

The Wenonah Newsletter



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REPLACEMENT OF WATER METERS

The Borough of Wenonah Department of Public Works will be progressively replacing the existing water meters. They will be replaced in the order of those that have stopped functioning properly.

When you receive a letter from the Utility Office about scheduling a meter replacement, please respond as soon as possible by calling 856-468-5228.

Actual water usage readings are preferred as opposed to an estimated one. If we must estimate, it will be based on the last usage, as per ordinance.

You may find the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the year 2021 here:
https://www.boroughofwenonah.com/images/stories/PDF/Wenonah2021CCR_1.pdf



FIRST HALF OF THE 2021 SEWER BILL DUE JULY 1

This is the first year that we are splitting the sewer bill into two separate payments. The first half of the bill, \$280.00 will be due on July 1, 2021. The second half, \$280.00 will be due on October 1, 2021. You will be receiving the bill for the first half early in June, so, keep an eye out for it.



PLEASE HELP CONSERVE OUR WATER

Water Restriction Information
Submitted by Karen L. Sweeney, Municipal Clerk

The Borough's Water Restrictions will again be observed in 2021 by an Odd/Even Watering schedule - using your house number.

Odd house numbers water on odd numbered days,
even numbers on even numbered days
Watering permitted from 4:00am to 9:00 am and
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm only.
Outside watering on the 31st is prohibited.

Exceptions: adult attended child recreational sprinklers, new sod and newly purchased landscaping products.

Hoses should have an automated shut off device to avoid constant flow of free-running water.

Every Drop Counts!

Continuous Drips This Size.....	Waste This Many Gallons Per Month...
1/16"	14,700 gallons
1/8"	98,700 gallons
3/16"	222,000 gallons
1/4"	393,800 gallons



NEW EXTRA TRASH AND EXTRA RECYCLE RULES

3 extra bags of household waste are the maximum amount of extra trash bags allowed to be put out alongside the Borough Issued Trash Carts.

Residents must call the Finance Office at 856-468-5228 no later than noon on the Thursday before trash day. These bags should be extra household waste, **not construction materials**. Bags of anything other than regular household trash are reserved for Bulk Pick up on the 3rd Friday of the Month. Please call no later than noon on the Thursday before the scheduled Bulk pick up.

When you have extra cardboard that will not fit in the recycle cart, please flatten, have it free of any trash, debris or packing materials and **bundle them** with string or tape so they can be picked up quickly.



Do not put plastic shopping bags in your recycle cart! They can be recycled at your local grocery store.



Bulk & Metal Pick Up Reminder

Bulk Day is the 3rd Friday of the month. To be added to the list, you **must** call the Finance Office by **noon** on or before the Thursday before Bulk Pick up day. Always place your items at the curb by Thursday evening. Carpets need to be cut into 4 foot lengths and rolled up, no heavier than 50 lbs. each.

Metal items such as appliances, exercise equipment, bicycles, shelving, etc. can be picked up any day of the week. Please call Public Works (856) 468-5300 and leave your address, phone number and when you are placing the item at the curb. Do not put metal out for Bulk.



Signs in the Clear Zone

Submitted by Karen Sweeney

Per Ordinance Code is 56-3 Please keep all signs out of the clear zone.

What exactly is the clear zone?

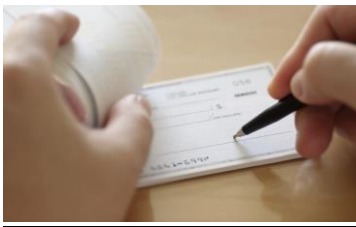
The “clear zone” area is defined as that area lying between the curb and the sidewalk. Where no paved portion exists, the “clear zone” is further defined as a distance of 12 feet from the curb toward the property line.



Taxes

Submitted by Kim Jaworski, Tax Collector

Third quarter taxes are due on August 1, 2021. There may be a grace period extension beyond ten days. The extended date will be printed on your tax bill.



BE CAREFUL WRITING CHECKS FOR PAYMENTS

Submitted by the Finance Office

When writing a check for payment to the Borough, Please write the handwritten portion carefully. The banks refer to the handwritten portion when applying payments to your accounts.



Branch Collection

Branch collection for chipping is done on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Please place your branches in the clear zone, before the curb, not in the street. Cut branches in 4 to 6 foot lengths. Please do not place branches for chipping in containers.

The disposal of wood remaining from tree removal is the responsibility of the contractor and/or homeowner.

