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## JEREMY DAVIES APPOINTED PRINCIPAL OF KENILWORTH'S DAVID BREARLEY MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Jeremy Davies was unanimously appointed to lead the Kenilworth School District's David Brearley Middle-High School at the Kenilworth Board of Education meeting held on June 8, 2020. Mr. Davies will succeed Ms. Dana Chibbaro who resigned to serve another district.

The selection of Mr. Davies came after a comprehensive search process that included rounds of interviews with teachers, parents, students, administrators and board of education members. Additionally, the public provided input into the profile of the ideal candidate which was used to govern parts of the interview process.

Mr. Davies is an English teacher by trade, having launched his career in the Westfield Public School District, later serving as Assistant Principal in that same district. Additionally, Mr. Davies served as high school principal of the Mountain Lakes School District for six years and as a Supervisor of Instruction for the Hanover Park Regional High School District.

Mr. Davies holds a master's degree from the College of St. Elizabeth in Educational Administration, another master's from the University of Notre Dame in Education and did his undergraduate work at Villanova University.

Mr. Davies, upon hearing of his appointment stated, "I am thrilled to be appointed principal of David Brearley Middle School-High School. Throughout the interview process, I found each panel — students, teachers, the leadership team, parents, Board of Education members — genuine and kind, eager for growth, and full of pride for David Brearley. I quickly came to share Superintendent Arlington's belief in the exciting potential of Kenilworth. I am eager to begin building trusting relationships with everyone in the district and working to push each student and staff member to be his or her best. Thank you to Mr. Arlington and the Board for trusting me with this key responsibility and opportunity."

Superintendent of Schools, Kyle Arlington said: "Mr. Davies was a top contender throughout the robust interview process. His interpersonal skills, coupled with his intellect, shone through. He has a track record of collaborating successfully with stakeholders not only to increase achievement but to build school spirit and morale. The best part of the



*(above) Jeremy Davies, who has been appointed to lead the Kenilworth School District's David Brearley Middle-High School.*

Photo by Kenilworth Public Schools

process was getting to speak with the students after they met with Mr. Davies. They were genuinely excited, and quite insistent, in the possibilities that Mr. Davies could bring to our school. I am too."

The District will announce opportunities to meet Mr. Davies in the upcoming weeks.

## "SMALL TOWN, BIG READS" CAMPAIGN

*Submitted by Jill Minarik*

This summer, instead of a series of texts students at Brearley have to read for a graded assignment, we thought we would help each other choose those that inspire a love of reading throughout the community. The school is asking people throughout Kenilworth and the surrounding towns to record themselves in an approximately 30-second video,

sharing a book they love and think others will enjoy as well. The videos can be submitted using the following google form <https://forms.gle/Q5WQePuyt1fGnHbj9>

We ask that videos be recorded in landscape, and we thank you in advance for helping foster a community of readers! Those of us at Brearley can't wait to see what you have to share.



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The Kenilworth Public Library is offering the following virtual programs during the summer season.

The Summer Reading Club began on Monday, June 29 and concludes on Friday, August 14.

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Thursdays 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

June 29 – August 13

#### Crafts for children ages 4 – 8 years old

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Fridays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

July 1 – August 14

Our 2020 summer reading club, Imagine Your Story will offer virtual special events which will be highlighted on the library's Facebook page:

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Participants will be admitted on a first come first served basis after clicking on program links.

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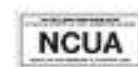
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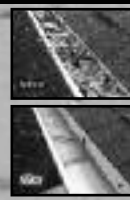
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The pantry, which is run by The St. Theresa Social Concerns Committee, has been serving over 200 families a month. Volunteers have noted that many people have told them they never needed to ask for help before.

Mary Michitsch, a long-time member of the Social Concerns Committee, would like to especially thank the following for their generous

donations during this emergency: FLAG, Cranford PBA, Kenilworth Recreation Center, Kenilworth Girl Scouts, Catholic Charities, Kenilworth Fire & Police departments. And St. Theresa parishioners, including several large donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Donations of non-perishable goods and gift cards to any supermarket are still being accepted. Items mostly needed are: Peanut butter & jelly, condiments, paper towels, soap, gravy, instant potatoes, canned soups, tuna fish, and canned spaghetti.

Checks made payable to St. Theresa's can be mailed to: Social Concerns c/o The Church of Saint Theresa, 541 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ 07033.

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(above) Brownie Troop 855, 1959.  
 Clockwise: Edythe Frank,  
 standing; Jackie Clark, Sue-Ellen Frank;  
 Peggy Curtis; and Laurie-Jo Frank.  
 Photo source: Frank family

## WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN IN OLD KENILWORTH: OLDEST GIRL SCOUT TURNS 99

Resident Edythe C. Frank joined scouting 90 years ago when in 1930 at the age of nine she became a Brownie troop member in her native Jersey City. She officially became a registered Girl Scout in 1935. Even after she surpassed the age to be a Girl Scout, she continued to pay her dues over the years and to this day remains a dues-paid member. She is believed to be the longest serving Kenilworth Girl Scout and possibly the longest serving ever in New Jersey.

