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A communitywide garage sale will be held in Kenilworth on October 5th and 6th. This major event, sponsored by the Kenilworth Historical Society, will take place, rain or shine, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. Nearly 200 residences participated in Kenilworth's Communitywide Garage Sale last fall, and this year's participation is expected to equal or exceed that of last year.

Residents who register and pay a \$12 fee to hold garage sales at their homes anytime during the October 5th and 6th weekend will receive a certificate representing the Borough's permission to proceed and will benefit from the Kenilworth Historical Society's statewide advertising of the communitywide event via major newspapers, Web sites and prominently placed signage and fliers. The addresses of registered participating residences will be included in a Kenilworth Communitywide Garage Sale listing and map that will be available in quantity, free of charge, at the Kenilworth A&P Customer Service desk (801 Boulevard),

Borough Clerk's Office (567 Boulevard), Public Library (548 Boulevard), and Especially Yours Florist (13 N. 20th Street) after Oct. 3. The listing also will be posted on the Borough of Kenilworth Web site (www.kenilworthborough.com).

Communitywide Garage Sale registration forms with instructions may be obtained at the Kenilworth Borough Clerk's Office/Borough Hall, Public Library, Especially Yours Florist and on the Borough of Kenilworth Web site. The registration deadline is Sept. 25.

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

The Kenilworth Historical Society is sponsoring the Communitywide Garage Sale as a service to the community. Any proceeds after Borough permit fees, advertising and other related costs are paid will benefit the organization's ongoing project to restore the 19th-century Oswald J. Nitschke House and transform it into Kenilworth's first "living history" museum and cultural arts center.

LEMONADE FOR A CAUSE

(pictured) Ten-year-old Isabella Russo, (left) of Kenilworth wanted to spend her summer helping others. She, along with some friends, set up a stand in her driveway and sold cups of lemonade for \$1.00. Isabella raised \$150.00 in sales and she generously donated A&P gift cards to the St. Theresa food pantry.



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ACTION PACKED SUMMER CONTINUES

On September 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., the Borough will once again remember those who lost their lives at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The ceremony will be held at the memorial in front of Borough Hall.

The Borough has recognized this tragic event every year and it is my hope and intention that we continue to do so far into the future. It is important that we remember Robert Kaulfers, John Tobin and John Ueltzhoeffer and every other individual who died as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. A total of 2,966 people died in those attacks, and they should never be forgotten. I am proud that my fellow residents gather each year, young and old, to remember them and to pray for them.

The Michael Vitale, Sr. annual Health Fair will be held on September 28, 2013 at St. Theresa's School from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Immunizations, flu shots and medical screening tests will be available. If you intend to have blood tests, please remember to fast. For further information, contact the Health Department at 908 276 2740.

There will also be a bloodmobile in the parking lot. Blood donations are always needed. If you are able to donate, it would be much appreciated.

The annual Historical Society community garage sale will be held on October 5 and 6, 2013. Permit applications can be obtained at the clerk's office at Borough Hall or on the Borough's website. The fee is \$12.00.

The community garage sale has been very successful for the Historical Society and those holding sales. Everyone who registers will have their address listed in a booklet which will be distributed to all shoppers. There were close to 200 registrants for the 2012 garage sale, drawing a huge amount of shoppers. A copy of the listing will be available on the Borough website, www.kenilworthborough.com on October 4. Please check back to get your listing!

The highly successful Kenilworth Street Fair will be held on October 27, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be vendors, rides for the kids and food for all. The fair draws many people from around the County each year and is a great advertisement for the Borough. Come and enjoy the fun and visit the vendor booths during the day.

On behalf of the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, thanks to all who made the annual carnival a huge success. The good weather helped to contribute to a great turnout each night. The carnival is the major fundraiser for our volunteers who do a fantastic job for the Borough.

Mayor Kathi Fiamingo

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KENILWORTH 12U GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

(above) The Kenilworth 12U Girls Softball Team played in the Parkway Invitational Softball League 2013 and finished in 4th place with a record of 7 wins and 4 losses.



(above, l-r) Amanda Griffin, Camryn Hemhauser, Samantha Perrette, Hannah Bondalo, Nikki Smith, (back left) Olivia Spoto, Karyn Shimazu, Alyssa Filippone, Caitlin Ryan, Olivia Cristello.

