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NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

May 14, 2008

8:30 am

**KENILWORTH
LIBRARY**

548 Boulevard

APRIL MEETING TO FEATURE PAMELA CAPACI

Pamela Capaci, Executive Director of Prevention Links, will be describing the various services the agency provides to the community.

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.

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KENILWORTH FIRE AND RESUE HOST ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

In an effort to let the people of Kenilworth meet their fire and rescue squad the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department held their 2nd Annual Open House on Sunday May, 4th from 11 am to 4 pm. Washington Avenue between N 19th and N 20th Streets was closed to traffic and fire engines and an ambulance were displayed on the street for visitors to explore. Visitors also explored the firehouse and got to see first hand how the fire truck ladder works. A steady stream of kids dropped by all day and helped firemen use the booster line, spray a flame target and even got to try on some fire gear.



The Kenilworth Rescue Squad conducted blood pressure screenings and demonstrated basic first aid techniques. Visitors were allowed to sit on the stretcher and explore an ambulance.

Approximately \$250 in donations was raised to support the all-volunteer efforts.

Fire Chief Lewis Giordio, Battalion Chief William Krueger, Battalion Chief John Mauro and 22 members were on hand to help with the festivities and keep the grill cooking with hamburgers and hotdogs.

*Photos by Tina Renna
More photos on page 6.*



REAL ESTATE CONSULTANTS OPEN KENILWORTH OFFICE

Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce member, Real Estate Consultants, Realtors® has announced the opening of their newest office located at 515 Springfield Road in Kenilworth. The Kenilworth office provides the public with a conveniently located state of the art office staffed with extremely knowledgeable local Realtors®.

"We're excited about being in the hub of the Route 22 corridor," adds Maurizio Mercuri, Branch Office Manager. "Our listings and sales in the area have gone up tremendously in the past year. From this high visibility location, we will be able to support Kenilworth as well as the surrounding towns."

According to Giuseppe (Joe) Calello, Realtor® Associate and former owner of Charlie's Famous Italian Style Hot Dogs, "We have built a great team of highly productive, experienced Realtors® from throughout the area. We currently have Realtors® from Roselle Park, Kenilworth, Union and Springfield who all share a similar philosophy of providing exceptional service at a fair price".

Real Estate Consultants guarantees a virtual tour of every house listed with the agency, regardless of price. The virtual tours provide a convenient way for potential buyers to view every room in all of the company's listings to determine if a home will meet their needs before actually visiting the property. The virtual tours are a tremendous time-saver for everyone, buyer, seller and Realtor®. In addition, the Real Estate Consultants website provides

the public access to view all properties listed on the Multiple Listing Service by all real estate companies in the area.

Mercuri is extremely optimistic about the real estate market for 2008. "Today's buyer is in a great situation with both home prices and interest rates being down. These two factors will stimulate the real estate market here in Kenilworth. The affordability and buying power is incredible compared to just a few years ago."

Real Estate Consultants is located in Kenilworth's oldest historic building and shares the building with The DiBella Insurance and Tax Preparation Agency and First Metropolitan Mortgage Company.

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(above, l-r) Real Estate Consultants' ribbon cutting ceremony: Joey Calello, Tom DiBella, Doug Radford, Dana Radford, Valentia Calello, Joe Calello, Frank Locorriere, Mayor Kathi Fiamingo, Maurizio Mercuri, Liz Poskitt, Madison Calello and Kyle Poskitt.

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season with its traditional parade of teams marching down the Boulevard to the Field on 14th Street. The field and facilities, which are the envy of many other towns throughout the County, were once again shining thanks to the efforts of Jeff Lavan, League President, and the many volunteers who spend countless hours at the field. Many thanks and congratulations should be given to all of the volunteers for all that they do.

The Borough also owes its thanks to Frank Locorriere, the chairman of the Beautification Committee and the many volunteers who helped in the spring cleanup along the Boulevard on April 27, 2008. Many thanks to John Hartmann of J&J Landscaping, Kenilworth, who donated the mulch and Schering Plough which donated the flowers that were planted in the flower boxes.