She married George J. Frank on Armistice Day, 1943 while he was on short leave from the U. S. Army. She said, "He came home one day and we got married the next." George passed away in 2012 after 68 years of marriage. After the war they rented space in Millburn and soon had two children – George (aka "Stretch") and Laurie-Jo. The couple bought some building lots in Kenilworth and began to erect their own home with their own labor and that of relatives and friends. She remarked, "I handed him the cinder blocks and he added the mortar." At last, in 1949, they moved in and later had two more children – Sue-Ellen and Donna-Claire.

Husband George and son were with the local Cub Scouts; and Edythe and daughters with the Brownies and Girl Scouts. She first served as Brownie troop leader. As those girls became older the group transitioned into Girl Scout Troop 855. Edythe was a leader from 1957 to 1971, serving with some of Kenilworth's most revered early

local Girl Scout leaders such as Esther Cassera, "Aunt Minnie" Leikauskas, and Agnes McGeehan, among others.

Edythe recalls trips to Camp Wild Cherry and the old Girl Scout cabin at the end of N. 18th St. adjacent to Black Brook Park. There she enjoyed seeing young girls toast marsh mellows by campfires, bake cakes on reflective sun ovens, sun-dry dishes, study plants and flowers, and help girls earn merit badges. She reported, "There was really nothing around there at the time. There was a lot of open space." She advised that there were lots of wild cherry trees, poison ivy, dirt, and dust. She stated, "We couldn't wait to wash off all of the dirt from camp."

"When we got home after day camp, the first thing we did was to shower to get rid of the dirt."

In 1995 Edythe was honored by the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council with a 60-year service pin and again in 2005 with a 70-year pin. Still a dues-paid Girl Scout after 90 years, Edythe indicated a few years ago, "Everyone worked nicely together at Camp Wild Cherry. We really were sincere about following the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I still follow it today."

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) Edythe Frank, a scout since 1930. Photo source: Historic Signs, Inc.



(above) George and Edythe Frank, married 1943. Photo source: Frank family



(above) Dormant Girl Scout cabin, 2005; demolished 2014. Photo source: Historic Signs, Inc.



(above) Edythe (labeled "Me") at a 1931 Brownie Scout party. Photo source: Frank family

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The 48" x 68" colored woven design reflects the Kenilworth Historical Society's mission, through the Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center, of "Bringing Cultures and History Together." It features such historic sites/landmarks as the Kenilworth Municipal Building (c. 1962); Kenilworth Public Library (c. 1936); Shallcross Pond/Black Brook Park (c. 1957); Sayre-Shallcross House (c. 1710); and McKinley School (c. 1902) plus the Kenilworth Police, Fire & Rescue Building/Vehicles (1950s); Fire House and Reo Fire Truck (1921); Kanane Building/Post Office (c. 1899); Robert E. Jeans

Sr. Veterans Memorial Park (2011) at Kenilworth Veterans Center/VFW Post 2230 (c. 1959); Hiller's Store, the community's first store (c. 1890); Boulevard Midtown Shops (1957); Newark Avenue/New Orange Park (c. 1914); and James Arthur's Construction Crew (c. 1899), builders of "100 Houses in 100 Days."

The cost of the coverlet is \$70. Orders also are being accepted for the 2007 Kenilworth commemorative coverlet, which will be reproduced if/when the required minimum number of requests is met. All proceeds will benefit the historic Oswald J. Nitschke "living history" museum and cultural arts center by helping defray elevator and other operating costs.

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS PANDEMIC STORIES/VISUALS FOR UPCOMING EXHIBIT

The Kenilworth Historical Society is seeking local stories, letters, diary entries, photos, projects and other items that will help tell the story of the COVID-19 and Spanish Flu pandemics of 2020 and 1918-1920, respectively. In addition to documenting these significant times in history, the material collected will be utilized for an exhibition to be presented at the Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center during Union County's annual "Four Centuries in a Weekend" historical sites tour on October 17 and October 18, 2020.

The exhibition will feature a COVID-19 timeline and related oral testimonies that David

Brearley Middle/High School senior and Kenilworth Historical Society member Michael T. Naya Jr. is compiling, as part of the organization's oral history program, in an effort to document and preserve, for future generations, an account of daily life during the current pandemic. Another part of the exhibition will tell the story of the devastating Spanish flu pandemic that occurred a little over 100 years ago, during Oswald J. Nitschke's first term as mayor of Kenilworth.

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Submitted by founding member Dorothea Krihak

Friends of Black Brook Park and its mission statement was founded in 2001 to protect the natural setting of Black Brook Park and to ensure the respectful use of it, by way of including continuing service to project its' history also, for the understanding of the park users and "friends." If you care about the park, you are a "friend." The Olmsted history included, reflects today's needs. A brief Olmsted history of the park is especially helpful now.

As we all remember the social protocol during these Covid19 times while at the park, such as social distancing and the wearing of masks to keep each other safe there is an increase in its' usage. I am happy to say, respectfully, rightfully harmoniously.

While using the park, I would like to remind you of the Olmstead design of the park. Having learned about this design firm it is quite great to say that Blackbrook Park is an Olmstead park.

