRIL 13 & 27

Workshop meeting to start at 7:30 PM

APRIL 14 & 28

Regular meeting to start at 8:00 PM

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

APRIL 22 - Regular meeting to start at 7:30 PM

MAY 6 - Workshop meeting to start at 7:00 PM

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.

APRIL 12 - Regular Meeting

APRIL 20 - Annual School Election

APRIL 26 - Reorganization Meeting

MAY 3 - Workshop Meeting





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RECREATION NEWS

Registration is required for all crafts. Due to popular demand, children who are Kenilworth residents will be given first priority to register for all crafts programs one week prior to the date of each program. Out of town residents may register for the craft programs 2 days prior to the date of each program, space permitting.

CRAFTS

A Spring Craft will be presented on Saturday, April10th at 11:00 - 12:00 noon in the Activity Room for children ages 4 & up. Children ages 4 - 6 must be accompanied by an assisting adult.

A Mother's Day Craft will be presented on Saturday, May 8th at 11:00 - 12:00 noon in the Activity Room for children ages 4 & up. Children ages 4 - 6 must be accompanied by an assisting adult.

INDOOR SWIM NIGHT

Kenilworth Indoor Swim Night will be held at the Cranford Indoor Pool and Fitness Center, at 401 Centennial Ave in Cranford, on Sunday, April 25th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Free for all Kenilworth Residents, form must be filled out at www.kenilworthrecreation.com



AT THE KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

To register for programs or for more information, visit the library at 548 Boulevard or call (908) 276-2451. The Kenilworth Public Library is handicapped accessible.

REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING READING CLUB, TODDLER TIME, AND STORY TIME IS UNDERWAY AT THE KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Programs began on March 29th and concludes on May 14th. Children must be registered in one of the following programs in order to participate in any other Kenilworth Public Library special event.

MOMMY, DADDY & ME, a parent and child at home reading program for children ages 2 - 5.

I CAN READ, a reading program for children who are just starting to read on their own from ages 6 - 8.

CLUB READSALOT, a reading program for children ages 9 - 12.

Children who were previously registered for these programs in the winter, were automatically registered for the Spring Programs.

BINGO FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Registration is not required.

Bingo For Young Children will be held on the following Fridays from 3:30 - 4:00pm for children ages 3 & up: April 16th & 30th and May 14th. Games may include A-B-C Bingo, Number Bingo and Color & Shape Bingo. Parents must remain in the library during the program.

Bingo For Children Who Can Read will be held on the following Fridays from 3:30 -4:00am in the Activity Room: April 9th & 23rd and May 7. Games may include Book Bingo, USA Bingo, History Bingo & Kenilworth Bingo. Parents do not participate in this program. Preregistration is required:

BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS COSMOPOLIS,

by Don DeLillo, Library Activity Room, April 13, 7:15 PM

VOLUNTEER MEETING FOR LIBRARYFEST

(event to mark the end of the 2010 summer reading club), Library Activity Room, April 19, 6:00 PM

"THE BARD ON THE BOULEVARD"

presents The Taming of the Shrew, a live performance by members of The Hudson Shakespeare Company, at the library, Friday evening, Arpil 30 at 7:30 PM (doors open at 7:15).

LOCAL AUTHOR NAOMI DESIDERIO

will do a reading from her recent novel about World War II, Hell at Sea, in the library activity room, May 3, 7:00 PM.

"FOOD AND FUN AT THE JERSEY SHORE"

will be the topic of discussion for food historian Judith Krall-Russo in the library activity room on May 6 at 7:00 PM.

TODDLER & STORY TIME

Toddler Time for 2 year olds will be held on the following Wednesdays from 10:30 -10:50am; March 31st, April 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th and May 5th & 12th. Stories, puppets and music just right for the youngest listeners will be introduced.

Story Time for children ages 3 and up will be held on the following Thursdays from 10:15-10:45 am and 3:30 - 4:00 pm; 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th and May 6th & 13th.





