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We are always looking for volunteers that can both assist with upcoming events and help mentor veterans so they can live better productive lives. Volunteers are the most important NJVN resource, and we would love to have more people help us save lives. If you need assistance or are interested in joining the team, please send us your name, email, and phone number to [NJVN1775@gmail.com](mailto:NJVN1775@gmail.com) or call 973-332-1556. Check out our website [NJVN.org](http://NJVN.org) for our services and accomplishments.

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(above) New Jersey Veterans Network veterans and volunteers at a recent event.

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# VFW MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE EVENTS

## VETERAN GRAVE FLAG PLANTING, MAY 25TH

The public is invited to join Veterans from VFW Post 2230 and Scout troops for an annual tradition of walking through Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Kenilworth, NJ to find headstones of veterans and plant a flag at the grave to commemorate Memorial Day. This very touching event begins with a breakfast served at the Kenilworth VFW Hall at 9 a.m. on Saturday May 25th. Light refreshments are served at the VFW afterwards for all workers at 12:00 after returning to the Post. No preregistration is required, but we will have a

sign up sheet at breakfast and at the Cemetery. The VFW organizes the event along with the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the Kenilworth Veterans Center. **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES, MONDAY, 27TH.**

The public is invited to attend a ceremony honoring all veterans at 11 a.m. at the Kenilworth Veterans' Center, 33 S. 21st Street, Kenilworth, NJ. Refreshments will be served afterwards. There is no registration required for this event.

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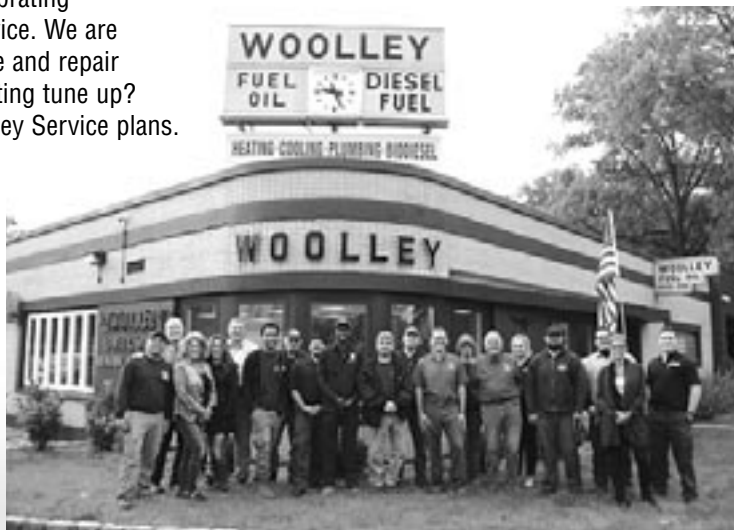
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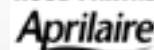
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All are welcome to become members of the Kenilworth Senior Club. We are actively looking for volunteers to help with our county lunch programs on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. For more information call 908-272-7743, please leave a message if there is no answer and someone will return your call.

Our Atlantic City bus trips to Resorts are scheduled on the following Tuesdays May 14 and June 18. The price is \$40 which includes the bus, Resorts free play, bingo and 50/50 can be purchased on the ride down and a snack and movie on the return ride. Please contact Lillian Furze at 908-709-0515 to reserve.

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Lamoreaux worked as a Senior Respiratory Therapist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan for 28 years. During that time, she took a classical cast drawing class in New York City, with a plaster cast of a statue from antiquity, using only charcoal. She states: "This was transformative for me. It taught me to really see, to take my time and be patient."

However, because of time constraints, Lamoreaux was not able to pursue painting until she retired.

She then gravitated to post impressionist painters and their vibrant use of color. Since critics of those artists wrote that they painted like Les Fauves, or wild beasts, she opted to title the exhibit of her paintings: "The Fauve in Me".

All artwork is available for purchase by contacting the artist.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular library hours. For more information call 908-276-2451.



(above) Paintings by Kenilworth resident Nancy Lamoreaux will be on display at the Library May thru August



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### ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

Chatting with Hannah's husband, the "Fighting Parson," Rev. James Caldwell (played by Meridoc "Doc" Burkhardt thru a Union County HEART grant); sampling old-fashioned sugar cookies and lemonade; butter-making; playing Native American and colonial games; working a wringer washing machine; shopping for souvenirs; making tricorn hats and colonial bonnets; collecting historic trading cards; getting Union County passports stamped.



(above) A Hannah Caldwell trading card

## KENILWORTH STREET FAIR - SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

The 2024 Kenilworth Street Fair and Classic Car Show, hosted by the Borough of Kenilworth, will take place on Sunday, May 19th. The Boulevard will be closed to vehicle traffic from 14th St. to 24th St. and transformed into a giant block party from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

This event will feature quality exhibitors, a special crafter's section, lots of great food, kiddie rides, and kids area, live music and performances, and local merchants and civic organizations.

