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MAHWAH CELEBRATES THE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF JOYCE KILMER'S TREES

By Leda Dunn Wettre, Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission



Councilman John Roth; Library Director, Kurt Hadelor; Councilman John Spiech; Mayor William Laforet; Library Board of Trustees President, Curtis Koster.

I think that I shall never see, A poem lovely as a tree

If these lines are familiar to you, you are far from alone. They are the two opening lines to Joyce Kilmer's poem *Trees*, one of the world's best-known poems. Finished on February 2, 1913, the poem celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

While *Trees* (reprinted below) and his other poems belong to the world, certain poems by Joyce Kilmer have a distinct connection specifically to us as Mahwah residents. Born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, Kilmer chose as a young married man to make Mahwah his home, residing here from 1912 to 1917 with his wife Aline, also a poet, and their five children. The home Kilmer built in Cragmere Park is still a family residence.

Kilmer wrote *Trees* during the period he resided in Mahwah. Although controversy abounds as to whether a particular tree was Kilmer's arboreal muse, none of us should be surprised that our leafy suburb inspired his work. Indeed, Mahwah and the surrounding region certainly captured Kilmer's artistic imagination, as reflected in his other poetry.

Kilmer's well-known poem *The House With Nobody In It* (reprinted page 7) is a melancholy tribute to an empty farmhouse that once stood along the train tracks on Franklin Turnpike in Mahwah. His poem *The Twelve-Forty-Five* describes an experience familiar to present Mahwah commuters, that of passing through Glen Rock, Ridgewood, Ho-Ho-Kus, Waldwick, Allendale and Ramsey on the evening rail trip home to Mahwah. And Mount Hovenhopf, an ode to a peak in the Ramapo Mountains near Stag Hill, is reportedly based on Kilmer's local hikes.

This year, Kilmer's regard for Mahwah will be reciprocated by the Township in several ways. On February 1, 2013, Mayor Laforet issued a "Mayoral Proclamation" stating that February 2, 2013 and every February 2 henceforth are proclaimed to be Joyce Kilmer Day in Mahwah. In addition, the Mahwah Public Library is displaying an exhibit of books on Kilmer's life, and the Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission is sponsoring an essay contest for Mahwah students. Look for further celebrations of our former resident throughout the year. ■

Trees by Joyce Kilmer

*I think that I shall never see,
A poem lovely as a tree;*

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest,
Against the sweet earth's flowing breast;*

*A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

*A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;*

*Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain,*

*Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND MAYOR



*Back Row: L to R: Councilman John A. Spiech; Councilman Charles Jandris; Mayor William Laforet; Councilman Steven Sbarra; Councilman John Roth.
Front Row: L to R: Township Council President Harry Williams; Township Council Vice President H. Lisa DiGiulio. Not pictured: Councilman Roy B. Larson*

*The legislative power of the municipality is exercised by a seven member Township Council. Officials are elected at non-partisan elections, held every other November, for four-year terms. Residents are encouraged to register to vote. Registration forms are available in the Township Clerk's office.
Township Council meetings are generally held the first and third Thursday of each month.*

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbor,

As Mayor of the Township of Mahwah, I would like to thank all our citizens, employees and volunteers for all their work in the year 2012. We survived one of the greatest natural disasters to hit our community. I look forward to making the Township a better and more rewarding place to live and work in the year 2013.

I would also like to thank the residents who exercised the right to vote in last November's election. I welcome Councilman Steven Sbarra to the Council along with re-elected Councilman John Roth and Councilwoman H. Lisa DiGiulio. I believe that the Mayor and the entire Council can work together during the next four years for the improvement of our Township.

Sincerely,

William C. Laforet

Mayor

Keep Mahwah Green - Recycle

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RECYCLING

The Recycling Center located at the Public Works garage will be closed on the following dates. There will also be no trailer at Co. # 4 Firehouse on Fardale Ave.

March 29; March 30; May 25; May 27; July 4; July 6; Aug 31; Sept 2

Brush Collection

The 2013 Brush season will start on Saturday, April 6 and will continue until September 28. However, there is no brush collection on the dates that the recycling center is closed. There will be **NO** curbside pickup of brush during brush season.

Brush disposal will be done at the Recycling Center **ONLY**. Residents can bring brush to the Recycling Center on Saturdays **ONLY** from 7:30 a.m. – 12: 30 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Brush must be prepared as follows:

- Anything under four (4) feet must be bundled
- Any brush over four (4) feet must have stems or butts facing the same way
- All stumps and roots must be removed

Garbage Collection

Twice a week trash collection will resume on April 1, 2013.

