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Money aside, the manpower alone needed to operate was astronomical. Our call volume almost doubled, as did our man hours. Our average call takes about an hour and a half depending on the nature of the call. With the donning of protective equipment, sterilization, proper documentation, and decontamination of the ambulance, the average time rose

to about 4 hours per call. The height of Covid-19 for us was in April: that month alone our EMT's dedicated an average of 253 of riding hours per person, that equates to riding 10 days straight. Again, these are all volunteer hours. Some members even chose to live at the firehouse 24/7 -so as not to risk infecting their loved ones. We hope this global pandemic has proven our dedication and commitment to the people of Kenilworth.

We really could use your help now more than ever. Your support helps us to continue to provide the professional level of care that you deserve and that we all pride ourselves on. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

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MICHAEL NAYA AWARDED HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP

Michael T. Naya, Jr. has been awarded the Peter Anthony Boright Memorial Scholarship for “exceptional interest and achievement in documenting history.” A 2020 graduate of David Brearley High School, he is a life-long Kenilworth resident descended from three old-time Kenilworth families: the Cardellas, Raimondis, and Givens. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael T. Naya, Sr., he will begin his freshman year this September at Kean University, Union. Admitted to its College of Liberal Arts, Mr. Naya will major in history with a goal of becoming a history teacher.

Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian and president of Historic Signs, Inc., indicated that the committee “was impressed with Mr. Naya’s scholastic achievements at Brearley, particularly in history courses, and for his pursuit of documenting history through those who lived it.” Mr. Naya is the youngest member of the Kenilworth Historical Society, and was a presenter at its Four Centuries in a Weekend program. Among his many ongoing accomplishments are that he has documented his interviews with people who lived during WWI; are veterans of WWII; and are Holocaust survivors, among others. Mr. Naya appeared on NEWS 12 television for its Memorial Day 2019 program.



(above) Michael T. Naya, Jr., with Dr. Walter E. Boright, historian, who announced Naya being awarded the Peter Anthony Boright Memorial Scholarship for History.



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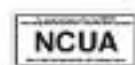
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





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A Communitywide Garage Sale will be held in Kenilworth on Saturday, October 10, and Sunday, October 11. 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 10/October 11 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 registration deadline is Friday, October 2.

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 Oct. 8. The listing also will be posted on the Borough of Kenilworth Web site kenilworthborough.com.

Communitywide Garage Sale registration forms with instructions may be obtained at the Kenilworth Borough Clerk's Office/Borough

Hall, Public Library (once reopened to the general public), Especially Yours Florist and on the Borough of Kenilworth Web site 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.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is sponsoring the Communitywide Garage Sale as a service to the community. Any proceeds after advertising and other related costs are paid will benefit the Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center by helping defray operating expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the site 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 historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880), local history and culture.

Further information about the organization, the Nitschke House and other upcoming events may be found at Web site kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org.

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Submitted by Lenore Jeans

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8TH GRADE PATRIOTS PEN SCHOLARSHIP:

Leah Sims and Francesca Licata

VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP:

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ROBERT JEANS, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

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ST. THERESA'S PATRIOTS PEN SCHOLARSHIP:

Franklin Oguama, Stephanie Aguinaldo, Jon-Paul M. Farris, Regan M. Streko, Arian Velez, and Ifeanyi P. Ononiwa



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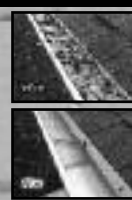
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Seventy-nine students including Kenilworth resident Cristina M. Couto-Ferreira, received their nursing diplomas from the Trinitas School of Nursing for what would have been the 162nd Convocation Ceremony on May 28, 2020. Although a typical ceremony was not held, 68 women and 11 men became eligible to sit for the registered nurse licensing exam.

“The Trinitas School of Nursing is so proud of the second graduating class of the new decade, Class of May 2020,” said Rose Santee, Dean of the Trinitas School of Nursing, which is affiliated with Union County College, and also awards Associates in Science Degrees to the graduates. “We are very proud of our students, our faculty and staff, and our photographer, Grace Photography, for doing this professional work during a very challenging situation and practicing all precautions including screening, social distancing, hand-washing, and masking (except for graduates at actual photo taking but still socially distant).”

Trinitas School of Nursing, operated jointly by Trinitas Regional Medical Center and Union County College, currently holds full accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), and the New Jersey State Board of Nursing. The National League for Nursing has awarded the School of Nursing a third designation as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education status for the

years 2015 - 2020 for Creating Environments that Enhance Student Learning and Professional Development. The School also holds a 20-year, 40-class national licensing examination (NCLEX) passage rate of 86.30% on first writing.



