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Submitted by: Captain Shawn D. Kelly, President Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad

On Friday night October 4th, Sergeant Campanelli, Officer Devlin, Firefighter C. Giordino and Chief L. Giordino were awarded a Life Saving Commendation at the Kenilworth Fire Department's 100th Anniversary Awards Ceremony.

On April 24th, 2013 Kenilworth Police and Fire units were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident behind the A&P. Upon arrival Kenilworth Police Sergeant Paul Campanelli, Kenilworth Police Officer Michael Devlin, Kenilworth Firefighter/EMT Carmen Giordino and Kenilworth Fire Chief Lewis Giordino found that the car involved in the crash had ruptured a gas line, filling the vehicle and surrounding area with potentially explosive vapor, the building's electrical service was located just a few feet away. The driver was unconscious and pinned under the vehicle's dashboard. With great disregard for their own personal safety the four first responders were able to enter the vehicle, free the trapped driver and pull him to safety.



(above, l-r) Kenilworth Police Sergeant Paul Campanelli, Police Officer Michael Devlin, Firefighter/EMT Carmen Giordino, Kenilworth Fire Chief Lewis Giordino, presenter Police Chief John Zimmerman. Photo by Keith Addie

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MERCK MOVING HEDQUARTER TO TOWN

I am sure that everyone has heard the good news by now. Merck has announced that they are moving their global headquarters to the Kenilworth site. The transition from their current headquarters is to begin in 2014 and be completed by 2015.

The return of the world headquarters of such a global corporation to Kenilworth is a significant benefit to the Borough. Since Merck acquired Schering Plough in late 2009, my administration and I have worked closely with Merck representatives on a number of issues, including the construction of a 140,000 square foot addition to their research and development facility and the possible redevelopment of the Kenilworth site. I believe our good relationship was a contributing factor in their decision to relocate to Kenilworth.

I am thrilled that Merck has decided to relocate its world headquarters to the Borough. I look forward to forging the same relationship with Merck that the Borough had with Schering Plough prior to the merger. The business friendly relationship that we have established in the Borough has paid off and the future is looking up.

On October 4, 2013 I was honored to attend the Kenilworth Fire Department's 100th Anniversary Gala and Awards dinner. Many members of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad were recognized for their selfless dedication to the community. Among those recognized were two police officers, Sergeant Paul Campanelli and Officer Michael Devlin who risked their lives, along with Fire Chief Lewis Giordino and Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician Carmen Giordino to save the life of an individual whose vehicle had crashed into the back of the A&P grocery store. At great risk to their own lives, these brave members of our police and Fire Department/Rescue Squad, saved the life of the driver of the vehicle. I am proud to be Mayor of a Borough that has these kinds of individuals serving the community and protecting the residents.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Kenilworth Girl Scouts. During the September 11th memorial service, they presented me with a beautiful poster that they had created. The poster is on display in the council room of Borough Hall. It is especially memorable because the scouts who created the poster were not yet born on September 11, 2001, yet they created a moving tribute to those whose lives were tragically lost during the terrorist attack. I applaud the parents and scout leaders of these children for seeing to it that the victims of the September 11th attacks are always remembered.

The Street Fair will be held in the Borough on October 27, 2013. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. vendors will line the Boulevard with food, rides for the kids, crafts, clothing, jewelry – you name it. This event, produced by JC Promotions, Inc. for the past several years, is a huge success, drawing hundreds of vendors and people from all over. It is a great event to show off the Borough.

Any vendors wishing to obtain a table should contact Cissy Gialanella at 201 998 1144 or visit the Borough's web site, www.kenilworthborough.com and click on the link.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

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Kenilworth Girl Scout Cadette Troop 40128 is collecting travel sized toiletries to benefit the Jersey Battered Women's Shelter in Morristown, NJ. This shelter provides a "safe haven" for women and children escaping domestic violence. A collection bin will be available at the Kenilworth Recreation Center on the Boulevard until the New Year.

REUNION PLANNED DAVID BREARLEY CLASS OF 1983

The David Brearley Regional High School Class of 1983 will be holding its Thirty (30!) Year Reunion on Friday, November 29, 2013 at Galloping Hill Caterers in Union, NJ. For more information, please contact Susy Condo @ susy.condo@verizon.net or 908-347-3542.

