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FRED PUGLIESE SWORN IN AS MAYOR

Fred Pugliese was sworn in on November 23, 2014 as Kenilworth's newest Mayor. Pugliese a Republican, will serve the unexpired term of former Mayor Kathi Fiamingo, who resigned in March after being appointed a Judge in the New Jersey State Tax Court. Pugliese's term will expire on December 31, 2016.

Mayor Pugliese is a lifelong resident of the Borough. He was first elected to council in 2007. He has served as the Police Commissioner and has chaired the Public Safety Committee since 2008.

Mayor Fred Pugliese's statement at his swearing in:

Let me start off by saying thank you to all of the residents of Kenilworth who exercised their Constitutional right to vote on November 4th. Let me also thank those who voted for me and bestowed upon me the assignment of Mayor of Kenilworth. It's truly an honor. I am humbled by the support that I received on during the campaign and on Election Day.

I would like to thank my friends, family, my wife Lisa, my son Tommy and fellow board members. Thank you for the trust, faith and in believing in me.

For those who did not vote for me, I understand the reason why as there were two qualified and honorable candidates. But now the election is over and let's work together for a better Kenilworth.

The designations as Republican and Democrat exist on Election Day, but once the votes are tallied and the victors declared and we take our seats on the governing body up here we are no longer members of the Republican or Democratic Party but citizens who are working to together to keep Kenilworth a great place to live.

I want to acknowledge my predecessors who I had the pleasure of working with while on Council. Mayor Greg David, Mayor Kathi Fiamingo and Mayor Scott Klinder. I



(above, l-r) Outgoing Scott Klinder swore Fred Pugliese in as Mayor as his wife Lisa and son Tommy looked on.

hope to lead Kenilworth and act with all of the fine attributes that I have witnessed from my predecessors.

Keeping Kenilworth a great place to live will be a team effort. A team consisting of elected officials, local organizations and most important you the residents and taxpayers of Kenilworth. But it can always be better. So together let's make Kenilworth a better place to live and raise our children and grandchildren.

As any other team we all have the same goal. We may play different positions. But whether we are parents or one of Kenilworth's active seniors we are all Kenilworth's citizens and taxpayers.

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The orders on the tags were collected from needy families within the community as well as Covenant House, Catholic Charities and St. Joseph's Social Service Center located in Elizabeth.

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for their Thanksgiving food drive.

All of the organizations involved in the donation were glad to help and wish all residents a Happy Thanksgiving.



(above, l-r) Robert Schielke, Vicky Devlin, Michael Devlin, Father Joe, Marc Corello and Fred Soos.