I recently met with 11 architectural firms for a meeting before submitting their qualifications for consideration for the public safety building. Nine firms have submitted initial proposals

MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

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April represents the coming of Spring and is traditionally the month that the Little League begins its season. This year, the Kenilworth Little League opened its

which will be reviewed by the Borough's committee for further consideration.

Looking ahead, Council will hold a hearing on the 2008 proposed budget on May 14, 2008. This year's budget provided many challenges which were met and overcome. More than \$1,000,000 in reduced revenues and increased costs had to be resolved. Among the increased costs were increases in pension contributions of more than \$250,000, increases in our assessment by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority of more than \$165,000, and garbage disposal costs which increased by more than \$81,000. The largest impact on the budget is the Governor's proposal to reduce aid to the municipality by over \$371,000.00.

The proposed budget results in an overall increase of 10.9 tax points or approximately 11% over last year for municipal taxes. If you would like further information, please come to the budget hearing on May 14, 2008.

From May 1st through May 8th, the Kenilworth Police Department will be collecting specifically requested items to be sent to a local soldier stationed in Iraq. The items are non-melting snacks (beef jerky, rice krispie snacks, dried fruit, trail mix, etc.), white socks, sun block, foot powder and instant green tea. All items may be dropped off at the Police Department from May 1 through May 8th.

- Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

All meetings are held
at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

MAY 13 AND MAY 27

Work Sessions to start at 7:30PM
at the right hand Meeting room, Second Floor,

MAY 14 AND MAY 28

Regular Meetings to start at 8:00PM
(unless noted otherwise)
at the Council Chambers

UPCOMING PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held
at Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard.

JUNE 5 Work Session to start at 7:00PM

MAY 22 AND JUNE 26

Regular Meetings to start at 7:30PM

KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Regular meeting of the Kenilworth Board of Education shall be held on the second Monday of each month, with the exception of October when the meeting will be held on the second Tuesday. All meetings shall take place in Board Conference Room at the David Brearley Middle/High School (unless noted) and shall convene at 7:30 p.m.

MAY 7, 2007

Workshop Meeting

MAY 14, 2007

Regular Meeting

JUNE 11, 2007

Regular Meeting

UPCOMING GATEWAY CHAMBER EVENTS!

Date / Event / Time / Location (Events are at no cost unless indicated)

MAY 9

8:30 am

LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Check our website for meeting location

MAY 13

6:00 pm

GATEWAY AFTER HOURS COCKTAILS & NETWORKING

Blackthorn Irish Pub & Restaurant, 651 N. Michigan Ave., Kenilworth (Mem. \$10, Non: \$20)

MAY 14

8:30 am

KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING

Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth

MAY 15

11:45 am

GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN LUNCHEON

La Casa di Martino, 301 West Clay Avenue, Roselle Park (Mem. \$25, Non: \$35)

MAY 17-18

12 Noon

2nd ANNUAL GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

Hamilton Farm, 550 Fowler Road, Gladstone, NJ 07934

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MAY 20

6:00 pm

IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (IBA) MEETING

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road, Clark (Mem. \$15, Non: \$20)

MAY 21

8:00 am

EMPLOYEE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Lana's Fine Dining @ Hyatt Hills, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark (\$20)

MAY 22

8:30 am

SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OEM Office, Springfield Fire Department, Mountain Avenue

MAY 23

8:00 am

SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

Olde Mill Inn, 225 Rt. 202, Basking Ridge (Mem. \$5, Non: \$25)

MAY 27

8:30 am

LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING

Amphitheater @ Raymond Bauer Promenade, North Wood Avenue, Linden

MAY 28

8:30 am

CLARK CHAMBER GROUP

Check our website for meeting location

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For additional event information call the Chamber at 908-352-0900 or visit our website at www.gatewaychamber.com

We love to hear from you!

Dear Chamber of Commerce,

Thank you so much for the wonderful coverage that you've given to the Kenilworth Historical Society's programs and activities in the April issue of Kenilworth Business Life! Your interest and support are greatly appreciated!

