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#### **KPD PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME**

The Kenilworth Police Department hosted a National Night Out event at Harding Elementary School on Monday, August 5th, 2019. They were joined by Kenilworths' Fire Department, Rescue Squad, the Union County Prosecutors Office, and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol officers.

The first responders held demonstrations for the kids, and allowed them to explore their vehicles and ask questions. The event also featured a face painting station, inflatable activities, a DJ, and free food.

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#### **MEMO FROM THE MAYOR**



Welcome Back Fall! Kenilworthians, I hope the Summer months were good to everyone, but now it's time to get ready for the Autumn season! That means back to school kids, and that means a busy schedule of events and happenings throughout the Boro. Before we get into the timeline of events I want to remind you to be alert when Driving, Biking or walking and always if you see something say something.

September means the Atlantic hurricane season is in full swing, which runs from June 1 to November 30. Now we have all been through some

bad storms before and the best way to get through these is to be prepared! Have a plan, stock up on fresh batteries, candles, water and make sure the gas tank is topped off. In the event of a bad storm, the Boro will do it's upmost to maintain lines of communication to keep you informed.

Make sure to stop in and check out Kenilworth's Jersey Fresh Farmer's Market. Every Saturday from 10 to 3 at the United Methodist Church at 455 Boulevard until November 9. For more details please call Darlene Candarella at 908-447-9421 or email at apclerk@kenilworthnj.org.

Here are some important dates for September:

September 2: Labor Day Observed.

September 5: Back to school! Please remember to be careful when driving, the Boulevard and Monroe Ave get congested during drop-off and pick-up, drive cautiously, and obey all traffic laws. At designated cross-walks pedestrians have the right-of-way, come to a full stop, and pay attention to our crossing guards.

September 7: David Brearley HS PTO presents the Food Truck Festival from 12-5pm at the Harding School Loop 426 Boulevard featuring some great Vendors from snacks to desserts. Cost is only \$5 per person,

September 11: It was on this day in 2001, our world was forever changed. Keep those that lost their lives on this tragic day and our Warriors who continue to fight the War on Terror even today in your hearts and prayers. Never Forget.

During the whole month of September Kenilworth Public Library has a ton of events for children and adults alike, check in at kenilworthlibarary.org for more details.

I know this is early but let's get this out there for the month of October:

October 9: North Side Bulk Pick-up

October 16: South Side Bulk Pick-up

As always visit our website at kenilworthborough.org for more details about these events and

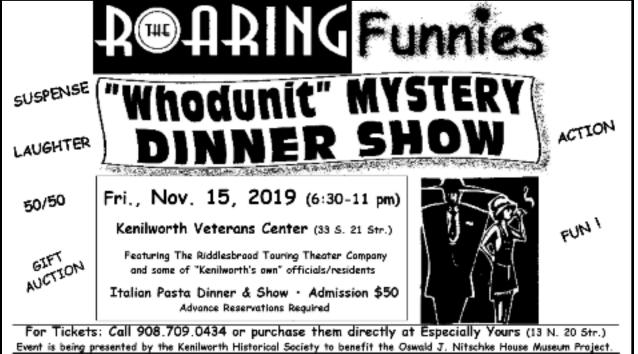
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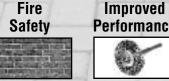
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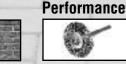
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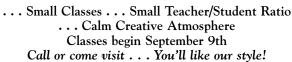
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Kenilworth on Saturday, October 5, and Sunday, October 6, 2019. This major annual event, sponsored by the Kenilworth Historical Society, will take place, rain or shine, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. There are usually nearly 200 participating residences.

Residents who register and pay a \$12 fee to hold garage sales at their homes anytime during the October 5/October 6 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, websites and prominently placed signage and fliers. The registration deadline is Friday, September 27.

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 Acme Customer Service desk (801 Boulevard), Borough Clerk's Office (567 Boulevard), Public Library (548 Boulevard), and Especially Yours Florist (13 N. 20th Street) after October 3. The listing also will be posted on the Kenilworth Borough ebsite of (kenilworthborough.com).

Communitywide Garage Sale registration forms with instructions may be obtained at the

A Communitywide Garage Sale will be held in Kenilworth Borough Clerk's Office/Borough Hall, Public Library, Especially Yours Florist and on the Borough of Kenilworth website (kenilworthborough.com). The \$12 Garage Sale registration fee may be paid by check (payable to the Kenilworth Historical Society) or in cash (exact amount required). As outlined in the instructions, payment may be made by mail (to the Kenilworth Historical Society) or in person at the Borough Clerk's Office or at Especially Yours Florist. For further information, please call 908-709-0434.

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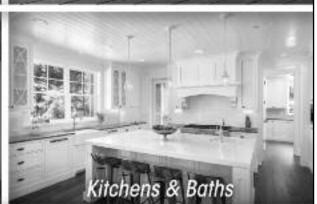












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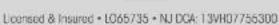
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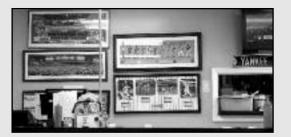
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AJ was a proud volunteer firefighter for the Kenilworth NJ Volunteer Fire Department since 2015. He worked for the County of Union, NJ for ten years in Park Maintenance and was a member of Knights of Columbus Council 3197 Hillside, the Italian American Police Society of NJ and the American Legion.

All who knew AJ knew a true friend. Loyal, hardworking, heart of gold, kind soul, full of life, always smiling...were synonymous with AJ DeVito. He was the type of friend we all wish we had more of, and the friend we should all aspire to be more like. If there was work to be done, you can rest assured that AJ was already on it. That black shield on his fire helmet emblazoned with the number "63" was something he worked extremely hard for. He earned it and the utmost respect from all his brothers and sisters at the Kenilworth, NJ Volunteer Fire Department. He loved being part of this brotherhood and we will miss him terribly.

