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Now that we have hopefully put the winter and the snow behind us we finally can look forward to the spring and the April showers that follow. It is during this month that many will celebrate resurrection as the trees, plants and flowers awaken from their winter slumber.

I hope you find the time to enjoy our parks this spring. If you see any repair or upgrades that need to be made at any of our parks please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, as many of you have requested, we are now implementing a "streetsweeper schedule" so residents will know in advance when the Borough's streetsweeper will be cleaning the roadways and curb areas that abut your homes. This will allow you to remove any vehicles from the roadway abutting your property on days that the streetsweeper is scheduled to be in your neighborhood. This schedule will start on Monday, April 6th.

The streetsweeper schedule can be found on the Borough website which is [www.kenilworthborough.com](http://www.kenilworthborough.com) or you may contact the Public Works Department directly at 908-276-5073 to inquire on what day you can expect the streetsweeper to be cleaning the roadway abutting your property. Currently this streetsweeper schedule is in the testing phase and therefore, any feedback with regard to the implementation of this program would be appreciated by either contacting the Borough Clerk at 908-276-9090 or myself at [f.pugliese@kenilworthnj.org](mailto:f.pugliese@kenilworthnj.org).

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(above, r-l) Darlene Candarella was presented with the 2014 Volunteer of the Year award by Kenilworth's Mayor Fred Pugliese and Council.

### Union County Historical Society SPECIAL NOTICE

The Society has made arrangements for our annual dinner/meeting to be held at the Garden Restaurant, 943 Magie Avenue, Union, near the Elizabeth/Union boundary line. This event will take place at 2:00 PM on April 12, 2015.

The menu will consist of a salad, the diner's choice of either chicken, fish, or pasta and dessert and beverage. The cost for each meal will be \$25.00, which is barely enough to cover our expenses. It is necessary that reservations must be made and paid in advance, by filling out and returning the order blank at the bottom of this page. The restaurant requires that we have at least thirty diners in order to retain this price and room, so please get your orders in early and relieve the mental load on the dinner committee members. An addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

As this dinner is also our April Meeting, any necessary business action will be accomplished, but with as little inconvenience as possible. An interesting program will also be presented by Walter Boright, who will be our guest speaker..

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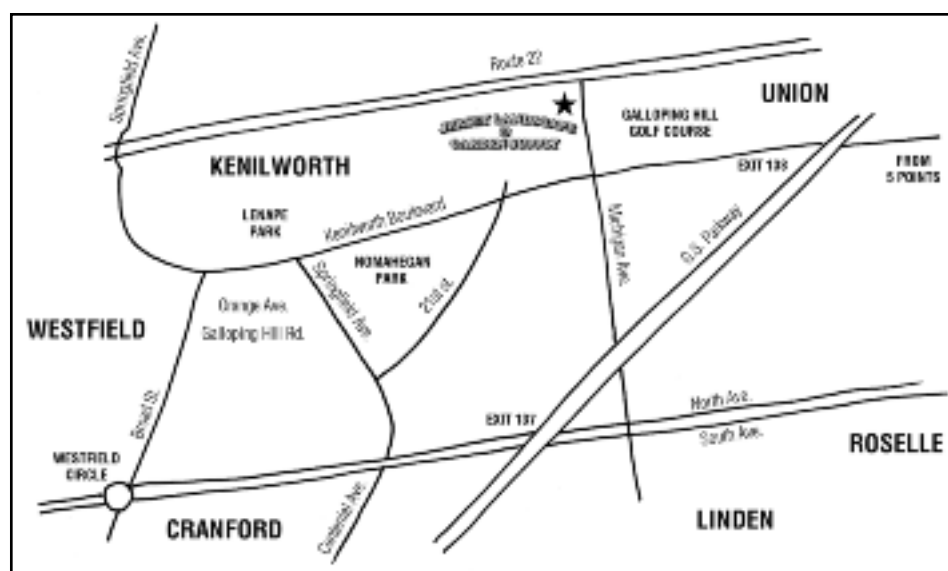
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Ms. Nichole Spampinato and Mrs. Elizabeth Marranca, believed this service project afforded their students the ability to connect our small community with our protectors through small acts of compassion.



