

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DOMINY

Update on the proposed GCL rail line



Gloucester County \* NEW JERSEY 08090

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE BEST WAY TO SPEND SUMMER IN WENONAH

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SWIMMING

AT

WENONAH LAKE!



The Borough has not received any information regarding the proposed GLC project following the release of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Although pamphlets were delivered last year to the Borough offices, these essentially were the same as those received by our residents via mail. However, we have had no contact from any official from any state agency for several years now.

Notwithstanding this lack of communication, last September Council passed a resolution requesting that the County take necessary steps to ensure that the railroad crossing on Mantua Avenue adheres to federal "Quiet Zone" standards. (R-2021-78). Because Mantua Ave is a county road, it is the County that must take the necessary steps to ensure that Wenonah does not suffer the continuous noise pollution and disruption of train whistles up to every seven minutes *if the train were to be constructed*.

I have been and remain an ardent opponent of this propose rail line. It has been proposed in one iteration or another for my entire adult life. The financial cost alone is alarming. However, most concerning is that this train will effectively split our community into two halves. Very few residents will not be adversely impacted in one way or another. Our small Borough will be forever change.

Although I am strongly opposed to the GCL train, I respectfully understand that others may hold a different and opposite view. In 2010, Borough Council passed a Resolution opposing the train (R-2010-70). This was done after Council surveyed the community in 2009. So that we may once again survey the community's position on this train, I've directed another non-binding referendum to be place on this year's ballot. There will be two questions: 1) Do you support the proposed GCL train? and 2) If the train does come through Wenonah, do you support a station in town?

Resolutions are merely proclamations and have no force of law. But they do allow us to speak as a community. As before, a Resolution in opposition to the proposed train has greater gravitas if it is predicated on the sentiments of the community. Please be sure to vote in November.

John R. Dominy, Mayor

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#### **PRIMARY ELECTIONS DAY JUNE 7, 2022**



The NJ Primary election will be held on June 7. The last day to register to vote in advance of the Primary is Tuesday May 17, 2022. On Tuesday, June 7th, 2022, the polls will open promptly at 6:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. Please vote. If you are unable to make it to the polls, you may apply for Mail-in Ballot up to 7 days prior to the election. Forms are available at the Municipal Office, or you may apply in person at the Board of Elections Office in West Deptford at 550 Grove Road until 3:00 P.M. the day before the election.

Important Dates: May 17, 2022 Voter Registration Deadline for Primary Election May 31, 2022 Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for **Primary Election** June 3, 2022 Deadline for Application to Receive Primary Election Mail-In Ballots. June 3, 2022 - June 5, 2022 The in-person early voting period for the Primary Election. Hours are Friday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. June 6, 2022 – by 3:00 p.m. Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for the Primary Election (at the <u>County Clerk's Office</u>)

#### Location

\*Clayton Borough **GLOUCESTER COUNTY COMPLEX EV, 1200** N DELSEA DR CLAYTON, NJ 08312, Clayton Borough \*Deptford Township RCSJ BUSINESS AND CORPORATE CENTER EV, 1400 TANYARD RD SEWELL, NJ 08080, Deptford Township \*Logan Township LOGAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING EV, 125 MAIN ST BRIDGEPORT, NJ 08014, Logan Township \*Monroe Township MONROE PUBLIC LIBRARY EV, 713 MAR-SHA AVE WILLIAMSTOWN, NJ 08094, Monroe Township \*West Deptford Township RIVERWINDS COMMUNITY CENTER EV, 1000 RIVERWINDS DR WEST DEPTFORD, NJ 08086, West Deptford Township

#### Primary Election In-Person Early Voting Poll Locations June 3, 2022-June 5, 2022

Every county will provide registered voters with this option for the 2022 Primary Election. They will designate in-person early voting locations that will be open June 3, 2022-June 5, 2022 (the in-person early voting period). Hours will be Friday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Early Voting Polling Locations Open: Friday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



## SWIMMING PROGRAM

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Resident member fees start as low as \$45 for the whole season! Membership gives you the most access to swim all summer at the lowest rate.

#### **Borough Resident Pricing**

\$45 for the first adult household member \$15 for each additional household member

#### **Non-Resident Pricing**

\$125 for the first adult household member \$20 for each additional household member

Let your out-of-town friends know that this is the best deal for families who plan to attend the Lake for swimming multiple times throughout the summer!