Further details (and sample artwork) regarding the "Culinary Kenilworth" cookbook project, in which the Kenilworth Historical Society and David Brearley students are partnering, will be forwarded to you in the next week or so. The cookbook, featuring local residents' recipes and Brearley students' drypoint etchings of many of Kenilworth's restaurants/food establishments (plus related student poetry), is in the process of being published and will be available for purchase at our May 30 event as well as at a June 12 pot-luck dinner for the general public.

The students' artwork will subsequently be on display at Schering-Plough in Kenilworth. There are many aspects to the project, which was made possible, in part, through an artist-in-residency grant that Brearley art instructor Janice Marsili was awarded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts to have a professional printmaker and writer work with the students. A portion of the proceeds from the cookbook, which is being marketed by Brearley business students for \$10, will benefit the Nitschke House restoration project. Additional info to follow...

Congratulations on the success of Kenilworth Business Life, a publication that is read and appreciated by many--including me!

Many thanks and best regards,
Shirley Boyden Maxwell
Kenilworth Historical Society

Dear Kate,

I am overwhelmed, blown-away by the Kenilworth Business newspaper. It is absolutely great! The participation of the advertisers, the Chamber news, the local calendars and interesting articles, the library, the Mayor, the Police... I could go on and on. It is very very exciting. The Chamber staff have done an amazing job, and in such a short time. Congratulations! and keep up the great work! I miss you all, Mark.

Mark Bistis
(Former Kenilworth Chamber President)
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Rain date is Friday, June 20th. You must provide your own transpiration. Ticket prices are: Children \$10.50; Adults: \$6.50;

Children under 2 are free. (Regular prices are Children \$22.00; Adults \$20.00.) You can email Amy at amy@kenilworthrecreation.com

THE KENILWORTH VIETNAM VETERANS
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Former ECW/WWE Stars Invade Kenilworth 5/16

The Kenilworth Veterans Center with its Vietnam Veterans will host its second ever National Wrestling Superstars pro wrestling spectacular on Friday night May 16th. Bell time is 7:45 at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, 33 South 21st Street in Kenilworth for the benefit of the aforementioned veterans.

The event will feature no less than five former WWE/ECW superstars including Julio Dinero,

The Equalizer, "Dastardly" Danny Doring, The Blue Meanie, and Matt Hyson (a.k.a. Spike Dudley) who will be involved in the main event in a "Loser Goes Through a Table" match.

Tickets are a very affordable \$17 for adults and \$15 for kids under 12 and seniors. For ticket info call NWS at (732) 888-1704. All major credit cards are accepted and group rates are available for groups of ten or more.

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IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME

Submitted by Frank Locorriere

The Kenilworth Little League is building a 3 lane indoor batting cage for the benefit of the Kenilworth youth sports programs. We would like to thank several people who donated their time and expertise to make this possible:

John Malcolm, Business Manager from the International Brotherhood of Ironworkers local #480. The Ironworkers (Rich Malcolm, Damon Thiry, Bruce Cahoon, Wayne (CUZ) Marsh, Doug Marsh, Wayne Pellicaro, Ronnie, Snookie along with their apprenticeship program, Frank

Barone from DEN-BAR Construction, United Crane, Puerari Electric, Weldon Concrete, K & D Plumbing, Gilligan Roofing & Siding, Matco Inc. and Schering Plough for their generous contributions for this project.



(below) Mayor Kathi Fiamingo shakes hands with John Malcolm. Frank Locorriere, Jeff Lavan and Joe DiGrado are standing far right.



FISHING DERBY

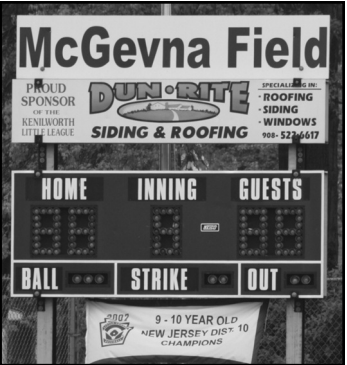
The Kenilworth PBA, in conjunction with the Kenilworth Municipal Alliance, will again be hosting their Annual Say No To Drugs Fishing Derby at Shallcross Pond in Black Brook Park on Saturday, June 7, 2008.