This architectural landscape designed by the sons of Frederick Law Olmsted on Black Brook Park's conceptualization, was done in 1921. As you take a minute, look around the park and you'll notice the well designed placement of the trees around the park that gives you the sense that indeed, it was carefully planned. The County of Union continues to follow the Olmstead design and most recently has planted an elm tree through their Rutgers Extension Program, on the south west bank of the Shallcross Pond by the Black Brook. This was planted to block out traffic noise, a great beautiful addition among other things, the Olmsted firm stood for even after his

passing in 1903.

Frederick Law Olmstead's work continued under his sons developing the East-West greenway when Black Brook and the other parks in the county East West "parkway" were formed.

The Olmsted firm also designed the capitol

grounds in Washington D.C. and Central Park in N.Y.C. The philosophy of this firm is one that offers a place, an oasis of sorts away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

I believe they have accomplished that for us all to enjoy even today at Black Brook Park.

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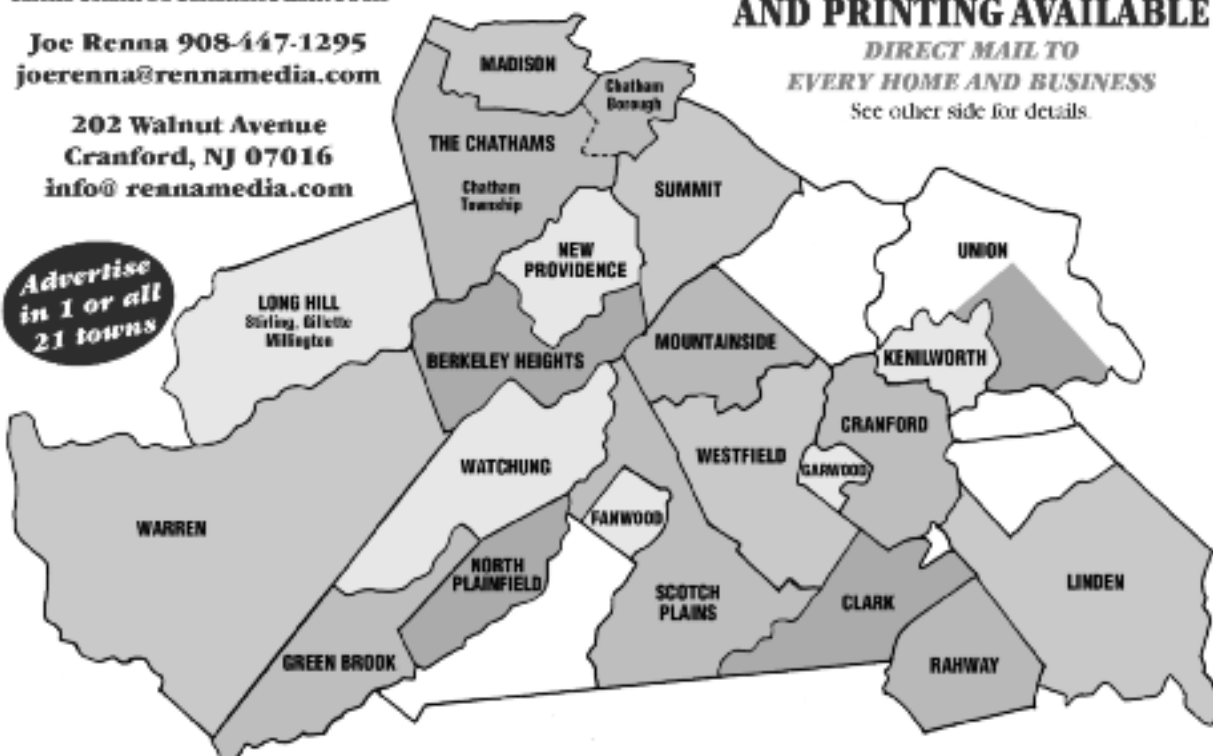
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Includes website hosting, software updates,  
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- SEO Services: .....average cost \$1,000 - \$2,000 per month  
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## BOB MARKEY - SAVE THE TREES OF RAHWAY

During the past 20 years, over 2000 of Rahway's street trees have died or were removed and never replaced. Resident Bob Markey is producing a three-episode video which provides viewers with a sobering look into this serious crisis affecting Rahway's trees. The video also provides a toolbox to fix the tree problems and to rebuild Rahway's urban forest. There is a plan to accomplish it, but the effort needs help and support.

Markey states, "This crisis didn't happen overnight, nor is it the fault of any individual, city department or elected official. Over the years mistakes and oversights have been made."

The Arbor Day Foundation certified Rahway as a Tree City USA Community in 1997 with two primary requirements: Form a Tree Board and Enact a Tree Ordinance.

The video is to raise awareness and solicit help in the effort to rebuild, restock and restore Rahway's urban forest.

Folks can help by sending an email to [Help@SaveTheTreesofRahway.org](mailto:Help@SaveTheTreesofRahway.org), and by subscribing to Save The Trees of Rahway YouTube Channel, and by following the group on Facebook.

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