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WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN IN OLD KENILWORTH: LANDMARK GAS STATION MAY VANISH

The long, vacant landmark service station on the Boulevard at S. 20th St. has an unknown future. Resident Charles E. Vitale, Sr., 1902-1979, built it block by block in 1925 along with the labor of his wife, Nettie Lisanti Vitale, 1900-1946. They hand-molded reddish-brown bricks for the facade which was covered with beige bricks in the 1990s. He sold new cars. He and Nettie each pumped gas and did auto repairs. He called it Kenilworth Motor Sales and Services.

The left side was had a single bay for servicing the cars. The right side, with a large picture window, was the showroom. Many years ago, it was converted to a second bay for more car repairs. Above that area was a small apartment. There the couple lived with their children, Charlie, Jr., 1922-2006, and Peggy (Wanca), 1924-2018.

Son Charlie, recalled in 2005 the mischief that his father and other locals caused when in the '20s and '30s the Ku Klux Klan held rallies at the

old Upsala College campus at the top of N. 21st St. Charlie noted, "My father and others put nails in the street leading to the former campus to protest the KKK coming to town in hopes of keeping them out of town. The tactic resulted in flat tires for Klansmen. My father wouldn't repair their flats. Unfortunately, some local residents also got flats, and my father was busy patching their tires for many days thereafter."

By the late 1930s old Dave Gluck was the owner and renamed it Dave's Service Station. He ran Kenilworth Television and Radio from the former car showroom. Repairs and gas sales continued. Son David, Jr. eventually took over the business operating it in the 1950s and 1960s.

In the late 1940s, Joe Neri and his friend, Lee Arrowsmith, started a collision repair shop in the rear section that was added years earlier. They called it L & J for their first name initials. It is now located on the Boulevard near Michigan Ave. trading as L & J Body and Fender Works.

In my 1960s teen-years, gas sold for twenty-

five cents a gallon. I drove a 1955 white

Ford convertible. It was never a problem getting three or four friends who wanted to ride along. Our first stop was that gas station, by then known as Kell's Town. Each chipped in a quarter for a dollar's worth of gas – a full four gallons worth! Off we'd go riding around town and surrounding areas for hours; roof down of course, weather permitting.

Sometime in the 1990s the station stopped selling gasoline and only serviced vehicles. It last was occupied by North East Tire Co. The 50 ft. X 125 ft. property was sold in 2019 for \$645,000. The property tax bill for that year was \$11,827. With its future unknown, this 95-year old gas station may become a vanished piece of Kenilworth history.

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian; 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.

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(above) Charles E. Vitale Sr., (1960s) built the station in 1925 with his wife Nettie.

Photo source: Vitale family



(above) Nettie Vitale (left) in 1920s pumping gas with Tessie (Mascaro) Aloia.

Photo source: Vitale family



(above) Historic station in 2004 as C&D Service Center.

Photo source: Historic Signs, Inc.



(above) Aerial view (1949) showing old station and deli next door.

Photo source: Ray Scheuerer



(above) Locals put nails in N. 21st St. leading to old Upsala campus to harass Klansmen.

Photo source: Swenson Center, Augustana College.

The Summer Reading Club concludes on Friday, August 14.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

All programs will be virtual.

To view pre-taped programs on the library's open Facebook page please visit [Facebook.com/Kenilworth.public.library](https://www.facebook.com/Kenilworth.public.library).

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August 5 – August 14

VIRTUAL SPECIAL EVENTS:

Zoom links will be posted on the library's open Facebook page on the morning of each special event. Registration is limited for some events.

Registration will be available on a first come, first served basis. It is recommended to sign on to the Zoom link 10 minutes prior to the beginning of each program.

Mad Science Workshops for children ages 4 – 12

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

August 6 and August 13

A new STEM related theme will be presented each week. These workshops have been funded by The Ralph Errington Foundation.

Unique Creatures presented by Larry Apap for children ages 4 – 12

1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Thursday, August 6

Learn about and view live animals. This program has been funded by The Friends of The Kenilworth Public Library.

"WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?" AT THE LIBRARY

Join Patricia Shih, multiple national award-winning singer-songwriter, along with her husband/accompanist, will present "What's the Big Idea?", a fun-filled family concert at Kenilworth Public Library on Wednesday, August 19 at 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Ms. Shih has a special capacity for reaching all ages with her "music with meaning," from the smallest toddler to the mature senior. She teaches positive social values while entertaining with high-energy fun and excitement. Audiences get to be "the star" as they use movement, sign language and dance in these spirited, thought-provoking concerts full of fun and laughter. Her songs celebrate our differences while honoring what we all share.

This virtual program will be presented live on Zoom.

The link for this program will be available on the library's open Facebook page on the morning of the event. It is recommended that participants sign in 10 minutes prior to the event and remain

in the virtual waiting room until the event begins.

For more information about this event and other events happening virtually at the library, please call 908-276-2451 or email rkoerner@lmxac.org

This program has been made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



POSTMASTERS SHARE TIPS FOR RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Last year 169 letter carriers were victimized by dogs in New Jersey, including 16 in Union County. The 15 postmasters serving the 21 municipalities in Union County are therefore raising public awareness of the importance of responsible pet ownership in helping prevent dog bites.

To prevent dog bites, Union County Postmasters recommend the following responsible pet ownership tips:

- Obedience training can teach dogs proper behavior and help owners control their dog in any situation.
- When the letter carrier comes to your home, keep your dog inside, away from the door, in another room, or on a leash.
- Dogs can be protective of their territory and may interpret the actions of letter carriers as a threat. Please take precautions when accepting mail in the presence of your pet.
- Dogs that haven't been properly socialized, receive little attention or handling, or are left tied-up for long periods of time frequently turn into biters.

By following these few simple tips, pet owners can significantly improve neighborhood safety for everyone.

The Postal Service has a short animated dog bite video available on its YouTube site, USPS TV at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpqmrNBJAos&feature=youtu.be>.

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(above) The Postal Service has a short animated dog bite video available on its YouTube site, USPS TV.




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I'm a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, writing on behalf of cancer survivors and their caregivers. I write out of concern for this sector of the population because of the effect Covid-19 has had on them. Eleven percent of New Jersey's Covid fatalities have been individuals who were already battling cancer, then later contracted the virus. This pandemic has caused a myriad of obstacles for cancer patients who've been recently diagnosed or who require continued long-term care.

87% of cancer patients are experiencing disruptions in treatment and testing regimens. This crisis has made it difficult to maintain contact with health care providers, all of whom are overwhelmed and overworked at this point in time. Regular access to treatment is difficult to come by, which increases the probability for cancer cells to spread or even return in some patients. A number of research studies have been temporarily suspended; not a good thing when time is of the essence. All of this, plus the financial burden of paying health insurance premiums and medical co-pays is causing widespread anxiety for patients and caregivers alike.

We collectively, must stand together to protect our most vulnerable members of society. We

must make this a priority. We must NOT leave cancer patients behind.

I implore readers to make a contribution to the American Cancer Society. Over the past three months, gifts from donors have decreased dramatically. Many ACS fundraising events have been postponed or cancelled. However, please know we are ALWAYS here for you with cancer help and information when you need it.

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We at the American Cancer Society are optimistically looking toward the future. Our dedicated volunteers are working on a safe social distancing plan so we may host community events soon. We are especially excited about "Bark For Life of Central NJ", our statewide Dog-Walk & Festival to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer.

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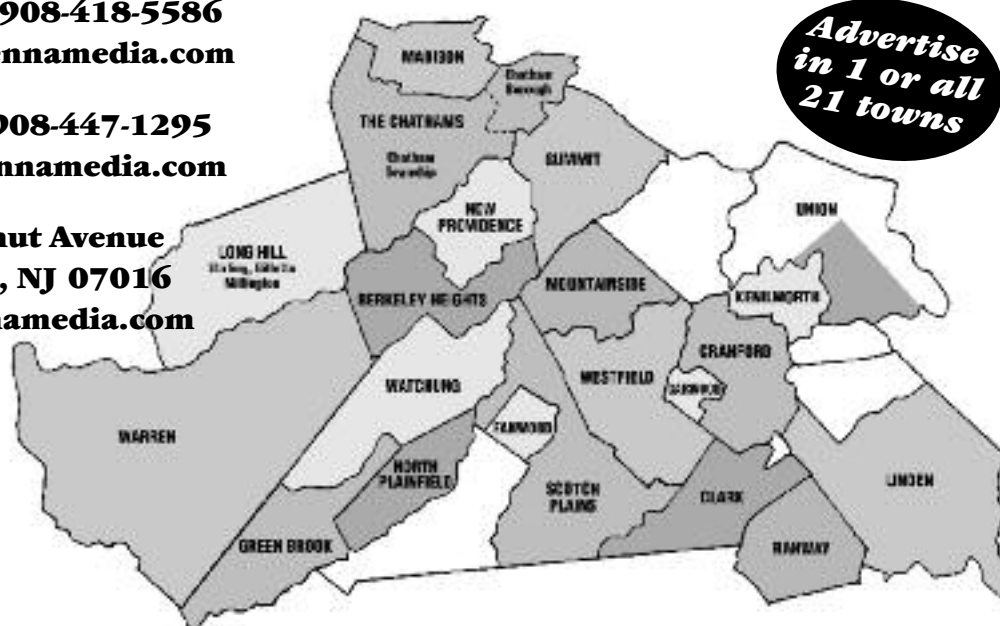
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NJ VETERAN COMMUNITY FIGHTS BACK DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Submitted by Jesus MiroQuesada and Angie Abbot, NJVN

