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RESIDENTS ENJOY SUMMER FUN AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Seniors at the Kenilworth Senior Citizens Center took part in a fun and enlightening summer series of new Lunch 'n Learn programs, health and wellness classes, arts and crafts workshops led by such informative presenters as local podiatric surgeon Dr. Sean Kaufman, Cranford Park Care Rehabilitation Center and (not shown) Kimberly De Jesus-Seda of Elmora Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center — and an August 28 Ice Cream Social featuring a performance by The Jerseyaires Barbershop Quartet. In September, the Senior Center will resume its regular full schedule of weekly line dancing, senior fitness, Zumba and chair yoga classes, adding a new course in Strength, Balance and Function, an innovative series of arts and crafts workshops led by resident artist Nancy Lamoreaux and others, additional Lunch 'n Learn programs — and more. The Union County Lunch program at the Senior Center will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for Union County seniors age 60 and older.

For further information, please call senior program director Shirley Boyden Maxwell at 908-276-1716 or refer to the Borough of Kenilworth website kenilworthborough.com under "Departments/Senior Services."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUS TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO - SEPT 21

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino in Bethlehem, Pa., on Saturday, September 21.

The trip will depart Kenilworth (St. Theresa's School parking lot) at 8:30 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 5:30 p.m. Cost of \$56 includes comfortable motor coach transportation, an approximate 6-hour visit to the casino and \$25 in free slot play. There will be a 50/50 raffle and complimentary drawing for door prizes on the bus. The casino offers more than 3,000 state-of-the-art slot machines ranging in denomination from 1 cent to \$100, more than 150 table games — and more. The Wind Creek Bethlehem site additionally houses a wide range of distinctive outlet stores and popular restaurants/eateries.

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COMMUNITYWIDE GARAGE SALE - SEPT 29

A Communitywide Garage Sale will be held in Kenilworth on Saturday, September 28, and Sunday, September 29, 2024. 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 between 150 and 200 participating residences.

Residents who register and pay a \$12 fee to hold garage sales at their homes anytime during the September 28/September 29 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, Facebook postings and prominently placed signage and fliers. The registration deadline is Friday, September 20.

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 Love You More Flower Boutique (13 N. 20th Street) after

September 26. The listing also will be posted on the Borough of Kenilworth website (www.kenilworthborough.com) and on Facebook.

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

Kenilworth Borough Clerk's Office/Borough Hall, Public Library, Love You More Flower Boutique and on the Borough of Kenilworth Web site (www.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). Payment may be made by mail (to the Kenilworth Historical Society, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth, N.J. 07033) or in person at the Borough Clerk's Office or at Love You More Flowers LLC. 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/building 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 the Kenilworth Historical Society website at kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org and on the organization's Facebook page.

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Included with entry, all attendees will enjoy a delicious pig roast, grilled burgers, hotdogs, pulled pork, sausage & peppers, sandwiches, sides, desserts, water, soda, beer, wine, sangria, and more. Kids' activities will include DJ Mr. Socks, contests, games, a bounce house, magic performances, a fire truck, and more. Adults and teens can participate in a professionally run cornhole tournament, a golf pitching contest, volleyball, and bocce ball. Additionally, the event will feature a special rendition of the National Anthem, a NJ State Police helicopter, World War II vehicles, bagpipers, a dunk tank, 50/50s, a Silent Auction, and a paratrooper parachuting the American Flag into the event.

Admission is \$25 (donation) for adults. Children under 12 are free.

There are thousands of homeless veterans in New Jersey which is a tragic reality that the NJ Elks are determined to change. Over the past five years, the New Jersey Elks have successfully helped to move over 2,400 homeless veterans into homes, providing them with a fresh start and

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For sponsorship interest or more information about this event, please contact Apollo Hrehorovich at funday@njelks-eed.org, call or text 732-540-0062, or visit <http://funday.njelks-eed.org>.

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PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT “SEASONS” AT THE GALLERY-ON-THE-BOULEVARD

The Gallery-on-the Boulevard, located in the Kenilworth Public Library, presents “Seasons” an exhibit of photographs by photographer Barbara Wirkus of Kenilworth. The show will run from September through December.