(above) David Brearley Middle/High school students collected all kinds of toiletries to send to the soldiers overseas. The VFW in Kenilworth will be shipping all the items to the servicemen and women.

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## BREARLEY STUDENTS RECEIVE KENILWORTH HISTORY LESSON

On February 26 Kenilworth historian Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., presented assembly programs to middle school students at the David Brearey Middle-High School. The Kenilworth native first met with seventh graders and later with eighth graders.

Dr. Boright discussed local history on and immediately around the school grounds. Students were treated to old maps and aerial views of the campus depicting the long gone Jackson Pond and the many activities there with young boys wading into water to pick water lilies to sell, ice skating in winter, and hunting for muskrats and snapping turtles. Students learned about the Frost Farm, later the Kenilworth Greenhouses, that fronted on Cross St. and ran deep into what is the school yard.

The significance of various buildings around the school were presented through discussion

and photography. These included the David Stein house at 481 Washington Ave. which served as a Jewish house of worship in the early 1900s, and was looked upon as a synagogue; the Hotel New Orange that once stood at the northeast corner of Washington Ave. and No. 19th St.; the old Frost Farm house, dating to the 1850s, still standing at 22 Cross St.; and the old Antrobus home at 144 Cross St.

Dr. Boright also talked about the Krebs house, that once stood on the front lawn of the school, where the notorious Union County bandits were captured at gun point in February 1921. Students heard a recording of the words of the late Michael Wojcio whose family lived across the street from the school at 216 No. 16th St. They had a small farm there before and after WWI.

With Black History Month and Women in History Month running back to back in February

and March, the historian reviewed some of the contributions Kenilworth African-Americans and Kenilworth women made who lived in the immediate area of the school. Among these people were the Antrobus sisters – Myra, the Borough's first librarian, and Beryl, an early history teacher at Harding School; Nancy Major, an ex-slave, who lived locally in the 1920s and 1930s; Addie Smith, the community's first black businesswoman; and Howard Anthony, a prominent local African-American businessman, civic leader, and board of education member – all of whom, lived across the street from the school at some point. Dr. Boright discussed Driver's Maple Inn Tavern that was located on the Monroe Ave. side of the campus in the 1930s to the 1950s. It was a mecca for dances and entertainment with well-known African-American musicians and entertainers performing there.

The program was the result of an invitation from Mrs. Diane Westbrook, social studies teacher, with the support of school administration. Dr. Boright will be the featured speaker at the April 12 annual dinner meeting of the Union County Historical Society where he will present a program about the governors of New Jersey who were Union County residents. He is scheduled to speak at the May meeting of the Kenilworth Historical Society.

Persons interested in attending these programs or who have information about history or artifacts or documents may contact Dr. Boright of Historic Signs, Inc., at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.



(above, left) The former David Stein house, 481 Washington Ave., served as a Jewish house of worship in the early 1900s and was considered the local synagogue. (above, right) The old Frost Farm House, dating to the 1850s, still stands at 22 Cross Street.



(above) Addie Smith, first African-American businesswoman in Kenilworth, operated a beauty shop from her home on N. 17th St.

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL EVENT TO FIGHT CANCER

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The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Kenilworth is a unique event that brings residents from Union County and surrounding communities together to get involved in the fight against cancer. New participants as well as experienced volunteers are welcome to learn how a little bit of time can make a huge difference in the battle against this disease.

The annual overnight event will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2015, 6:00 pm at David Brearley High School, 401 Monroe Avenue, Kenilworth, New Jersey.

