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The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City on Sat., July 26, 2025.

The trip will depart Kenilworth (St. Theresa School parking lot) at 8 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 6:30 p.m. Cost of \$77 includes comfortable motor coach transportation, an approximate 6-hour visit to the casino and \$10 in free slot play. There will be a 50/50 raffle and complimentary door prizes on the bus.

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For further information and reservations, please call 908-709-0434. As space is limited, reservations and payment by July 12 are recommended. Gift certificates for the trip are also available for purchase.

Proceeds from the bus trip will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) by helping defray operating expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the restored "living history" museum and cultural arts center 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 Oswald J. Nitschke House, local history and culture.

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Weekly programs:

Bingo For Children

Mondays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm

July 7, 14, 21 & 28

Bingo games for children ages 3 & up

Lap Sit

Tuesdays at 10:30am – 10:50am

July 8, 15, 22 & 29

Interactive stories for ages 0 – 2 years old

PJ Story Time

Tuesdays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm

July 1, 15 & 29

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 at 3:30pm – 4:00pm

July 3

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

Fun Friday Crafts

Fridays at 3:30pm – 4:00pm

July 11, 18 & 25

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

JULY SPECIAL EVENTS

Registration is required for all special events.

BOOGIE WOOGIE BABIES

10:30am – 11:00am on Tuesday, July 1

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

THE MAGIC CIRCUS

7:00pm – 8:00pm on Tuesday, July 8

Ages: 4 – adult. Join us for The Magic Circus featuring juggling, magic, mime and daring stunts! This program will be presented by Benjamin Lipman.

GALLERY-ON-THE-BOULEVARD

Gallery-on-the-Boulevard is currently exhibiting a four woman photography show, "Perspectives: Life Through Our Lenses. It will run through August at the Kenilworth Library.

Any artists interested in displaying their work in the Gallery may contact the Library.



(Above) Artists Jacki Dickert, Barbara Wikus, Charlene Federowicz, Cintia Malhotra

Courtesy Photo

LAND OF THE LEPRECHAUN

7:00pm – 8:00pm on Thursday, July 10

Ages: 4 – adult. Explore the myth and magic of everyday Irish life. This sprightly collection of stories, melodic ballads, pennywhistle tunes, and jigs.

LASER SCIENCE SHOW

7:00pm – 8:00pm on Thursday, July 17

Ages: 4 - adult. We'll explore how that one beam can create entire images using the science of our eyes - quickly building to a full-blown laser spectacle! This event includes music, lasers, and sparks to present an exciting and educational show you'll never forget!

STEM PROGRAM: BUILD A RACE CAR

11:00am – 1:00pm on Friday, July 18

Ages: 5 – 10. Design and race battery-powered cars in teams and learn about what makes one car faster than another.

SPECIAL EVENT STORY TIME

6:30pm – 7:00pm on Tuesday, July 22

Ages: 3 & up. Children's author Laura Sassi will read her newest book,

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Following the storytime, children will be invited to participate in a related craft.

YOGA STORY TIME

10:30am – 11:00am on Wednesday, July 23

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.

WORLD OF MUSIC, STORYTELLING & DANCE

7:00pm – 8:00pm on Thursday, July 24

Ages: 4 – adult. Join us for an evening of music, dance & storytelling. This program will feature Italian mandolin, bagpipes, Storytelling, Irish penny whistle, African Kalimba, Peruvian panpipes & Hawaiian ukulele. Enjoy Spanish flamenco dancing, Chinese ribbon dancing, Irish Step dancing and Mexican rope spinning.

GOOD TYME STRING BAND

10:30am – 11:00am on Wednesday, July 28.

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

PENGUIN EVENT

11:00am – 11:45am on Thursday, July 31.

Ages: 4 – adult. Learn how the animal keepers are able to work with them on a daily basis, learn what they eat, what their favorite enrichment is and so much more!

The penguin keeper will not only introduce a penguin but will teach us how we can take care of the environment to better protect the future of these birds.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Mobile Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 3 at 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Join us for a life-saving event as we host a Mobile Blood Drive in partnership with Vitalant Blood Donation in front of the Library. Donating blood is a simple, safe, and impactful way to give back to the community. Just one donation can save up to three lives!

Weave with Us

Monday, July 7 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, July 15 at 2-4pm

and Monday, July 14 at 6:00 – 7:30pm

You don't need any paper crafting experience to join the fun.