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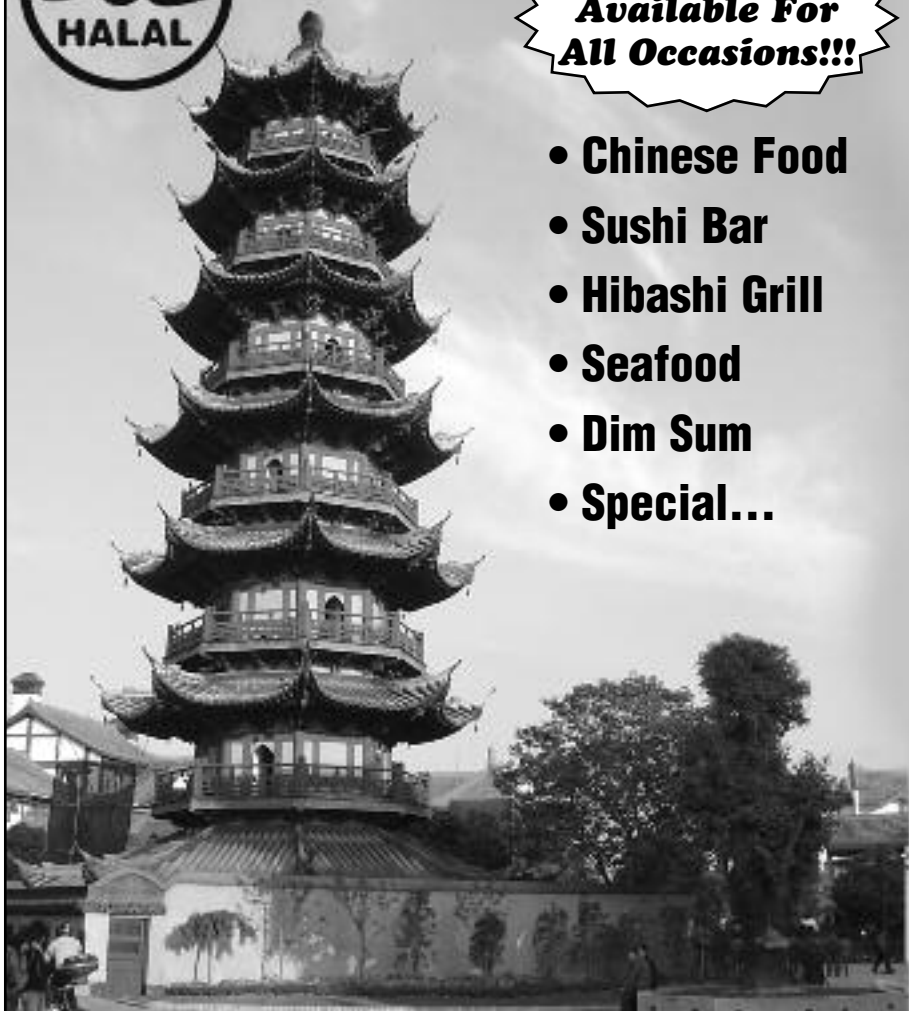
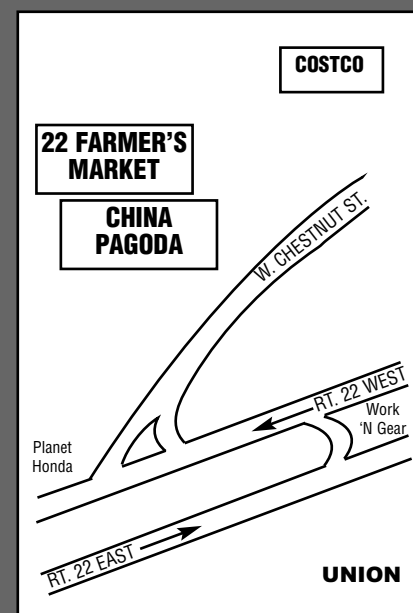
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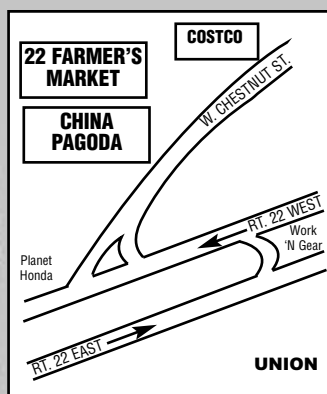
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On Wednesday, November 19, 2014, Saint Theresa School in Kenilworth, NJ was one of six schools, a total of 36 students, who attended the Union County Catholic League of Forensics "Reading" Competition held at Saint Theresa School.

Saint Theresa's team moderated by Mrs. Alice Gorombey and Mrs. Christine McCarthy, consisted of six students: Liam Matier (eighth grader); Luke Bollwage, Makayla Koski and Rachel Tramontana (seventh graders); Alexander Han and Gianna Vaynberg (fifth

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Three out of the six participants advanced to the final round. Rachel Tramontana and Gianna Vaynberg were awarded a Honorable Mention Ribbon; Liam Matier was awarded a Third Place Ribbon.



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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT THERESA

The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, conducted by Rev. Alphonse Stephenson returns for their annual Christmas performance at the Church of Saint Theresa in Kenilworth, NJ on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30 pm. The Church acoustics and Christmas Decorations are the perfect setting to enjoy the concert.

After 30 years of professional conducting, from Broadway to Carnegie Hall, Father Alphonse received a Doctor of Music from Monmouth University in May 2010.

He is a Chaplain, Brigadier General and the Air National Guard Assistant to the Air Force Chief of Chaplains at the Pentagon.

Father Alphonse is founder of the Cecelia Foundation, a non-profit organization funded solely through private contributions and the sale of our Christmas recordings, which brings the full orchestra to Catholic schools throughout the state and awards professional quality instruments to deserving students.

Tickets are \$15, \$25 and \$50. For ticket reservations call rectory office at 908-272-4444. Limited tickets sales at the door.



(right) Father Lito stood among the food collected with a sign thanking the PTO.

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(above, front row l-r) Principal Sr. Helene Godin, FMA Dominick Leblond, Benjamin Cernadas, Erich Beute, Mia Longaray, Kylie Sierant, Daniella Welker
 (back row, l-r) Kevin McClave, Fiona Morales, Kaelyn Pavlik, Zachary Devanney and Reagan Streko. Not pictured Jonathon Pineda.