Want free wood chips? Please call Wenonah Public Works at 468-5300 and leave your name, address and phone number. Wood chips are not allowed in the street.



Containerized Yard Waste

Containerized Yard Waste Collection is done on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Yard waste is defined as Small Branches, Shrub clippings and Garden Vegetation. Do not mix trash in with your yard waste.

The Borough DOES NOT COLLECT GRASS CLIPPINGS OR COMPOST MATERIAL. Please mulch or compost them on your property.

Place Yard Waste at the curb in plastic or paper bags or containers. Bags and containers are returned to you.



Pet Waste Reminder

Submitted by Karen L. Sweeney
Municipal Clerk

Wenonah Pet Owners Please don't leave your pet's waste on the ground or drop it in a neighbor's trash, recycling or yard waste cart along your walk. Our office has received several complaints from residents finding an unwelcomed "surprise". Please pick up your animal's waste in a disposable bag and take it home for disposal in **your** trash container.



Sewer Backups/Backwater Valve

Submitted by Karen L. Sweeney, Municipal
Clerk

As a reminder, please do not flush any kind
of wipes down the toilet!

As per Ordinance 51-3, any property
connected to the public sewerage system of
the Borough of Wenonah shall have a
backwater valve installed. The complete
ordinance may be viewed online at
www.codedsystems.com.

A properly operating backwater valve
allows flow to only go in one direction (out),
preventing wastewater from entering your
home/building during regular sewer
maintenance or accidental sewer system
backups. To find out if you have or need a
backwater valve, check your plumbing plans
or consult with your builder or a
professional plumber. Remember, if sewage
backs up into your home, the cost to repair
damages and clean up the mess will be well
higher than the cost to install a valve. The
Borough of Wenonah cannot be held liable
for damages when a backwater valve has not
been installed by a property owner.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE OUR EMAIL BLASTS?



If you would like to receive, via your personal
email address, the borough newsletter,
important information from the borough
concerning police notices, holiday reminders,
special events,
trash service changes, log onto the OFFICIAL
borough website:

www.boroughofwenonah.com

- On the right hand side of the
home page, you will see “JOIN OUR
EMAIL LIST”
- Fill in the information (name
and email address) and click on
“Subscribe”

MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police department collaborated with Borough officials and together decided to purchase two solar powered speed signs. These signs are semi-permanent in nature and will hopefully remind drivers to obey the posted speed limit as they drive through town.



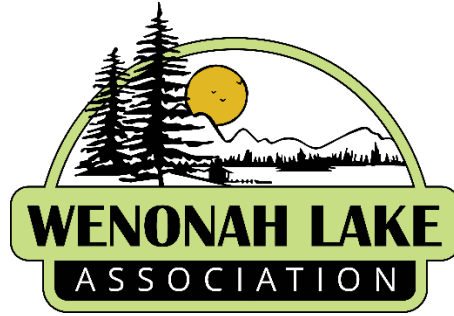
After twenty plus years, the police department recently retired our old firearms. We updated to the Heckler & Koch VP9, which has a higher capacity but smaller caliber than our previous sidearm. While we all hope we never have to use them, it is great to know that we have a more modern firearm so that officers can be as proficient as possible

We would also like to introduce our new Class 1 special police officer, Thomas Cirone. While he has limited police authority, Class 1 officers are relied upon heavily for various tasks including parking enforcement, special events, court security, and community service supervision, just to name a few.



Every Thursday from 3-6 PM we started a program called Straight to Treatment where a person suffering from addiction, or their loved ones, can come to the station and apply. The application is easy and there is an advocate on-site that helps to coordinate treatment. Minor outstanding charges or warrants do not automatically preclude your from entering the program and officers will do their best to work with you to get you into the program. Help is available, you just need to ask.

Also don't forget that we have a host of other services available including house checks when you go away, added patrols for specific safety concerns, a special needs registry, and a surveillance camera registry. Please check our website at www.mantuatownship.com/police or contact our department at mantuapd@mantuatownship.com for additional information or to get involved.