All members can bring guests for only \$5 per person (age 2 and above).

#### Purchase your membership today!

Print, complete and sign the <u>application</u>. Payment is by cash or check only.

Please submit your application and payment at the Borough of Wenonah office, located at I S West Avenue. If you stop by during business hours, you can pick up your membership tags then and there. Or you can drop off your check and completed, signed application in the mail slot at the Borough of Wenonah office.

#### 2022 SWIMMING SEASON SCHEDULE

Swimming Season begins Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and runs weekends only until Wenonah School lets out for the year. The full weekly schedule begins on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and runs through Labor Day weekend. Visit our website for the complete schedule.

Please note that the John and Cathy Howard Park at Wenonah Lake is open to the public on Mondays throughout the summer. Swimming is not permitted on Mondays and there is <u>NO</u> lifeguard on duty (except on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day).

#### Don't miss out a wonderful summer at WENONAH LAKE!

#### DAY PASSES

Non-members are welcome to try out the swimming program with a day pass!

Day passes are available WEDNESDAY – SUNDAY sold from 11am – 3pm only. Day pass buyers must be age 13+. Those under age 13 must

be accompanied by an adult.

People age 13+: \$20 per day People age 2 – 12: \$10 per day People under age 2: FREE

Membership is the most affordable option! Day pass users who enjoy swimming at Wenonah Lake should consider becoming members for the most swimming access at the lowest rate!

#### **Days of Operation**

SATURDAYS/SUNDAYS ONLY beginning Memorial Day Weekend

> \*\*\*\*Also Monday May 30th (Memorial Day) TUESDAY – SUNDAY

Beginning Saturday, June 18th through Monday, September 5th TUESDAY – SUNDAY

\*\*\*Also Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> (Independence Day) & Monday, September 5th (Labor Day)





Release date: June 18, 2021 **MOVIE AT THE (LAKE) PARK!** 

Don't miss the Borough's annual Movie at the Lake Park! This year, we're trying something new and hosting this event at The John and Kathy Howard Park at Wenonah Lake!

> **LUCA Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Dusk** Sponsored by the Gloucester County Department of Parks and Recreations and the Gloucester County Commissioners

#### TAXES DUE AUGUST 1ST

Third quarter taxes are due on August 1, 2022, with a 10-day grace period. Any payment received after the 10th day shall accrue interest back to August 1st

If you are a new homeowner, please call to receive a copy of your tax bill. Residents who pay their own taxes and receive a bill stating 'for advice only' should be aware this is your bill and you should pay it. You should also contact the Borough office and let us know to remove your bank information.

If your bank pays your taxes and you received the original bill, please forward to your mortgage company and have them contact us with their mailing information.

Payments may be made by mail, <u>online</u>, or in person at our Borough office during regular business hours.

We do not accept debit or credit cards at our office.



You can also pay your taxes online for a <u>fee</u> at

www.boroughofwenonah.com

REMEMBER

Yard waste must

be out on

Monday for

Pick up.

Once Public

works are done

picking up for

the day of the

week, they will NOT come back,

if the yard waste was not there.

#### **CONTAINERIZED YARD WASTE**

Containerized Yard Waste Pick up will continue the 2nd and 4th Monday, beginning the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> through September 26th. Yard waste is defined as small branches, shrub clippings leaves and garden vegetation.

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. September 26th is the last week for containerized yard waste.

Do not mix trash in with your yard waste.

#### **BRANCH COLLECTION**

Branch pick up for chipping will continue the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, through September 19th.

Cut branches in 4-to-6-foot lengths, with a diameter no larger than 2". Place branches in the clear zone. (Before the curb, not in the street). September19th is the last week for branch pick up. The disposal of wood remaining from tree removal is the responsibility of the contractor and /or homeowner.

Please do not place branches for chipping in containers

#### METAL PICK UP

Metal pickup items will be picked up on a daily basis. You may call any day to have them picked up. Please contact Wenonah Public Works Department at (856) 468- 5300 or Borough office at (856) 468-5228 for metal items to be picked up such as tv, printers, computer monitors, water heaters, refrigerators, washers, dryers, grills, exercise equipment, small electronics, bicycles, metal shelves, etc.