True to AJ's nature his family would like all donations to be made to the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Rescue Support Organization where we will set up a memorial fund in his name. AJ's friendship will never be forgotten and we would like to use his name to continue to do good deeds and impact the lives of young people of similar quality and help them achieve their goals. AJ's legacy is one of inspiration. We are all better people for having had him in our lives, and all of



us here at the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad would like to continue to bring him into people's lives through the establishment of the AJ DeVito Memorial Fund.

AJ was laid to rest with Full Fire Department Honors on Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

Rest easy Brother, we'll take it from here.

A GoFundMe campaign is set up for the family of Kenilworth firefighter, AJ Devito, after his sudden passing.

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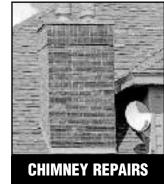


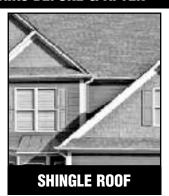




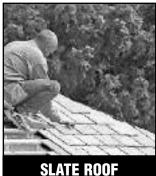
















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#### Submitted by Walter Boright

St Theresa's School began in 1954. When Rev. Sylvester McVeigh became Kenilworth's first resident priest for St. Theresa's Parish in 1949, he envisioned that one day there would be a local Catholic school offering a quality education. The postwar baby boom and major housing developments here in 1948 and 1953 caused the enrollment in Harding and McKinley schools to soar to 1,100 pupils. Father McVeigh had planned a campaign to build a school in 1953. His timing was fortuitous.

Ground was broken in December 1953 for a \$500,000 St. Theresa school and a church auditorium. The school opened September 13, 1954 with a K-4 enrollment of 275 pupils from Kenilworth and surrounding communities with Sister Lucy as principal. Over 1,000 people attended the October dedication ceremony. Grades 5 and 6 were added the next year, boosting enrollment to 400. Grade 7 and then grade 8 were added each of the next two years.

The first eighth grade graduating class of 37 pupils consisted of primarily Kenilworth pupils, two of whom still reside locally: Geraldine Grondin Diamante and Kathy Mango Ringk.

That year kindergarten graduates numbered 93

and the school enrollment had climbed to 575.

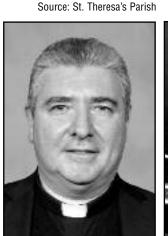
Soon the school could hold no more students and some were moved to the old Borough Hall. It was time for an addition. A \$250,000 addition was begun and completed in time for the 1964 school term. Before long enrollment tipped beyond 700 pupils, with the largest graduating class with 82 students was in 1966.

Over the decades, enrollment has decreased in many public and private schools. This year, under the guidance of Father Giovanni Rizzo, pastor, and Sister Lou Ann Fantauzza, principal, St. Theresa's anticipates more than 200 pupils in grades K-8, over 80 pre-K students and about 60 in day care. A staff of 21 teaches Spanish, computer literacy, graphic arts, forensics, art, music, and physical education. There is a science lab, a staffed library, an anti-drug program, a full-time nurse, a cafeteria offering hot lunches, and an active home-school association. Sister Lou Ann commented, "The school promotes a family atmosphere."

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Historic Signs, Inc. Persons with inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.

Source: St. Theresa's Parish Sou











(above, l-r) Father Giovanni Rizzo, current pastor of St. Theresa's Parish, Father Sylvester McVeigh (1901-1965) founder of St. Theresa's School Sister Lou Ann Fantauzza, current principal, prepares for opening day.' Sister Lucy, first principal of St. Theresa's School



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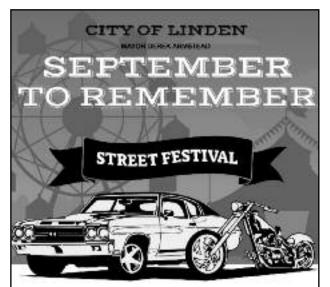
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The Prohibition-themed program and exhibit, "Teetotalers and Bootleggers – Prohibition in America," will be presented at the Nitschke House on October 19 and October 20, during Union County's annual "Four Centuries in a Weekend" historical sites tour. The immigration exhibit, "New Orange – A Melting Pot of Many Cultures," to be unveiled at a later date, will highlight the inspiring stories of late 19th-/early 20th-century immigrants who, as in the case of former Mayor Oswald J. Nitschke and his family, settled in the developing suburb of New Orange (later renamed Kenilworth) and other United States.

would like to share Anyone who information/items for the aforementioned programs and exhibits at the Nitschke House is asked to please contact the Kenilworth Historical Society by calling 908-709-0434.

The Nitschke House is Kenilworth's foremost restored historic site and heritage tourism destination. Notably, it is the only museum of its kind in the area to portray and interpret everyday life in the early 1900s, particularly the inspiring story of late 19th-/early 20th-century immigrants in a developing suburb.

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The Kenilworth Historical Society is gearing festive holiday open house and "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" at the Oswald J. Nitschke featuring Victorian House Santa, Christkindlmarkt and more (December 8).

> For information about these and other Historical Society activities, please visit the organization's Website kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org and watch for further media announcements and fliers. Reservations for events may be made by calling 908-709-0434.

> The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, taxexempt, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880), local history and culture.

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Information on how to get tickets can be found by visiting cdctheatre.org, with the best selections and prices available on-line.

### CDC Theatre Music by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvacus Lyrics by Tim Rice Based on an idea by Tim Rice Fri/Sat 8pm Sept. 27,28 Oct . 4,5,11,12 Sun. Oct. 6 at 2pm Tickets./Info - cdctheatre.org - 908-276-7611

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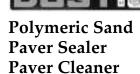
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