- If your trash is collected on Monday the second collection will be Thursday
- If your trash is collected on Tuesday the second collection will be Friday
- If your trash is collected on Wednesday the second collection will be Saturday

There will be no trash collection on Monday, May 27, Thursday, July 4, Monday, September 2

Bergen County Utilities Authority – Recycling Dates

The Computer and Electronics Recycling Program, Mobile Paper Shredding and Tire Recycling Program will be held:

Date: Saturday: June 22 and October 26
Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain or shine)
Location: Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ

Computer & Electronics Recycling Program

Recycling – one “byte” at a time!

The Bergen County Utilities Authority Computer and Electronics Recycling Program is **FREE** for all Bergen County residents. Proof of residency is required. **NO MATERIALS FROM BUSINESSES WILL BE ACCEPTED**



Mobile Paper Shredding

All Bergen County residents are eligible to participate in Bergen County’s Mobile Paper Shredding events for personal documents. Limit your documents to 4 bags/boxes weighing no more than 10 lbs. each.



Tire Recycling Program

Four (4) tire limit per person, per delivery. Proof of Bergen County residency required. Tires with or without rims accepted.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Date: Saturday: May 18, September 7, and November 2.
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine)
Location: Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ

FREE OF CHARGE FOR BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENTS – ID REQUIRED!!!

Do you have questions about the BCUA’s Household Hazardous Waste Management and Disposal Program? Call the BCUA Environmental Programs Hotline: 201-807-5825, or visit them online at www.bcu.org

Acceptable Materials for BCUA Collections

- Aerosol Cans
- Drain Cleaners
- Insecticides
- Photographic Chemicals
- Anti-Freeze
- Fertilizer
- Kerosene
- Propane Gas Cylinders
- Batteries - vehicle & rechargeable only
- Fire Extinguishers
- Lighter Fluid
- Mercury Switches
- Solvents & Thinners
- (1 lb. and 20 lb. only)
- Blacktop Sealers
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Oil Filters (Used)
- Thermostats/Thermometers
- Bug Spray
- Gasoline
- Paints & Varnishes-All Types
- Used Motor Oil
- Disinfectants
- Glue
- Pesticides
- Herbicides

Unacceptable Materials for HHW Collections

- Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) dispose in normal trash
- Compressed cylinders (oxygen or acetylene)
- Unlabeled waste or containers with unknown contents
- Pressure-treated lumber or railroad ties
- Regulated medical waste, radioactive materials, and explosives
- Computers, electronics, and tires are NOT accepted at HHW collections.
- Containers larger than five (5) gallons

For directions to collections site Call 201-807-5825 or log onto www.bcu.org

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE GARBAGE PICK-UP

Starting April 1, 2013 the Township residential curbside garbage pick-up will return to two times per week and continue as such through September 30, 2013. Residential curbside garbage pick-up will return to once a week starting October 1, 2013.

UTILITY BILLS

The Mahwah Water and Sewer Utility Collection Department is located in the Municipal Building. The utility bills are quarterly with three cycles. Therefore, The Utility Department is billing and collecting every month. Water and Sewer bills can be viewed on the Township website under Departments; Water/Sewer Utility Collection and within text click on “click here to view utility bill”. This feature is to view only; direct withdrawal is not applicable for utility bills.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU SEE WILDLIFE



You can actually increase young wildlife's chances of survival by following one simple rule when finding them: Leave them alone! It may be difficult to do, but this is the real act of kindness. In

nearly all cases, young wildlife does not need to be "saved". Resist the temptation to help them. Only when they are found injured or with their dead mother is there a reason to intervene, and the State's wildlife laws are very specific about what you may do.

State law protects nearly all wild birds and mammals. Wildlife may not be legally taken from the wild or kept in captivity. Never consider wildlife as possible pets; it is both illegal and unwise. Wild animals belong in the wild.

In some instances the Division of Fish and Wildlife may grant permission for the rehabilitation of a distressed or injured wild animal provided that:

1. The Division of Fish and Wildlife law enforcement office in your area, the DEP Emergency Hotline, or the Wildlife Control Unit is notified of the situation within 12 hours. Call 908-735-8793.

2. The Division's Wildlife Control Unit prescribes a course of action that is in the best interest of the animal. Normally the problem will be referred to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator who has the required experience, permits and facilities to properly care for injured and distressed wildlife.

You can view the list of State licensed wildlife rehabilitators on the web at www.njfishandwildlife.com/rehablst.htm. Please know that for safety reasons not all injured wildlife (i.e. potentially dangerous species) can be rehabilitated. These animals are also listed on the website.

For additional information contact the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Control Unit, Clinton Wildlife Management Area, 141 Van Syckels Road, Hampton, NJ 08827, phone 908-735-8793. ■

HELPFUL TIP FROM MAHWAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

DEER PROBLEMS? TRY MILK.

MILK IS NOW USED AS A DEER REPELLENT



George W. Longnecker, Executive Director of West Virginia Botanic Garden, Morgantown, West Virginia states: "Milk as a deer repellent seems too simple to be true, but give it a try – it works!"

