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The Kenilworth Police Youth Academy was held in June. It is an educational initiative created by the Kenilworth Police Department to engage and inspire the borough's young residents. Designed to foster positive relationships between local youth and the officers who serve their community, the Academy emphasizes the core values of professionalism, teamwork, respect, and integrity within a structured and disciplined environment.

Throughout the program, participants received instruction in military drill, physical fitness, self-defense, and various law enforcement topics. In addition, they attended special presentations from a range of law enforcement agencies, gaining firsthand insight into the world of public safety and what a career in law enforcement entails.



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LANDSCAPE WITH BIRDS IN MIND

The Raptor Trust

How many Eastern Screech Owls do we currently have at The Raptor Trust? Apparently ALL of them! Most of these owlets were displaced after the trees that held their nests were cut down.
Cutting down trees and landscaping - especially during nesting season - can destroy active nests, scare off parents, and even injure adult birds during a critical time.
Most birds nest between March and August. Even small projects - like pruning shrubs or pulling out vines - can have a devastating result on a nest.
Here's how you can help:
• Delay major trimming until fall
• Check for nests before cutting or clearing

• Leave a few brush piles
- birds and critters love them
• Avoid pesticides and non-native plants
These small steps can make all the difference for birds trying to raise their families nearby—or young birds in the first days of their lives.
The Raptor Trust is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization which provides free medical care to thousands of orphaned or injured birds each year. Our infirmary staff is available seven days a week during daylight hours to admit injured birds, but we must rely on the people who find them to bring them to us for care.
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Get ready for a fun-filled morning of movement and community synergy. Whether you're aiming for a new personal best or want to enjoy a relaxing walk, this event has something for everyone!

Take in the fresh air, soak up Warren's natural beauty, and enjoy the energy of fellow runners and walkers as we kick off Labor Day weekend in a spirited way. There will be medals for

winners in every age category! Early check-in will be at the Lions Club Pavilion on August 27th, 28th, and 30th, between 5 PM to 7 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help out with check-in, race set-up, water stations, and race clean-up. If you are interested, please register through the race website! This year's 5K proudly supports the Mayors Wellness Program, promoting a healthier and more active community.

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Arbor II is a two-year-old lab-golden retriever cross specially bred and trained by Canine Companions to serve people with disabilities. Arbor knows over 40 professional commands to assist Mike in his daily life. Arbor opens doors, turns on lights, and picks up dropped items for Mike to name just a few.

Mike enjoys sled hockey, weightlifting, and is heavily involved in the Canine Companions New Jersey Volunteer Chapter.

About Canine Companions: National nonprofit Canine Companions is celebrating 50 years of empowering people with disabilities to live with greater independence — and it all started with a service dog named Abdul. Canine Companions invented the concept of the modern service dog in 1975 and has since placed more than 8,200 expertly trained dogs at no cost to clients, entirely supported by donations. Today, as America's first and largest provider of service dogs, Canine Companions leverages seven locations across the country to serve adults, children and veterans with disabilities as well as professionals working in health care, law enforcement and educational settings in all 50 states. Volunteer, donate and learn more at canine.org.



(above) Mike Saverino & service dog Arbor

Courtesy Photo

Monday, August 4 at 6:30pm –7:00pm.
Children ages 4 and up are invited to register for this special storytime event. Listen to a story and meet the Seeing Eye puppies. Meet the families that are training puppies to be given back to the Seeing Eye in Morristown. The puppies will then receive specific training to be a Seeing Eye Dog. The families will talk about the responsibility of raising a Seeing Eye puppy and demonstrate basic obedience commands.

At the conclusion of this program, children will be invited to meet and greet the puppies.

Registration is required.
Kenilworth residents may begin to register on Monday, July 28. Out of town residents may begin to register on Thursday, July 31, space permitting. To register: call the library at 908-276-2451 or visit 548 Boulevard.



