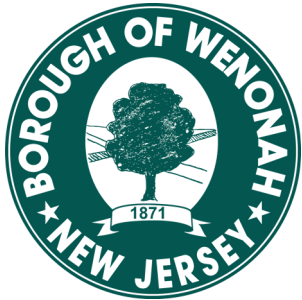


# Borough of Wenonah

SEPTEMBER 2023



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## Mayor's Message



Fall is upon us, which means the hustle and bustle of back to school and fall sports, hot drinks around the fire pit on cool evenings, and watching our beautiful tree lined streets change colors.

Fall in Wenonah offers a number of opportunities to come together as a community, like the Lake Association's One Night of Song and Dance and the Home and School's Harvest Fest. It's a great season to enjoy all the Borough has to offer.

Please take a look through this newsletter for many upcoming events and important reminders. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to share, please feel free to email me or visit me during office hours (check out the office hours schedule on the Borough's website calendar).

See you around town.

Jessica S. Doheny  
Mayor



## Harvest Fest At The Park On October 21st

Enjoy some family fun at Wenonah Park!

Saturday, October 21st from 11 AM - 5 PM

Bounce House	Pumpkin Painting	Market Vendors
Food Trucks	Beer/Wine Garden	And Much More!

Sponsored by Home & School of Wenonah

Rain Date October 28th

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## Property Taxes Due November 1st

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

Payments are accepted by mail or in person during regular business hours. You may also leave your payment in the secured drop box located by the front door of the Municipal building. Please note that we do not accept credit/debit card payments at the Borough Office.

However, you can go to our website at [www.boroughofwenonah.com](http://www.boroughofwenonah.com) to make a payment online (for a fee) or see the amount due.

If you are a new homeowner, please call to receive a copy of your tax bill.

If you receive a tax bill that says "Advice Only" and you pay your own taxes directly, you can use that as your tax bill.



If you receive an original tax bill and your mortgage company pays your taxes, please forward the bill to them.

For general property tax questions, please email our tax collector, Kim Jaworski, at [kjaworski@boroughofwenonah.com](mailto:kjaworski@boroughofwenonah.com) or call the tax office at 856-468-5228

## Writing Checks For Payments



When writing a check for payment to the Borough, please write the handwritten portion carefully. The banks only accept the written word amount on the check.

Also, please include your **lot/block number for tax payments** and your **account number for utility payments** on the check's memo line. This step helps to ensure that payments are being made to the right property.

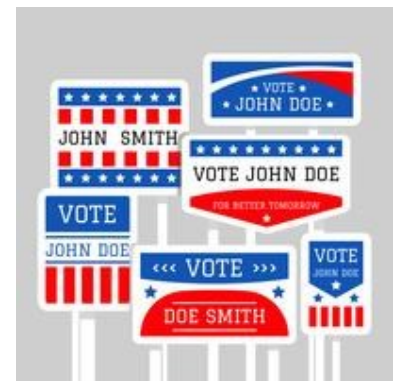
## Campaign Yard Signage

With General Elections taking place in November, the Borough wanted to inform residents that there is Ordinance 72-711 in place regarding campaign yard signage.

First, there are no signs permitted in the **clear zone** (area between curb and sidewalk or if no walk, 12 feet from the curb) or on **public property**.

With regards to **private property**, the ordinance states the following for political signs:

- ◆ Signs may not be erected more than 45 days prior to the date of the election and must be removed within 5 days of election.
- ◆ Only one sign per candidate(s) may appear on any one property at any one time, except with regard to a corner lot, in which case no more than one sign per candidate may appear on each side of the property facing the street.



- ◆ No sign may exceed 9 square feet.

*Thank you.*

# General Election Day Is Tuesday, November 7th

Here are the 3 ways you can vote in the upcoming General Election

## 1. AT YOUR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY

Vote in person at the Municipal building on Election Day, November 7 from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

## 2. IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING

This option enables all registered voters to cast their ballot in person, using a voting machine during a designated voting period prior to Election Day.

You can choose to vote, in person, when it's most convenient for your schedule. Find Gloucester County locations at [VOTE.NJ.GOV](http://VOTE.NJ.GOV).

### In-Person Early Voting

**October 28—November 5, 2023**  
 Friday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## 3. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

Registered voters can apply for a vote-by-mail ballot by following the instructions found at [VOTE.NJ.GOV](http://VOTE.NJ.GOV) or contacting the County Clerk's Election Division at 856-384-4530. Voters may also apply in person at the Board of Elections Office, 550 Grove Road, West Deptford until 3:00 PM the day before the election.