Although she has attended classes and work shops, Wirkus considers herself self taught and had a darkroom to process prints that were exhibited in multiple group and solo shows in local galleries. She now has a digital Nikon D3500 with a Cannon 18-400mm lens.

She has received numerous awards including Award of Excellence - Westfield Art Association and First Place - Union County Senior art Exhibit.

Wirkus explains that she chose “Seasons” as her theme because it was peaceful without angst or stress. She captured images representing each season of the year. Many were close to home. A snowy Wilhelm, a tree ent, on her backyard tree; a blooming forsythia bush. Fall photos were taken from the back of a friend’s motorcycle. She

rested the camera on his shoulder as they cruised through parks and countryside. The images are meant to provide a relaxing photographic experience for the viewer as well as a nostalgic

journey for the artist.

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



(above) The Gallery-on-the Boulevard, located in the Kenilworth Public Library, presents “Seasons” an exhibit of photographs by photographer Barbara Wirkus of Kenilworth, from September through December.

Photos by Barbara Wirkus



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Kenilworth Board of Health President, Randy M. Moscaritolo,
announced that:
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at St. Theresa's Elementary School,
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from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
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This free event will be held on Saturday morning, September 28, from 10:00 a.m. to

noon. Location is in the parking lot of the former Our Lady of Fatima School, 403 Spring Street, Elizabeth. Parking will be conveniently provided in the church parking lot across the street.

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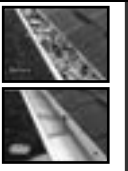
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DISCOVERING KENILWORTH'S "MODEL HOMES," PART 9



(above) Marie Moldenhauer, original owner.

Source: Family



(above) L-R: Little Barbara Kyta on "stoop" with mother Wanda, ca. 1951.

Source: Family

As the end of the 1940s neared, more southside homes were built. This time along S. 19th and S. 20th streets erected by Barton Construction of the Barton Land Co. The president was Michael Cuppari, owner of Barton Coal and Fuel Co. on Market St. Aptly, the development was known as Barton Homes. Those involved in the project included Al and John Bertolotti, Michael Cuppari, Dudley Neville, and Joseph Scarpa. In 1947 the Barton Land Co. purchased at public sale 37 Borough-owned lots on these streets for \$4,625 – based on \$125 for each 50 X 100 ft. lot. The company acquired three additional lots and constructed 40 new homes.

Prices for these 4½ room Cape Cod style homes ranged from \$8,900 to \$9,400. Each had a single bath, a full basement, and an expansion attic for two more bedrooms. Buyers could pick a lot and one of eight facade styles. Each had the same layout with variations such as a reversed floor plan and on which side of the house to put the driveway. For an additional cost the options included partial brick fronts, a single roof dormer, and an attached garage. Construction began in late spring 1949 and all were sold out by September. Zillow.com reports that in February of this year the home at 66 S. 19th St. sold for \$589,000.

Marie Moldenhauer is the only remaining original Barton Homes resident. She resides on S. 20th St. with her son, Robert. Her late husband, Robert, was a US Navy WWII veteran, former VFW Post 2230 commander, and a longtime Kenilworth special police officer. The couple's other two children are Linda and the late Brian.

The model home at 11 S. 19th St. was purchased by Grenville and Helen Lyon in 1949. He was a US Coast Guard WWII veteran and became Kenilworth Little League president. Helen was a Methodist Church Sunday school teacher and was Little League Ladies' Auxiliary president. Sons Grenville, Jr., aka "Butch," and Jeffrey were prominent Little League players. Not long after Mr. Lyon's death in 2001, the home was sold to a house remodeler who greatly enlarged it into an attractive colonial style home. Public records indicate it was sold in 2002 to Nikolaos Makkas who owns with his wife Victoria and daughter Yiota the Opa Grill, a Greek restaurant next to the library.