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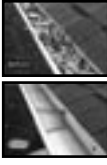
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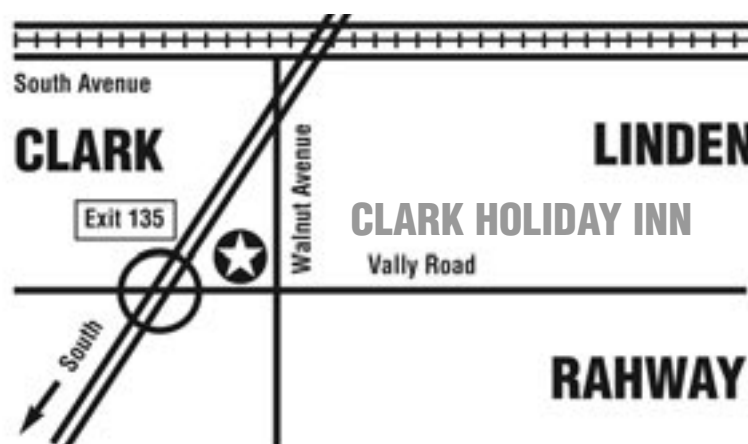
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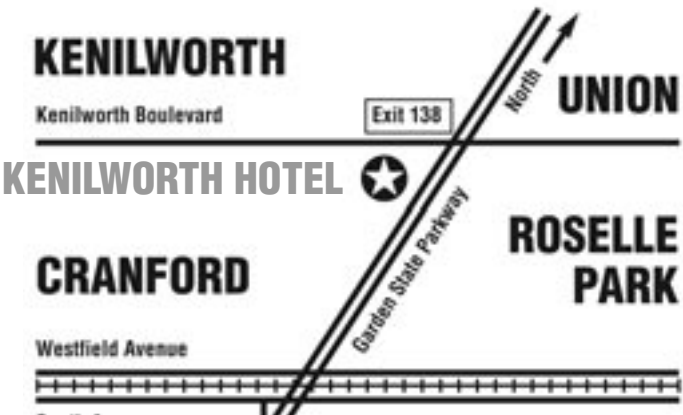
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Literacy New Jersey-Union and Middlesex Counties announces its Tutor Training Program. There will be a information session on Wednesday August 6 at 6 p.m. If you are interested in registering for tutor training, you must attend one of the information session.

The Tutor Training Program will begin on Tuesday August 19th and will provide tutor trainees with the tools and strategies necessary for working with adult students in one of four categories: English As A Second Language, High School Equivalency, Basic Skills or Job Skill/Digital Literacy.

All training sessions will be conducted online via Zoom. The five required training sessions will take place on August 19, 26, Sept. 2, 9, 16 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

After completing the training sessions, tutors are matched with a small group of adult students from the growing waiting list of students who need to improve their literacy skills. Tutors meet with their students online for 2 hours per week. After meeting your students, tutor trainees may be matched with a tutor mentor to guide them through their first lesson plans. New tutor volunteers are asked to make a commitment of at least 50 hours of instruction with students.

Literacy New Jersey provides ongoing

supervision and support to tutors in the form of free Professional Development workshops on specific topics such as Health Literacy, ESL Conversation, Small Group Instruction and Job Readiness.

To volunteer, you must be at least 18 years old, able to speak English and willing to tutor in Union County or Middlesex County. You do not need to have any teaching experience and you do not need to speak a foreign language. The

training will provide volunteers with techniques and strategies for working with adult learners, as well as sample instructional materials and activities. There is a \$25 registration fee to cover the cost of books and materials. Literacy New Jersey is a non-profit organization.

For more information or to register, please call Literacy New Jersey at 908-486-1777 or email Barbara Bagger, Program Director at bbagger@literacynj.org.

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COUNTDOWN TO JULY 4TH, 2026

America250 - In New Jersey & Nationwide

Next year, on July 4, 2026, the United States of America will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our country's past, to honor the contributions of all Americans, and to also look ahead towards the future that we want to create and leave behind for the next generation of Americans.

On the federal level, America250 is a nonpartisan initiative working to engage every American in commemorating the 250th anniversary of our country. This multi-year effort,

from now through July 4, 2026, is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

In New Jersey, RevolutionNJ has been set up and is a partnership between the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC), a division of the New Jersey Department of State, and the nonprofit Crossroads of the American Revolution Association to plan the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in New Jersey.

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PJ Story Time

Tuesdays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm

August 5, 12, 19 & 26

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

Fun Friday Crafts

Fridays at 3:30pm – 4:00pm

August 1, 8 & 15

Ages: 4 – 9

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

AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS

Registration is required for all special events.

JUGGLING WORKSHOP

1:00am – 12:00pm on Friday, August 1

Ages: 8 – 15

Join us for a morning of live juggling, an inspiring story and interactive activities!

This program will be presented by Lou DeLauro

Registration is required.

BOOGIE WOOGIE BABIES

10:30am – 11:00am on Tuesday, August 5

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

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

ELVISTORY

Aloha & Beyond (1973 – 1977)

7:00pm – 8:00pm on Thursday, August 5

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YOGA STORY TIME

10:30am – 11:00am on Wednesday, August 6

Join us for stories and yoga poses for the youngest listeners and their caregiver.

This program will be presented by Gina Folgar for ages: 2 - 5.

SCIENCE HEROES COMEDY SCIENCE SHOW

ADVENTURE OF THE MISSING COLOR:

7:00pm – 8:00pm on Thursday, August 7

Ages: 4 – adult

Registration is required.

