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25TH ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY - JUNE 5-8

The Church of the Assumption's annual St. Anthony Italian Feast returns for its 25th year! The Feast will feature rides, games, live entertainment, homemade cooking, food vendors, a beer and wine garden, and a SUPER 50/50 drawn Sunday, June 8th, at 9pm! The Feast, located on the Church grounds at 113 Coolidge Place, Roselle Park, NJ, begins on Thursday, June 5 and runs through Sunday, June 8. Feast hours: Thurs 6-10pm, Friday 6-10pm, Saturday 5-10pm and Sunday 5-10pm. On Saturday, June 7, there will be a 4pm mass honoring St. Anthony, followed by a procession through Roselle Park beginning at 4:45pm. On Sunday, June 8th, two first-class relics of Saint Anthony from his Basilica in Padua, Italy, will be visiting Church of the Assumption from 8am to 2pm. Visitation is available after the 8am, 1030am and 12 noon masses.

THE FOLLOWING MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IS BOOKED FOR THE FEAST:

- Thursday, June 5:** Paper Statues & Parametric
(Valencia School of Music), 8pm to 10pm
- Friday, June 6:** 2/5ths Crazy, 7pm to 10pm
- Saturday, June 7:** Diamonds in Jupiter, 7pm to 10pm
- Sunday, June 8:** Andrea Longato (Italian Classics) from 5pm-6:15pm,
Valentied 6:30pm-7:15pm

OTHER PERFORMANCES AT THE FEAST:

- Thursday, June 5:** Fusion Dance, 6pm
- Friday, June 6:** Susie Karlik's Dance Sensation, 6pm,
Diamondettes Baton and Dance, 630pm

Additional entertainment will be announced on the Church of the Assumption website as it is confirmed.

Pay-One-Price Unlimited Ride wristbands, available at the Feast for \$30, will be sold on Thursday, June 5. Visit the Church of the Assumption website at www.assumptionrp.com/ for more information, sponsorship opportunities and to volunteer at the Feast.



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(above) Retired Kenilworth Police Chief
Kenneth Grady

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RETIRED POLICE CHIEF GRADY HONORED

Retired Kenilworth Police Chief Kenneth Grady received the 2025 Unity Award during a ceremony held in May at the Kean University Stem Center in Union, NJ. Chief Grady (ret) was recognized for staying involved, staying connected, and giving back to the community.

“We honor and thank Chief Grady tonight

for his service to his country as a Vietnam veteran, and as a lifelong law enforcement officer, who continues to look for and find a myriad of ways to protect and serve us all.

Chief Kenneth Grady (ret) is currently the President of the Retired Policemen and Firemen's Association Local 3, of Union/Somerset Counties.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AND PROGRAM

Kenilworth’s Historic Nitschke House

On Sat., June 7, 2025, The Kenilworth Historical Society will present a colorful, enlightening program celebrating African American culture and the significance of the Juneteenth holiday, which annually commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. It will feature an inspiring interactive visit with notable African American female Buffalo soldier Cathay Williams (1844-1893), as portrayed by acclaimed actress and historical interpreter Dr. Daisy Nelson Century.

The planned Juneteenth program and celebration will take place at the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (49 South 21 Street, Kenilworth), starting at 1 p.m. Traditional Juneteenth foods will be served. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Advance registration is requested, as seating is limited. The Nitschke House has an elevator and is fully

accessible. For information and reservations, please call 908-709-0434.

Participants in the program, which has universal value for all cultures and age groups, will have the opportunity to learn about Cathay Williams as well as the historical significance of the Juneteenth holiday, which annually on June 19 commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Acclaimed actress, educator, author and historical interpreter Dr. Daisy Nelson Century, will highlight the life and experiences of Cathay Williams, the first female to enlist and the only documented woman to serve in the U.S. Army while posing as a male Buffalo Soldier (William Cathay) in the American Frontier Wars.

Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society’s Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) “living history” museum and cultural arts center by helping defray operating and programming costs.