William and Wanda Kyta bought a home at 42 S. 19th St – a twin to the model. Daughter Barbara Kyta Sammet, a toddler at the time, recalled (2024), "The house didn't include a garage. My father built one with his uncle and brother-in-law. In warm weather everyone tended to sit outside on their stoop as people called a front porch back then. There were a lot of young families with children on the street. I still have fond memories of playing outside with friends and going to birthday parties. It was a great street on which to live." Barbara now lives in the Kensington section of town. It will be featured next month. Watch for the article as we move into the 1950s.

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) (above, l-r) S. 19th St. 1950 with Jos. Scarpa, John and Al Bertolotti, Mike Cuppari and Dudley Neville; model home at right.

Source: Bertolotti family



(above) S. 19th St., 2024; model home at right.

Source: Historic Signs



(above) 1949 Model Home 11 S. 19th St. in 2024.

Source: Zillow.com



(above) (above) The Kyta home, 42 S. 19th St., ca.1950. Twin of model home.

Source: Family

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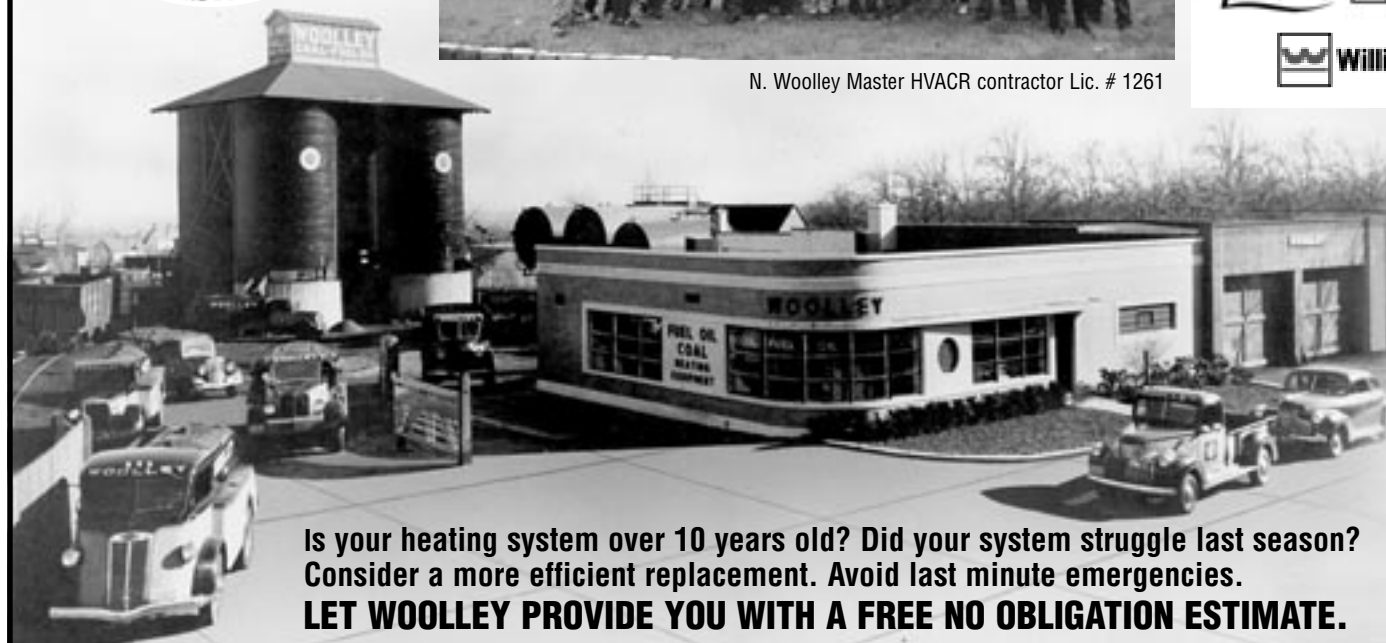
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(above, left) Spanish teacher Alejandro Mejia.
 (above, right) John Perillo, principal of David Brearley Middle-High School

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MEET TEACHER OF THE YEAR ALEJANDRO MEJIA AND NEW PRINCIPAL JOHN PERILLO

Spanish teacher Alejandro Mejia was honored as Union County Teacher of the Year for engaging students through language at David Brearley Middle-High School. Mejia, a teacher with Kenilworth Public Schools for five years, received the honor from the New Jersey Department of Education during a ceremony at The College of New Jersey. He and the 20 other county recipients are now contenders for the New Jersey State Teacher of the Year award. Besides his work in the classroom, Mejia plays a key role in the success of the district's Hispanic Heritage Night and leads a number of extracurricular activities at Brearley.