KENILWORTH ROTARY CLUB

Kenilworth Rotary Club welcomed Thurman C. Page, Jr. of Westfield to a recent meeting. He spoke of his participation in the Liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp, Germany, on April 29, 1945 as part of the U.S. Army 33rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squad. Kenilworth Rotary Club meets every Wed. 12:15 at Rinaldi's, 24 N. 20th St. For more information please contact Robert Woods, Membership Chair at www.Kenilworthnjrotary.org



(above, l-r) Thurman c. Page Jr. and Robert Woods , membership chair and local historian

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CHAMBER PRESENTS GRANT TO BREARLEY ARTS DEPT. FOR MOSAIC PROJECT

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

The Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce, Chaired by Isabel Munoz, recently presented the David Brearley High School (DBHS) Fine and Performing Arts Department with a \$1,500 grant to be used in the department's ongoing Mosaic Courtyard Installation. The initial portion of the installation, which was unveiled in early May, includes a 14-foot mosaic tree sculpture, a three-tiered mosaic bench with towers containing

cultural artifacts and two mosaic table sets. The installation is part of the department's "Art Beyond The Brearley Classroom" initiative.

According to the lead teacher for the project, art teacher Janice Marsili, DBHS's Printmaking and Ceramics students interviewed senior members of their families, and then using their words and images, created ceramic tiles to represent their loved ones' life stories. These

tiles were mosaicked onto the tiered bench which also supports three abstract towers containing common items donated by local senior citizens.

Students in the Advanced Art Open Studio class continued the theme of the bench and towers by creating a spiral design that was mosaicked onto two concrete table tops. The student-written statements, "For Those Who Came Before Us...Their Memories Tell the Story of Our Lives," and "Without Them There Would Be No Us" were imbedded in the design.

The work was initially made possible through a New Jersey State Council on the Arts AIE Grant, administered by Arts Horizons, and secured by Mrs. Marsili. This grant supplied the school with Artist-In-Residence, Kit Sailer, a well-known painter and skilled carpenter. Ms. Sailer assisted three art classes at David Brearley to design and implement their concepts.

The focal point of the courtyard installation is the most distinctive tree sculpture. It was created from pink insulation foam wire lathe, Thinset and insulating foam sealant, and it is mosaicked with tiles made by students that address the subject of diversity. The tree complements the mosaic mural that spans over 40 feet of the hallway adjacent to the courtyard. The mural's theme of Acceptance, Tolerance and Forgiveness, and the images used to express it, earned Marsili the 2013 Educator of the Year award from the local district of the Freemasons.

The grant money from the Kenilworth Chamber will be used in part to add a koi pond in the corner of the courtyard. Science teachers Dale Sona and Curt Cerillo will work with the art department to select plants and fish that will thrive there, and middle school language arts teacher Nicole Warchol will help students to compose "reflection" writings that will be part of the mosaic decoration of the pond.



(above) Three-tiered mosaic bench.
(left, l-r) Janice Marsili, Lead Teacher, Fine and Performing Arts Dept. and Isabel Munoz, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce.



(right) 14-foot mosaic tree sculpture.



(above) Brearley art students who contributed to the Mosaic Installation

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MEET TIFFANY MOUTIS, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Kenilworth community. My name is Tiffany Moutis. I started my position as Assistant Superintendent of Schools on July 15, 2013 and am delighted to report witnessing significant enthusiasm and energy in and around the schools. I have been an educator for nineteen years and have enjoyed every minute of it! I started my career as an elementary teacher, followed by my subsequent positions as Supervisor of Federal Projects/Testing, and Director of Elementary Curriculum. I am eager to share my experience and knowledge about maximizing student learning here in Kenilworth, NJ.

To that end, my area of focus for the coming school year will be parental involvement, with an emphasis on upcoming changes to academic programs. When our schools join together with the community, we share the opportunity to foster future, productive, well-rounded individuals. This partnership is crucial in determining the vision for our schools. One of the first steps we will take is to conduct a brief survey seeking input and ideas for increasing parental involvement. We hope that you will contribute to this survey and help us build the bridge from school to home for our students. To provide parents access to the learning going on in the classroom, Language Arts and Mathematics Mastery Lists will be provided at Open House and posted on our district website. These lists were developed from the curriculum guides and are an easy way to determine what

students are expected to know when they exit each grade. Please be on the lookout for these lists! With students, parents and teachers all on the same page and working together for shared goals, we can ensure that students make progress each year and graduate from school prepared to succeed in college and in a modern workforce.

