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Santa has headed back North after another successful year of KFD Santa's Express. This year, Santa riding aboard our fire engine, delivered over 650 gifts to 350 different Kenilworth homes. Behind the scenes, 65 of Santa's elves put in close to 1000 volunteer man hours to help make it happen. Along the way, we also collected over 700 Toys for Tots, which we delivered to the United States Marine Corps distribution center in Woodbridge.

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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

I would like to wish the residents of Kenilworth a Happy New Year and may they have a happy and healthy new year.

As the new year enters we have the ability to wipe the slate clean and embark on a new journey as we turn the page to 2015. However quite often some people may feel compelled to overanalyze their imperfections. Then they would begin putting together a list replete with all their goals to change themselves. Sometimes this is a good thing i.e. quit smoking, donate time to charity, etc.

However, perhaps rather than dwelling on our imperfections, we should just be thankful for what we have and thankful for the health of our loved ones. Furthermore rather than dwelling on New Year's resolutions to change ourselves let's first accept ourselves for what we are – faults and all. Sure some of us stand to lose a few, save more, and eat healthier. But rather than making a New Year's resolution dwelling on ways to change ourselves perhaps we can just have a resolution focusing on the positives in our lives. Perhaps a simple resolution to enjoy our families and loved ones' company and the precious moments that we share together. Perhaps just as important, a resolution to simply enjoy life as it comes our way.

Ok, so you might not ever get your high school body back with this line of thought. I know I won't – but I am ok with that.

Mayor Fred M. Pugliese, Esq.



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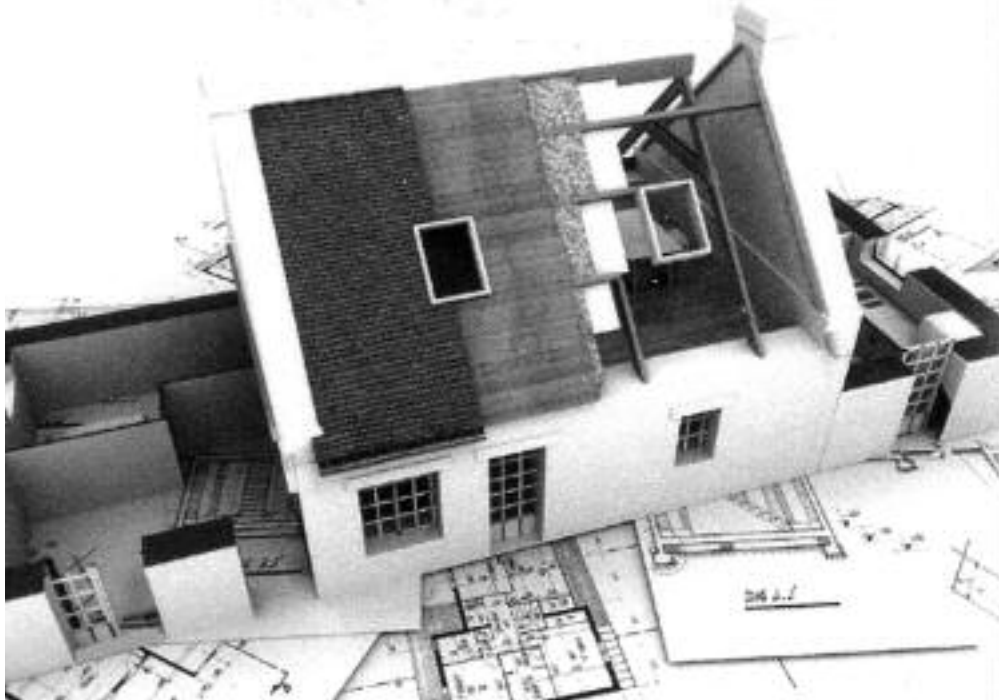
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Rockin' BBQ With “The King” to Benefit Nitschke House

On Sat., January 10, 2015, the Kenilworth Historical Society will present a Rockin' BBQ With “The King,” a fun-filled evening of great live “Elvis” music and a barbecue-style dinner, at the Kenilworth Veterans Center (33 South 21st Street) from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The event will feature award-winning “Elvis” tribute artist/singer-entertainer Jim Barone, who remarkably captures the voice, passion, style and appearance of the legendary Elvis Presley. Barone, who for many years has entertained fans throughout the United States and abroad, will present “A Tribute to Elvis Through the Years,” a live performance of favorite “Elvis” songs from the 1950s-’70s, for listening and dancing pleasure. During the evening, a delicious three-course barbecue chicken and ribs dinner prepared by popular local chefs will be served.