Here's what to do:

During the growing season, spray diluted milk (one part milk to three parts water) on the foliage and flowers of plants normally browsed by deer. The Botanical Garden used fresh and soured whole milk, two percent, skim or buttermilk, all with positive results. The milk solution will remain on the plants through a number of rains, but it is recommended to spray every ten days during the growing season. Apply the milk on sunny days so that it can dry on the plants.

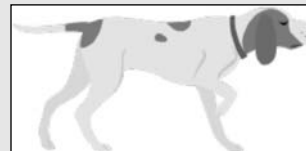
For winter protection, undiluted milk is applied on warm days.

Visitors to the Botanic Garden often ask why deer don't like milk. Their answer – "They won't tell us!"

Let us know about your experience and results with milk as a deer repellent. Mahwah Environmental Commission's email address is enviro@mahwahtwp.org

Mahwah Environmental Commission has lists of the Best Deer Resistant Landscape Plants to try on your property. Please refer to www.mahwahtwp.org

ANIMAL CONTROL: The reporting of lost or stray domesticated animals or sick, injured or deceased wildlife should be directed to the Mahwah Police Department at 201-529-1000. ■



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE MAHWAH HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS WELL CHILD CARE AND IMMUNIZATIONS THROUGH ITS CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM?

The Child Health Program provides FREE well child care, blood lead testing and immunizations to uninsured or underinsured children from birth to age 6 years. Qualifying children between the ages of 7 and 18 years old will not be given a physical exam, however, they may receive immunizations at the Child Health Program.



The Child Health Program is held the fourth Wednesday of the month from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Public Library, 100 Ridge Road. To make an appointment for the Child Health Program or to receive additional information, please call Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP) of Hackensack University Medical Center at 551-996-2038. ■

MAHWAH'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Mahwah's Environmental Commission was established for "the protection, development and use of" the town's natural land, air, and water resources. It is an advisory body to other municipal agencies and assists with natural resource planning, natural resource protection, and open space issues. Mahwah's Environmental Commission advises the Mayor, Township Administrator and Council and Planning Board on environmental issues.

The Commission can make recommendations on issues related to water, air, waste, noise, landscape protection, environmental appearance, flora and fauna. It serves as an advocate of public interest and helps local boards understand the environmental consequences of their decisions.

Commission's Responsibilities:

The Commission is responsible for developing and maintaining the town's Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) - a compilation of the natural resource "characteristics and environmental features" of the town. The ERI is used for understanding and making decisions that affect natural resources. It allows decision makers to understand the capacity of resources and their sustainable use as well as identify opportunities to use these resources better. Some general examples include using the ERI to understand the limitations on water supply capacity for new development in a town or to protect and make recommendations for the planning and use of highly valued open spaces.

While a commission's charter is to focus on the environmental aspects of its investigations and recommendations, the Commission's meeting format allows for the broader discussion of the impact on property values and public health as they relate to environmental issues. But decisions on most fiscal and health issues rest with other government bodies. Overall, the Environmental Commission provides knowledge to

help town government understand complex environmental issues and their impact environmentally, socially, and fiscally.

Commission's Meetings:

Mahwah's Environmental Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The meetings typically run 1 1/2 to 2 hours and are open to the public. They regularly include reviewing site plans and reporting to the Planning Board on any environmental concerns with these plans. Matters discussed in these reviews include open space and natural resource protection, tree removal and replacement, soil movement, flooding and runoff, pollution prevention and control, plant and animal habitat, and solid waste management. The Commission might also propose ordinances on tree maintenance, storm water management, open space preservation, and pesticides. In 2012, the Commission completed an environmental study on the proposed Crossroads Development in collaboration with Ramapo College and prepared the sustainability recommendations for the Township's Master Plan Update.

In 2013, the Commission will focus on its "Sustainable Mahwah Green Team" subcommittee and pursue statewide recognition for Mahwah as a "Sustainable Jersey" municipality. The Sustainable Jersey program recognizes and awards towns that demonstrate sustainable environmental and social practices that allow its citizens to coexist and live in accord with its natural resources. The Sustainable Mahwah Green Team is an open subcommittee that welcomes resident participation. Those interested can contact the Commission Chair Rich Wolf (rhwolf@optonline.net) or Gregg Sgambati (citizen.gregg@gmx.com) or call the Commissions Office at 201-529-5757, ext. 271.