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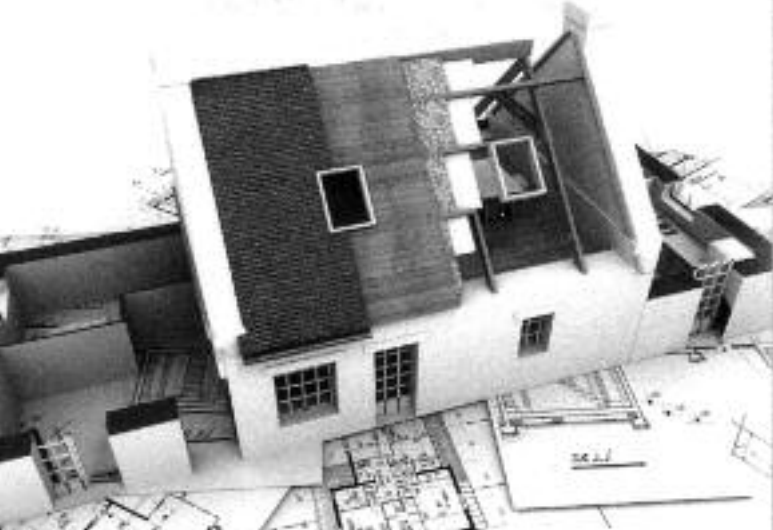
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Rockin’ BBQ With “The King” to Benefit Nitschke House

On Sat., January 10, 2015, the Kenilworth Historical Society will present a Rockin’ BBQ With “The King,” a fun-filled evening of great live “Elvis” music and a barbecue-style dinner, at the Kenilworth Veterans Center (33 South 21st Street) from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The event will feature award-winning “Elvis” tribute artist/singer-entertainer Jim Barone, who remarkably captures the voice, passion, style

and appearance of the legendary Elvis Presley. Barone, who for many years has entertained fans throughout the United States and abroad, will present “A Tribute to Elvis Through the Years,” a live performance of favorite “Elvis” songs from the 1950s-’70s, for listening and dancing pleasure. During the evening, a delicious three-course barbecue chicken and ribs dinner prepared by popular local chefs will be served.

Admission is \$50. Advance reservations (by December 27) are required. The event seating plan accommodates eight people per table. Early reservations are encouraged to ensure availability. For reservations/tickets, please call 908-709-0434 or 908-709-0391 or visit Especially Yours Florist (13 North 20th Street, Kenilworth), where tickets for the event also are being sold.

Barone’s performances are based on a full repertoire of Elvis Presley music and embody the passion, playful swagger, humor and complete command of the audience that “Elvis” brought to the world of music. Barone began entertaining as a teenager who excelled in musical theatre. His career as an Elvis tribute artist was launched by a simple request to perform at an Oldies Show. Through his award-winning performances worldwide, Barone has built lifelong friendships and a large fan base from a mutual love of Elvis’ music.

Proceeds from the Rockin’ BBQ With “The King” will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society’s Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) “living history” museum and cultural arts center by helping defray the cost of an elevator that makes all levels of the newly restored 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 Oswald J. Nitschke House, local history and culture.



(above) “Elvis” tribute artist/singer-entertainer Jim Barone, who remarkably captures the voice, passion, style and appearance of the legendary Elvis Presley, will take guests at the Kenilworth Historical Society’s January 10th Rockin’ BBQ With “The King” fundraiser back in time with his live performance of popular “Elvis” songs from the 1950s-’70s. A three-course barbecue chicken and ribs dinner prepared by popular local chefs will be served.

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THE NEW "BUZZ" WORD IN OUR CLASSROOMS...

By: Tiffany Moutis, Assistant Superintendent - November 2014

There is something happening in the Kenilworth Schools...Our teachers have increased the "rigor" in our classrooms. Rigor is pushing beyond what is easy and beyond our individual limits in order to get better at something. Rigor is not always what is taught, but it is sometimes how it is taught and how it is assessed. In order to prepare our students to be prepared for the world, we need to increase what is expected of our students.

Listed below are major skills we are incorporating into our daily lessons:

- Critical Thinking

We need our students to be able to think outside the box. Critical thinking is that mode of thinking - about any subject, content, or problem - gathers and assesses relevant information, thinks open mindedly and communicates effectively with others in figuring our solutions to complex problems.

- Collaboration

Collaboration is a learning experience to share and contribute to each member's understanding of a topic and to complete a given task. Collaboration is a natural part of life and should be included in the curriculum. Collaboration is designed to help students "play well with others."

- Adaptability

Our students need to think, be flexible, change, and use a variety of tools to solve new problems. We need to create students that can adapt to the situation.

- Effective Oral and Written Communication

We need to have our students to exhibit verbal skills, written skills and presentation skills. The students need to be clear and concise; it's hard for them to create focus, energy, and passion around the points they want to make.