Admission is \$50. Advance reservations (by December 27) are required. The event seating plan accommodates eight people per table. Early reservations are encouraged to ensure availability. For reservations/tickets, please call 908-709-0434 or 908-709-0391 or visit Especially Yours Florist (13 North 20th Street, Kenilworth), where tickets for the event also are being sold.

Barone’s performances are based on a full repertoire of Elvis Presley music and embody the passion, playful swagger, humor and complete command of the audience that “Elvis” brought to the world of music. Barone began entertaining as a teenager who excelled in musical theatre. His career as an Elvis tribute

artist was launched by a simple request to perform at an Oldies Show. Through his award-winning performances worldwide, Barone has built lifelong friendships and a large fan base from a mutual love of Elvis’ music.

Proceeds from the Rockin' BBQ With “The King” will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society’s Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) “living history” museum and cultural arts center by helping defray the cost of an elevator that makes all levels of the newly restored site fully accessible to everyone.

TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN TO BENEFIT NITSCHKE HOUSE

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino (Uncasville, Conn.) on Sat., Feb. 21, 2015.

The trip will depart Kenilworth (St. Theresa’s School parking lot) at 8 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 9 p.m. Cost of \$52 includes motor coach transportation, an approximate six-hour visit to the casino, which additionally houses a wide range of distinctive shops and popular restaurants, a \$15 coupon for food and a \$10 coupon for free bets.

There will be complimentary door prizes on the bus. For further information and reservations, please call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434. As space is limited on this popular outing, it is suggested that reservations be made early to ensure availability. Gift certificates for the trip are available for purchase.



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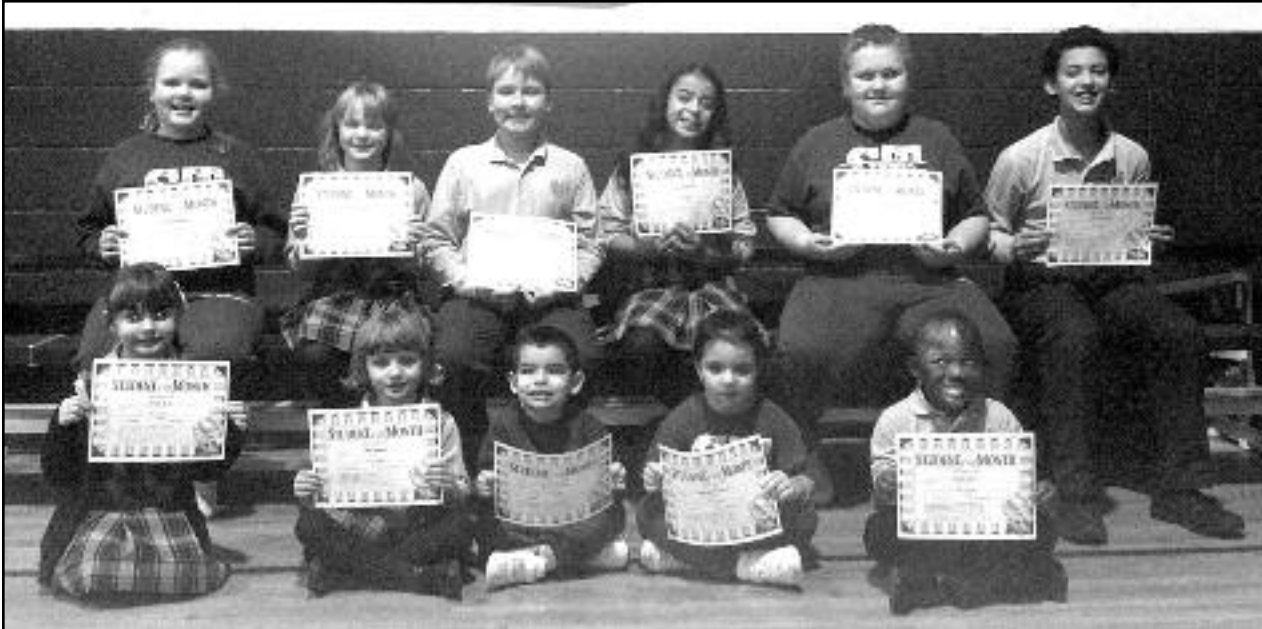
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(above) Dakota Borys, Rian Beronio, Robert Salgueiro, Gabriella Sotolongo, Jaden Francis, Madalena Benegas, Meghan Kreinberg, Armand Benegas, Gabriella Ramos, Micheal Huss, Keaton Lissinna. Not pictured: Mateo Cespedes

11 CRITICAL HOME INSPECTION TRAPS TO BE AWARE OF WEEKS BEFORE LISTING YOUR HOME FOR SALE

Kenilworth NJ - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

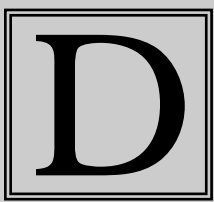
Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