FUN FOR ALL AT KVFD CARNIVAL!

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

The Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad held its annual carnival August 19 through the 24th at St. Theresa's School. The KFD Carnival has been a summertime tradition for over 14 years.

Thousands of local residents of all ages enjoyed the fun: carnival rides, games of chance, great food, music and the opportunity to buy tickets to for the Super 50/50 (the winning ticket was drawn on the 24th and the grand prize was over \$5,000).

The Carnival is the KVFD's main fundraising effort and all net proceeds benefit the volunteer fire/rescue support operations.



(above) Isabel Munoz, Chairwoman, Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce.

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UNDERSTANDING NEW JERSEY HIGH SCHOOL RANKINGS

Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent, Kenilworth Public Schools

Preliminary analysis of 2012-2013 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) data shows the Brearley Middle-High School has seen very strong growth in the area of language arts literacy and mathematics. Unfortunately, this growth was not presented in the recent Newark Star Ledger's Inside Jersey magazine ranking of "New Jersey's Top Performing High Schools" (published August 15, 2013). Looking at SAT scores and HSPA language arts and math score growth over four years' time (2007-2008 through 2011-2012), the magazine graded high schools using a four-level letter system. Brearley was outperformed by other high schools in the region.

Had the 2012-2013 HSPA scores been taken into account, Brearley's letter grade would have no doubt been higher than was published. An initial look at test scores shows that Kenilworth's Eleventh Graders exhibited 10% growth in the area of language arts literacy and close to 6% growth in mathematics. Inside Jersey only listed a .6% growth rate in HSPA scores over four years' time. It is difficult to determine how our very strong 2012-2013 scores would have influenced the rankings, but I am sure Kenilworth parents know that such improvement would have elevated our stature. This growth is an early testament to the increased rigor of the content we

require students to learn and the greater focus on differentiating instruction to meet individual learner needs in the classroom.

The SAT is one of two popular college admissions tests. The Kenilworth Schools Leadership Team has already begun to put measures in place that will put the focus back on the SAT. All sophomore and junior students will be required to take the PSAT, the preparation assessment for the SAT. Teachers will also be incorporating additional SAT preparation work in the school's Personalized Student Learning Plan (PSLP) sessions that are held daily for 20 minutes.

Performance data aside, there are programs at Brearley that merit mention when considering a list of "top performing" high schools. The Kenilworth Scholars' Academy has been serving the community's strongest academic performers by providing them college-level learning experiences. The proven-effective Alternative Classroom Experience (ACE) for at-risk students has helped young adults prone to dropping out of school obtain their diploma. Brearley's pioneering Personalized Student Learning Plan program has paired teacher mentors with students for their entire four-year career at the high school. The Brearley athletic program has not only boasted championship level competitive teams but has developed a reputation as a program that focuses as much on

the integrity of the games our athletes play as it does the games' competition.

Today's "top performing high school" is considered in light of standardized test scores by many publications, including Inside Jersey. Using test scores to judge schools is a slippery slope way of measuring success. Data can be manipulated to show different things depending on who analyzes the data and why the data is being analyzed. What's more, test score data cannot assess a student's social and emotional growth, or the student's ability to apply his skills in the "real world."

I recognize educators are working in a new age of accountability, and I think this accountability is a good thing. I also recognize the need to find useful assessments like standardized tests to determine if leaders and teachers are effectively educating kids. To this end, the community should know that teachers and school leaders have been working extremely hard on improving our standardized test scores without sacrificing teaching our kids the things we know the community values. Our work is already paying off as evidenced by the most recent round of NJASK and HSPA tests, but we still have a great deal of work to do. Our school system is on the rise and while not being ranked among the best schools in the state will one day soon be world class and perennially listed as "top performing."



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATED

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime," was celebrated in Kenilworth on August 6 with a festive block party held on Commonwealth Road. Over 100 neighbors and friends shared camaraderie, and enjoyed great food and music on a warm summer evening.

A delicious buffet was prepared and donated by Dino and Lisa Cascarano of the Three Guys from Italy Restaurant located on 20th Street. Aura Sierra baked and donated a sumptuous array of desserts. Special thanks to the Kenilworth Police Department for their assistance.