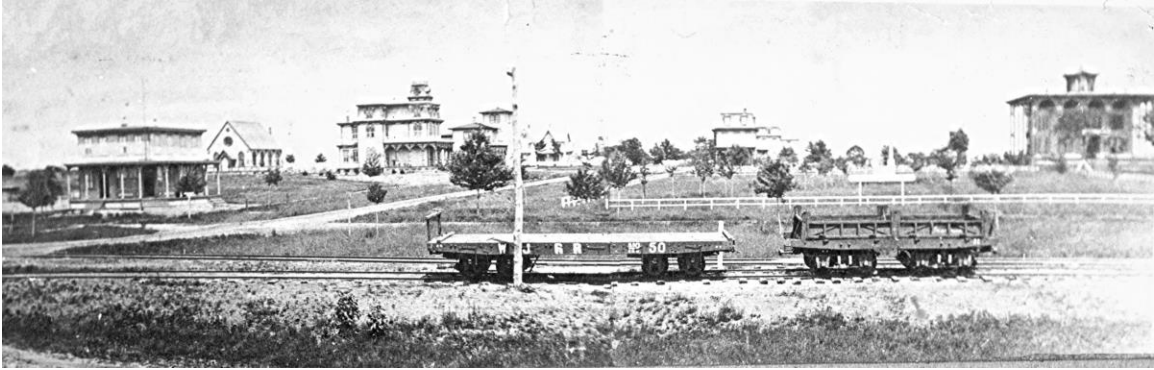
We'll get straight to the point – we love the lake and we want to see **YOU** there. We want your friends and family there too. A water trampoline, grills, kayaks, canoes, trails, volleyball, gaga ball, horse shoes, playground – membership starts at ONLY \$35 - there's no better deal in all of New Jersey! Plus, purchasing a lake tag is a powerful way to say that you appreciate the lake as one of the natural resources that makes Wenonah such a beautiful and unique place. We appreciate your continued support and encourage everyone to invite a friend to join in on this summer's fun!

TAG! YOU'RE IT!

- ☀️ Need to get the kids out for a few hours? LAKE TAGS! Time flies down here.
- ☀️ Need the perfect staycation? LAKE TAGS! You don't need to drive an hour to get your toes in the sand.
- ☀️ Want to relax in a natural, friendly environment? LAKE TAGS! Many even bring their favorite book.
- ☀️ Trying to shed some extra COVID weight? LAKE TAGS! Swimming is a full body workout and costs less than the gym.
- ☀️ Have a friend or neighbor you need to thank? LAKE TAGS! Make great gifts and gestures.

If you've ever thought about purchasing a membership, make this your year. If you've never thought about the lake, do yourself a favor and check it out. If you're new in town, we invite you to come discover your new favorite hangout spot. If you've enjoyed it in the past, come on back! It's still tons of fun. Tags can be purchased at Borough Hall or by visiting the lake during operating hours. <https://www.boroughofwenonah.com/wenonah-lake>

So what's stopping you? Go get your tags! See you at the lake! 😎



Wenonah Historical Society

Submitted by Larry Smith

Upcoming Events

In July, the Wenonah Historical Society will again partner with the Wenonah Library to continue the unique history of our town through StoryWalk. Our second story will be “The Wenonah Military Academy,” which was the hub of activity in the town during the first half of the 20th century. Many even claim the academy saved Wenonah from being



devastated by the Great Depression. Be sure to follow the story from the library to the park!

We are currently planning two traditional events that had to be cancelled in 2020 because of the pandemic – our meet-and-greet in September and the cemetery walk in October. Hopefully, we see you in person at both events!

Details for the September and October events and other 2021 programs will be included in the Borough’s fall newsletter and posted on our Facebook group site and website.

Wenonah Flags

House banners and garden flags are in stock in the Wenonah Historical Society mercantile! The house banner measures 3 feet x 5 feet and costs \$60. The garden flag measures 12 inches x 20 inches and costs \$15. (No stand is included.)

If you would like to purchase one or both, please call Barbara Conway at 856-468-5431.

Historic Plaque Program

If your house is at least 90 years old, please join the more than 150 other houses in Wenonah with a plaque. You can find information on our website at <http://www.wenonahhistoricalsociety.org/places>.

Membership

We always welcome new members. If you would like to learn about and help preserve the fascinating history of our town, please consider joining the Wenonah Historical Society. Just send us an email at wenonahhistorical@gmail.com.



Wenonah Environmental Commission

Submitted by Scott Barnes

Upcoming Event

Independence Day Hike: Sunday, July 4th at 11:00 AM. (*This is a change from the printed borough calendar!*) We will meet at the end of South West Ave. and hike about ½ mile on Mantua Creek Trail to Clay Hill near South Jackson Ave., celebrating the completion of the extensive trail restoration and beautification efforts at that spot. Rain date July 5th, same time.