Relay For Life of Kenilworth is unlike any other fundraising "walk-a-thon". In addition to raising contributions to fund cancer research, this experience offers a fun and rewarding way to raise awareness and empower all who face this life threatening disease. Teams and individuals camp out overnight and enjoy entertainment, while taking turns walking, running or wheeling around a track "Relay" style.

Those who have fought their own personal battle against cancer are celebrated and those lost to the disease are remembered during the event. Last year's Relay For Life of Kenilworth featured 50 Cancer Survivors who were honored by nearly five-hundred participants for their fighting spirit and for inspiring others to celebrate life.

The 2014 event raised nearly \$47,000. Contributions to Relay For Life are used to fund American Cancer Society research, patient services, disease prevention, and advocacy.

Volunteer participants are instrumental in the success of this annual event. A wide variety of opportunities are available to all in the community who are willing to donate their time. Opportunities include: On-Site Event Volunteers to assist with tasks before, during, and after closing ceremonies, Kids Fun Tent, and Activities Coordinator. A variety of entertainers and performers keep the excitement flowing throughout the night. Those who wish to donate time on a Saturday night should contact the ACS office well in advance to make arrangements.

The Luminaria Ceremony is one of the defining moments at all Relay For Life events. Hundreds of candles are lit around the track to honor cancer survivors and to remember those lost to the disease. A successful Luminaria Ceremony requires many volunteers to assemble and set-up candles around the track the day of the event. A group or club would be ideal, but individuals are invited to assist as well.

Volunteer Planning Committee positions are open to those who would like to take a more active role in planning the Kenilworth event. Opportunities include arranging and overseeing Entertainment, ACS Mission, Recognition, and Sponsorship.

New teams and Team Captains as well as individual participants are always welcome to join and contribute fresh ideas. Groups of all types and sizes such as businesses, community groups, civic associations, religious organizations, schools, informal groups of friends and family as well as individuals are



(above) Hundreds of candles in honor of those who've endured cancer line the track at a New Jersey Relay For Life. The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for their upcoming event in Kenilworth which will take place on Saturday, June 13 to 14, 2015.

(photo by) Ruthanne Brown, American Cancer Society Volunteer

welcome to participate on different levels by forming a team or sponsoring Relay For Life of Kenilworth. Sponsorships can be tailored to meet each group's ability to give.

All who would like to learn more are invited to attend Relay For Life meetings, held monthly in preparation for the event. The meetings will be held at Kenilworth Recreation Center, 575 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ on April 8 and May 13 at 6:30 pm.

For detailed information on all volunteer opportunities and to learn how to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Kenilworth, contact Chrissy Andrascik – ACS/Relay For Life Staff Partner; email [Christina.Andrascik@cancer.org](mailto:Christina.Andrascik@cancer.org), phone 973-232-2573. Also visit the web [www.relayforlife.org/kenilworthnj](http://www.relayforlife.org/kenilworthnj) for event updates.

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The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino (Uncasville, Conn.) on Sat., May 2, 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.

Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) by helping defray the cost of an elevator that makes the newly restored "living history" museum and cultural arts center fully accessible to everyone.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the Oswald J. Nitschke House, local history and culture.

## KENILWORTH DISTRICT ANNOUNCES RE-REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS

The Kenilworth Board of Education will be conducting a re-registration of all students presently enrolled in odd-numbered grades at Harding Elementary School and David Brearley Middle- High School. Parents with children enrolled in any of the following grades, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, or 11, must re-register their children at the Harding School Gymnasium on Wednesday, May 6 from 2:00-6:00 PM and Thursday, May 7 from 4:00-7:00 PM.

This re-registration process will provide parents with the opportunity to update all student information for accuracy and ensure all children presently enrolled in the school district are legal residents of Kenilworth and entitled to a free public education. With the rising costs of educating a child today, the Board of Education wants to ensure that Kenilworth taxpayers are paying for residents' children only. Students not re-registered in May will not be permitted to attend school in September until re-registration is completed.