Educating the community on the new demands schools face is also a high priority. For instance, this school year will be slightly different from those in the past because it will mark the end of state testing and state standards. With the final administration of NJASK, state standards will transition to national Common Core Curriculum Standards (CCCS). CCCS are a real-world approach to learning and teaching. Developed by education experts from 45 states, these K-12 learning standards delve deeper into key concepts in mathematics and English/Language Arts. The standards require a practical, real-life application of knowledge that prepares students for success in college, work and life. These Common Core Curriculum Standards have been adopted by 86% of the states, and the full implementation process begins with this school year.

In the spring of 2010, the New Jersey Department of Education joined the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC). PARCC is a consortium of 23 states working together to develop a common set of assessments in Language Arts and Mathematics aligned to the Common Core



Tiffany Moutis

Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Curriculum Standards. These new assessments will mark students' progress and provide teachers with timely information to guide instruction and provide student support. The PARCC assessment will be an on-line standardized test for grades 3-8 students beginning in the 2014-15 school year.

I look forward to working with our Board, staff and community as we raise the bar towards success in student achievement.

I wish you and your family a wonderful school year!

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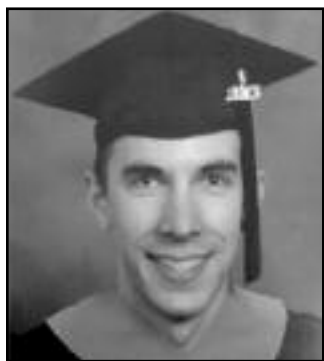
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PARAS GRADUATES



Nicholas Michael (Muravsky) Paras earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) during their August 2013

Commencement. Nicholas graduated cum laude with a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.6.

Nicholas earned yearly Dean's List honors and served as Vice-President for RPI's AIAA Design/Build/Fly (DBF) team. The team earned 3rd place on April 2013 in Tucson, Arizona.

A native of Kenilworth, NJ, Nicholas is the son of Debra and Thomas and grandson of Rose Muravsky. He graduated from Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains, NJ. Nicholas has secured an aeromechanical engineer position in California.

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TOWN OBSERVES 9-11 WITH MEMORIAL SERVICE

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

A memorial service and dedication was held on September 11 at the Municipal Building to honor those who perished in the 9-11 attacks, including three Kenilworth residents: Robert M. Kaulfers, a Port Authority Police Sergeant; John J. Tobin, a Senior Vice President of the FINPRO Division of Marsh & McLennan Inc.; and John G. Ueltzhoeffer, a software architect for Marsh & McLennan Inc.

The service included a processional with bagpipers, the Kenilworth Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad; an invocation from Rev. Joseph Bejgrowicz from the Church of St. Theresa; the presentation of flag from Boy Scout Troop 83; the Pledge of Allegiance from the Kenilworth

Girl Scouts (who also presented a wreath they had created by having local residents trace their hands as a show of strength and unity); a welcome from Police Chief John Zimmerman; remarks from Fire Department Deputy Chief William Krueger and Mayor Kathi Fiamingo; and stirring renditions of our National Anthem and "God Bless America" from local residents.

Special thanks to the Kenilworth Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Robert Vesselli, Jr – Vesselli Landscape & Design, Kenilworth PBA #135, Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Mayor Kathi Fiamingo and Council, and the many individuals and merchants whose donations helped to make the 9-11 monument possible.

FAMILY FUN DAY HELD AT DIMARIO PARK

Another great Family Fun Day to kick-off the fall season was held on September 7 at DiMario Park. Sponsored jointly by the local Girl Scouts (led by Laurie Salfred-Ingham and Jennifer Samila) and the Kenilworth Recreation Department, families enjoyed a variety of rides, games and activities, including kickball, Frisbee toss, hula hoops, full-size parachutes, hop scotch, chalk drawing, tug-o-war, photo dancing and cup stacking. There were also a number of races: three-legged, potato sack, beach ball, water sponge and over/under. Music was provided by the Charlie "O" DJ Service.

The Girl Scouts invited those attending to trace their hands to be included in a most creative 9-11 wreath, which was then presented at the 9-11 Memorial Service the following Wednesday. Cadet Troop 40128 collected travel size toiletries for the New Jersey Battered Women's Shelter in Morristown, and donations for the Shelter will be continue to be welcomed at the Recreation Center on the Boulevard right through the holiday season.

Special thanks to Pat and Kristin Boyle, Mike's Place for donating and cooking all the food, and volunteers for set-up and clean-up.