Kenilworth Public Schools named John Perillo as the new principal of David Brearley Middle-High School. He will succeed Jeremy Davies, who was recently appointed Kenilworth's superintendent of schools.

Perillo has 30 years of experience in education, serving the last five years as assistant principal at Hightstown High School in East Windsor. He began his career as an instrumental music teacher for elementary and middle school students before transitioning to curriculum supervisor roles. Perillo was the K-12 curriculum supervisor of arts education at East Brunswick Public Schools and Hamilton Township Public Schools.

IS OUR CARD IN YOUR WALLET?

September is Library Card Sing-up Month and the Kenilworth Public Library is celebrating!

In the rush to buy pens, pencils and notebooks for the back to school crowd, busy parents might overlook one of the most important tools they can get for their children - a free library card at the Kenilworth Public Library. -September, in addition to being the traditional "back to school" time, is also National Library Card Sign-Up Month. The public library plays an important role in the academic success of students. Studies have shown that children who are read to in the home and use the library do better in school than children who do not have this important advantage. The Kenilworth Public Library offers an opportunity for parents to participate in their children's reading experiences and reinforce the message that reading is important.

Through its website, kenilworthlibrary.org, the library provides access to its online catalog, giving cardholders the ability to check the library's holdings and place reserves on items from home. The website also provides access to online databases which can be accessed remotely. Additionally, the website is the place where parents can stay on top of the library's full schedule of exciting activities and special programs.

Up to date information about the library can be found at facebook.org/kenilworth.public.library.

In addition to its excellent collection of books for everyone from babies to seniors, the library currently owns a collection of DVD titles which can be checked out for a three-day period. There are also musical CDs and an ever-growing collection of popular audio books in CD format. Cardholders also have access to a constantly growing collection of films, music, e-books and e-audiobooks through several digital lending services.

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PJ Story Time

Tuesdays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm
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LEGO at The Library

Thursdays at 3:30pm – 4:00pm
September 5, 12 & 26

Build with LEGO bricks for ages 4 – 12.

Fun Friday Crafts

Friday at 3:30pm – 4:00pm
September 6 & 20

Ages: 4 – 9

Registration is required for each individual craft one week prior to each craft.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

Registration is required for all special events.

Kenilworth residents may register one week prior to each event. Out of town residents may register two days prior to each event, space permitting. To register: call or visit the library.

Boogie Woogie Babies

Tuesday, September 10
10:30am – 11:00am.

Interactive musical program will be presented by Tiffany Taylor for ages: 0- 4

Yoga Story Time

Wednesday, September 11,
10:30am – 11:00am

Join us for stories and yoga poses for the youngest listeners and their caregiver. This program will be presented by certified yoga instructor Heather Valente for ages: 2 - 5.

Microscope Lab STEM Science Workshop

Monday, September 16 at 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Children ages 5 – 10 years old are invited to register for this interactive STEM related science workshop presented by Union County Magnet High School Students. Learn about how a microscope works and how to use it. Look at different specimens under the microscope and fill out a worksheet recording observations.

SPECIAL EVENT: BIRTHDAY BASH STORY TIME MEET CHILDREN'S AUTHOR LAURA SASSI

Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30pm- 7:00pm

Join us as we celebrate the 10 year book birthday of Goodnight, Ark with a story read by the author, a craft and lots of book birthday fun! Program is recommended for ages 3 and up.

National Hispanic American Heritage Month Celebration

Thursday, September 19
at 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Join us for an interactive musical celebration featuring songs in both Spanish and English.

This event combines music, language and culture from various countries around the world. This program will be presented by Musiquita performers Blanca Cecilia González and Jesse Elder. 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. Children ages 4 – adult are invited to register for this program.