A group of veterans and veterans' organizations are making a huge difference during New Jersey's Covid-19 pandemic. The New Jersey Veterans Networks' "Operation: Helping Heroes" project has two objectives including providing meals and groceries to veterans, and protective equipment to first responders. Food and PPE have been delivered to first responders, hospital workers, and activated National Guardsmen throughout the state.

They have distributed almost 3,000 hot meals and groceries to veterans, National Guardsmen and essential frontline workers at 61 different drop-off locations. The NJVN also provided personal protective equipment and helped distribute over 10,000 gallons of hand sanitizer to hospitals, EMS squads and police departments, and provided over 2,000 protective masks. This all happened during a crucial time when things like food, masks and hand sanitizer were very much needed, but hard to find.

The New Jersey Veteran Network has truly lived up to its name and partnered with a rich network of almost a dozen other organizations in order to fulfill their mission. Non-profits like the Samaritan Outreach Services, Operation Jersey Cares, the CSM Robert Gallagher Charitable

Foundation, and Milltown VFW 2319, worked tirelessly to contribute to the Helping Heroes effort by either supporting heroes and first responders working through the crisis, or helping veterans whose health and finances were affected by the pandemic.

Doc Schupp who created the Helping Heroes program had this to say "We were only able to reach and help as many people as we did because we are working with some of the best and most passionate organizations and people in the state. People like James Ludolph, would drive for hours dropping off food to sick and quarantined vets only to ask me what the next mission to help was, or 2319 VFW Commander Bob Kolesare, who would personally go out to help fill veterans' pantries."

NJVN Outreach Director, Frank "Doc" Schupp organized the hot meal and groceries portion of the program in collaboration with VFW 2319, Operation: Jersey Cares and Samaritan Outreach Services. Food was donated by restaurants including Jim Dandy of East Rutherford, Marinelli's and 55 Main both of Flemington, Amici's of Linden, Burnett BBQ of Union, and Applebee's of Garfield. Donations were delivered to National Guard units, hospital workers and veteran shelters such as Operation

Valor in Newark and Vet Haven North.

Home deliveries of food as well as social service assistance, in coordination with Catholic Charities and PACO agency, were also provided to assist veterans who were quarantined at home due the COVID-19 crisis.

The protective equipment distribution was managed by NJVN President Michael Boll in collaboration with Ashland Chemical who sponsored the hand sanitizer, and Backpacks for Life - a veterans' organization who has created a full-scale operation to create masks to give to first responders and hospital staff. Protective equipment was given to hospitals including Holy Name of Teaneck, the East Orange and Lyons VA Hospitals, Jersey City and New Bridge Medical Centers, and police departments including New Providence and Florham Park.

Both the food distribution and PPE could not have been made possible without the volunteers who took the time to pick up and distribute the goods. Great people like James Ludolph, Robert Bouthille, Dana Black, Juan Peris, Jamel Dobbins and Michael Salerno (with the team Mascots Shadow and Mush) and many others made this project happen! Many good people came together and were able to make a positive impact on the community during a difficult time. All of this was done by strong partnerships, unpaid volunteers, and sponsored through donations.

Perhaps, VFW 2319s Commander Bob Kolesare said it best, "VFW 2319 really enjoyed taking care of our vets. We hope that we were able to brighten their days just a little bit during this crisis."

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(above) NJVN President Michael Boll, Outreach Director Frank "Doc" Schupp and Reverend Richard Starling dropping off food and snacks for the Senior Veterans of Menlo Park.

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