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Located at 548 Boulevard. Library website is www.kenilworthlibrary.org.

Registration for programs may be done in person at the library or by calling 908 276-2451. The library's regular schedule of operation: Mon, Tues and Thurs: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Wed: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Fri: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sat: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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The Winter Reading Program

Monday, Jan 5th to Friday, Feb. 20th.

Children must be registered in one of the following programs in order to participate in any other events.

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at home reading program for children ages 2 - 5.

I Can Read

a reading program for children who are just starting to read on their own from ages 6 - 8.

Club Readsalot

a reading program for children ages 9 - 12.

Registration is required for:

Lap Sit for babies

ages 0 - 23 months will be held on the following Tuesdays from 10:30 - 10:50am; Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th and Feb. 3rd, 10th & 17th.

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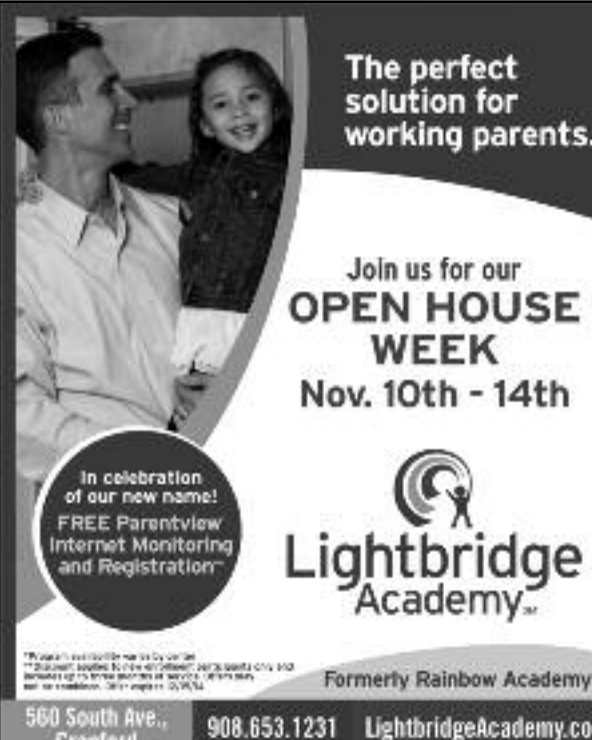


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The workshop will take place at the LNJ Union county office, located at 121-125 Chestnut Street in Roselle. Classes will be held January 20, 22, and 29th from 9a.m. to 1p.m. with a class observation on January 26th. Attendance is required at all sessions to become

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There is a \$45 non-refundable registration fee to cover the cost of materials distributed to new volunteers at the workshop. Need based scholarships are available to cover the cost of registration to qualifying individuals.

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The 15-Week Program will be held at Roselle Fire Department, 725 Chestnut St, Roselle. Use rear entrance from parking lot, elevator to 3rd floor, room 316. ASSESSMENT ON Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30pm. Classes start on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 and will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays: Mathematics; Wednesdays: Essay Writing and comprehension for Reading, Social Studies and Science.

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GARDEN STATE PARKWAY PERMANENTLY CHANGED THE KENILWORTH LANDSCAPE

by *Walter E. Boright, Ed. D.*

Many changes took place in Kenilworth with the advent of the Garden State Parkway construction which commenced in earnest locally in 1949. The 10-mile stretch running from today's Union Toll Plaza south to the Driscoll Bridge, was officially State Route 4. Most of the physical changes in Kenilworth caused by this super highway resulted in dozens of structures, almost exclusively homes, being relocated to empty, borough-owned building lots elsewhere in the community; raising of the Boulevard where it joins Galloping Hill Rd. to create an overpass above the Parkway at Exit 138; making permanent dead ends of several Kenilworth streets that existed then and that were to be created in future years; building three overpasses; and losing county park and other lands. Some residents, particularly borough officials, were pleased when plans for the new road were announced as they envisioned that it would encourage industrial development at the eastern end of the town along Galloping Hill Rd. They were correct. Within about two years of the roadway's completion, White Laboratories acquired more than 100 acres of property along Galloping Hill Rd. and settled its operations there. White Labs later was taken over by Schering Plough. Today Merck and Co. is located at that site. Whichever pharmaceutical giant occupied that huge tract has remained the largest taxpayer in the borough paying in some years over 25% of the local tax levy.

But there were a goodly number of residents who were greatly distressed. The Parkway plans meant the uprooting of themselves and their families because dozens of homes in the highway's right-of-way would need to be moved. Anxiety levels rose as affected homeowners did not know if this would result in them having to leave the borough entirely to find new places to live and raise their families.