- Gregg Sgambati ■

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



The Office of Emergency Management is encouraging residents to be prepared for storms and emergencies. Recently Super Storm Sandy has reminded us of the need to be prepared. The most important thing we can tell residents is to listen to the directions of local and state authorities. Pay attention to the media and follow the warnings. If the authorities feel that the pending storm

or emergency is severe enough to close schools and businesses, residents should not travel unless absolutely necessary. Just because the "weather" does not look too bad or the storm is not directly affecting our area does not mean it is safe to travel. Conditions can change quickly, getting back to your home could be dangerous. We also encourage residents to learn two routes to and from your home, school and place of business. Road closures that occur during and after storms could change your usual routine causing undue stress and panic. When roads are closed and barricades are present, authorities placed them for a reason. Drivers should not move them or drive around them. Stay away from downed wires, do not assume because they are lying on the ground that they are not dangerous. All downed wires should be considered dangerous until evaluated by the proper authorities such as the power company. This includes wires that are wrapped in fallen trees, branches or debris. Leave them alone and contact the police department by using the non-emergency number. Residents are encouraged to take time to make emergency kits and plans for themselves, their families and their pets. There are a lot of materials available on the internet and at the library that can help guide you in making an emergency kit. In addition to creating a kit and having a plan, some basic things to remember are to always have cash available, do not rely on debit and credit cards. If you have a generator keep a fuel supply on hand at all times. Keep cell phones and computers charged. Power outages can occur even during routine storms. ■

For more information visit:

www.bcoem.org • www.state.nj.us/njoem • www.ready.gov • www.fema.gov

MAHWAH FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Mahwah Fire Department is seeking volunteers. Residents that are 18 and older who are interested in becoming firefighters should stop by any of our Firehouses on any Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

- Co. # 1 Miller Rd.
- Co. # 2 Island Rd.
- Co. # 3 Rozanski Ln.
- Co. # 4 Fardale Ave.
- Co. # 5 Stag Hill Rd.

You can also email or call the Fire Chief's office for more information, 201.828.2017 or mahwahfirechief@gmail.com. ■

THE NIKE BASE IN MAHWAH: NUCLEAR WARHEADS IN OUR BACKYARD



*The launch base at the Nike Missile Base in Mahwah 1962
Photo Courtesy of Mahwah Museum*

Until June 30, the Mahwah Museum is featuring “The Nike Base In Mahwah: Nuclear Warheads in our Backyard, a multimedia display about the base that was located off Campgaw Road.

At the end of World War II in 1945 and the beginning of the Cold War, Americans feared that waves of Soviet bombers would start World War III by attacking the continental United States with nuclear weapons causing massive destruction reminiscent of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan.

As a result of this fear, the Nike missile anti-aircraft weapon system was invented by the Army and deployed to almost 300 bases in the United States. These were the first defensive missile systems to become operational in the world, and they were the first combat ready units ever to be deployed in American cities. They were the last line in the North American detection and defense network.

Despite local public protests and fears, the Army declared that the high ground of Franklin Lakes and Mahwah in the Campgaw Mountains was absolutely needed as part of the national defense. The United States condemned land from private owners and the Archdiocese of Newark, entered into contracts with Bergen County and built a Nike Missile Base adjacent to the Immaculate Conception Seminary and the new Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation.

During its 16 years of operation (1955 to 1971), the Franklin Lakes – Mahwah Nike Missile base was a significant part of a ring for the protection of the population and infrastructure of the Greater New York City area.

The Franklin Lakes portion was the command and control center – with antennas and electronic equipment installed to detect threats. Mahwah was the launch area – where any threats would be met with destructive firepower.

After opening in 1955 with Ajax, non-nuclear, warheads, the Mahwah base was converted in

1959 to house and launch Hercules missiles equipped with nuclear payloads. During its operation, much of the base was “top secret.”

Although billions of dollars were spent by the United States on Nike defensive installations throughout the country, no missile ever needed to be fired against an enemy strategic bomber aircraft, cruise missile, or surface target. The Nike system never needed to be battle tested.

Nike missile bases were made obsolete very quickly by the development of the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) by both the United



*The Franklin Lakes Control Base in 1962
Photo Courtesy of the Mahwah Museum*

States and the Soviet Union. The Nike system was simply not fast enough to detect and destroy an ICBM target traveling at 15,000 mph.

In 1971 the base was quietly closed with very little ceremony. Part of the Mahwah land was later sold to private developers and became part of a housing subdivision. Bergen County’s Saddle Ridge Riding Center in Franklin Lakes is on the site of the antenna facility. There were almost 250 soldiers at the base. Some of them, like Richard Martel, - later Mayor of Mahwah and now deceased - became a permanent part of the Mahwah - Franklin Lakes communities.

This Mahwah Museum display depicts the history of the Nike Base in Mahwah using public and now-declassified records and the recollections of those who served there. It explains the context of Cold War defenses. It reminds us of a dangerous time in American history – including the “duck and cover” drills familiar to students of the 1950’s –and the part that Mahwah played in the Cold War.

LES PAUL in MAHWAH: A Tribute to Close in June

Guitar aficionados who want to see the fabulously successful “Les Paul in Mahwah: A Tribute” should come

before June 30. The Museum will close for the summer so the next exhibit, “The Neighborhoods of Mahwah” can be mounted. When the Museum opens in September a portion of the Les Paul exhibit will remain permanently, but it will be greatly reduced.