Recent Activities



The past few months have seen numerous maintenance and improvement projects along our six-mile trail system. Together with the **Lions Club, the Green Team, and the Historical Society**, we have completely transformed the Mantua Creek Trail at Clay Hill. Hikers are now able to climb short, sturdy steps made of recycled railroad ties. New plantings are in place beside the trail. The finishing touches are now in progress: a retaining wall, two sitting benches, and a historical sign. To visit this pretty spot, look for location #3 on our Trail Guide, available for sale at the borough office and library, and for free viewing on the Trail System page of our website: www.WenonahEnvironmentalCommission.org.

Eagle Scout candidate **Zach Solem** and his fellow scouts from Wenonah BSA Troop 7050 recently completed several short boardwalks across muddy areas on the Wenonah Lake Trail. They also cleaned debris from side streams and installed steps on steep slopes on the Break Back Run and Mantua Creek trails. Zach joins a cadre of scouts whose untiring efforts have helped us improve and expand our trails going back decades.

The trails around the Comey's Lake Tea House have had significant attention from the WEC's **Scott Conway** and **Bob Bevilacqua**. The bridge over Camel's Back Run is now firmly anchored to the ground following a flood event last year. A muddy incline next to the bridge has been replaced with a concrete-and-stone staircase. Nearby muddy spots have been bridged with wooden puncheons. And finally, the large stone sitting bench is now resting on new wooden supports. At our Spring Work Party on March 27th, a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers wheeled stone and mulch into the woods at several locations to address wet and flood-prone areas. These simple but effective actions address nuisance areas, avoiding the effort and expense of installing full-blown wooden boardwalks.



We continue to match wits against the local beaver population, trying to prevent mature and unique trees next to our trails from falling victim to their appetites. Our preferred tools are rolls of wire fence as well as paint mixed with sand. Applying these materials just at the ground level is enough to send the beavers elsewhere – always near the water – to find the wood they crave. The next time you see a caged or painted tree trunk on our trails, you'll know why it is there.



Shade Tree Commission

Submitted by Gary Odenbrett

Shade Tree Commission Activity- Summer 2021

In March STC members planted 40 new tree bare root trees throughout Wenonah as part of our annual plan to replace trees lost to age and disease. Tree varieties included Kwanzan Cherry, Red Oak, Autumn Flame Maple, Fall Fiesta Maple, Dogwoods, Crab Apples and Redbuds. Since 2006 the STC has planted over 700 trees throughout Wenonah.

The STC welcomes our newest member Jeff Craig who has a long history of volunteer work in our community.

Wenonah Boro received recognition for their 25th annual designation as a “Tree City USA” from the Arbor Foundation for our efforts in 2020.

As summer approaches we would ask all homeowners to avoid the practice of creating a “volcano” shaped application of mulch to any tree base. Mulch should always be kept from touching the trunk. Young trees will need a constant supply of water (up to five gallons a week) to survive extreme summer weather.

The Commission meeting dates for the balance of 2021 include: August 3, September 7 and November 2.

Assuming covid restrictions will be lifted all meetings start at 7:30 pm at the Jack Sheppard Sr. Wenonah Community Center

Wenonah STC members:

Gary Odenbrett 468-2627
Colleen Moran 609-605-0119
Patrick Ream 415-0891
Larry Bacon 609-932-7960
Dan Cox 229-4274
Jeff Craig 938-7116
Beth Brabston 973-452-3410
Heidi Congalton 869-0512
Chris Newman 609-254-8563



Sue S. Jenkins, Who Worked on Navy Code-Breaking Team During World War II, to Receive Wenonah Hometown Legend Award

Sue S. Jenkins, a World War II veteran who worked on secret coding communications for the U.S. military as a Navy WAVE, will be honored as Wenonah's Hometown Legend during the town's Fourth of July festivities.

The Wenonah Hometown Legend award recognizes a current or former resident who "inspires legends, instills pride, and serves as a role model for the people of Wenonah," says Carl Hausman, who chairs the Hometown Legend selection committee.

Mrs. Jenkins, who has lived in Wenonah for more than 90 years, entered the Navy in May, 1943, and completed boot camp at Hunter College in New York. She was later stationed at the Naval Communications Intelligence Center in Washington, D.C., where she and thousands of other women worked on various aspects of breaking enemy codes, testing the security of Allied codes, and working with officers on mapping and planning ship and troop movements and battles in the Pacific.

"We were not allowed to tell anyone of our work," Mrs. Jenkins says. "We were instructed to say we were just secretaries."

She recalls that she was "with the best group of girls ever," and that "the Navy treated us great."