“Yarnies”

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17 & 24 2-4pm

and on July 31 at 6-8pm

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, July 29 at 5:00pm – 7:30pm

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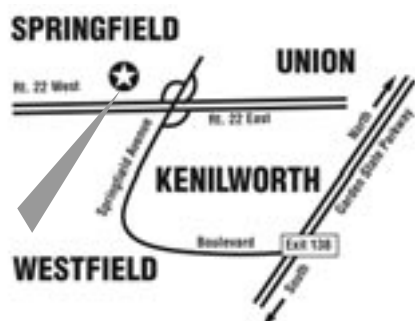
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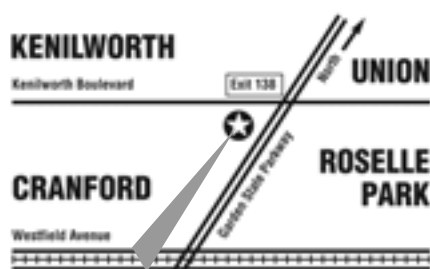
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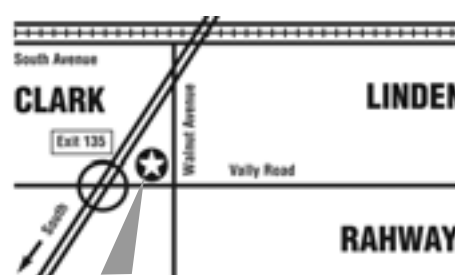
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KENILWORTH'S DISAPPEARING HILLS – PART I

At one time Kenilworth had more hills than it has today. Some of our earliest residents talked of the many rolling hills, fields of flowers, and brooks and streams that once made up the Kenilworth landscape in the 1890s and into the early 1900s. Early residents such as Fred Hiller (1885-1977) and Anna Grippo Scheuerer (1895-1991), were here in the 1890s. Luciano "Old Louie" Vitale (1880-1972) arrived in 1901. Their words painted a pastoral countryside of Kenilworth's earliest days as it transitioned from farms to the first houses being built here. Kenilworth then was part of an area known as New Orange. Some of the hills they spoke of remain, some have been greatly reduced, and some are gone forever. This series of articles starts about the year 1900 when all of Kenilworth's hills still existed. Some disappeared over the decades that followed. What happened to them?

The most famous hill was Tin Kettle Hill. It rose to 186 feet above sea level. Old Louie Vitale noted (1969), "You could see New York right from top of the hill." The crest of the hill was at what today would be N. Michigan Ave. about midway between Washington and Monroe avenues. It was the highest point in Union County outside of the Watchung Mountains. It is said that during the Revolutionary War it was the site of beacon fires to alert George Washington of British troop movements. This mammoth hill is gone. What happened to it?

The hill at one point was owned by the New Orange Industrial Association. It referred to it as "Monumental Hill." Earlier it was known as Sayre Hill for a farming family that lived nearby. The Association sold the hill for dirt to be used to fill in parts of the New Jersey Meadowlands to allow railroad tracks to be built thru the marshes enabling trains to roar on towards NYC. The hill's removal began in 1903 and was completed in 1906. The Cranford Citizen newspaper reported (1906) that hundreds and hundreds of train carloads hauled away 2 million cubic yards of earth.

Fred Hiller spoke of the massive process. He said (1969), "Night and day, night and day, six days a week steam-shoveling and so forth were going on. That was a tremendous job. They sold the ground. They sold the hill. They sold the dirt. The trains would come back for a load with a lot of empty cars. The crew would spot 'em under the steam shovel, and they would be filled. They'd shove 'em up on the side there and then they'd have another train crew come along and take them out." He indicated that the Lehigh Valley RR train came in and pulled the loaded trains out because "it was too big a task for the Rahway Valley RR equipment."

The hill was so high that when the Rahway Valley Railroad was built in 1898, the tracks coming from Roselle Park did not go up Michigan Ave. as the locomotives would not be able to climb the hill. So the route was detoured east to the far side of Market St. to go around the hill. To get a perspective of how high Tin Kettle Hill was, go to the top of the Newark Ave. hill. Tin Kettle was 78 feet higher.