#### **EXTRA TRASH AND RECYCLE RULES**



Please call no later than noon on the Thursday before the scheduled trash/recycle pick up. 3 extra bags of household waste are the maximum number 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**. Those bags should be reserved for 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.

## WATER METER REPLACEMENT

The Borough of Wenonah Department of Public Works will be 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 2022 at www.boroughofwenonah.com.

There will be two sewer bills of \$300.00 each.

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First half of the 2022 sewer bill is due on July 1<sup>st</sup> and second half is due on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

The sewer bills will be mailed out in early -June.

If you have not received your sewer bill by June 20th, please call the Finance Office at 468-5228. Payment is due by July 1st with a 10-day grace period. Any open balance after the grace period will incur interest.

If you have a payment schedule set up through your bank, make sure the check has your account number and address on it. Also make sure the payment is sent 7-10 days before the bill is due to make sure we receive it on time through the mail.

Please refer to the calendar, website, and our digital board on Mantua Ave. to stay aware of what will be due and when.

Water and sewer bills should be mailed to:

Borough of Wenonah

1 S. West Ave. P.O. Box 66 Wenonah, NJ 08090

BACKWATER VALVE

If you wish a receipt and pay by mail, include the entire bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

SEWER BACK UPS & BACK WATER VALVE

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 sewer system of the Borough of Wenonah shall have a backwater valve installed.

The complete ordinance may be viewed online at <u>www.generalcode.com</u>.

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.

# THE BOROUGH OF WENONAH

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In Case of an Emergency and our Police, Fire Department, and/or Ambulance service personnel need to come to your aid, <u>they must be able to</u> <u>find you!</u>

#### PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

If you have not already done so, please install your house number, plainly visible and legible from the street. Minimum of four (4) inches high. Arabic numerals /alphabet letters.

If you have a number installed, please check to be sure it can easily be seen, both day and night.

PLEASE DO NOT DISRE-GARD THIS REQUEST, YOUR LIFE MAY DEPEND UPON IT!

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

#### The Wenonah Green Team

recently submitted the application for Sustainable Jersey. We hope all the environmental/ sustainable actions will be accepted by the Sustainable Jersey organization and we will maintain our status as a New Jersey Sustainable Community.

Some of our ongoing projects include water conservation, anti-idling resolution and ways to make Wenonah a "greener" and healthier community.





Thanks to all the organizations and residents who continue to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly practices such as planting native plants, avoiding pesticides, conserving water use, recycling, using reusable bags and containers, harvesting solar energy, and buying energy efficient appliances and products to name a few examples. The Gateway students continue to work with our Green Team to educate elementary students about environmentally friendly practices.

#### **CONSERVE OUR WATER**

The Borough's Water Restrictions will again be observed in 2022 by an odd/even watering schedule using your house number.

Odd house numbers water on odd numbered days, Even house numbers on even numbered days

Watering permitted from 4:00am -9:00 am and 6:00 pm -9:00 pm only.

Outside watering on the 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

Brian L. Grady

Captain

Shaun J. Butler

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#### Mantua Township Police Department

Proudly serving Mantua Township and Wenonah Borough

Darren E. White Chief of Police

#### 405 Main Street Mantua, NJ 08051 mantuapd@mantuatownship.com (856) 468-1920 Fax (856) 464-0237

#### UNWANTED PHONE CALLS

Today, it seems like everyone has a cell phone and regularly receive phone calls from people they do not know. This can happen on someone's cell phone, house phone, or even work phone. Its important to try to protect yourself and your phones as much as possible.



One very important step to take is registering your phone number under the "do not call" list. To do so, simply go to www.FTC.gov and clink the link that says, "Register for do not call." Not sure if you're registered? Click the link that says, "Verify Registration".

Not only can you register your phone or check your phone's registration status on the do not call list, but you can also report unwanted calls as well. Lots of people receive phone calls from the same number daily. FTC.gov has a link where you can report these as well.

Already registered and still receiving calls from unwanted numbers? Try checking your phone for an option to block phone numbers from calling and even texting.

Remember, never give out information to one of these callers. The FTC.gov is a great resource so check it out!



#### SAFETY TIPS

Now that the nice weather is finally here, everyone is going to be out and about enjoying it! Here are a few reminders to protect yourself and your property during this time of year.