In February 1948, in an effort to ease home

owners' fears of losing their houses, the mayor and council forbid "any further sales of any borough land in the vicinity of the Parkway until the line has been definitely established and homeowners affected by the highway construction have their choice of new sites for their homes." The next month the mayor and council authorized an inventory of all possible borough-owned land parcels.

In the summer of 1948 the precise line of the Parkway's right-of-way was determined. This resulted in 35 homes being identified as needing to be moved. At this time officials of Kenilworth and Cranford were in discussion to adjust the border line between the two communities in the Ashwood Ave. area to provide additional lots "as an aid to Kenilworth residents who may have to move their homes."

That same summer the State announced that it would "purchase properties involved and sell them back to the owners who wish to move them to a new site at terms that will mean that in most cases the owners will find themselves ahead financially when removal has been completed." By mid-August fourteen property owners took prompt advantage of this "buy back" offer. Nine lots on Cranford Ave. were set aside by the borough for early movers. Other lots were made available as well on portions of various streets including Colfax, So. Michigan, Fairfield, Ashwood, Faitoute, Bloomingdale, and Quinton avenues.

In August 1948 the first homes began to be moved. In October the borough authorized a sanitary sewer study of the Bloomingdale, Faitoute, Union, and Ashwood avenue area to service homes being moved to that section of the town. The borough also was maintaining a list of available borough-owned properties for those wishing to reserve a lot.

In the fall of 1949 residents who had not yet moved their homes were advised by the State that they would have until the spring or fall of

1950 to do so. They also were advised by the borough that the town would decrease the \$25 structure moving fee to \$2 for persons moving their homes due to the Parkway construction. One couple, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson of Ashwood Ave., were scheduled to have their home moved following Thanksgiving 1949. That move became quite an event. On December 1 a 35-ton, U-shaped, LeTourneau House-Moving Machine arrived on site to perform the task. It was reported to be capable of moving a house a day and could travel between 2 to 25 miles per hour. Hundreds of residents and State Highway Department representatives showed up to witness the spectacle. But there was one problem. The mammoth machine arrived unassembled. Much time was consumed putting the titan together. By day's end the 40-ton house was lifted onto the machine but had to remain overnight in a Roselle Ave. field. It eventually made its way to its new Faitoute Ave. location.

Frank Garrick, who was nine years old when the home of his parents, Frank and Grace Garrick, was moved in 1950 from Fairfield Ave. to 451 Colfax Ave., provided some details of the State's "buy back" program. He stated in 2003, "In 1941 my mother and father bought the house for \$4,000. The State bought it for \$10,000 to make way for the Parkway. The State sold it back to my parents for \$1,000 – the same offer as made to others on the street whose houses had to be moved. With the \$9,000 remaining my parents moved the house, fixed what needed to be fixed, paid off the mortgage, and had money left over."

Further evidence of physical changes to the map of Kenilworth brought about by the Parkway's construction remain to this day as numbers of residential streets became permanently dead-ended and others constructed since that time have, out of necessity, been developed as dead ends once they met with the Parkway. Among these are two segments of



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Ashwood Ave, one off Fairfield Ave. and one from Bloomingdale Ave.; Woodland Ave., west of Michigan Ave.; two segments of Union Ave., one from Market St. and one from Bloomingdale Ave.; and Summit Ave., east of Michigan Ave. Faitoute Ave. became a dead end on the north and south sides of the Parkway. For decades it had been an important direct route from about the center area of Kenilworth running southeast to Roselle Park. Bloomingdale Ave. coming into Kenilworth from Cranford originally ended at Vernon Ave. where it had a slight bend in the road to link up with Vernon Ave. which in turn led travelers to Michigan Ave. With the Parkway, the Bloomingdale Ave. extension was built to link it with Trenton Ave. taking travelers to Michigan Ave. Vernon Ave., west of Michigan Ave. was completely consumed by the Michigan Ave. overpass. So. 31st St., the only industrial street bifurcated by the Parkway, dead ends at the north side of the Parkway and also at the south side of the Parkway coming up from Fairfield Ave. Sixty-four years after the Parkway opened in 1950, trucks and other delivery vehicles still attempt to traverse So. 31st St. from the Boulevard to Roselle Park only to find themselves at road's end with the Parkway ahead of them, Tractor trailer drivers find this especially frustrating.

The Parkway shaved off about two acres of the property of Graceland Memorial Park. It took about 20 acres of the Galloping Hill Golf Course. Parkway construction filled in and paved over a section of the golf course that boasted the steepest hills for winter-time sledding.