### SHOPPING

Shop til you drop along the Boulevard with over 100 quality exhibitors selling their merchandise such as jewelry, handbags, sports collectibles, clothing, home decor, and much more. There is a special section with handmade crafts from local and nearby crafters and artisans with unique one-of-a-kind items.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Whether on stage or under our music tents, you will enjoy the sounds of some very talented cover bands, soloists, dancers, demonstrations from the local karate and dance studios and more. It's also a chance to kick back, take a break in the music section filled with tables and chairs for your use.

### KIDS ZONE

The children will enjoy this section filled with kiddie bounce rides, slides, and interactive blow-ups, face painters, sand art & kids games, temporary tattoos, and face painting, just to name a few things.

### FOOD TRUCKS

As you stroll along the Boulevard stop to have a bite to eat and sit at tables in our live music area. Come hungry and enjoy eating carnival food favorites like a sausage & pepper sandwich, cheesesteaks, kettle corn, chicken fingers, ice cream, zeppole, shish kabobs, gyros, fresh-cut fries, fresh-squeezed lemonade, Italian ice, and the many great gourmet foods from the food trucks.

### CAR SHOW

This year's event will again feature a car show of Custom... Classic... Street Rod... Muscle Cars in front of Harding School. Set up starts after 10 a.m. Registration – Day of Show. Cars must be registered by 1:00 p.m. to be judged.

Trophies for Winners! All Proceeds go to Pride in Kenilworth Committee. For more Car Show Info send email with your questions to: rprflocal3@gmail.com

### LOCAL SENIORS ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

At this street fair, local seniors (Age 60 or older) will have an opportunity to show and/or sell their artwork, crafts, and photographs during a Kenilworth Senior Arts, Crafts and Photography Show that will take place at the newly renovated Kenilworth Senior Center. The event, a major highlight of the center's planned grand reopening celebration, coincides with the timing of the Kenilworth Street Fair. Exhibit space in the show will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested participants should register by May 8. Registration forms will be available at the Kenilworth Senior Center and Kenilworth Public Library. For further information, please call Shirley Boyden Maxwell, senior program director, at 908-276-1716.

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# DISCOVERING KENILWORTH'S "MODEL HOMES," PART 5

As reported in Part 4 of this series, the Butts brothers – George and Harry of G&H Construction – were constructing in 1941 Cranford Knolls on the southside of town in the Fairfield Ave. area. Hard working, the young men launched Harding Manor. As the name suggests, it was near Harding School.

The brothers began construction in September 1941 which continued into 1942 of 55 Harding Manor cape cod style homes. The homes were built on three side streets running north from the Boulevard to Washington Ave. – then only a creek. Homes were built along the west side of N. 14th St., both sides of N. 13th St., and the east side of N. 12th St. Prices ranged from \$4,500 to \$6,000. According to redfin.com, in September, 29 N. 13th St. sold for \$451,000.

With just 10% down homeowners could purchase a 1½ story home in modified colonial style architecture. Each was to have 5½ rooms including a kitchen, living room, dining room, two bedrooms, and a bath on the first floor. Basements were 7 ft. tall and attics big enough to add two more bedrooms in the future. As families grew, many added a bedroom or two in the attic. Some added an additional bath “upstairs.”

George and Harry wallpapered the interiors and painted the exteriors white. They added wooden shutters painted red, black, blue, or dark green. The brothers fully developed Harding Manor putting in all utilities, sewers, and paved the streets. This was a marketing plus as homeowners would avoid for the foreseeable

future reassessments for such improvements.

During the 80-plus years since Harding Manor was developed, many of the homes have undergone extensive renovations and expansions making them much different than in 1941. These include enclosed front porches, partial and full second-floor dormers, and by entirely removing the attic and constructing a completely new second floor, thus transforming the cape cods into two-story colonials.

As a boy I delivered newspapers to many original owners living there. They were immersed in community volunteerism. This included leadership in the Girl and Boy Scouts, their churches, the PTA, and the volunteer fire department and rescue squad. Some were second and third generation residents who simply wanted to remain in the town in which they grew up. Among them were the Boyle, Cassio-Cardella, Kiefer, McGeehan, Pappas, Reuter, and Scavuzzo families. The late Henry and Agnes McGeehan of 22 N. 14th St. are among the most prolific husband and wife team of community volunteers known to Kenilworth. Henry with the KVFD and Rescue Squad and Agnes with the Girls Scouts and just about every fund drive and women’s auxiliary group in town.