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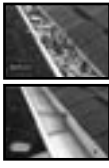
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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TREE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD?

Can you believe it? A big old tree growing right in the middle of the road in Kenilworth as far back as New Orange Days in the late 1890s and early 1900s. No living Kenilworth resident is around anymore who saw it and talked about it. But there are some of us, such as myself, old enough to have heard about it firsthand from those long-gone, old-time witnesses. There are even a couple of rare photos that show it standing stately in the road.

Horse-drawn wagons and horseback riders in our earliest days skirted around it. Then not too long after when “Tin Lizzy” automobiles hit the road, they too, had to maneuver around the big tree. So, where was this tree, what kind of tree was it, what happened to it, and what’s there now?

Well, first of all, the tree wasn’t always on the middle of the road. Before 1900 when Kenilworth was almost entirely farms, there was an historic diagonal road that cut across today’s Kenilworth from the southeast to the northwest. The road started on S. Michigan Ave. just north of Colfax Ave. and ran behind the Delta Gas Station of today. We know the road as Faitoute Ave. It ran northwest and is now blocked by the Parkway near Fairfield Ave. Faitoute Ave. picks up again on the other side of the Parkway near Bloomingdale. It next came out at about Newark Ave. and S. 21st St. It then would have continued northwestwardly going past the back of the today’s VFW Hall next cut across what is today the Boulevard at No. 20th St. by the Star of India Restaurant. Back in the 1800s, that big tree was not in the road but on the east side of the road. The road next emerged at today’s Washington Ave. by the Rescue Squad building. The diagonal road at that point is now known as Cross St. It continued northwest and linked up with Springfield Rd. near what is the end of N. 15th at the little parking lot for Black Brook Park.

No, the tree never jumped into the road. The road came to the tree?

In the 1890s, the pattern of Kenilworth’s streets was laid out in a crisscrossed pattern of rectangular street blocks. This shifted the right-of-way for the diagonal road at the Blvd and N. 20th St. location eastward with the big tree no longer alongside of the old road, but as a result ended up in the street at the Boulevard and N. 20th St.

In 1903 to the left of the old tree was the original Kenilworth Inn. To the right of the tree at the time was the old Benedict farmhouse that was used by Upsala College in 1898 until 1899 while it built a new campus at the top of N. 20th St. at what was known as College Hill in those days. What’s left is now Water Tower Hill.

The tree remained a local landmark. So, what happened to the tree?

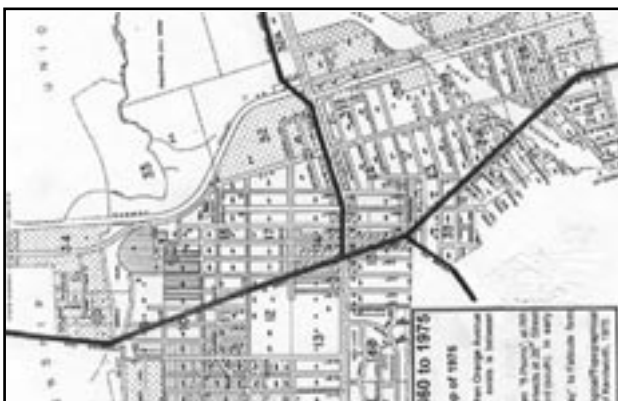
In 1926 a major construction project to extend the Boulevard from N. 20th St., west past the Rahway River into Cranford. Construction required improvements at the N. 20th St. So, the big old tree had to come down. How was it taken down and by whom?

In 1969 I interviewed two old timers. One was



(above) “Old Louie” Vitale, 1940, blew up tree with dynamite.

Source: Family



(above) Map showing diagonal road path, 2002

Source: Historic Signs

Fred Hiller (1885-1977) who came here with his parents in the 1890s. The other was Luciano “Old Louie” Vitale (1880-1972) who arrived in Kenilworth in 1901. He was one of the contractors. When he inquired about what to do about the tree in the road and others he said he was told to “Blow ‘em up!” with dynamite. He said it came down with a huge blast of 3 sticks of dynamite. The two spoke of their memories of the giant tree



(above) Modern day view of intersection.