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DAVID BREARLEY MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB FUNDRAISER SET FOR MAY 7th

David Brearley Music Boosters have been in existence for the past 8 years. Our primary function is to provide moral and financial support through fundraising to the Music Department and students.

Fortunately, over the years we have been able to assist with the purchasing of music, repairing and buying needed instruments, provide financial assistance for trips, give gift cards at year end to HS Music Department Seniors, and other needs of the department, but most importantly, award at least (2) scholarships a year to graduating Seniors. All of these programs are provided at no cost to the school.

Every year the Music Department is involved with the Trills and Thrills Festival. We have traveled to Pennsylvania, Washington and Baltimore over the past few years. A trip to Washington was originally scheduled for this year, except that harsh times have strapped the parents and our fundraising possibilities.

It has recently been brought to my attention that along with the need to raise money for our program funds and scholarships, the Music Department is in need of a new piano. Although we've had a few successful fundraisers over the years, we would like to continue the tradition of our programs, as well as raise money to purchase the new piano for the well-deserved Music Department.

We are having a fun, exciting, new type of fundraiser this year and hope that you will come out to support us. DB Music Boosters are proud to present An Evening With Elvis starring Joe Inacio as Elvis with special guest, Chris Jago as Frank Sinatra/Bobby Darin. Tickets are \$25 each which includes a buffet, dessert, coffee & tea – a Cash Bar is available.

Please join us on Friday, May 7th, 7 pm at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, 33 So. 21st Street, Kenilworth. For tickets please call 908-709-1760 or purchase at: Gervasio's Auto, 720 Federal Ave; Studio Hair Lounge, 870 Boulevard; Especially Yours Florist, 13 No 20th St, and the Kenilworth Vets Lounge.





VOICE OF AN ANGEL

Seton Hall University Department of Art and Music presented "The Voice Recital of Kassie M. Lagua, mezzo-soprano" at St. Theresa Church on March 21st.

Kassie is a graduate from St. Theresa grammar school and now attends Seton Hall University. She performed a two part program accompanied by St. Theresa School music instructor, Ed Wesley on piano and also John Brixie on piano. Beginning with "I believe" by Ervin Drake, Irvin Graham followed by Mozart's "Non so piu cosa son, cosa faccio" Kassie performed with a strong voice and great stage presence.

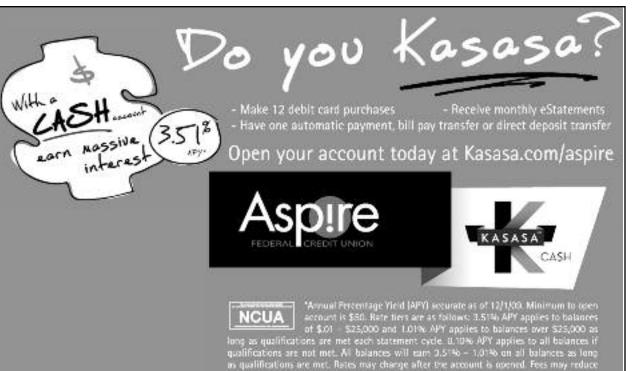
FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED





(above) Rob Kanterman presented Dominick Vitale with the First Resource Leadership Award Scholarship at the recent Brearley Football Dinner.

(above) Head Football Coach Scott Miller presented Allen Phillips with the Brearley Touchdown Club Scholarship at the Brearley Football Dinner.



DAVID BREARLEY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



The David Brearley High School Student of the Month for March is senior Mike Cereste. His teachers universally identify him as a terrific student worthy of this honor. Mike is a consistent member of the Brearley Honor Roll and has earned membership in the David Brearley chapter of the National Honor Society. Mike is also a four-year member of the Brearley soccer team, earning a varsity letter this year. Congratulations go out to Mike! The March Middle School Student of the Month is Miss Breeah Carey. Breeah is described by her teachers as being an exceptional student whose mature demeanor exudes great focus and determination. Every day she takes care to go above and beyond what is expected of her. Breeah's attentiveness and precision are greatly reflected in her grades. In fact, in her Pre-Algebra class, she has earned straight 100's-even on her midterm exam! Breeah's great skill in mathematics has even led to the quiet and polite correction of Mr. Mac's mistakes. In addition to her academic side, Breeah's compassion for those around her continually puts a smile to her teachers' faces. Keep up the good work, Breeah, and congratulations for being chosen as David Brearley's Middle School Student of the Month!