MUSICAL CELEBRATION WITH CHARLIE O

11:00am – 12:00pm on Monday, August 11

All ages are welcome to join us for this interactive event celebrating summer reading and an opportunity to receive a free balloon sculpture created by Eddie Lin from Auesome Balloons. This event will be presented by DJ Charlie Oliva.

SPECIAL EVENT STORY TIME

6:30pm – 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 12

Ages: 3 - 8

Meet children's author Claudia Colonna who will read her book Bajette's Balloon.

This heartwarming story highlights the excitement of generosity, empathy, and human connection. Children will have an opportunity to participate in a craft related to the story. At the conclusion of this event, the author will provide a book signing for anyone who would like to purchase a copy of Bajette's Balloon.

GOOD TYME STRING BAND

10:30am – 11:00am on Wednesday, August 13.

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

UNIQUE CREATURES ANIMAL SHOW

7:00pm – 8:00pm on Thursday, August 14

Ages: 4 - adult

Participants will be educated and entertained as they learn about and view up close various animals. Registration is required.

LEARN CODING WITH SCRATCH JR

4:00pm – 5:00pm on Monday, August 18

Ages: 5 – 8

Join us for this introductory class. Scratch Jr is a kid-friendly programming language for creating interactive stories, games, and animations that fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, computational thinking, and creativity skills. Registration is required.

THE SUMMER READING CLUB

CONCLUDES ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Weave with Us

Monday, August 4 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. This event is open house style 5-7:30pm. This program is for adults.

Paper Pals

Tuesday, August 19 at 2-4pm

Monday, August 11 at 6:00 – 7:30pm

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

"Yarnies"

Thursdays, August 7, 14, & 21 at 2-4pm

August 28 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, August 26 at 5:00pm – 7:30pm

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GALLERY-ON-THE-BOULEVARD

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

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(above, l-r) Certified Yoga Instructor: Gina Folgar - Yoga Story Time presenter; Juggling Workshop instructor: Louis DeLaur; Ruben Castillo - Elvis Tribute Artist

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KENILWORTH'S DISAPPEARING HILLS – PART II

Tin Kettle Hill, 186 feet above sea level (ASL), the subject of Part I, is gone. But a good portion of the second highest point in town at 166 feet ASL, is what many refer to as Water Tower Hill. This hill, too, has played a significant role in the town's history. Much, however, was excavated away in the 1940s creating a deep gap at the end of N. 21st St. at Ok St.

When Upsala College came to Kenilworth (then known as New Orange) in 1898, it first headquartered in the old Benedict farmhouse near the NE corner of the Boulevard and N. 20th St., about the site of today's Charlie's Hot Dogs. In 1899 it moved to a new campus on a hill located on at the very end of N. 21st St. It was dubbed College Hill.

Today, what's left of College Hill people call Water Tower Hill. Some in error, call it Tin Kettle Hill. The last of Tin Kettle Hill was hauled away in 1906 as noted in Part I of this series.

When the college moved to East Orange in 1924, the hill with its 14 acres of land, was acquired by the Ku Klux Klan. The hill and its buildings were used for Klan headquarters, meetings, picnics (some open to the public), rallies with cross burnings and fireworks, open-air concerts (often open to the public), and other events. The Borough seized ownership of the hill and surrounding property in the 1930s when the Klan failed to pay the property taxes. The former college gymnasium became a tavern – the Sycamore. When the owner tried to keep operating the tavern there the town turned him down. The business relocated to the rear of the old Kramer-Ring Building at the NE corner of the Boulevard and N. 21st St. and became the Sycamore Bar and Grill, owned for years by resident Nick Caruso. Today it's Ava's Kitchen and Bar.

In the late 1930s, about 6.5 acres, including College Hill, were acquired by the Plainfield Union Water Co. – now owned by the American Water Co. The remaining land was in the hands of the Borough and some parts became an area

of Union County's Black Brook Park. There was a time when the Tuscan Dairy of Union used some of the land for cow grazing.

In 1940, the water company erected a 105-foot tank at the hill's top. The tank's top was at 271 ft. ASL. Then, N. 21st St. was one continuous unpaved road to the top of the hill. Trucks and workers got to the top of the hill up that road. Originally painted black, the tower is a light blue in an effort to blend in with the sky. In the late 1940s an excavation project took place that left an expansive gap at the end N. 21st St. No longer was there a road to the top of the hill.

The earth moving also resulted in hollowing out a vast area at the ends of N. 17th to N. 19th streets down to Shallcross Pond. This created an amphitheater of sorts where the Black Brook Park ball field and soccer field are now located. Where did the dirt go? Some have suggested it was used to help build the Garden State Parkway.