Source: Walter Boright



(above) Tree in road (left) by Upsala College, 1898.

Source: Kenil Hist. Soc.



(above) Postcard: Tree in 20th St. looking east; postmarked 1907.

Source: Historic Signs

which they agreed to be hundreds of years old. Old Louie stated, “It was a chestnut tree.” Fred Hiller said, “Yes it was. Not there now. Guess that’s progress.”

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

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Michael Boll, New Jersey Veterans Network

Every Memorial Day, millions of Americans attend parades, fire up their grills, and host large backyard BBQs for friends and family. As a veteran, I look forward to marching in a parade and attending a BBQ. However, before the festivities begin, I make it a point to check in on fellow veterans and ensure they are in a good place. For some veterans, Memorial Day is a difficult day, and they could use some reassurance from a friend or comrade.

For too long, our military members and veterans have been facing a heartbreaking crisis. A new study suggests that 44 veterans and servicemembers take their lives every day. This has become a nationwide epidemic, and countless families are struggling with this issue alone. Fortunately, there are many organizations working tirelessly to help our uniformed heroes get through these difficult times.

In 2017, the New Jersey Veterans Network (501(c)3) was created with a focus on the well-being of military members, veterans, and their families. The NJVN is a volunteer-driven mobile outreach team that actively seeks out veterans in need, providing them with free, life-saving resources and services. As a grassroots organization, we have a unique perspective on the needs of our uniformed heroes.

Our approach, combined with the ability to

collaborate with other organizations that share our mission, has allowed us to save lives and help veterans live a better quality of life. Recently, the NJVN has ramped up our mentorship and peer support programs. However, our recreational therapy events and functions have produced the most impactful results.

The NJVN has had great success hosting social events such as: movie nights, group hiking, paintball, professional sporting games, fishing trips, hunting, and other outdoor activities. Additionally, every year, the NJVN sends veterans to Camp Patriot (a PTSD retreat) for a week of healing.

Each week, the NJVN provides veterans with

food, clothing, housing assistance, VA benefits information, and mental health support. By partnering with numerous other groups and organizations, we can offer our uniformed heroes a better way of life.

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 our team of volunteers, please send us your name, email, and phone number to NJVN1775@gmail.com or call 973-332-1556. For more information visit NJVN.org.