In Part 6 of this series, the Butts Brothers work alongside a visionary Kenilworth developer and with him cause a great many more homes to be erected in what they called the Oak Knolls section of Kenilworth. Find out what part of town is Oak Knolls – many are unaware of that title – and learn the identity of the visionary developer.

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Historic Signs, Inc.

Persons with inquiries about this or other Kenilworth history topics may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.



(above) The late Henry and Agnes McGeehan, prolific volunteers Photo: Family, 1989

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(above) A nearly original Harding Manor home sold for \$451,000.

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**Title:** “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 212 – 26 Fees Enumerated G. Miscellaneous,” adding (16) Pet Shops: \$100

**Authority:** New Jersey Statues Annotated Title 26 Section 26:3 – 66 et seq

**Code Summary:** Addition to Chapter 212 – 26 Fees Enumerated G., (16) Pet Shops: \$100

**Introduction:** 1st reading of this Ordinance was held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, 7:00 P.M., at the Kenilworth Board of Health Meeting, Borough Hall Conference Room

**Final Passage:** Second reading and Final passage of this Ordinance is scheduled for May 16, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the regular meeting of the Kenilworth Board of Health Borough Hall Conference Room

**Enactment:** This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication in the manner provided by law.

**Submitted By:** Li’ Ani Miller, Board Secretary, February 29, 2024

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### WWII SURVIVOR TO SHARE EXPERIENCE AT WOMAN'S TEA - MAY 18



Dr. Eleanor Isaacson will be giving an insightful presentation of her time growing up during the Hitler regime at a Women's Tea on Saturday May 18, 2024, at the Kenilworth Gospel Chapel, a non-denominational church located at 557 Newark Avenue in Kenilworth, NJ.

Dr. Isaacson is a WWII survivor and a gifted inspirational speaker, voted "Speaker of the Year" in Lancaster County seven years in a row. She has spoken throughout the US for more than 45 years and has written several books about her experiences.

Born in the United States, at the age of two she was taken to Germany by her mother and left there to be raised by relatives. As a young girl she experienced the bombings, hunger, fears and other horrors of WWII. Although she knew nothing of God, during that time she felt an invisible presence helping her. At age 13 she escaped back to the US, just in time before the Iron Curtain closed shut.

Shortly after coming to the US, she would discover that the "invisible presence" was the Lord Jesus Christ and would go on to attend Kenilworth Gospel Chapel for several years. She is now a resident of Willow Valley, PA, but is not retired and says she is "more busy now than ever."

*There is no charge for this event and all women are welcome.*

*However, seating is limited, and registration is needed by calling Michelle at (908) 875-0702 or online at [www.kenilworthgospel.com/womens-tea](http://www.kenilworthgospel.com/womens-tea)*



(above) Mrs. Keating's class, Lani Garcia and Dominic Lopina and Kyle Mascidlo-Skipper and buddy Fernando Fajardo

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## CATHOLIC LEAGUE OF FORENSICS COMPETITION

Saint Theresa School in Kenilworth was one of four schools, a total of 44 students, who participated in the Union County Catholic League of Forensics "Duo" Competition held at Saint Bartholomew Academy, Scotch Plains, on April 17, 2024. The team, under the direction of Mrs. Christine McCarthy and Mrs. Crystal Kacerek, consisted of twelve students: Krysta Pumarada, Kyle Pumarada, Santino Hanley and Amanda Vaz (8th graders); Sophia Cadestin, Robert Salgueiro and Isabella Hesse (7th graders); Saveria Hanley, Sofia Lolo, Maria Albarracin, Emily Tamayo and Noel Huaman (5th graders). Two of the five finalist pairs were Saint Theresa students. Amanda Vaz and Isabella Hesse were awarded First Place Ribbons.



*(right, l-r) Saint Theresa students. Amanda Vaz and Isabella Hesse were awarded First Place Ribbons.*

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*(above) Saint Theresa Forensic Team*

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### Fun Friday Crafts

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Registration is required for all special events.  
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### Boogie Woogie Babies

Tuesday, May 14, 10:30am – 11:00am  
 Interactive musical program will be presented  
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### Yoga Story Time

Wednesday, May 15, 10:30am – 11:00am  
 Join us for stories and yoga poses for the  
 youngest listeners and their caregiver.  
 This program will be presented by Heather  
 Valente for ages: 2 - 5. This program has been  
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### Good Tyme String Band

Wednesday, May 29, 10:30am – 11:00am  
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### Mad Science Workshop:

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Thursday, May 30 at 3:30pm – 4:30pm.  
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### "Paper Pals"

Tuesdays, May 7 & 21 at 2-4pm and  
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(above) Kenilworth Public Library held an  
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