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IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION DONATES FOOD TO COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF NEW JERSEY

Tim Vogel, director of food sourcing at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside, accepted food collected by the Irish Business Association at the group's December holiday party. Presenting the donation were Brian Reilly of Centric Benefits and Stephen Flood of Scomage Information Services. Vogel told Reilly and Flood that donations are always welcome and that volunteers also are needed. Visit <http://www.cfbnj.org/> to learn more. The Irish Business Association meets the second Thursday of every month at Molly Maguire's Irish Pub & Restaurant in Clark, 6:00 p.m. to

8:00 p.m. First-time guests are free. Visit <http://irishbusiness.org/>.

ABOUT THE IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Irish Business Association is an association of New Jersey business professionals and business owners launched in March 2008, committed to promoting business relationships and personal interaction within the Irish-American business community in New Jersey, based on a shared heritage. The IBA is part of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, the largest business association in the New York/Northern New Jersey Region, comprising 14 regional and local chambers. With 1,400 members, the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce has a 95 percent retention rate, the highest in the country. Visit <http://irishbusiness.org/>.

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(above, l-r) Tim Vogel, Brian Reilly, and Stephen Flood

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The club will be reaching out to high schools and colleges students interested in playing. Sherry is putting a schedule together to attract players looking for USCF rated games as well as offering programs for beginners.

The Kenilworth Chess Club is well known for thier strong players and participation in state and national tournaments. The club's website is well read and features an award winning blog by Michael Goeller. www.kenilworthchessclub.org

The club, which was established in 1972 has a reputation for being friendly and

(right, l-r) KCC members Ed Selling, NM Mark Kerrighan, Lou Sturiolo, NM Scott Massey, Jack McCorkell, John Moldovan, Luis Ruales, 2015 Club President Bob Sherry.

accommodating. It welcomes non-members with no obligation or cost. Its a place where beginners can learn in a casual setting without being intimidated.

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Scouts interested in playing can use Patriots' Path Council Munsee District Double Knot link to register on-line at ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/1564572 or Email Jim Parlapiano jim.parlapiano@bankofamerica.com.



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- There will be no parking in municipal lots from 8am-10am during snow/ice removal.
- The municipal lot at South 23rd St and South 24th St will be restricted to use by municipal employees and officials without regard to handicap parking spaces.

Failure to comply with the ordinance may result in ticketing and towing at the owner's expense. Tickets will be a fine of \$100.00.

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Wednesday 10 AM - 6 PM, Friday 10 AM - 5 PM, Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM

Closed Sunday. The Kenilworth Public Library is handicapped accessible.

facebook.com/kenilworthworth.public.library

The Winter Reading Program

From Monday, Jan 5th to Friday, Feb. 20th.

Children who were previously signed up for the Fall Reading Program will automatically be registered.

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.

Registration is required for:

Lap Sit

for babies ages 0 - 23 months

Tuesdays from 10:30 - 10:50am;

Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th, Feb. 3rd, 10th & 17th.

Toddler Time

for 2 year olds

Wednesdays from 10:30 - 10:50am;

Jan. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th, Feb. 4th, 11th & 18th.

Stories, puppets and music just right for the youngest listeners will be introduced.

STORY TIME

for children ages 3 and up

Tuesdays from 3:30- 4:00pm;

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Lego In The Library

for children ages 4 - 12 years old

Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30pm;

Jan. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th, Feb. 4th, 11th & 18th.

Register for this seven week program to build and create with 10,000 Lego bricks. Each week a new theme will be introduced to encourage creativity. Books related to the weekly theme will be available for check out.

Registration is required. Kenilworth residents may begin to register on Dec. 30, 2014. Out of town residents may begin to register on Monday, Jan 5th.

NEW PROGRAM FOR 2015!

Teen Theater Group and Volunteer Program:

Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30pm;

Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Feb. 3rd, 10th & 17th.

Teens ages 13 and up may register for this program which will provide an opportunity for teens to create puppet shows to be presented to young children. These shows may be recorded, and viewed by young children from home on their computer following live performances. Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is required beginning on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, 2014.

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Registration begins Monday, Jan. 8th.

Registration is not required for the following programs:

Bingo For Young Children

Games may include A-B-C Bingo, Number Bingo and Color & Shape Bingo. for children ages 3 & up:

Fridays from 3:30 - 4:00pm

Jan. 9th & 23rd and Feb. 6th & 20th .

Parents must remain in the library during the program.

Bingo For Children Who Can Read

Fridays from 3:30 - 4:00pm

Jan. 16th & 30th, and Feb. 13th.

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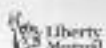
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