(above) Memorial Day parade march



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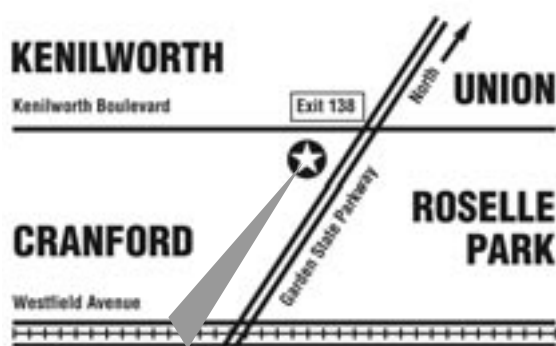
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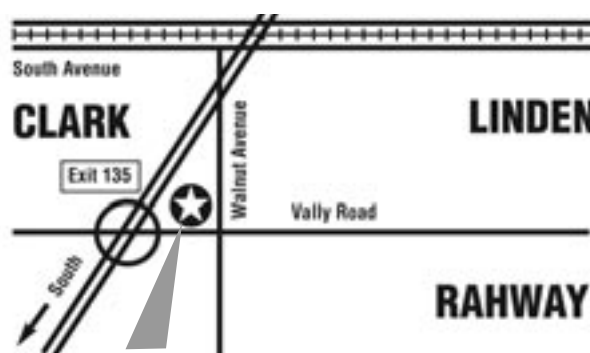
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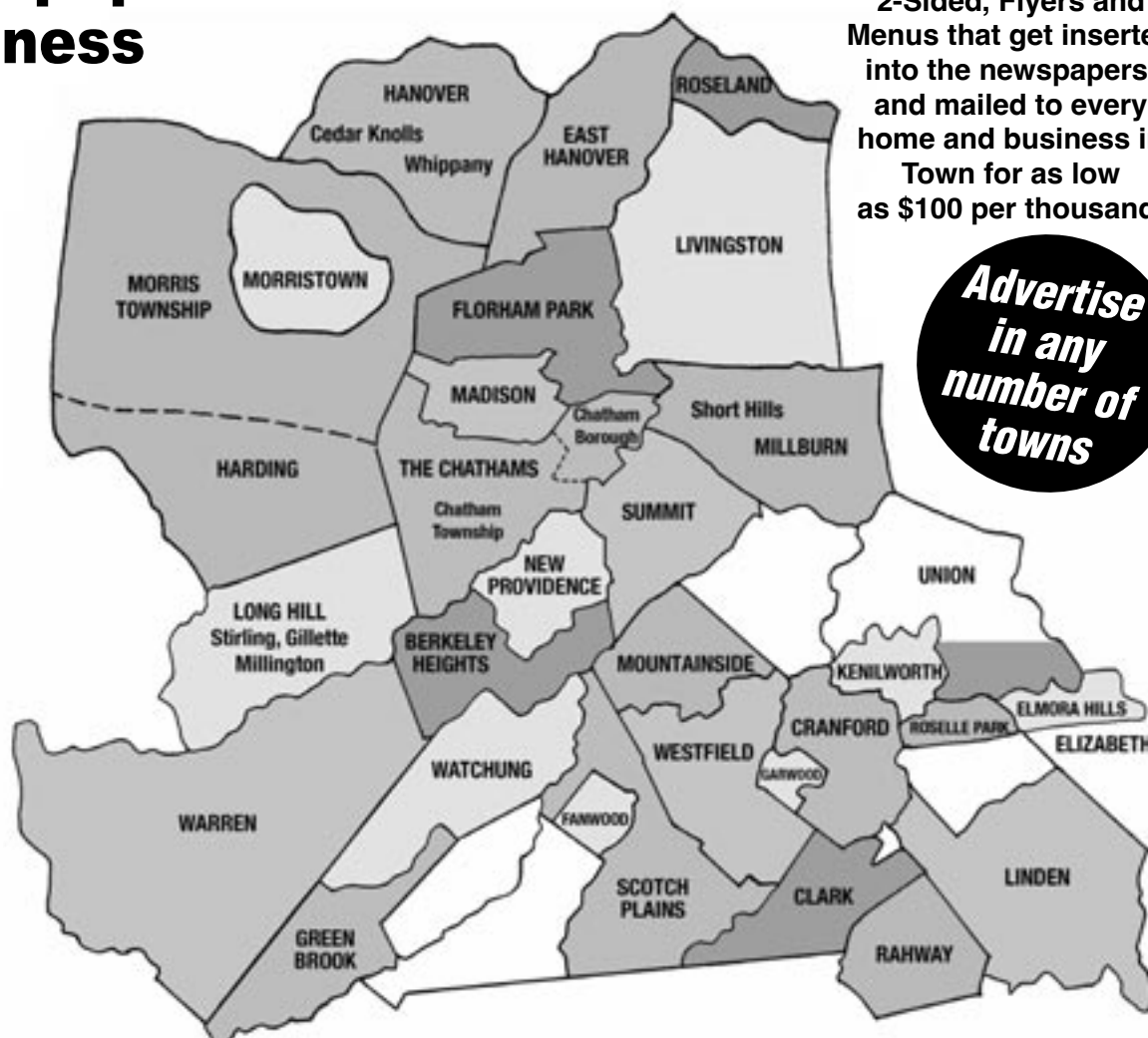
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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00a.m - 8:00p.m; Wednesday, Friday: 10:00a.m - 5:00p.m; Saturday: 10:00a.m - 2:00p.m; Sunday: Closed

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

Bingo For Children

Mondays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm

June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Bingo games for children ages 3 & up

Lap Sit

Tuesdays at 10:30am – 10:50am

June 10 & 24

Interactive stories and songs
for ages 0 – 2 years old

PJ Story Time

Tuesdays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm

June 3, 10, 17 & 24

Children are welcome to attend this story time program dressed in their pajamas and bring along a favorite stuffed animal for ages 3 & up.