As mentioned by Mayor Kathi Fiamingo in last month's issue, National Night Out was introduced in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities,

police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie, and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



(right, l-r) Sammy Smith, Kayla Denunzio, Laura Camelo and Heather Wetzel.

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(above, l-r) Scott Miller, David Brearley High School Head Football and longtime team booster Jerry Ramos meet up at Pop Warner Day held at the Football Field on July 29th.

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Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
S Saturday	Aug. 24	North Plainfield High School	David Brearley MS/HS	10:00AM
S Saturday	Aug. 31	@ South River	South River	11:00AM
S Thursday	Sep. 05	Bogota High School	David Brearley MS/HS	7:00PM
Thursday	Sep. 12	@ New Providence H.S.	New Providence H.S.	6:00PM
Friday	Sep. 20	Bernards H.S.	David Brearley MS/HS	7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 27	@ Belvidere High School, NJ	Belvidere High School, NJ	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 04	Jonathan Dayton H.S.	David Brearley MS/HS	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 11	@ Roselle Park High School	Roselle Park High School	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 18	South Hunterdon	David Brearley MS/HS	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 25	Pingry School	David Brearley MS/HS	7:00PM
Friday	Nov. 01	@ Manville High School	Manville High School	7:00PM
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Kenilworth Police Chief John Zimmerman has announced that a team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will arrive on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, to examine all aspects of the Kenilworth Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. "Verification by the team that the Kenilworth Police Department meets the Commission's "best practice" standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence", Chief Zimmerman said.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments by calling (908) 276-1760 on Wednesday, September 25th, 2013 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Telephone comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the NJSACOP standards. A copy of the standards is available for inspection at the Kenilworth Police Department, located at 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth. The local contact for the standards copy is Detective Chris Bryson, who can be reached at (908) 276-1761.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Kenilworth Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to write: New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, 11,000 Lincoln Drive West, Suite 12, Marlton, N.J. 08053.

The Kenilworth Police Department must comply with 100 standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Zimmerman indicated, "Accreditation results in greater accountability within our department, reduced risk and liability exposure, stronger defense against civil lawsuits, increased community advocacy, and more confidence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and respond to community needs."

The Accreditation Program Manager for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police is Mr. Harry J Delgado. "Accreditation provides objective evidence of an agency's commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management and service delivery" Harry J Delgado stated.

Accreditation is valid for a three-year period during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to their continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police through its New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the State of New Jersey. For more information regarding the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission please write the Commission at New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 11,000 Lincoln Drive West, Suite 12, Marlton, N.J. 08053



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LIBRARY EVENTS

Registration for the Fall Reading Program begins Monday, September 9.

The reading club begins on Monday, September 23rd and concludes on Friday, November 8.

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 program for children ages 2 to 5.

I Can Read

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Club Readsalot

a reading program for children ages 9 to 12.

Registration is required for:

Lap Sit

Tuesdays from 10:30 to 10:50 am: September 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; and November 5.

for ages 0 to 23 months will be held on the following

Toddler Time

Wednesdays from 10:30 to 10:50 am: September 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and November 6.

Stories, puppets and music just right for young listeners will be introduced. for 2 year olds

PJ Story Time

Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:00 pm: September 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24; and November 7.

Children wear their pajamas to this program, and bring along a stuffed animal, too. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to the October 24 PJ Story Time session. for children ages 3 and up

PJ Story Time special events include:

Paso Fino Friends, September 26. Horses will be the theme of this story time session. Children will listen to a story about horses, and (weather permitting) meet our special guests: two beautiful Paso Fino horses who will be visiting our library.

Bingo for Young Children

Fridays from 3:30 to 4:00pm

September 27, October 11 and November 1.

for children ages 3 and up: Games may include A-B-C Bingo, Number Bingo and Color & Shape Bingo. Parents must remain in the library during the program.

Registration is not required.

Bingo for Children Who Can Read

Fridays from 3:30 to 4:00pm in the Activity Room:

October 4, 18; and Nov. 8.

Games may include Book Bingo, USA Bingo, History Bingo and Kenilworth Bingo. Parents do not participate in this program.