This is a mandatory re-registration. If you do not re-register your child, they will not be permitted to attend school in September.

The following documents must be brought to the Harding School Gymnasium on the day of re-registration. You will need to provide an original document and a copy from each category below. All documents from Categories I, II, and III must be dated from March or April of 2015. Information and re-registration forms are available at [www.KenilworthSchools.com](http://www.KenilworthSchools.com).

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1. Proof of Guardianship
  - a. Court Order
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015 FROM 2:00-6:00PM  
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Questions concerning re-registration may be e-mailed to the building-level administrators. Harding Elementary School:

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The cost is \$10.00 per person and we try to serve a great meal for a reasonable price. Our guests will enjoy a Caesar Salad, Penne/Ziti Pasta with Homemade Gravy, BJ's Angus meatballs, great bread and butter, desserts, and hot coffee/tea and bottle water. This fundraiser is a tremendous event because we received so many donations from our local businesses and organizations.

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Maker culture has been gaining significant speed and popularity with the general public

throughout the last few years, especially among entrepreneurs, creative professionals, and young people. New Jersey boasts many locations with makerspaces and studios, and our state has certainly proven a commitment to supporting creation, development, and innovative play.

For more information regarding upcoming events, like us on Facebook, check out our website at [www.kenilworthlibrary.org](http://www.kenilworthlibrary.org) or stop by for a visit. The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth NJ. Our phone number is 908 276-2451.



(above) Librarian Kathleen Czarnecki demonstrates spinning on a DIY drop spindle.



(above) Experimenting with conductivity.



(above) The Library's new 3D printer, thanks to a generous donation from the Ralph W. Errington Fund.

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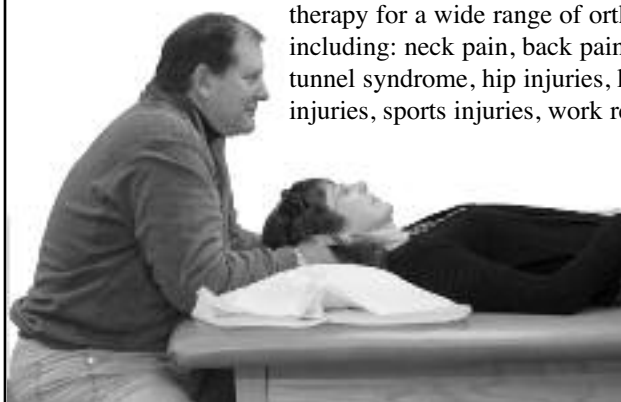
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Mrs. Fernandes and her 4th grade class at St. Theresa School in Kenilworth had an afternoon of playing in the forest among the redwoods and sequoias. Master Tree Steward Ed

Santoriello discussed the importance of trees through plays, samples and a video. He spoke of the benefits and products from the trees as well as recycling and replacing them.



(above) Play acting Melody Cadet and Armand Benegas along with Mr. Santoriello.



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# KENILWORTH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Located at 548 Boulevard. Library website is [www.kenilworthlibrary.org](http://www.kenilworthlibrary.org).

Registration for programs may be done in person at the library or by calling 908 276-2451.

The library's regular schedule of operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10am - 8pm, Wednesday 10am - 6 pm, Friday 10am - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 2pm. Closed Sunday.

The Kenilworth Public Library is handicapped accessible.

[facebook.com/kenilworthworth.public.library](https://facebook.com/kenilworthworth.public.library)

## The Spring Reading Program

Monday, March 30th til Friday, May 15th.

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

Children must be registered in one of the following programs in order to participate in any other Kenilworth 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 Readsalo

a reading program for children ages 9 - 12.

### Registration is required for:

#### Lap Sit or babies ages 0 - 23 months

Tuesdays from 10:30 - 10:50am

March 31, April 7, 14, 21 & 28 and May 5 & 12.