This wildly popular exhibit celebrates the life and genius of Les Paul who lived in Mahwah for over 50 years. Replicas of his studio and workshop from his home contain sound equipment actually used in his invention of the multi-track recording process first made popular in his 1950’s recordings with his wife, Mary Ford. The exhibit also features the experimental electric guitars beginning with a railroad track, a telephone and a radio, which Les made when he was

14, a 1937 L-5 acoustic guitar into which Les poked phonograph needles to try to amplify the sound, and “The Log”, a 4x4 with a guitar neck, strings and pickups that Les experimented with in the 1940’s. Remarkable guitars are also on display. Some of them are his personal guitars and some - like a 1952 gold top, one of the first made by Gibson - have been loaned by collectors.

The Museum Lecture Series

The Museum’s popular Lecture Series continues this Spring. All programs are at the Ramapo Reformed Church at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$3; members

free. Refreshments are served.

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Mahwah Nike Nuclear Missile Base - A Cold War History

With Richard Levine, George Friedel, and Jack Goudsward

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Growing up in the Neighborhoods of Mahwah: 1950-1970: A Panel Discussion and Oral History

Moderated by Tom Dunn

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Women on the Move: Tales of Bicycles, Bi-Planes and Big Cars ■



Nike Base Housing, Mahwah - Courtesy Mahwah Museum

MAHWAH MUSEUM CONFIRMS *TREES* WAS WRITTEN BY JOYCE KILMER WHILE HE LIVED IN MAHWAH

2013 is the one hundredth anniversary of *Trees* by Joyce Kilmer, written at his home on Airmont Road in Mahwah. The Museum has a collection of original Kilmer documents - his will, the deed to his house, the deed conveying the house to his wife, Aline, letters from the architect helping him build the house, and more. In the collection, there are newspaper clippings from various local papers. In an undated article written for the Ridgewood News by Jane Vilmar, its Mahwah reporter and photographer, a letter from Aline Kilmer to Charles Ellis, of 40 Armour Road, was presented in full. Mrs. Kilmer definitively proved in the letter that the poem was written here. ■

Dear Mr. Ellis,

Yes of course I remember you and I am most regretful at not having been able to reply promptly to your letter of January 8. Repeated attacks of grippe and a constant siege of neuritis have slowed me up so badly that the present state of my correspondence is disgraceful.

Mr. Holliday has turned over to me a letter he has just received from Mr. Schneider of Mahwah. Perhaps I can here reply to his questions as well as your own, and I am trusting you to make my due apologies to him, thus saving my considerably crippled hands another letter.

I am much pleased that the news of the proposed tablet, and should like to be present at its dedication except for the fact that I have been obliged to make a rigid rule never to attend such ceremonies. I'd like very much, though, to be informed of its date. It may be that Kenton, if he is at home at the time, might be able to get over.

As to "Trees" it was as you supposed, written in the house on Airmont Road in, I believe, 1913. Mr. Schneider asks about "The House With Nobody In it." The house in question was, I feel pretty sure, on the west side of the road to Suffern.

Please give my regards to those of my friends still living in Mahwah. I much appreciate your interest in the memorial.

ALINE KILMER
February 16, 1931

Do you know the location of "The House with Nobody In It"? You can find more information on Joyce Kilmer at the Mahwah Library and Mahwah Museum.

The House With Nobody In It

By Joyce Kilmer

*Whenever I walk to Suffern along the Erie track
I go by a poor old farmhouse with its shingles broken and black.
I suppose I've passed it a hundred times, but I always stop for a minute
And look at the house, the tragic house, the house with nobody in it.*

*I never have seen a haunted house, but I hear there are such things;
That they hold the talk of sprits, their mirth and sorrowings.
I know this house isn't haunted, and I wish it were, I do;
For it wouldn't be so lonely if it had a ghost or two.*

*This house on the road to Suffern needs a dozen panes of glass,
And somebody ought to weed the walk and take a scythe to the grass.
It needs new paint and shingles, and the vines should be trimmed and tied;
But what it needs the most of all is some people living inside.*

*If I had a lot of money and all my debts were paid
I'd put a gang of men to work with brush and saw and spade.
I'd buy that place and fix it up the way it used to be
And I'd find some people who wanted a home and give it to them for free.*

*Now, a new house standing empty, with staring window and door,
Looks idle, perhaps, and foolish, like a hat on its block in the store.
But there's nothing mournful about it; it cannot be sad and lone
For the lack of something within it that it has never known.*

*But a house that has done what a house should do,
a house that has sheltered life,
That has put its loving wooden arms around a man and his wife,
A house that has echoed a baby's laugh and held up his stumbling feet,
Is the saddest sight, when it's left alone, that ever your eyes could meet.*

*So whenever I go to Suffern along the Erie track
I never go by the empty house without stopping and looking back,
Yet it hurts me to look at the crumbling roof and the shutters fallen apart,
For I can't help thinking the poor old house is a house with a broken heart.*



The Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Mahwah Museum, The Mahwah Library, and former Historic Preservation Commission member, Alex Michelini, for their research contribution on Mahwah's former resident Joyce Kilmer.