Remember to roll up your

car windows, lock your car doors and remove valuables from your car. When leaving the house, make sure all doors are closed and locked and don't forget about the windows and garage doors!

The roads may be clear and dry, however, remember to follow the rules of the road. Serious accidents still happen, be alert when driving, go the speed limit and leave the phone out of your hand. It can wait!

Pedestrian traffic will also pick up. When driving, be aware of your surroundings, watch for pedestrians, and children. If you are a pedestrian, cross at the cross walks, wait until you have the right of way at a crosswalk with a light, and if out at night, bring a light or wear something reflective for drivers to see you.

Bikes are going to be sharing the road with vehicles during this time of year as well. Both bikers and drivers need to be patient with each other and watch out for one another.

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## All donations received will be utilized as funding for the various entities working with the Borough's commissions (i.e. Environmental and Shade Tree Commissions) to help

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Environmental and Shade Tree Commissions) to help supplement with the plantings and recovery of Wenonah's park and clear spaces. TOGETHER, LETS MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE FUTURE OF WENONAH

## GOFUNDME.COM / F / WENONAH-PLANTING-FUND SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAIL BLASTS AND TEXT ALERTS!

Subscribe! If you would like to receive, lake information, the Borough newsletter, police notices, holiday reminders, special events, weather alerts, trash service changes, and other important announcements log onto the Borough website:

www.boroughofwenonah.com And subscribe to our email and text alerts.

On the left hand side of the home page, you will see "FRESH INFORMATION IN YOUR INBOX" and on the right hand side, you will see "FRESH INFORMATION TO YOUR PHONE" Fill in your contact information and click on "Subscribe"

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### WENONAH SHADE TREE COMMISSION

In March Shade Tree Commission members planted 49 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, Scarlet Oak, Autumn Flame and October Glory Maples, Honeylocust, Red Select Cherry, Crab Apples and Redbuds. Since 2006 the STC has planted over 750 trees throughout Wenonah.

Tree planting at Wenonah Park for this spring has been completed with over 35 new tree and shrub species added. Our continuing thanks to the following contractors for all their help with Wenonah Park improvements:

Exley's Nursery
Ledden-Palimeno Landscaping
Timber Cut Tree Service

Ryan Sole Landscaping Wenonah Greenhouse Platt's Nursery

As always The Wenonah Department of Public Works under Brian Nicholson's leadership made all the difference

Please continue to support the Wenonah Planting Fund by donating at <u>https://www.gofundme.com/f/wenonah-planting-fund/donate</u>

#### Sarah Harbold's initiative to organize contributions thru the Go Fund Me account has made financing the improvements all possible. Kudos to Jack Sheppard Jr for his leadership of the Wenonah Park Restoration Committee.

Wenonah Borough received rec<mark>ognition for</mark> their 26<sup>th</sup> annual designation as a "Tree City USA" from the Arbor Foundation for our efforts in 2021.

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 2022 include: August 2nd, September 6th and November 1st, at The Jack Sheppard Sr. Community Center -7:30pm

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

Jeff Craig 856-938-7116

#### Wenonah's American Legion Post 192 Summer 2022

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

Wenonah NJ Post 192 Wenonah NJPost 192@gmail.com, PO Box 312, Wenonah NJ 08090

R2V2 Rapid Response Volunteer Veterans

#### Thank You for Attending Wenonah's Memorial Day Parade & Cemetery Service!



Thank you for recognizing and appreciating the real meaning of Memorial Day! One of the many alluring aspects of small-town Wenonah is its sense of community, and the annual stroll in solemn procession to the Wenonah Cemetery for Memorial Day is yet another example. As it is every year, it's heartening to see so many of Wenonah's youth join in recognizing the sacrifice of so many who died in the military supporting our country.

#### **R2V2 Continues Work on Wenonah's Trails**



Post 192's R2V2 continues its efforts to assist the **Wenonah Environmen**tal Commission, this time repairing the bridge in the Synott's Pond area. Pictured, **Bob Bevilacqua** 

WenonahNJPost192@gmail.com 856-464-0428

#### Post 192 Hosted Soccer Kix at the Ice Cream Social!

Serving as engineer, task master, and laborer.