Lego At The Library

Thursday, June 12 at 3:30pm – 4:00pm

Build your own unique creations with Lego bricks for age 4 – 12

Fun Friday Crafts

Fridays, June 6, 20 & 27

at 3:30pm – 4:00pm

Ages: 4 – 9. Registration is required for each individual craft one week prior to each craft.

Saturday Toddler Time

Saturday, June 14 at 10:30am – 11:00am

Interactive stories and songs for the youngest listeners. Ages: 3 & up

Saturday Lap Sit

Saturday, June 21 at 10:30am – 11:00am

Interactive stories and songs for the youngest listeners. Ages: 0 - 2

JUNE 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.

BOOGIE WOOGIE BABIES

10:30am – 11:00am on Tuesday, June 3

Interactive musical program will be presented by Tiffany Taylor for ages: 0 - 4
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

ELVISTORY

7:00pm – 8:00pm on Thursday, June 5

The King Returns to Camelot (1960 – 1963)

Ages: 14 – adult

ELVISTORY is more than an Elvis Tribute Show or a lecture – it's a musical history lesson!

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YOGA STORY TIME

10:30am – 11:00am on Wednesday, June 11

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.

GOOD Tyme STRING BAND

10:30am – 11:00am on Wednesday, June 25.

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

PORTUGUESE HERITAGE MONTH FEST

7:00pm – 8:00pm on Thursday, June 26

Ages: 4 - adult

Join us for the beautiful music, dance, stories and poetry of Portugal! This program is recommended for ages 4 – adult. This program will be presented by Escola Amadeu Correia. Registration is required.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Weave with Us

Monday, June 2 at 5:00pm – 7:30pm.

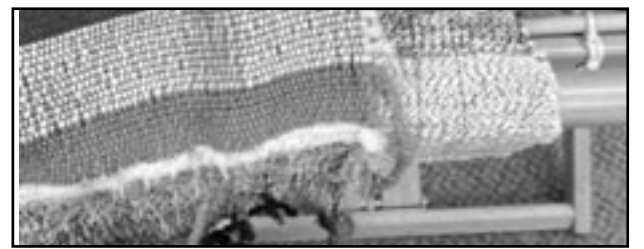
Join us the first Monday of each month (holidays excluded) and enjoy the company of fellow weavers. Bring your portable loom! Beginners welcome.

Paper Pals

Tuesday, June 17 at 2-4pm

and Monday, June 9 at 6:00 – 7:45pm

This event is open house style 5-7:30pm. You don't need any paper crafting experience to join the fun.



"Yarnies"

Thursdays, June 5, 12 & 19 at 2-4pm

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, June 24 at 5:00pm – 7:45pm

Bring your spinning wheel or drop spindle and create beautiful yarns! If you don't have a wheel, you are still welcome to join us to learn about spinning.

English Conversation For Adults

Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Saturdays, June 7 & 21

10:30am – 12:00pm.

Want to practice or learn more English? We will be hosting a free program for adults ages 18 and over. For more information, please call Krissantonia at 973-309-6971.

Sewing Workshop with Ellen Brown

Saturday, June 21 at 10:30am – 1:30pm.

Adults only. Registration is required.

2025 SUMMER READING CLUB

The Kenilworth Public Library invites children ages two to twelve years old to join the 2025 Color Our World Summer Reading Club, which begins on Monday, June 23 and concludes on Friday, August 15th.

Registration begins on June 16th and will be ongoing. Families who would like to register their children in-person can visit the library and receive a special Summer Reading Club gift bag while supplies last.



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