WINTER'S PARK PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE, INC



Plans are in the works to replace the playground at Winter's Park. The Winter's Park Playground Committee, Inc. is a committee of resident volunteers working with the township administration to raise funds for a new, state-of-the-art playground on the Winter property on E. Ramapo Avenue. The group is a non-profit, charitable entity seeking donations and volunteers. The following fundraisers are being planned: **Spring Fundraiser:** Friday, April 26th 7-11pm at Apple Ridge Country Club. Dinner, Beer & Wine, Dancing,

Tricky Tray, Silent Auctions and more. Win an autographed Phil Simms or Boomer Esiason football and much more. Tickets: \$100 per person or \$190 per couple and can be purchased on the website or by contacting a committee member. **Boiling Springs Community Alliance Program:** Stop by Boiling Springs Savings Bank and dedicate a new or existing account to Winter's Park Playground. No monies will be taken from your account. The bank will simply donate to the project through its Community Alliance Program based on the amount of accounts linked to Winter's Park Playground.

Winter's Park is a true historical asset to the Township of Mahwah. The Winter family donated the 17 acre property to the township in 1961. In February 1962, the property was dedicated as a park. In 1992, another group of volunteers raised funds and built the existing playground on the property. Over twenty years later, the state of the current playground is poor and must be rebuilt. The plan includes new, ADA compliant equipment, installation, and playground mulch, a requirement for a safe play environment. Donations are being accepted on the group's website www.wintersparkplaygroundmahwah.com. Information about upcoming fundraisers can also be found on the website and on their Facebook page –www.Facebook.com/WintersParkPlayground. Contact Kim (Niforos) Bolan at wintersparkplayground@gmail.com for more information and to find out how you can help. ■

TECHNOLOGY TUESDAY @ THE LIBRARY "HOW TO USE ANCESTRY.COM"

Day: Tuesday April 16, 2013 • Time: 7:00 PM • Place: Mahwah Library Winter Room

Ancestry.com is the world's largest online family history resource. It has over 2 million paying subscribers but Ancestry Library Edition (or Ancestry LE) is free to Mahwah residents at the Mahwah Public Library. You have access to billions of genealogy records including Census, SSDI and Military records, immigration records, and other vital records including birth, marriage, and death. Have you wanted to start a family tree or browse census records? See what is available on this helpful resource. Get started with your genealogy using ancestry library edition. Peggy Norris is Supervising Librarian at the Bolger Heritage Center, Ridgewood Public Library and member of the Genealogical Society of Bergen County. She has over 10 years experience using library resources, including Ancestry LE, to help people with their genealogical research.

"How to Use Ancestry.com (Ancestry LE)" is free. No registration is necessary. Seats are on a "first come" basis.

Mahwah Public Library 100 Ridge Road Mahwah, NJ 07430

(201) 529-READ mahwahlibrary.org

Visit us on facebook: www.facebook.com/mahwahpubliclibrary

RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS: 2013

Meet the Bunny at Continental Soldiers Park!

It's time to Jump into Spring at Mahwah's Annual "Meet the Bunny" festival to be held at Continental Soldiers Park on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 1:00 pm. Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon of prizes, face painting, balloon art and egg dyeing. All Mahwah residents are welcome. Rain or shine. Mahwah's Happy Hare will put a smile on every face.

Townwide Garage Sale

Mahwah Recreation is hosting a town-wide garage sale on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 9a.m. to 3p.m. (rain date is Sunday, April 28) open to Mahwah residents only. Registration form can be downloaded from the Township web site: www.mahwahtwp.org.

Youth Sports Parade

All spring sports athletes are invited to kick off their season by participating in the Spring Sports Parade on Saturday, May 4 at 9:30a.m. We ask that parents coordinate with their children's coaches to meet at Betsy Ross School at 9 a.m.; parade begins at 9:30 a.m.

(All players and coaches should wear the team Shirt and Hat)

We request that parents who are not coaches line the parade route to view the parade rather than march with the players. This way it will make the kids feel like it is a real parade. Parade Route: Start at Betsy Ross School, proceed down Malcolm to Miller Road, left on Miller Road through Veterans Square to Commodore Perry Field.

24th Annual Fishing Contest at Silver Creek Pond

Mahwah Recreation's 24th annual fishing contest will be held on Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. This family favorite is held at Silver Creek Pond, located at the intersection of Airmont Ave, and Airmont Road. The contest is open to residents, ages 5 through 13 and is Catch and Release only! Prizes will be awarded to contestants based on size of fish caught and amount of fish caught. We promise... it will be a reel good time for the whole family.

Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade and service, sponsored by VFW Post #7124 and the Township of Mahwah, will be held on Monday, May 27, 2013. The parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Heart

of Mary Catholic Church located on Island Road, followed by a Memorial Day ceremony held at Veterans Memorial Park, located at the corner of Franklin Tpk and East Ramapo Ave.

Community groups who wish to participate should contact Dawn DaPuzzo at 201-529-5757 ext. 254.

Paddle Day

The Mahwah Recreation Committee will host "Paddle Day" on Tuesday, July 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Rain date: Tuesday, July 16. Paddle Day will be held on Lake Henry, located in the rear of Continental Soldiers Park. Canoes, kayaks and life jackets will be provided by Ramsey Outdoor Store for the use of Mahwah residents of all ages. Proof of residency will be required for participation at this event.

Senior Picnic at Continental Soldier's Park

The Recreation Committee will host their 11th annual Senior's Picnic at Continental Soldier's Park on Thursday, July 18 at 12 p.m. This event is open to all senior township residents at no charge. Join us for some great food and fun!!!

Movie Night

Please join us on Tuesday, July 30 for a "Movie Under The Stars". Movie Night will take place at Commodore Perry Field at 8:30 p.m. All you need to bring is a lawn chair or blanket. The snack bar will be open to purchase refreshments. Raindate: August 1, 2013.

Mahwah Day

The 19th Annual Mahwah Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2013 at Commodore Perry Field. A parade, starting at 12 p.m. kicks off the event. Perennial favorites include the dog show, magician, kiddie and pony rides. There will be live music from 6 - 8 p.m. followed by a spectacular fireworks display at dusk. **A planning meeting for Mahwah Day will be held on May 13 at 7 p.m. in the Mahwah Public Library.** All groups and organizations that plan on participating in Mahwah Day should be represented.

For information on participation in Mahwah Day, please contact Dawn DaPuzzo at 201-529-5757 ext. 254. ■

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MAHWAH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Business Hours: 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM

PROGRAM GOALS

To foster independence and continued growth in older adults with heavy emphasis on physical fitness such as Yoga, Chair Yoga, Tai Chi Chih, Pilates, Jazzercise, Meditation and Aerobics. Our mission is to enhance leisure time activities through class instructions and workshops. Our educational component offers the active senior the chance to continue to live and learn. From computers to book discussion groups and current events, older adults are constantly challenged and stimulated by the wide array of classes.

Who is eligible?

Any primary Mahwah resident 62 years or older, who functions independently or who has a companion accompanying them.

Additional Programs or Services offered

Watercolor Art Class, Aerobics, Jazzercise, Pilates, Tai Chi Chih, Yoga, Chair Yoga, Meditation, Zumba Gold, Dance Social, Pinochle, Canasta, Bridge, Mahjong, Woodcarving, Line Dance,

Monthly Trips, Monthly Lunch program, Senior Club, Lectures and presentations on health and senior related topics.

Why can't I just come and go as I please?

After registering for a class you are free to participate. We encourage independence, for scheduled activities. On the contrary, we are a structured program with policies and procedures to adhere to.

What would constitute an inappropriate participant?

Since this is an activity center, we are unable to accommodate anyone suffering dementia or confusion. We do not have on-site medical personnel. This is not an adult day-care center.

Is there a fee to join?

There is no membership fee to join.

Are there fees for classes/trips?

Generally there are no fees for class participation. However, some workshops may require a fee to cover instruction and material. There will be a charge for trips. ■

“MCN MEETS” RETURNS TO MAHWAH COMMUNITY NEWS

The Mahwah Cable Committee will again be airing its program “Mahwah Meets”, a program in which Mahwah Community leaders are interviewed about the programs or projects in which they are involved, and the contributions these community members make to the Township. This year our series will kick-off with an interview of Mahwah Mayor William Laforet.

The Cable Committee, consisting of David May, Tricia Patella, Gail Reynolds, Gloria Volpe-Lore, Peter Wendrychowicz, and Council liaison John Roth, is pleased to welcome a new member to MCN, Kim Bolan. Kim has extensive experience with CBS and will be a valuable component in the workings of our local station.

A new addition this year to MCN’s Bulletin Board of events is a slide addressed to any Mahwah resident who has a missing pet; MCN will post a slide containing a picture of the missing pet and owner contact information.

Don’t forget – if your organization is hosting an event, MCN will be happy to advertise it. Just send a description of the event to mcn78@mahwahtwp.org and a slide will be posted on MCN which will run 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the day the event takes place. Additionally, if you would like MCN to tape and/or take stills of an event, just email us or call 201-529-5757 X270 and leave a voice mail.