There were over 10,000 WAVES at her barracks. WAVES, which stood for Women

Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, was the popular name for the women's branch of the United States Naval Reserve, which was created in 1942. While the concept of women serving in the uniformed services was controversial at the time, the idea received the backing of prominent men and women, including First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Ms. Jenkins was discharged in November, 1945, and returned to Wenonah, where she married her late husband Robert, who passed away in 1995. The couple had three sons, three grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

She keeps active with family, friends, and neighbors, occasionally speaks to local groups, and "has had a good life in Wenonah."

For more information:

Carl Hausman, phone 856-371-5455;
email mail@carlhausman.com

Borough of Wenonah website with calendar of events for Fourth of July celebration:
<http://www.boroughofwenonah.com/>

Past Winners of the Hometown Legend Award:

2004 Steven W. Squyres
2005 Paul J. Stankard
2006 Bradley Caraker
2007 Jack C. Sheppard, Sr.
2008 Robert Shryock
2009 Donald and Kathryn Ralston
2010 Marjorie K. Lentz
2011 Lauren Ward Larsen
2012 Katharyn Nicole (yes, that's the right spelling of the first name)
2013 Winston Byrd
2014 Woody Platt
2015 Tim Squyres
2016 Charles Forsman
2017 Cindy Norris
2018 Renée Bumb
2019 Bob Bevilacqua

Wenonah Library News

Submitted by Anne Zuber

Wenonah Library News

We have BIG NEWS here at the Wenonah Library. Our library now offers a host of NEW digital services. Make sure your library card is renewed and up to date! So much can be done with your active membership!

Ebsco Discovery Service lets you search all the resources the library offers in one spot. Simply type your keyword or topic into the library's search box and the most relevant results will appear for your research. Explore a variety of content from journals to e-books. With easy filtering options, you can narrow your results to the type of content, publication, date (and more) to find exactly the information resources you need.

Are you interested in digital content? **Hoopla** is a groundbreaking digital media service offered by Wenonah Library that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics, and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV! Titles can be streamed immediately or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later.

Looking for even more e-books and audiobooks? **Libby** offers thousands of ebooks and audiobooks that you can borrow instantly for free with your Wenonah Library card and the Libby app.

In other news, our semi-annual used book sale was a huge success. Thanks to the Woman's Club, Friends of the Library, & Boy Scout Troop #50 for all your help to make this a great event!

Special thanks also go to David Kreck and the Gloucester County Master Gardeners who refurbished our rain garden with new perennials.

The next time you visit the library, take a walk around back to admire their handiwork.

As always, our Storytime continues on Thursday mornings at 10:00am. Recently we welcomed Mr. Michael as our new Storytime leader. Make a plan to join us on Thursdays for stories and crafts.

We also continue to offer No-Contact Circulation for those who prefer that, and we ask that all returned books be dropped in the book drop. Returned books are quarantined for two days before being returned to the collection. Masks continue to be required in the library

The summer is also a perfect time to visit our StoryWalk. Our newest book is Farmer's Market Day by Shanda Trent. You won't want to miss it.

Museum passes for both The Academy of Natural Sciences and the Museum of the American Revolution are available to Wenonah Library Patrons. A timed ticket is recommended. Contact the library for more information. The museums update their hours as restrictions are eased in Philadelphia. Special thanks to the Woman's Club of Wenonah for providing the Academy of Natural Sciences Museum pass.

Finally, we are happy to report that we WILL have a Summer Reading Program this year! This year's theme is Tales & Tails. Keep your eye out for more information and program dates coming soon!

Remember to check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for up to the minute news and resources to make you smile.



The Woman's Club of Wenonah

And We're Off!

The Woman's Club hit the ground running this spring with a record-breaking start to our **Wenonah Farmer's Market** season. In all, 1255 people visited the market on Opening Day on May 6th, enjoying live music while shopping for locally made and grown foods, beverages and artisanal products from more than 65 vendors. Three food trucks provided an easy dinner for busy shoppers. The Market will be open every Thursday from 4 to 7 through Labor Day. A list of weekly vendors can be found at www.womansclubofwenonah.org Come see what the buzz is all about!

Clear Connections: Free Wifi in the Park!

Whether you are shopping at the market, meeting a friend, hanging out with your dog, or just passing through on your daily walk, you can soon enjoy free internet access in Wenonah Park! The Woman's Club is pleased to be partnering with Home & Heart Realty to provide this community service, so that using our park is even more convenient and enjoyable for residents and visitors.