The juncture of the Boulevard with Galloping Hill Rd., which is the location of Exit 138, was elevated considerably to allow for passage of the Parkway under those roadways. This is the only Parkway underpass in Kenilworth, although there are three overpasses elsewhere: So. Michigan Ave., Market St., and the rail bed of the abandoned Rahway Valley Railroad. Before

construction of the Parkway, the Boulevard, as it headed east toward Five Points, was at the same grade level as the Beth David Cemetery. The cemetery's white maintenance garage is clearly visible at road level in an early 1940s photograph which is part of this article. Today, however, the white maintenance facility, near the entrance to Galloping Hill Golf Course, is barely visible from the elevated Boulevard and appears to be sitting in a hole below the new and higher grade of the Boulevard.

Rose Loessel Fennes, now in her 80s, remembers preparation work for construction of the Garden State Parkway. "My parents were living on Union Ave. in the 1940s when Parkway construction was getting underway. My husband, Rudy, and I were married in 1946 and were living with his parents at 254 Michigan Ave., right at the corner of Vernon Ave. The contractors began moving dirt around behind our house and others in the neighborhood to raise the height of the Parkway to build the Michigan Ave. overpass. Rudy and I later owned his parents' house and eventually it had to be moved out to make way for the overpass. The house was moved further up Michigan Ave. along with another and put down opposite Passaic Ave., next to what is now Joe DiMario Playground."

Rose continued, "The way they moved the houses was amazing. House movers would come along with big wooden timbers, 12 inches square. They'd punch holes in the walls of the foundation and run the timbers under the house with them coming out on the other side through other holes punched into the foundation. With huge jacks they slowly raised the house up and got it onto a truck and slowly rolled it up Michigan Ave. They only encountered one difficulty along the way. When the movers got our house up to the old Venter's Florists property near Richfield Ave., the telephone and electric wires running overhead across Michigan Ave. made a problem. So a man from the house movers got on top of the roof and with a stick

lifted the wires so the truck and house could pass under underneath. We didn't even have to take our glasses out of the cabinets. Nothing got broken!" exclaimed Rose. "Some time before the house was moved," continued Rose, "a new foundation had to be built for the moved house to sit upon. Everything was carefully coordinated. It was really something."

Jerry Nesbitt was about age 11 in 1950 when his parents' home was moved. He recalled recently, "Rose Fennes and her husband were our neighbors on Michigan Ave. I remember a lot of houses being moved. I remember when ours was moved as well as that of the Stevens family, too. When our house was moved, I stayed inside of it and rode along as the house was rolled to its new location."

Not everyone gave up their homes so readily. One family on Michigan Ave. refused to move. Eventually their water and electricity were cut off. Their protest ended shortly thereafter with them relocating to lower So. Michigan Ave.

The Parkway is credited with causing population increases in many communities. The surge in Kenilworth's population after 1950 is often attributed to the opening of the Garden State Parkway. According to federal census data, the borough's 1950 population of 4,922 increased by 70% to 8,379 people a decade later in 1960.

Virtually all of the homes moved to make way for the Parkway more than six decades ago are still standing. A good number of their present-day owners probably are not aware that the house they are living in today once stood elsewhere in Kenilworth.

This is the 37th article about Kenilworth history authored by local historian Walter E. Boright, Ed. D. of Historic Signs, Inc. Sources of information for this feature include those cited in the article, interviews, and the archives of the Cranford Chronicle. Persons with additional information about this feature or any Kenilworth history topic may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.

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KENILWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS MEET THE MAYOR EVENT



The Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce has announced that Mayor Fred Pugliese will be the guest of honor at its January 14, 2015, meeting, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Access Self Storage located at 750 Boulevard in Kenilworth.

Members of the chamber and community alike are invited to attend for the purpose of getting to know the new mayor. The Kenilworth Chamber has a long and productive history working with the previous administrations of the Borough of Kenilworth and co-chairs Kamal Assad of Sign A Rama and Isabel Munoz of Access Self Storage look forward to a continuation of that relationship.

In addition to this event, the Kenilworth Chamber works hard to promote businesses in town through sponsorship opportunities at their two major fundraisers each year, the Taste of Kenilworth in the Fall and the Toast to Kenilworth in the Spring. These events raise money to support the Oswald J. Nitschke House, the Kenilworth Library's Bard on the Boulevard Program, the Brearley High School Art Department and the Kenilworth Chamber Scholarship Prize.

The Kenilworth Chamber meets on the second Wednesday of each month. More information about location and times can be found at www.GatewayChamber.com. The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is the parent organization for the Kenilworth Chamber and 10 other chambers and networking groups, serving more than 1,200 members.