Old Louie Vitale, 1913 (815 KB) Replaces Fred Hiller photo

Watched excavation. Source: Family

Read the next issue of Kenilworth Business Life. There's more to learn in Part II about Kenilworth's disappearing hills.

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.



Top of Tin Kettle Hill, ca. 1902. Buildings in distance site of today's Acme Mall

Source: Kenil. Hist. Soc.



Resident Joseph Gow inspects steam shovel at work, 1903-06.

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(above) The top of Tin Kettle Hill would have been at about this location on N. Michigan Ave.

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(above) Kenilworth police officers participated in the 42nd Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run.

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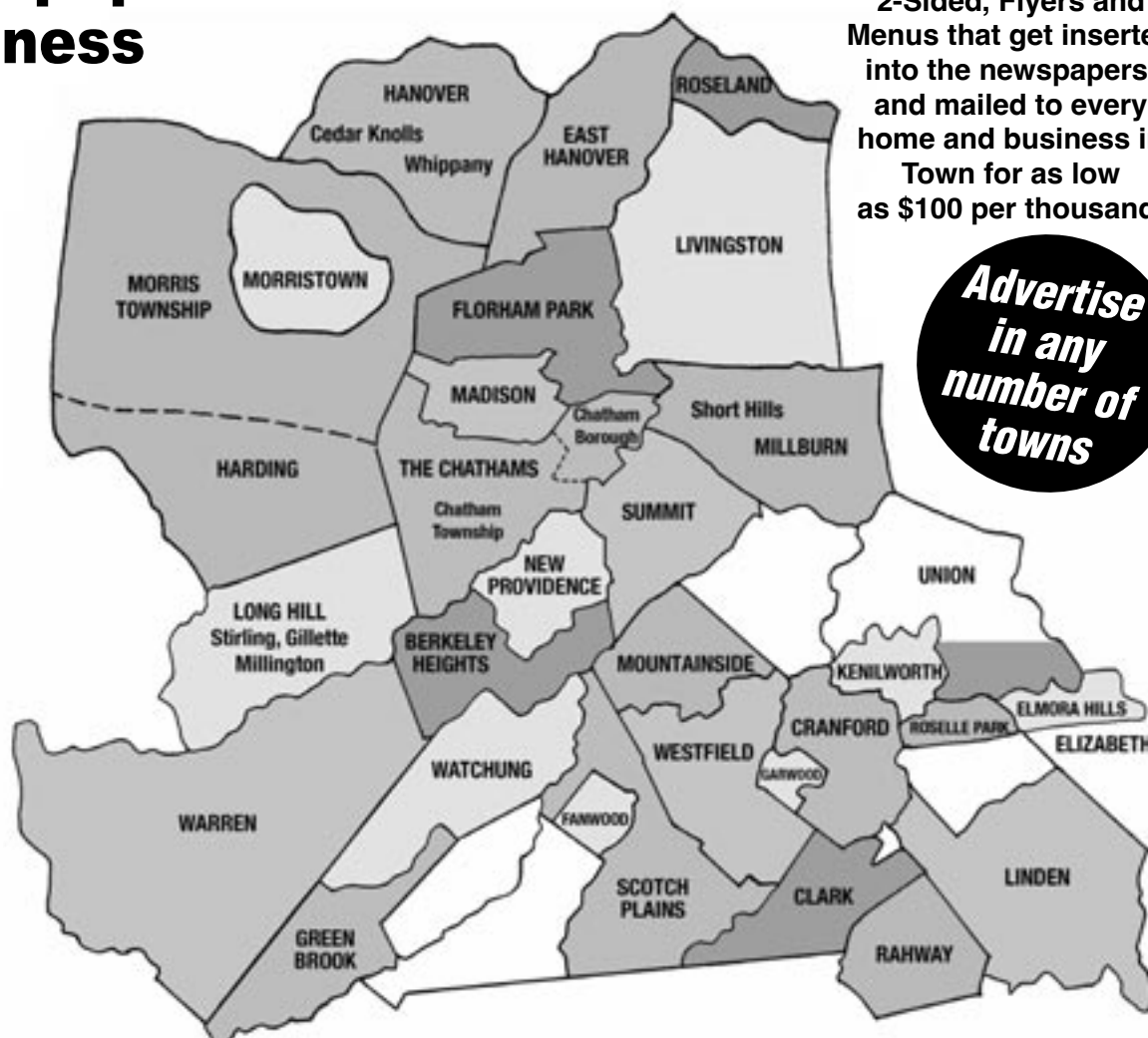
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LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT IS VITAL ADDITION TO DIMARIO PARK

The Aliver Foundation

The Borough of Kenilworth along with the Kenilworth Police Department, and Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department participated in a family friendly community event hosted by The Aliver Foundation on June 10th to celebrate the donation of a lifesaving equipment bundle consisting of a CE TEK 4000 Outdoor AED Enclosure along with a Heartsine Samaritan 350P AED to DiMario Park.