KENILWORTH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Located at 548 Boulevard. Library website is 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: Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM,

Wed: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Fri: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sat: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Kenilworth Public Library is handicapped accessible.

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FOURTH ANNUAL LIBRARYFEST

The Kenilworth Public Library gave everyone the chance to celebrate their summer reading club accomplishments with our fourth annual LibraryFest event. Participants enjoyed the amazing juggling of "David Darwin," received a special balloon sculpture made just for them by Mark Dolson and Tweedles; marveled at the sleight of hand of magician Francis Menotti, and received a special gift from the library. In addition to these activities, children had an opportunity to bounce in the Kenilworth Castle

through a donated visit from Bouncing House Family Fun, visit with Bjorn, the unofficial mascot of the Kenilworth Public Library and his owner Councilman Scott Klinder, and pose for a photo with Somerset Patriots mascot Sparkee the dog.

LibraryFest has been funded by The Pat Malfetti Memorial Fund, an ARTS Grant, and The Friends Of The Kenilworth Public Library.



(above) Children visit with Sparkee, the Somerset Patriots mascot, and Bjorn the unofficial mascot of the Kenilworth Library.



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SCOUTS GIVE LIBRARY GROUNDS A FACELIFT

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

The Kenilworth Library grounds received a much needed (and much appreciated) facelift courtesy of Boy Scout Troop 83 on July 13.

Working in near record heat, high humidity and occasional rain, the boys trimmed, raked, weeded and mulched the grounds, and did "An outstanding job.", said Library Director Michael Maziekien.

The project was spearheaded by Barbara and Bob Herbert (Barbara is a Library Trustee and she approached the Library about the Boy Scouts undertaking the project). Scouts Anthony Balboa, Andrew Cherego, Joseph Gasper, Robbie Herbert, John Relovsky and David Villafranca volunteered their time to perform service hours for Boy Scouts and Confirmation. Cub Scout Andrew Gasper also assisted. The mulch needed for the project was donated and delivered by Kenilworth business New Jersey Landscape and Garden Supply.

Keep up on all current library activities and programs by visiting its Facebook page: kenilworth.public.library.

(right, l to r) Andrew Cherego, Robbie Herbert, Joseph Gasper, David Villafranca, John Relovsky and Anthony Balboa.

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RAFFLE WINNERS

The Kenilworth Public Library recently held a raffle for a Family visit to Field Station: Dinosaurs located in Secaucus. Members of the summer reading club and their families had an opportunity to enter the raffle through July 26. The winner of this family four pack of tickets is Robert Mandelbaum.



(above, r-l) Field Station: Dinosaurs raffle winner, Robert Mandelbaum with his daughter Shayna and his wife.

(right) Alicia Gaines, age 15 of Kenilworth was the winner of a raffle held at The Kenilworth Public Library. The prize was the five book hardcover series, *The Immortal Instruments*. This popular young adult fiction series has been made into a movie which will be released in August.



BASK IN "NATURE'S GENTLE EXPRESSION" AT GALLERY ON THE BOULEVARD

The Gallery on the Boulevard at the Kenilworth Public Library will feature the work of New Jersey Artist Beth Simonelli from August 29 to October 31, 2013. "Nature's Gentle Expression" celebrates a variety of the many soft watercolor tones of nature that the artist has discovered through her travels around the world.

"I am energized by the interaction of water with paint since the water seems to take on a life of its own as it meets the paper," Ms. Simonelli wrote in a statement describing the exhibit. "Water becomes a partner and assists me in the development of my artwork."

The artist prefers to use "softer tones and hues with a light touch," and cites her "fascination with travel" as an influence on her work. She has used watercolors to highlight the unique hues of verdure in Sienna, Italy. Currently she is adding the final charm to a piece depicting a quiet canal in Burano, Italy.

Ms. Simonelli is affiliated with the Roselle Art Association and the Art Guild of New Jersey, where she is guided and inspired by local artists

Laura Brown, Lito David and Tony Nicoli. Some of her works, including "Boy on the Beach," "Pacific Serenade," and "Woods in Fawn Lake" have previously been displayed in various local art exhibits such as the Union County Senior Art Exhibit and the Tomasulo Art Gallery.