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NEWLY RESTORED AND FURNISHED NITSCHKE HOUSE WILL BE FEATURED DURING 'FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND'

Visitors to Kenilworth's historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) at 49 South 21 Street on October 19 and October 20 will have an opportunity to see the newly restored and furnished home of the late Mayor Oswald J. Nitschke (1867-1934), who made significant contributions to the development of Kenilworth in the early 1900s.

Tours of the site will be given between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on October 19 and from noon to 5 p.m. on October 20, during Union County's annual historic sites tour, "Four Centuries in a Weekend." Admission is free.

Attendees will be able to view the fine craftsmanship that is evident in the carefully restored walls, ceilings, floors and faux-grained woodwork throughout the Nitschke House. Additionally, they will have an opportunity to see the building's recently completed cultural arts center; to view a photographic exhibit chronicling the history of the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year; and to learn about the Nitschke House heirloom gardens, which include plants that were prevalent in the late 19th/early 20th centuries.

Kenilworth Girl Scouts will be participating in various aspects of the weekend event.

For further information, please call 908-709-0434.

Funding for certain aspects of the "Four Centuries in a Weekend" program at the Nitschke House is being provided, in part, by the Kenilworth Municipal Alliance Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The Kenilworth Historical Society saved the Nitschke House in 2003 by moving it to its present location. Its project to restore the historic site and transform it into Kenilworth's first and only "living history" museum and cultural arts center has been funded, in large part, by historic preservation matching grants awarded by the New Jersey Historic Trust, New Jersey Cultural Trust and Preserve Union



(above) The newly restored and furnished historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) will be open to the general public on October 19 and 20, during Union County's annual historic sites tour, "Four Centuries in a Weekend." Admission is free.

County Grant Program. These competitive grants were matched with funds that the Nitschke House project was awarded by the E.J. Grassmann Trust and various local businesses, in addition to other monies raised by the Kenilworth Historical Society through numerous ongoing fundraising activities.

The Nitschke House project was recognized by the State of New Jersey with a 2008 New Jersey Historic Preservation Award and most recently was cited as one of six "success stories" statewide in the 2011-2016 New Jersey Historic Preservation Plan, "Preserving New Jersey's Heritage: A Statewide Plan."

The Kenilworth Historical Society has owned the Nitschke House since 2003, when the then-threatened building was donated to the Historical Society by Dr. Jerome Forman and moved to land acquired with the help of the Kenilworth Veterans Center, former owner of the land, and a major New Jersey DEP Green Acres grant.

Once the Nitschke House site is fully

operational, it will feature not only a "living history" museum on the first floor and a cultural arts center in the basement, but also three rooms of exhibits on the second floor, an elevator that will make the building completely accessible for people of all ages and abilities, additional heirloom gardens, and a Kenilworth Heritage Walkway featuring engraved commemorative pavers sponsored by local donors.

The Kenilworth Historical Society (www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org) is an independent, volunteer-based non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House, local history and culture. Funding for the Nitschke House preservation project and all other programs that the Kenilworth Historical Society provides to the schools and general public is entirely dependent on donations, fundraising activities and competitive grants that the organization applies for and is considered for based on merit.

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(above Annie and her dog, Sandy.

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PASO FINO HORSES VISIT LIBRARY

Horses were the theme during a recently held PJ Story Time at the Kenilworth Public Library. Children and their families visited with two Paso Fino horses and their owners, John and Sue Samak following the story time session. The Paso Fino breed dates back to horses imported to the Caribbean from Spain. These horses are prized for their smooth, natural, four-beat, lateral gait. They are especially popular for trail riding.



(above) Paso Fino horse owners John and Sue Samtalz visit with children following PJ Story Time which is held on Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:00pm for children ages 3 & up. Registration is required. To register call (908) 276-2451 or visit the Library.

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JOHNNY APPLESEED CAME TO TOWN

Johnny Appleseed came to town in Mrs. Joanna Furlongs Pre-K 4 class at St. Theresa School in Kenilworth.



(above) Triplets Jenna, Nate and Biannca Villanueva proudly display the apples they made in school as they learned all about Johnny Appleseed.

WHAT A GAS!

The 5th grade class at St. Theresa School in Kenilworth is learning about chemical reactions. Lesson "Going up" included baking soda and vinegar, teaching the children how chemicals react when mixed together.



(above) Eric Gonzalez and Adam Grova

CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG VISITS KENILWORTH

St. Theresa School in Kenilworth kicked-off the school year with a Scholastic Book Fair. Clifford the Big Red Dog along with his friend Emily Elizabeth toured the school and read stories to the children.