Our gratitude is extended to **Chompsky's**, which donated the coffee and pastries that we in turn provided free to all you yard sale bargain hunters!





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

#### <u>Congratulations to</u> <u>Elena Funk, Post 192's</u> <u>Delegate to Jersey Girls State!</u>



Congratulations to **Elena Funk**, daughter of **Laurie & Jon Funk** of Wenonah, for being selected as a Delegate to Jersey Girls State, a

weeklong program of immersive learning about government, civics, and citizenship. A member of the National Honor Society, Elena is a Junior at Gateway High School.

#### <u>Visit Us in the Park on July 4<sup>th</sup>!</u>

After the parade, join us for the Patriotic Ceremonies in the Park, which will include a rifle salute from our Honor Guard, and stop

by our canopy for hot dogs, beverages, and other goodies to celebrate our Nation's

Independence Day!







#### THE WENONAH LIONS CLUB



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The Lions want to thank everyone who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt a success. Space in the borough newsletter is short,

and there are literally too many borough employees, local civic groups, businesses, and volunteers to name individually.

But we will be extending our thanks in detail soon. Stay tuned for updates on local volun-

teerism on our Facebook page and during our Fourth of July festivities. And on that subject, we're proud to note that our parade theme this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Woman's Club of Wenonah.

Note, too, that you'll see some improvements in the park by the Fourth. We expect to have some new benches installed by then. It's a work in progress, and the delivery of materials is impacted by the supply chain, but the Lions are committed to working with the borough and

other community groups to repair the ravages of the tornado.

Please regularly visit our Facebook page (Wenonah Lions Club) for updates. That's the best

way for us to keep you current on our evolving plans. We don't have to tell you that Covid and the storm have combined to make the last two years challenging, but our spirit of service and fellowship remains undiminished. As Helen Keller, who inaugurated the Lions' mission in 1925, once noted, if you keep facing the sunshine you can't see the shadows.

Note: While our primary emphasis has historically involved helping the visually impaired, we are engaged in a wide variety of activities to help those who need help. If you know of some local cause where we may be able to lend a hand, please speak with a Lion. And if you would like to get involved with our activities, are interested in becoming a Lion, or just want to find out more about what

we do, please contact our new-member coordinator: Gus Gasis, at gusgasis@yahoo.com.

#### WENONAH DEPOT QUILTERS

The Wenonah Quilters meet with quilters of all skill levels. Please join us at the Train Station Community Center.

Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Workshops  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Wednesday at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm





Wenonah Swim Club is excited to reopen for 2022! Our opening weekend begins May 27th with a special member only adult social to welcome everyone back to WSC now that our repairs from the tornado are completed. We will open our doors on Saturday, May 28 to Monday, May 30 from 11am-9pm to celebrate the official start of our season!

The swim club will be open weekends through June 12, then opening daily on June 18. We have many exciting events this summer including kids' movie nights, a Glow party, a splash party, and July 4th games! Mark your calendars for Crab Night on July 14 and Christmas in July on July 24, we are hosting a Chili Cook off on August 28. Our swim and dive teams look forward to starting practices on June 1 and are aiming to have a repeat of our 2021 undefeated season.

Memberships are available now and are selling fast! Please check our website to view details. You can also email membership@wenonahswimclub.com with any questions; all dues must be paid in full by May 1, 2022.



www.wenonhaswimclub.com



@WenonahSwimClub



## SIGNS IN THE CLEAR ZONE

Please keep all signs out of the clear zone. Per Ordinance Code is 56-3. 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 12 feet from the curb toward the property line.



#### WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

. <u>Upcoming Event</u> Independence Day Hike: Sunday, July 3rd at 11:00 AM. We will meet at the end of Southwest Ave. and hike about 1/2 mile on Mantua Creek Trail to Clay Hill near South Jackson Avenue. Part of this trail segment was severely impacted by the tornado. Just by viewing fallen trees you can get an idea of what effort was required to reopen it! Rain date Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, same time.



On April 23<sup>rd</sup> members of the Wenonah/Mantua Girl Scout troop volunteered their time to plant ferns around the Tea House at Comey's Lake. Our Richard Dilks then took the scouts on a hike around the lake area.