The evening featured a touch-a-truck featuring fire trucks and police vehicles, an interactive CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator) demonstration by Luciane Raibin of Garwood First Aid Squad, and a stethoscope craft for children.

Each year, nearly 360,000 people in the United States will experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and fewer than 10% will survive. The best

outcomes occur when CPR is started immediately and an AED is used within the first few minutes. For every minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival drops by about 10%.

“Since the day we started, we have had one goal: to save lives and help hearts,” said Jill A. Pall, Founder of The Aliver Foundation. “If someone you love had cardiac arrest in an outdoor recreation space, would you want to have access to an AED right there or would you be okay waiting until first responders arrive, knowing that every minute without an AED decreases survival by 10%?” Pall asked.

The hope is that nobody will ever have to use this equipment but knowing it is there and can remain outside and accessible no matter the weather is so important.

About The Aliver Foundation

Founded in January 2024, The Aliver Foundation’s mission is to raise awareness and funds to install all weather AEDs in outdoor recreation spaces while also providing crucial resources and educational opportunities to individuals and communities.

THE GOAL IS SIMPLE

– TO SAVE LIVES AND HELP HEARTS BY:

- 1) Increasing the number of all weather, climate controlled AEDs that are in outdoor recreation spaces
- 2) Creating access to educational opportunities like CPR and AED training
- 3) Providing resources and support to sudden cardiac arrest survivors and their loved ones
- 4) Circulating messaging about the difference between SCA and heart attacks as well as CPR and AED usage

Learn more at: thealiverfoundation.org



(above) Members of the Kenilworth Police Department, Borough of Kenilworth, Fire Department, The Aliver Foundation, and Residents

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CASA of Passaic and Union Counties

Mia spent most of her nine years in a home marked by instability and fear. Her parents’ addiction left her hungry, alone, and unsure of what to expect each day. She eventually entered foster care. While her peers prepare for a fun-filled summer, Mia finds herself living with strangers. A judge assigned a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer to her — and now, although things still feel uncertain and scary, Mia has someone who listens, shows up, and stands up for her.

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CASA volunteers are trained advocates who visit the child monthly and have court-ordered access to all parties in the case. Supported by CASA staff, advocates make fact-based observations about outstanding needs or concerns and make recommendations to the court. The CASA volunteer is often the only consistent person in the child’s life. Applicants must be at least 21, be able to communicate effectively both

orally and in writing, have computer skills, pass a background check, and complete the 36-hour training.

Fall trainings start soon; Union County’s begins Sept. 16 in Linden and Passaic County’s begins Nov. 3 in Wayne; county of residence does not matter. View the training dates at casapassaicunion.org/casa-training.

The first step to becoming a CASA volunteer is to attend an information session. Register now at casapassaicunion.org/info-session for any of the following:

Union County – Wednesday, July 9 at 12pm, Child Focus office in Elizabeth, 1143 East Jersey Street, 2nd Floor; Wednesday, July 9 at 5:30pm, Colleen Fraser Building in Westfield; Wednesdays July 16 and July 23 at 12pm, Child Focus office in Elizabeth, 1143 East Jersey Street, 2nd Floor; and Wednesday, July 23 at 5:30pm, Rahway Library.

CASA of Passaic and Union Counties is a program of Child Focus, which prioritizes the needs and well-being of infants, children, and teens impacted by, or at risk of, abuse or neglect. For details about CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, call 973-832-4002,

email info@casapassaicunion.org,

or log on to www.casapassaicunion.org.



(above, left) An attendee practices chest compressions during the CPR & AED demonstration led by Luciane Raibin of the Garwood First Aid Squad (and Board Member / co lead First Responder Squad at The Aliver Foundation). (above, right) The lifesaving

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