### Important Dates For NJ Voters

October 17

Voter registration deadline for General Election

October 28-November 5  
 Early voting period

October 31

Deadline to apply for mail-in ballot *by mail* for General Election

November 6 by 3:00 PM

Deadline to apply for mail-in ballot *in-person* for General Election at the County Clerk's Office

November 7

General Election Day

November 7 by 8:00 PM

Deadline for post office receipt of mail-in ballots from the General Election

## Municipal Office Federal Holiday Schedule

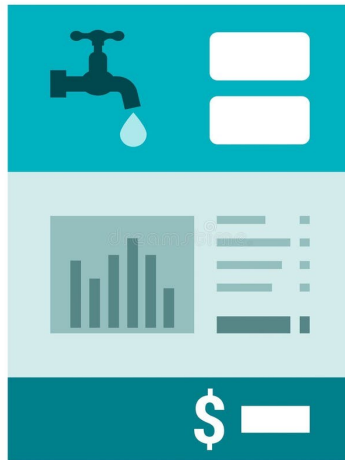


The Borough office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day and on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day. The office will also be closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

# Water/Sewer Bill Due November 1st

Third quarter water/sewer bills will be mailed to residents by mid October. The due date is November 1st with a 10-day grace period. Any payment received after the 10-day grace period shall accrue interest back to November 1st.

The 3rd quarter bill includes the \$200 flat fee for sewer plus resident’s actual household water usage for the prior three months (**July 1st–September 30th**), billed at the 2023 rates per 1,000 gallons.

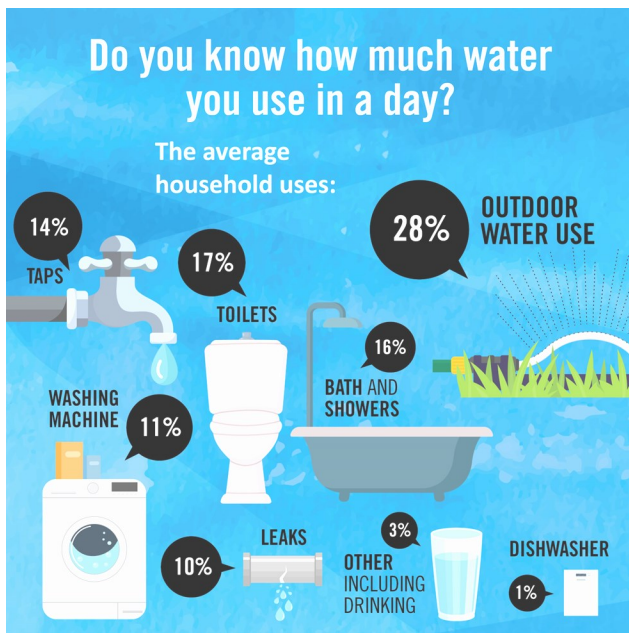


Payments are accepted by mail or in person during regular business hours.

Residents may also leave their payment in the secured drop box located by the front door of the Municipal building.

Residents can also make a payment online (for a fee) or see the amount due. Visit the Borough website and look for the tab labeled “Pay your bill online”.

## Conserve Water And Save Money



- Some tips on how to conserve water at home:**
- Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing teeth
  - Take shorter showers
  - Use your dishwasher for full loads only
  - Use your washing machine for full loads only
  - Don't let the faucet run when doing tasks at the sink
  - Water your lawn only when it needs it
  - Check faucets/pipes and toilets for leaks

**Water costs money... Don't waste it!**

A dripping faucet or fixture can waste 3 gallons a day...a total of 1095 gallons a year



**Waste per quarter at 60 psi water pressure**

Diameter of Stream	Stream size	Gallons	Cubic Feet	Cubic Meters
	1/4"	1,181,500	158,00	4,475
	3/16"	666,000	89,031	2,521
	1/8"	296,00	39,400	1,115
	1/16"	74,000	9,850	280

A continuous leak from a hole this size would, over a three month period, waste water in the amounts shown above

## Household Special Waste (HSW) Collection Dates

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Date: **September 16th**

Location: GCSWC

493 Monroeville Road, South Harrison

Date: **October 14th**

Location: GCRD

1200 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton



All events 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
RAIN OR SHINE

Please refer to the website for more information: [www.gcianj.com](http://www.gcianj.com)

For additional information call (856) 478-6045

## Shredding Event September 16th



This **FREE** shredding event will be held on site at the Mantua Township Municipal Building parking lot from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The event is for Gloucester County residents only.

Only paper will be accepted.

## Halloween 2023

Halloween is **Tuesday, October 31st**. Trick or Treating will be from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. If you would prefer not to have trick or treaters at your home, please consider posting a sign on your front door indicating such.



## Clean Community Day On November 11th



Our Clean Community Day is an opportunity for residents and volunteer groups to come out and help clean up our town.