As reported in the last newsletter, the Glen Trail on West Cedar is open



once again. Due to all the missing trees and disturbed ground, the route of the trail is not as obvious as it was pre-tornado. This spring, we've arranged some of the abundant fallen branches to form boundary markers. Also, we've planted shrubs to start forming a more permanent boundary. In addition, we will plant trees along the same boundary in the fall, once the hottest weather of the year is (hopefully) behind us.

At the Camel's Back Loop area on East Elm Street (formerly Synnott's Pond), we've replaced a rotten arch bridge with a much simpler plank structure shown here. As a result, the circular walking trail around the former pond site can remain open and available for visitors.

#### Looking Ahead

Our next major project this year will be the reconstruction of the **Bog Walk**, a 100-foot-long boardwalk over a marsh (formerly Greene's Lake) just west of South Marion Avenue. The current "telephone pole" walking surface will be replaced with new, wider wooden planks. We will likely need to close the trail when major work is underway. Unless you are ready to get up close and personal with the resident frogs, we will recommend detouring over the Garden Trail to South

Clinton Avenue and East Pine Street.

#### **Recent Activities**

At our Spring Work Party on March 26<sup>th</sup>, volunteers wheeled stone onto the Eldridge and Mantua Creek Trails, and wheeled out some deteriorated wooden "puncheon" boardwalks. This is part of continual process where we address wet walking surfaces with the least intrusive infrastructure. Sometimes, as in this case, areas that were problematic in the past dry up, and no longer require puncheons to bridge them.



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#### HOME AND SCHOOL OF WENONAH

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HOME AND SCHOOL OF WENONAH WILL BE SELLING JULY 4TH T-SHIRTS FOR 2022.



contact us at homeandschoolofweno nah@gmail.com



Happy Summer fellow Wenonah residents! After a return to more normalcy at Wenonah School

in 2022, Home and School of Wenonah has resumed fundraising and activities previously subdued since 2019. We were able to have the annual Holiday Shop, Scholastic Book Fair and hot lunches in Wenonah School, which the children were delighted to experience.

The Ice Cream Social was back at Wenonah School this year and was a great success! It was so nice to enjoy this annual Wenonah tradition again. Great job by Brandi Kinmonth and team for a wonderful event. Many thanks to our generous sponsors as well. This is a fabulous event which brings all of Wenonah together with bounce houses, games, food, and ice cream.

The Butterfly Garden has seen many improvements

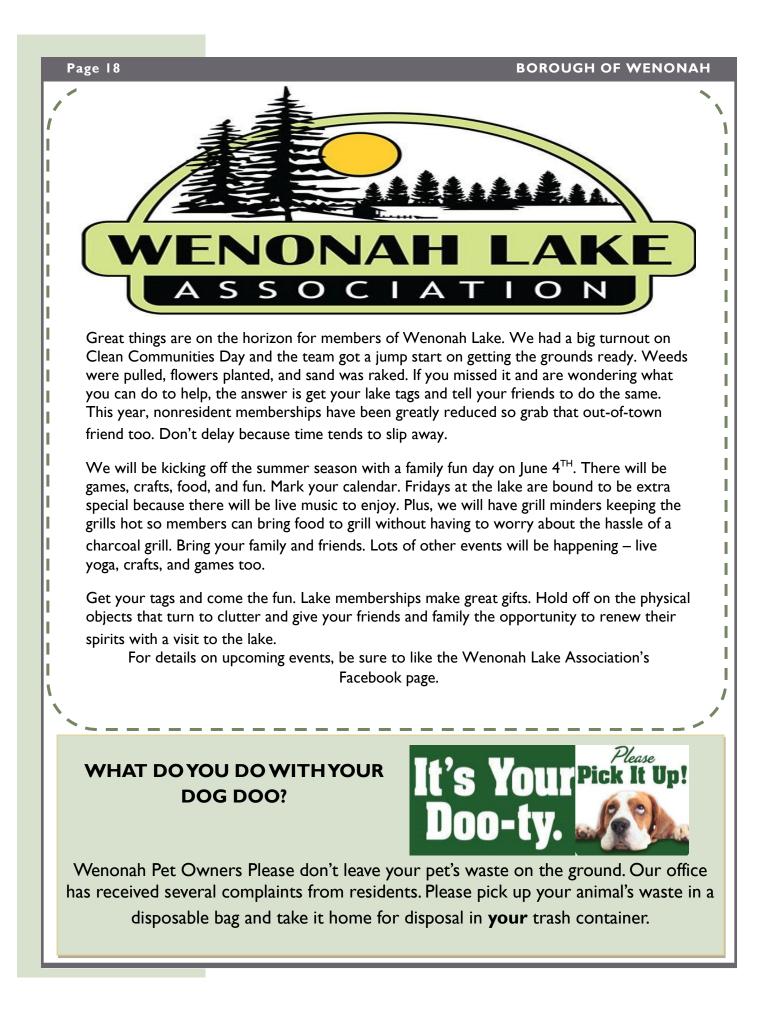
this past year. A new caterpillar-shaped topiary has been planted and will be named pending a vote by Wenonah School students. A butterfly selfie station has also been added to the garden; please check it out! Thank you to Darcie Sanchez and Maria Heaney for all their continued hard work on this beautifully maintained garden.