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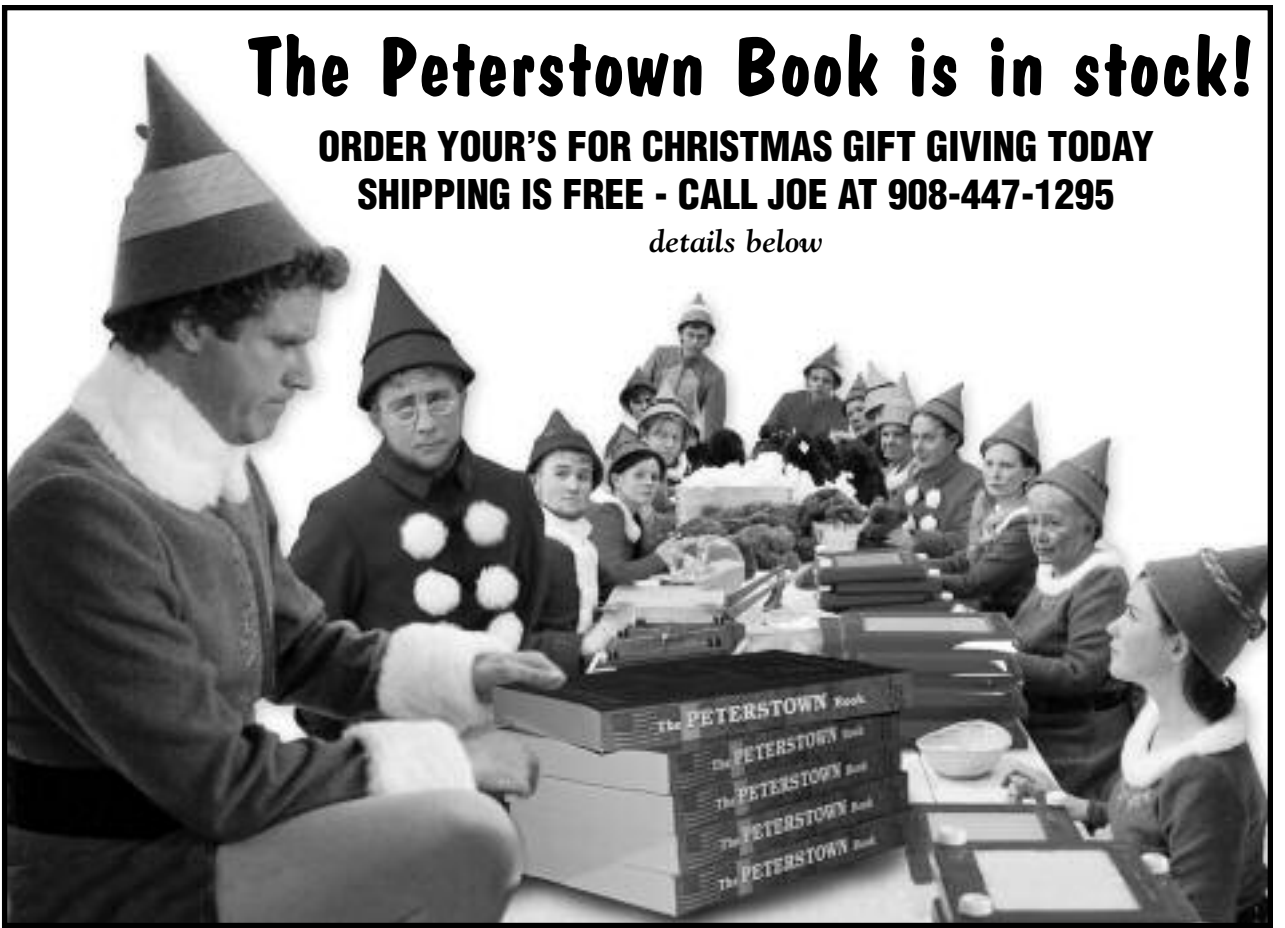
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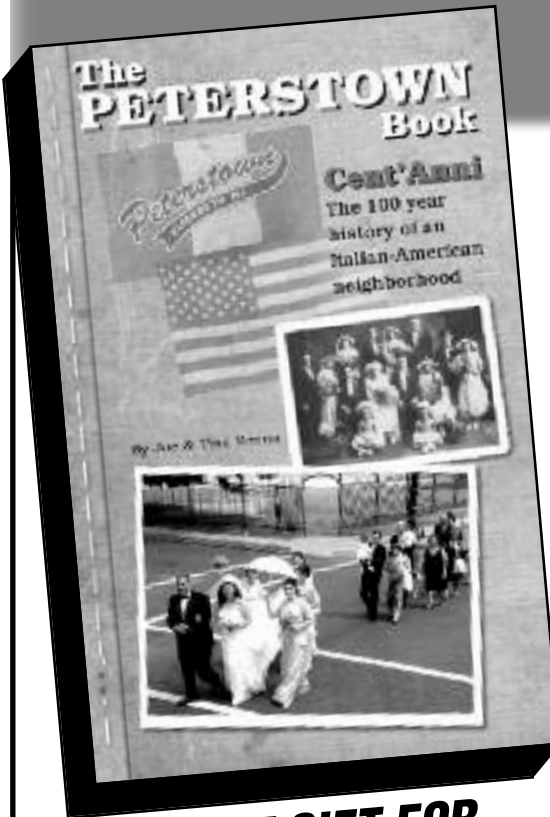
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RENNA MEDIA NAMED 2015 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR BY THE GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is the largest business association in the New York Metropolitan area with about 1,200 members. The group's long history dates back to 1911 when it was founded as the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce by John D. Rockefeller and other New Jersey industrialists. Today the Gateway Chamber serves as an umbrella organization for a dozen regional and local chambers and networking groups.