Ms. Simonelli received her undergraduate degree in Education from Newark State College (now Kean University) and her Masters in Administration from Seton Hall University. After retiring from teaching, she was inspired to paint with watercolors when she enrolled in a painting course at Union County College. Her technique developed over time as she gradually defined her own soft use of color.

The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard. More information about the library, hours of operation, and programs can be found at www.kenilworthlibrary.org. Artists interested in displaying their work are encouraged to contact director Michael Maziekien for more information.

SATURDAY NIGHT WITH SINATRA TO BENEFIT KENILWORTH'S NITSCHKE HOUSE 'LIFT CAMPAIGN'

On Sat., Sept. 28, the Kenilworth Historical Society will present "Saturday Night with Sinatra and Pasta," a fun-filled evening of great music and Italian cuisine, at the Kenilworth Veterans Center (33 South 21st Street) from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The event will feature music, for listening and dancing pleasure, by accomplished singer-entertainer Chris "Sinatra" Jago, who mirrors to perfection the voice and magic of the legendary Frank Sinatra. Jago will take guests back in time through his live performance of favorite tunes for which Sinatra was famous during the 1940s-1980s.

During the evening, a delicious three-course Italian pasta dinner prepared by popular local chefs Sal and Darlene Candarella will be served. Admission is \$35. Advance reservations (by Sept. 20) are required.

Jago, who performs a full repertoire of Sinatra music, has been entertaining and impressing guests at weddings, talent shows and tribute shows throughout New Jersey and New York for the past several years.

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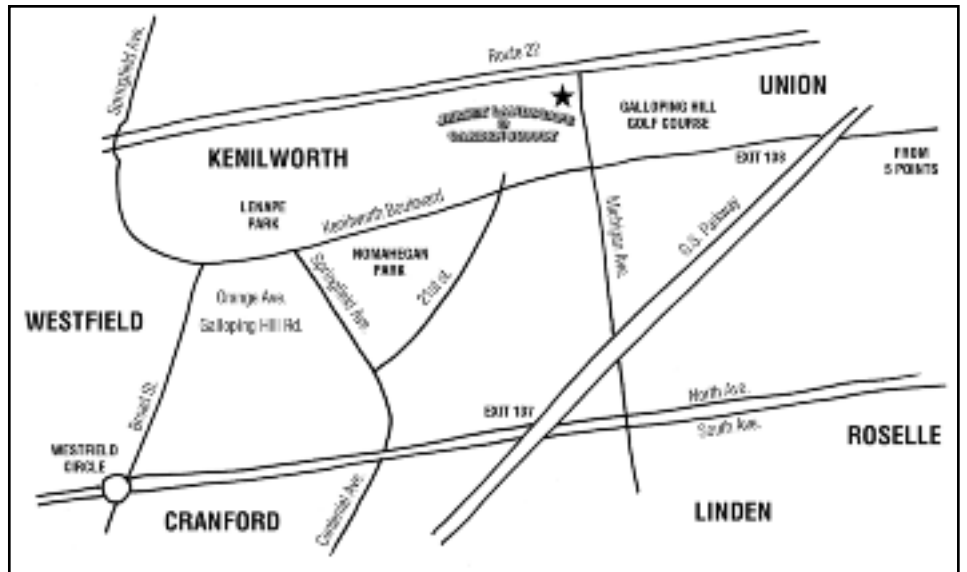
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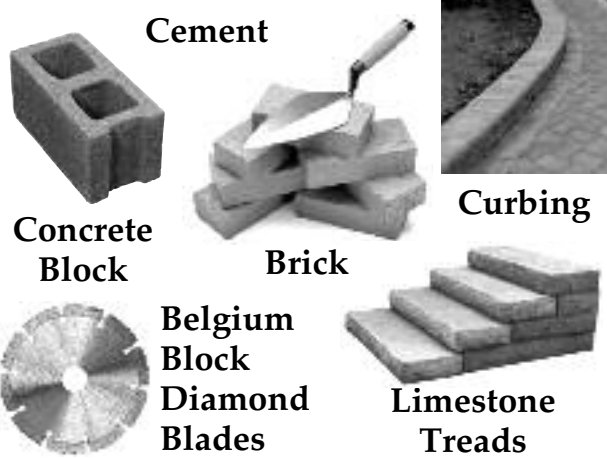
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