Potato Battery Lab STEM Science Workshop

Monday, September 23 at 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Children ages 5 – 10 years old are invited to register for this interactive STEM related science workshop presented by Union County Magnet High School Students. Learn about different types of energy, including green energy. Create a battery circuit from potatoes.

Read To A Dog

Tuesday, September 24 at 4:00pm – 5:00pm

For early beginning readers and those who are learning to read Young, reluctant, or struggling readers are encouraged to register for this program and read aloud for 15 minutes with certified therapy dog, Petey. Children will learn

to associate reading with being with this furry, non-judgmental listener and begin to view reading in a positive way. Over time, the child's reading ability and confidence can improve because they are practicing their skills.

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Meet The Illustrator Cynthia Yuan Cheng

Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00pm – 7:30pm

Meet New York Times best-selling cartoonist, Cynthia Yuan Cheng! Learn about her journey to become an illustrator of graphic novels, including The Baby Sitter's Club graphic novel Mary Anne's Bad Luck Mystery. Watch this illustrator create drawings for the audience to view. This program is recommended for ages 4 – 12

Good Tyme String Band

Wednesday, September 25
at 10:30am – 11:00am

All ages are welcome to attend and enjoy foot tapping knee slapping banjo music.

Kinder Bots STEM Science Workshop

Thursday, September 26
at 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Children ages 4 – 6 years old are invited to register for this interactive STEM related science workshop. Children will begin to explore the world of robotics as they build simple models that teach the fundamentals of robotic design. Whether learning about sensors while building drills and magic wands or discovering ways that gears and pulleys create movement while building helicopters and robotic dogs, every child is sure to have a great time. This workshop will be presented by Snapology. This workshop will be funded by The Ralph Errington Foundation.

Learn About Bacteria STEM Science Workshop

Monday, September 30 at 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Children ages 5 – 10 years old are invited to register for this interactive STEM related science workshop presented by Union County Magnet High School Students. Learn about what bacteria is and how good and bad bacteria affect our body. Look at bacteria from food products under a microscope.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Paper Pals

Tuesday, September 17 at 2-4pm and Monday, September 9 at 6:00pm – 7:45pm for our card making group "Paper Pals." You don't need any paper crafting experience to join the fun.

"Yarnies"

Thursdays, September 5, 12 & 19, 2-4pm Thursday, September 26, 6:00pm – 7:45pm. You don't need any crafting experience to enjoy these creative explorations. Feel free to bring a project to work on. Watch demonstrations of knitting, crocheting and weaving.

"Spin - A - Yarn"

Tuesday, September 24 at 5:00pm – 7:45pm. Bring your spinning wheel or drop spindle and create beautiful yarns! If you don't have a



(above, l-r) Musiquita performers Blanca Cecilia González and Jesse Elder, Cynthia Yuan Cheng, Laura Sassi

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The festival will take place from Friday, September 27- Sunday, September 29 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, located at 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ. Highlights of this year's festivities include:

Authentic Greek Cuisine: Indulge in mouthwatering gyros, souvlaki, spanakopita, baklava, loukoumades and other traditional homemade Greek delicacies.

Live Music and Dance Performances: Enjoy live performances of Greek music and traditional dance, featuring vibrant costumes and energetic

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"We are excited to welcome the community to our annual NJ Greek Fest, where everyone can experience the warmth and hospitality of Greece right here in Westfield," said Fr. Peter Delvizi, presiding priest of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. "It's a wonderful opportunity for people of all backgrounds to come together, enjoy

delicious food, lively music, and celebrate our cultural traditions."

Admission to the festival is \$2. A portion of the festival proceeds will benefit Holy Trinity's community outreach programs.

Join us in celebrating Greek culture, heritage, and community spirit at the annual Westfield Greek Festival. For more information and updates, please visit njgreekfest.com and follow @njgreekfest on Instagram and Facebook.

About Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church: Holy Trinity is a cornerstone of the Westfield community and surrounding area, founded in 1966, is dedicated to enriching lives through faith, fellowship, and service. Our annual NJ Greek Fest is one of the many ways we connect with our neighbors and celebrate our shared values.

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