Be on the lookout for the annual publication of the Learning Letter! Every town resident will receive a copy in the mail. This year's theme will focus on Human Achievement in the 21st Century. All writings and artwork are provided by Wenonah Elementary School students. Thank you to Lesa DeCarlo for spearheading this beloved project.

Home & School will be selling July 4th t shirts for 2022. We are currently working on designs and will have them available on our spirit wear shop. In the meantime, please check out our other Wenonah spirit wear: https://www.teepublic.com/ user/Wenonah-elementaryschool Thank you to

Jill Baum for the amazing designs and Aurelie Baylor for setting up the shop. Lastly, congratulations to the 6th grade class! You will be missed, and we wish you luck in Junior High.

Home & School of Wenonah works to unite the efforts of educators, parents and the general public to secure the highest mental, physical, and social education for every child. Through us fundraising efforts we help provide assemblies, buses for field trips, classroom supplies for teachers, smart boards, Chromebooks, and many other things for our school. Thank you for your continued support of our school and children. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact us at homeandschoolofwenonah@gmail.com.



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## WOMAN'S CLUB OF WENO

#### A Century of Service and Sisterhood

As the Woman's Club begins to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> year, we'll kick-off this amazing milestone in style! Look for us in the **Wenonah Fourth of July parade**, where we've planning a hundred-member march with an exciting float, followed by the announcement of our club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift to the town. We'll be wearing white to honor the suffragettes who fought for our right to vote.

We'd love to have everyone who has benefited from our scholarship, recognition or GCI awards participate! If you love the Woman's Club, join us! It will be a fun day for all.

#### **Congratulations to our new leaders!**

Our newly installed officers, who were sworn in at our May meeting, are ready to make the Woman's Club even stronger. Thank you all for your commitment to the future of our club!

#### President, Kiki L'Italien

I<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Annie Mendelsohn** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, **Judy Offner** 

Our outgoing co-presidents, Vicki McCall and Jenn Pizi, will continue to serve the club in the role of Co-Federation Secretaries.

"The members of our Woman's Club believe in intentionally and proactively cultivating their community and enriching the lives of other women," says **new President Kiki L'Italien**, a senior consultant, speaker, podcast host, blogger and mother who has lived in Wenonah for a year. "I look forward to helping the club continue to evolve and grow."

#### The Farmer's Market is back!

Since May 5, we've been in full swing, back in the park every Thursday from 4-7, with our extensive array of fantastic vendors, live music, and more! Come out and see what's new and stop by to say hi to your old favorites!

#### A new generation of leaders

It's that time of year: we are proud to announce the winners of our **Girls Career Institute** program.

Girls' Career Institute (GCI) offers a "mini college experience" at Douglass Residential College on the campus of Rutgers University. Delegates experience a sample of college life by living in a dorm and attending lectures and workshops. They learn about career choices from volunteer professional speakers and how to network with other delegates from all over the state of New Jersey.

The delegates who will represent Wenonah at Douglass College in New Brunswick this fall are Erin Milano and Lillian Kline. Elena Funk was also selected as an alternate.

We are also pleased to announce that four of our five elementary school **writing contest winners** have won prizes at the state level as well. Congratulations to authors Jimmy Baum, Connor Houldsworth, Zoe Fox-Ramos, and Jillian Smith. Their work will now be judged at the national level!