According to Patrolman Ken Grady who is chairman of the event, registration begins at 7:30 AM and fishing starts at 8:00. Registration forms will be available at Police Headquarters the week before. The event is open to Kenilworth youths only between the ages of 3 and 12. Prizes will be awarded in various age groups. Refreshments and bait will be available for purchase.

According to Police Chief William Dowd, this event is always a very popular program run every year on the first Saturday in June by the PBA and Municipal Alliance. He stated last year the derby attracted close to 300 people. Dowd added that Schering Plough Corp. is a major contributor and without their assistance, the derby would not be possible.

Residents are urged to bring their children out to what promises to be a fun event for all and also an opportunity to meet the Kenilworth Police Officers who serve them.

(right) McGevna Field Scoreboard. (below) Sponsors supporting the Kenilworth Little League have their billboards displayed on home run fence along the length of the outfield.



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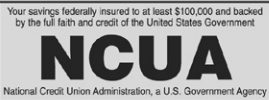


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Preregistration is required. Kenilworth residents may sign up for special events one week prior to the date of the event by visiting the library or calling 908 276-2451. All programs are free to members of the general public.

MAY 10

MOTHER’S DAY CRAFT FOR CHILDREN
(ages 4 and up)
(Saturday) 11:00 AM

MAY 27

MEET THE AUTHOR - JEFFREY COHEN
– NJ mystery writer Jeffrey Cohen will join the library’s book group for a discussion of his latest mystery, *Some Like it Hot Buttered*.
(Tuesday) 7:15 PM

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT ALSO INCLUDE:

WEDNESDAY MORNING TODDLER TIME,
May 7 and 14, 10:30-10:50 AM (for ages 2-3)

THURSDAY STORY TIME,
10:15-10:45 AM and 3:30-4:00 PM,
May 1, 8 & 15 (ages 3-5)

FRIDAY BINGO FOR YOUNG CHILDREN,
3:30-4:00 PM, May 2 & 16 (ages 3 & up)

FRIDAY BINGO FOR CHILDREN WHO CAN READ.
3:30-4:00 PM, May 9 (ages 6 & up)

Please be sure to check next month’s issue for a complete listing of our great summer schedule of events for children and adults

LOCAL HISTORY CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS KENILWORTH’S NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH OBSERVANCE WITH TRIP TO OCEAN GROVE

The Kenilworth Historical Society will observe National Preservation Month with a May 17 bus trip fundraiser to New Jersey’s famous historic seashore resort Ocean Grove, followed by a Kenilworth History Celebration on May 30.

The May 17 bus trip to Ocean Grove will depart Kenilworth (St. Theresa’s School parking lot) at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 6 p.m. Cost of \$82 includes motor coach transportation and a guided walking tour along Ocean Grove’s tree-lined thoroughfares, which showcase one of the largest assemblages of authentic Victorian architecture in the U.S. The tour features stops at the Great Auditorium, “Tent Colony” and many other sites and includes lunch at a charming (c. 1890) Victorian inn. A visit to Sandy Hook Visitors’ Center is also planned. Tax and gratuities are included in the price of the trip, which is being arranged and escorted by Progressive Travel of Union, N.J.

For further information and reservations, call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434. Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society’s

project to restore the local 19th- century Oswald J. Nitschke House and transform it into a living museum and cultural arts center.

Exciting developments concerning the Nitschke House preservation project will be presented during a Kenilworth History Celebration on May 30. The event, which the Kenilworth Historical Society is hosting for the general public, will begin at 7 p.m. at the Kenilworth Seniors’ Center (526 Boulevard). It will feature a debut performance by the Kenilworth Historical Players, who will re-enact Lt. Gen. James Doolittle’s famous 1929 plane crash in Kenilworth. Historic memorabilia and photographic exhibits will be on display, and a Kenilworth commemorative coverlet and soon-to-be-published “Culinary Kenilworth” cookbook will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free. The event will feature the premiere performance of the Kenilworth Historical Players, a newly formed local theatrical troupe, who will re-enact famed aviator Jimmy Doolittle's 1929 "surprise visit" to Kenilworth. For further information, please call 908-709-0434.



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