(above, l-r) Emma Morales John Relovsky (Clifford) Rachel Tramontana and Caroline Tramontana (Emily Elizabeth)

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CHAPTER VI: JUNE 7, 1780 BY FRIENDS OF BLACK BROOK PARK

OUTNUMBERED SOLDIERS OF CONNECTICUT FARMS, TODAY'S KENILWORTH, STOP AND CONTAIN FIVE THOUSAND SOLDIERS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND PREVENT THE BRITISH FROM CAPTURING THE MAIN HEADQUARTERS OF WASHINGTON AND HIS CAMP WHICH WOULD HAVE ENDED THE WAR WITH A BRITISH VICTORY.

June 7, 1780 was the Battle of Connecticut Farms. Kenilworth was part of this New Jersey colonial section of Elizabethtown at that time and part of the first permanent British settlement in New Jersey. Called Connecticut Farms because of its rich farmland and its resemblance to colonial Connecticut, Kenilworth was in the heart of this battle. The war began in 1775 and ended with the battle at Yorktown, Virginia in 1781, in 1781 the British surrendered. By 1783 all British soldiers left our new country, The United States of America. In 1808 Kenilworth became part of Union, New Jersey and in later years, New Orange, just before becoming Kenilworth in 1907.

Our early American history of the Colonial and American Revolutionary period of Kenilworth had been buried in the archives of the Union Township Historical Society, where Mr. Michael Yesenko, Kenilworth's new Town Historian of Early History taught Friends of Black Brook Park Kenilworth's inclusion in this history of this most major battle fought during the American Revolutionary War. Mr. Michael Yesenko is also the Township Historian of Union, New Jersey, a member of the Union County Historical Society and author of several books on this subject. Mr. Yesenko is now available to us as a consultant on the subject of our Borough's Early History. It is not until now

that our total knowledge of this history has been completed.

The June 7th Battle of Connecticut Farms began as the British and Hessians landed at Elizabethtown (Elizabeth, New Jersey) to head to Morristown, New Jersey, through Connecticut Farms to cause the surrender of General George Washington. The word had gotten to the British that our American troops camped at Washington's main winter headquarters, were undersupplied and had a strong desire to leave the army and return home. Some soldiers were even talking mutiny. They had all just survived the worst winter in the history of New Jersey, worse than Valley Forge, without basic necessities.

Hessian troops were German mercenaries hired by the British for \$30.00 a month to fight with and for the British Empire which was the most trained, disciplined, well supplied and most powerful army at that time. British soldiers and Hessian soldiers fought together and landed at Elizabethtown's port for a surprise attack and what they felt would be an easy victory. They were foiled on both points.

Five thousand enemy soldiers began their march to Morristown through Connecticut Farms. They were spotted by the Americans guarding the port of Elizabethtown. Their surprise attack was no longer unseen. The

warning signals went out to the Americans and Washington's Army at Morristown. A messenger on horseback rode along Galloping Hill Road (through Kenilworth) which was the fastest road at that time from Elizabethtown to Morristown to warn Washington and General Maxwell, the General of the New Jersey Brigade of Washington's Continental Army and the local militia who were farmers and others who signed up to leave for battle in one minute against the British called "Minuteman".

Sayre Tin Kettle was armed with artillery men. A cannon was sounded and a fire lit on top of our (Kenilworth's) Beacon Hill to send smoke into the air. The Country was called to arms.

The New Jersey soldiers were hiding behind trees and brush along dirt and Indian trails as well as, according to Robert Woods, Galloping Hill Road and the "Road to (the) Springfields", today's Springfield Road in today's Kenilworth. According to Dorothea Krihak, they also hid along the West Branch of the Elizabeth River which was a river route that led to Sayre Tin Kettle Hill and up to Morristown. This water route of springs, swamps and marshes was both avoided and used, depending on the objective. According to Yesenko, by 9 A.M., the entire Hessian Corps arrived. Five thousand troops vs. our 1,500 American fighters. The Hessians were stopped by Maxwell's men and fought for three hours on the northeast section of today's Kenilworth, where Kenilworth looks like a dinosaur head on the map, at Galloping Hill Golf Course today, according to Krihak. The fighting took place around every bend of the road. The fighting was heavy throughout Connecticut Farms and nonstop. The American soldiers would leave these routes and go into the woods in search of British soldiers who had cannons. Cannon balls have been found in Kenilworth.

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