Cablevision viewers – to view MCN – Channel 78 is the station and Fios viewers – turn to Channel 33. ■

WATER CONSERVATION REMINDER

A reminder from the Township of Mahwah Water Department in regards to water sprinkling as documented in the Township of Mahwah’s Ordinance: #1317, Section 16-34 and 16-35 water restrictions.

From May 1 through September 30, 2013

Outdoor watering is **PERMITTED** all day at **EVEN** number street address properties on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**.

Outdoor watering is **PERMITTED** all day at **ODD** number street address properties on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays**.

OUTDOOR WATERING IS PROHIBITED ALL DAY ON SUNDAYS.

Watering with a hand held hose is **PERMITTED** anytime. ■

TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH MUNICIPAL POOL

P.O. Box 733 Mahwah, New Jersey 07430

Manager: Marion Crescitelli 201-529-4949

Membership applications for the Mahwah Municipal Pool will be available the first week in April. There is no increase in pool membership rates for 2013. Forms will be mailed to all Mahwah residents and to non-residents who were former pool members. Residents of other communities are encouraged to apply. Extra forms are available at the Mahwah Municipal Building at 475 Corporate Drive; the Mahwah Public Library; Township website www.Mahwahtwp.org, or call Marion Crescitelli at 201 529-4949, and one will be mailed to you. Resident reduced rates end April 30.

The pool offers: a 25 meter main pool with diving, a children’s pool, and a wading pool for toddlers. There are picnic tables with grills, food service, a playground, and locker rooms with showers. Swim lessons, swim and diving teams, and lifeguard training are offered each summer. The pool opens Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, and closes Labor Day. ■

2013 RATES

Mahwah Large Family	\$295/\$375 late	Non Resident Large Family	\$450
Mahwah Individual	\$125/\$175 late	Non Resident Individual	\$225
Mahwah Small Family	\$125pp/\$175pp late	Non Resident Small Family	\$225pp
Mahwah Senior	\$45		



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Celebrate Spring at MRCC’s 3rd Annual PUBLIC SPIRIT SHOWCASE

Door Prizes! Refreshments! Networking!

April 24, 2013 6-8 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
3 Executive Blvd. • Suffern, NY 10901

Come enjoy a festive evening of fun and refreshments as we celebrate all of the valuable work that the region’s non-profit groups provide the community.

This festive event spotlights over 25 regional non-profit organizations, as well as offering attendees great networking opportunities.

\$15 members & guests of non-profits • \$30 non-members

FOR RESERVATIONS Please register online or call the Mahwah Chamber office. Prepaid registration is required to guarantee your participation.

NON-PROFIT GROUPS Chamber non-profit members may exhibit at no cost. Non-profit organizations who are not current MRCC members may exhibit at this event for a \$25 fee.

201-529-5566

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MAHWAH POLICE RECEIVE 4TH CALEA ACCREDITATION AWARD



L to R: Sylvester L Daughtry Jr., Executive Director, CALEA; Sgt. Robert Curtis, MPD; Chief James N. Batelli, MPD; Louis Dekmar, President Board of Commissioners, CALEA

In March, Chief James N. Batelli and Accreditation Manager Sergeant Robert Curtis received the agency's 4th prestigious award from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. The award is the gold standard and requires the agency to meet over 420 standards encompassing every aspect of law enforcement. In early 2013 CALEA assessors from around the country spent three days reviewing documents, policies and procedures, interviewing officers and provided a public forum to ensure that compliance was met with all 420 standards. Chief Batelli and Sergeant Curtis were then required to appear before the CALEA board and answer questions before the final award was bestowed. While there are different levels of CALEA Accreditation the Mahwah Police select the most difficult status that is achieved by only approximately 8% of law enforcement agencies in the entire nation. According to Chief Batelli the award is a departmental recognition and would not have been accomplished without the work of all the officers and dispatchers in the Department. ■

Verifying if Urban Legends, Myths, Scams and Folklore Are Actually True

Have you ever been told a story that if you enter your ATM pin number in reverse it will summon the police? How about the one that unsuspecting people are lured into placing calls to area codes such as 809 that result in hefty charges? These are only two of hundreds of urban legends that are passed from person to person sometimes on the internet or sometimes in person. Do you ever wonder if they are true or just another example of urban legend? One way to verify these stories is to go to www.snopes.com which lists urban legends, myths, scams and folklores. Snopes.com will list the what's new in scams and folklores, the top 25 scams and offer a search engine so you can search a story or rumor by topic to see if it is true. ■

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE MMA IMPORTANT DATES

The Mahwah Police Department will be hosting the popular Junior Police Academy and Leadership on the following tentative dates:

Junior Police Academy July 8th - 19th

Youth Leadership Academy July 29th - August 2nd

As a result of increasing enrollment each year, registration may be limited this year. Check the Mahwah Municipal Alliance website at www.mahwahalliance.org for registration forms which should be available on-line in mid-May. ■



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