#### Toddler Time for 2 year olds

Wednesdays from 10:30 - 10:50am;

April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 and May 6 & 13.

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

#### STORY TIME for children ages 3 and up

Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:00pm;

April 2, 9, 23 & 30 and May 14.

#### Learn About Owls

Thursday, April 16th at 3:30 - 4:30pm.

Children will learn about and view up close live owls.

This program will be presented by The Raptor Trust located in Millington, NJ.

Children ages 4 and up are invited to register.

Kenilworth residents may begin to register on April 9. Out of town residents may begin to register on April 13.

### Learn About Wolves

Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 - 7:45pm.

Children will learn about and view up close live wolves.

This program will be presented by Howling Woods Farm located in Jackson, NJ.

Children ages 4 & up are invited to register.

Kenilworth residents may begin to register on April 30. Out of town residents may begin to register on May 5.

### Lego In The Library

Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm for children ages 4 - 12 years old; April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 and May 6 & 13 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.

### Registration not required for these programs:

#### Bingo For Young Children

Fridays from 3:30 - 4:00pm for children ages 3 & up: April 10 & 24 and May 8.

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

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The Tea will begin at noon at the Kenilworth Gospel Chapel hall, 103 South 23rd Street, Kenilworth, where the ambience of a tearoom is being created for the event. In addition to providing an array of assorted teas, tea sandwiches, scones and desserts, the event will include a gift auction and door prizes. Admission is \$28. Advance reservations (by April 16) are required, as seating is limited. For reservations/tickets, please call 908-709-0434, 908-709-0391 or visit Especially Yours Florist at 13 North 20th Street, Kenilworth.

This year's annual Tea is being dedicated to Kenilworth Historical Society board member

and lifelong Kenilworth resident Eleanor Combs, who passed away last September. Eleanor always looked forward to the Historical Society's Teas and contributed significantly to their successful evolution over the years.

As a certified tea specialist and tea educator, Meyers-Perry has a 20-year relationship with tea that has allowed her to build friendships with other tea enthusiasts throughout the world.

Her tea experiences led her to establish a blog, "The Tea Enthusiast's Scrapbook" ([www.theteaenthusiastsscrapbook.com](http://www.theteaenthusiastsscrapbook.com)), and an online retail store, "The Tea Lover's Archives" ([www.thetealoversarchives.com](http://www.thetealoversarchives.com)).

Meyers-Perry is a board member and vice president of the Mid Atlantic Tea Association and is a member of many other professional organizations as well, including the Tea Association of the USA, The Association of Tea Bloggers and the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners. She graduated from the Specialty Tea Institute in 2012 and has lectured and exhibited extensively at numerous tea expositions/events, including the World Tea Expo and the New York City Coffee and Tea

Festival. She also has traveled internationally, including participation in the Floating Leaves Taiwan Tea Tour, where she acquired firsthand knowledge about tea from tea masters.

Proceeds from the April 25th Tea 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 and furnished site fully accessible to everyone.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the Oswald J. Nitschke House, local history and culture.

The Kenilworth Gospel Chapel is an independent community Bible church with a congregation of approximately 165 adults and children. The chapel was constructed in 1936 by a number of chapel members, including the family of local pioneer James Arthur, who built many homes in the area in the late 19th/early 20th centuries and founded the New Orange Park project.



(above) Shown here at the National Palace Museum in Taiwan, certified tea specialist and collector Darlene Meyers-Perry of Roselle, N.J., will be the featured guest speaker for "Teapot Tales," the Kenilworth Historical Society's April 25th annual Tea benefit for the local historic Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center. Meyers-Perry will present "Confessions of a Teapot Collector," the fascinating stories behind her vast collection of teapots from around the world, and will offer insight into the practice of teapot collecting. Also shown are two of the many unusual teapots from Meyers-Perry's collection, which will be displayed and discussed during the "Teapot Tales" event.

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