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A NEW YEAR AT CAMP - REGISTER EARLY!

There will be open registration for the Roselle Park Summer Camp on May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Roselle Park High School, 185 West Webster Ave., Roselle Park.

The goal of the Roselle Park Summer Camp program, under the auspices of the Roselle Park Board of Education, is to meet the needs of the community's youth. It is also open to nonresidents.

The Summer Camp program operates five days a week from June 28th through August 20th, 2010. Students may be enrolled for any number of weeks that the program operates, and for any sessions(s) the parent/guardians choose. It is located at the Roselle Park High School.

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Parents and guardians will have a choice of registering their children for three to five days a week and for full or half-day schedules. Activities will include computer instruction, musical theatre, dance, sports activities, games, science labs, arts and crafts, drawing, painting, newspaper production, baton twirling, colorguard, cheerleading and more. Swim lessons are available from June 28 through Aug.

9. A six-week reading and writing program will be offered three days a week from July 6 to Aug.

In addition, there will be special sports clinics: baseball, 7uly 12-16; tennis, July 19-23 and July 26-30; softball, July 26-30; soccer, Aug. 2-6 and basketball Aug. 9-13. Register for any two clinics and get the third free.

If you can not come to open registration or have any questions call the summer camp office. Last year registration had to close because the programs were filled! Register Early! For registration, fees and other information contact the Summer Camp office at (908) 241-2851/2890 or email to summercamp@rpsd.org, or check out the Web site at www.rpsd.org.





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RESIDENT AWARDED CHILD CARE CREDENTIAL



Debra McCraken of Kenilworth has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, DC which represents the early childhood education profession.

As part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA Credential is observed working with young children or families by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

Debra currently works as a para-professional with the Westfield School District's Special Education program. She hopes to open an after school program in Kenilworth in the near future, she can be reached at 908-276-6991.



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VICTORIAN TEA AND INTERACTIVE HISTORICAL FASHION SHOW

(In Time for Mother's Day Gift Giving...)

The Kenilworth Historical Society will present a Mother's Day Weekend Victorian Tea and Historical Fashion Show – "Heirloom Hats with a Story – and the Secret Language of the Fan" on Sat., May 8, at the Kenilworth Gospel Chapel, 103 South 23rd Street, Kenilworth.

The afternoon event will begin at noon and include a Victorian Tea, complete with sandwiches and dessert, plus a unique interactive show featuring an extensive museum-quality collection of hats from 1780-1920. Dressed in full Victorian costume, fashion historian/collector Sue Quincannon will take guests on a fascinating visual walk through history, highlighting the uniqueness and significance of each hat in her remarkable collection to its respective time period. Quincannon also will demonstrate fanology, the flirtatious "secret language of the fan" that was practiced during the Elizabethan and Victorian eras.

Admission is \$25. Advance ticket purchases are required, as seating is limited.

Tickets can be obtained at Especially Yours Florist, 13 North 20th Street, Kenilworth,

or by calling 908-709-0434 or 908-709-0391. Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's ongoing project to restore the local 19th-century Oswald J. Nitschke House and transform it into a "living history" museum and cultural arts center.





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FAMILIES GATHER FOR EASTER EGG HUNT





(above) Children lined up for the start of the hunt for eggs. Along with candy, some eggs had slips of paper with prizes listed. Two
 (left) Gregory bicycles were given away, along with many Scalise, age 2.



(above) Face painting team: Genean Braun, Madison Vanek & Nikki Lang.





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