Each year the Chamber selects three businesses as their large, medium and small businesses of the year. They have selected Renna Media as the small business of the year for 2015. The honor of large company of the year goes to Linden petroleum company Infineum USA L.P. and Summit investment firm R Seelaus & Co. was named as the medium company of the year. The Linden Chamber of Commerce was named the Chamber of the Year.

Joe and Tina Renna were nominated and selected not only for the success of their business but the community service aspect of their business plan. Renna Media publishes twelve community newspapers that are mailed free to 58,000 homes and businesses on a monthly basis. The focus of the newspapers is to support the community service organizations in the towns that they publish in. Non-profits can promote events at no charge. The publications also recognize individuals and businesses that perform community service. The newspapers also serve as a calendar of upcoming events for the towns, schools, and libraries.

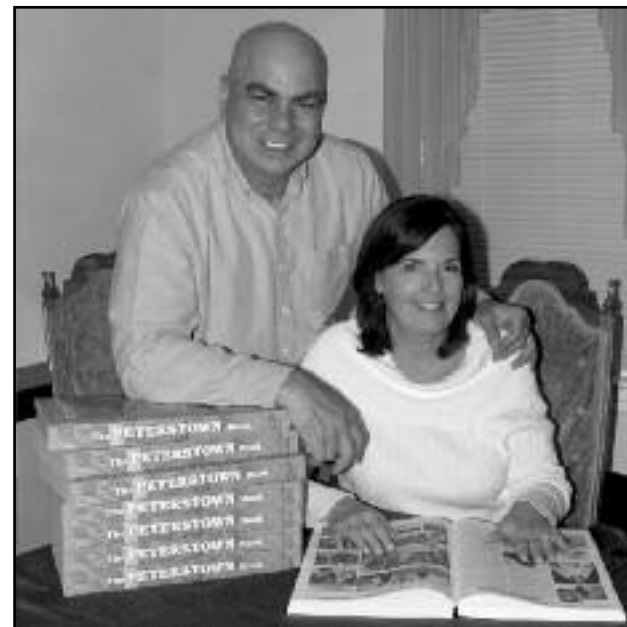
Renna Media launched their newest publication Cranford Monthly in January of 2014, it is mailed to every home and business in town. It joins other Union County publications in Clark, Linden, Rahway, Kenilworth, and Union, along with six newspapers in their western zone, Warren, Watchung, Long Hill, Green Brook, Dunellen, and North Plainfield.

Tina and Joe also publish Around About Peterstown on a bi-monthly basis. This publication is less of a business venture and more of a labor of love. The Peterstown Newspaper attempts to record the oral history of the Elizabeth neighborhood Joe grew up in. In September of 2013 they published The Peterstown Book, a one hundred year history of the Italian American Neighborhood.

The biggest benefit to being a Gateway Chamber member is networking. The smallest companies have access to the largest. The Chamber hosts approximately 180 networking events a year. Prospective members are invited to events also. If a business is a member of one group then they are automatically a member of all groups.

The groups include:

- Linden Chamber of Commerce
- Clark Chamber of Commerce
- Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce
- Warren Chamber of Commerce
- Somerset Hills Business Network
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- Workforce Education Committee



AWARDS DINNER:

Approximately 600 people from a broad range of businesses attend the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce annual awards dinner. This year's event will be held on

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