Another Successful Yard Sale Day

As is our tradition, we ran a plant sale and a yard sale on Wenonah's borough-wide yard sale day, and also helped staff the book sale at the Wenonah Library. Our **plant sale** featured overflowing flowering baskets and garden flats from Wenonah Greenhouse, which everyone raved about. Our **yard sale** raised \$1,500 for the Make-A-Wish

Foundation, to whom we have now contributed over \$5,000. Thanks to all who shopped and helped!

And the Winner Is...?

Each year, the Woman's Club selects a high school senior to receive our **college scholarship award** in the amount of \$1,000, to be used for college expenses. We are excited to announce the lucky winner at Gateway's graduation!

Growing Strong

The Woman's Club is proud of the way we have not only survived but flourished during challenging times, and we are pleased to report that we are now 93 members strong—very close to our goal of 100 members by our 100th birthday in 2022! We were so happy to see many of our members at our annual dinner on May 10th, and look forward to seeing everyone more often as Covid restrictions continue to ease.

Not yet a member? Help us meet our goal by joining now! For more information, visit www.womansclubofwenonah.org

As a member, you will enjoy our annual summer porch party and our monthly meetings, which we hope to resume in person in September. Best of all, you will meet other smart, interesting women who know how to make things happen. **Join us!**



Wenonah's American Legion Post 192

Summer 2021

Wenonah's American Legion Post 192 is in its 101st year of serving our communities, and our nation's veterans & active-duty military since August 1, 1920

WenonahNJPost192@gmail.com

Thank You
for supporting
Veterans
&
Active-duty
Military

R2V2 Team Assists Residents in Need!

Older & disabled residents, single parents, and veterans, military, and their families in need of short-term labor assistance can call in the **R2V2 Team!** The **R2V2 Team** has



shoveled snow, raked leaves, cleaned gutters, cut up and removed downed trees, repaired trails in the conservation area, dewatered basements, and even replaced a sump pump over the last couple years. The



R2V2 Team can be assembled in fairly short order to tackle work that can be accomplished in a morning or afternoon.

Email us at

WenonahNJPost192@gmail.com or for faster service, leave a message at **856-464-0428**.

Taylor Pomilio & Kevin Meeks Selected as Delegates to Girls State & Boys State!

Congratulations to **Taylor Pomilio** and **Andrew Meeks**, both Juniors at Gateway High School, on their selection to NJ Girls State and NJ Boys State respectively!



Taylor, the daughter of **Christopher Pomilio & Nichole Albeser** and stepdaughter of **Kelly Pomilio**, enjoys all things musical at Gateway among her many activities. Andrew, son of **Kevin & Alice Meeks** and great grandson of **Mary-Alyce & Harry Schroeder**, is in the Wenonah Fire Company, Mantua Explorers, and Boy Scouts among his many activities.

Annual Free Coffee & Pastry Day

Always held during Wenonah's boroughwide Yard Sale, Post 192 again enjoyed dispensing free coffee, pastries, and conversation!



Catherine Lombardo & Zach Solem to Receive Post 192 Scholarships!

Catherine Lombardo, daughter of **Tommy & Beth Lombardo**, and **Zach Solem**, son of **Ken & Kristen Solem**, will each receive \$500 through their respective colleges.

Fundraising Helps Us Help Others



Honor Guard Practicing Rifle Salutes



Join Us for the July 4th Beer Garden!

Join us & the Wenonah Fire Company for our Beer Garden in Wenonah Park on **July 3rd** to celebrate Independence Day. We'll also dedicate the new monuments at Veterans Corner.



Wenonah's Post 192
Veterans Serving our Communities
and our nation's veterans & active-duty military.



John Forren,
Wenonah Post 192



The Wenonah Lions Club is proud to announce that all systems are go for the annual Fourth of July Parade.

While the rules and regulations that will affect us are still evolving, and there may be some limits on the scale of certain events and some social distancing may be mandated, we are planning the full array of the traditional events that have made the Fourth so memorable. Because the Fourth falls on a Sunday, the parade will be on Saturday, July 3 – along with pie eating contests, sack races, presentations in the park, and more. At the time this issue of the newsletter went to press, we were also scheduling our traditional softball tournament and fun run; stay tuned for more on time and dates.

You can keep up-to-the-minute on our plans by visiting our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/wenonahlions/>

We will be updating the page regularly so please keep checking in.

Also, look for our annual print newsletter, coming soon to your front porch, which will include more details and information on how you can help us make this a truly spectacular return for Wenonah's Fourth of July Celebration.