In the early 1950s some of the land at the end of N. 18th and 19th streets were set aside by the town for the local Girl Scouts. There they established Camp Wild Cherry and eventually built "The Girl Scout Cabin." Both existed for well over 50 years. Now they are gone

Some "lower land" at the end of N. 21st St. off N. Michigan Ave. was acquired in the 1960s by brothers Ralph and Fred Vitale. They erected 15 homes on new streets they created: Upsala Ct. and Via Vitale. They called their development College Estates.

Read the next issue of Kenilworth Business Life for Part III about Kenilworth's hills.

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

Elevations based on "A Topographical Map of the Counties of Bergen, Hudson, and Essex, with parts of Passaic and Union, by G. H. Cook, 1888."

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



N. 21st St. continued uninterrupted past Oak St. to College Hill, 1910.

Source: Ken. Hist. Soc



N. 21st St. abruptly stops at a gap at Oak St.; roofs of homes below visible.

Source: Historic Signs, 2019



Water Tower Hill being excavated away, 1940s.

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Homes on Via Vitale where College Hill once stood.

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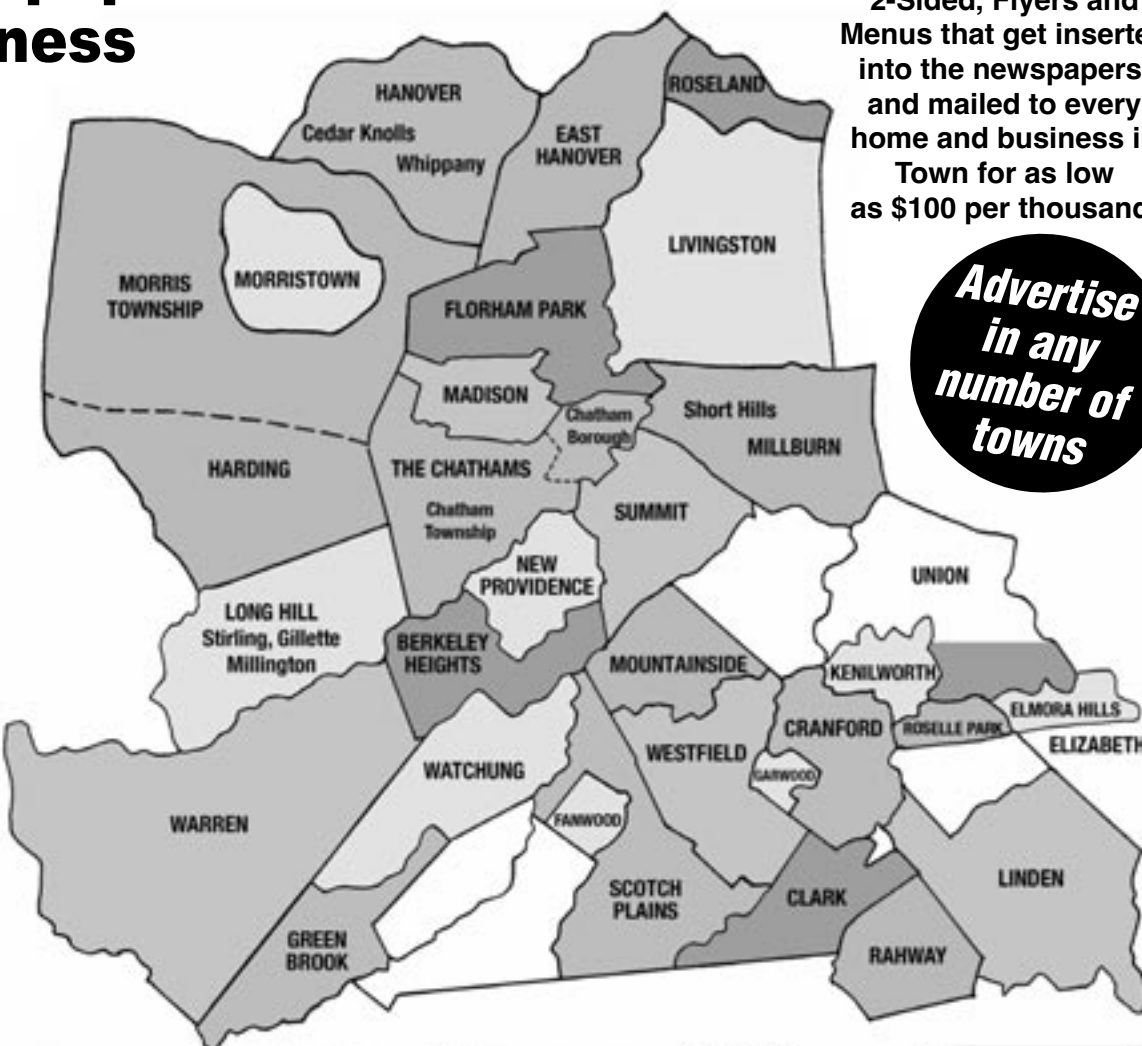
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