#### Fun and Fellowship

Thanks to all who attended our end-of-the-year dinner in May, where a delicious dinner and a good time were had by all. And stay tuned for more social events, like our second annual...

**Dinner Under the Moon** —wear white and BYO everything—at a secret pop-up location in town. Start planning your table now!

And our annual **Woman's Club Porch Party** – where you can come meet members and learn about what we do.

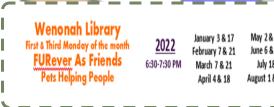
To find out more about this amazing club, go to www.womansclubofwenonah.org

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

## WENONAH LIBRARY NEWS

Our **used book sale** during the community yard sale day was a GREAT success, due to the efforts of volunteers from the Woman's Club of Wenonah and Boy Scout Troop#50. Thanks to all who donated your used books to sell. We also had help preparing for the sale from an enthusiastic and diligent volunteer that researched the value of some "antique" books. The sale of some of these items nearly doubled our proceeds! Stop by and have a look at those that are left for sale in our vestibule area. While you're here, say "Hi" to Annie Mendelsohn and Holly Myer who recently joined the staff at the library.

We are looking forward to a terrific summer at the library. The Children's summer reading program at the library is all about **"Oceans of Possibilities".** Registration begins June 1st. Opening day is July5th for all and each age group meets twice a week for the month of July. All are invited to the closing program on July 28<sup>th</sup> that will feature a visit from our friends at Adventure Aquarium!



 May 2 & 16
 September 19

 June 6 & 20
 October 3 & 17

 July 18
 November 4 & 21

 August 1 & 15
 December 5 & 19

Silent Mentors In Literacy

Don't forget our newest digital offerings available through the library. EBSCO Discovery Service isn't just for research anymore, and Overdrive's Libby App offers eBooks and audiobooks galore. Set up access to hoopla and open a world of digital stories, movies, music and more. All for free with your library card! Use your mobile device and have entertainment anywhere. Try it on your smart TV. Contact us to answer questions and, remember, technology help is available at the library on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.



Come check out the pass to The Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art, available to Wenonah Library patrons to borrow for free. The campus of the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art consists of 15 acres of buildings, native plant gardens and a river trail. We still offer a pass for the Museum of the American Revolution. A timed ticket is recommended. Contact the library for information.

#### FEEDBACK !!

We are also looking for your feedback? Do you have children who would be interested in a weekly **Storytime**? What days or hours would work best for you? Do you have a great idea for a club or program? Keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming survey, or just stop by the library to let us know your thoughts. We want to hear from you!

Remember to check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for up to the minute news and resources to make you smile. Open hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 3:00 - 9:00 PM, Wednesday 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Friday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Contact us at 856-468-6323 or email Wenonahlibrary@hotmail.com.

#### WENONAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### **Upcoming Events**

The Wenonah Historical Society does not meet in June, July and August. Our next event for members will be the annual meet-

and-greet in September. Also, mark October 8th on your calendar for the Annual Cemetery Walk. It promises to be the best one yet!

#### Story Walks

Once again, the Wenonah Historical Society is collaborating with the library.

Our third story, "Fun Facts about Wenonah," was briefly posted in April. If you missed it, don't worry. The story will return to the library and park in June. It can also be viewed on the Wenonah Historical Society website at **Fun Facts about Wenonah**.

And, coming in July is our fourth story. Ask anybody what their favorite day of the year is in Wenonah. Chances are the answer will be "July 4th." It's a special day in a special town. The Wenonah Historical Society will tell the story about the town's Independence Day celebrations, beginning with the very first celebration in 1872.

#### **2021 Tornado History Project**

The Wenonah Historical Society wants to hear from you!

What did you experience when the tornado hit Wenonah on September 1, 2021? Did you have property damage? What improvements are needed most to help communicate with, and assist residents in disaster situations in the future?

un Facts: Did You Know

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and help shape the future of Wenonah. The results will be shared after the survey closes.

#### Click here to take the survey now!

#### Become a Member

If you would like to learn about, and help preserve the fascinating history of Wenonah, please consider joining the Wenonah Historical Society. It's easy to join, and the annual cost of a family membership is only \$15. You can find details on how to become a member on our website at Join Wenonah Historical Society.