Registration starts at 8:30 AM at the Community Center.

**Volunteer groups**—please contact either Karen Sweeney (856) 468-6713 or Anthony Fini (609) 560-8487 regarding your participation.

Please feel free to bring your own tarps, rakes, gloves, leaf blowers and safety vests.

And remember to mark your tools with your last name in case they get misplaced.

## Yard Waste/Branch Collection Ends September

Please note that the bi-monthly schedule for containerized yard waste and branch collection comes to an end in September.

- Last date for branch collection is Monday, September 18th
- Last date for containerized yard waste is Monday, September 25th

Bulk branch and yard waste collection will resume in February 2024. For more details, please refer to the Borough's 2024 calendar when it becomes available.



**Quick Tip**  
**Follow the Borough calendar**  
*(and not your neighbor 😊)*  
**Always check the Borough calendar for the most accurate dates for yard waste and branch collection. There has been an uptick with residents putting yard waste/branches out to the curb on the wrong collection day where it remains there for an entire week. 😞**

## Bulk Leaf Collection Starts October 16th



◆ Beginning the week of **October 16th** and ending the week of **December 11th**, bulk leaves will be collected on a continuous

rotating basis throughout the Borough. These dates are dependent upon the weather, Public Works schedule and in-town emergencies.

- ◆ Residents may include other compostable yard waste in with their bulk leaf collection such as plants, flowers, and pine needles.
- ◆ Please **DO NOT** mix wood branches, limbs

or trash in with leaves. If these items are mixed in or on top of the leaves, they cannot be picked up.

- ◆ Please **DO NOT** put leaves in bags or containers during the bulk leaf collection period.
- ◆ Please place leaves in the street far enough from the curb line to allow water to flow to the storm water catch basin
- ◆ Leaves should be placed a minimum of 10 feet from all storm water catch basins.
- ◆ Please **DO NOT** place leaves near parked cars. Adequate space is required for the Borough's leaf removal equipment.

# Bulk Trash Pickup Reminders

*Lets talk trash - a few reminders*



- Our bulk item collection date is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.
- You must call the Borough office (856-468-5228) to be placed on the bulk list. Please call anytime during the month to schedule bulk pickup. Please call no later than noon on the 3rd Monday of the month to be included.
- Bulk collection is designed for residents that need to discard household trash that is too large to place in their borough issued black can. Please note that bulk collection is NOT meant for a property clean out; the homeowner must take these items to the Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex in Swedesboro (856-478-6045) or rent a dumpster.

Examples of acceptable items:

- \* Beds
- \* Sofas
- \* Household Furniture
- \* Carpet cut into manageable sections (rolled, tied or taped)
- \* Bagged Items

Items NOT acceptable :

- \* Hazardous Waste
  - \* Wood Fencing
  - \* Bricks or concrete
  - \* Construction debris and demolition
- Got metal? Please contact the Public Works Department for any metal, e-waste (TVs, computers, DVDs) or appliance (washer and dryers, refrigerators) pickup. These items can be picked up on daily basis by Public Works. Residents don't need to wait for the monthly bulk item collection day to rid their home of these items. Please call PW during normal business hours at (856-468-5300) for item pickup.
  - Bulk trash is just that...*trash*. Residents, please be considerate of your neighbors and of your community, DO NOT put your bulk trash out to the curb days in advance of bulk collection day. Per Ordinance 24-3, items placed out on a non-bulk week are in violation and will be required to be removed from curbside.

## News From Mantua Township Police Department

On August 14th, the Mantua Township Committee administered the oath of office to seven officers - four police officers and three promotees.



Robert Layton was promoted to Detective Sergeant, Bruce Shaw to Corporal and Stephen Wolfsgruber to Corporal.

The four officers newly sworn in are: Joseph Craig, formerly of the Westville Police Department, Arthur Ettore, formerly of the Paulsboro Police Department, Matthew Germscheid, formerly of the Camden Police Department and Jacob Jowett, formerly of the Woodbury Heights Police Department.

### *Meet your new police officers*

**Joseph Craig** holds an associate degree in criminal justice and attended the Cape May Police Academy starting May 2015. He worked as a SLEO 2 officer in North Wildwood, Westville, and Woolwich Twp. police departments before being hired fulltime by the Westville PD in 2016. During his almost seven-year tenure with Westville, he was forced to learn a lot quickly as he was often the only officer working on his shift. He also comes with a significant amount of training, with many of his classes being ones that MTPD are either mandated to send, or aim to send their officers to. Some of these include being bicycle officer certified, Alcotest certified, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing certified and drug impaired driving certified. Additionally, having already been an officer in other Gloucester County PDs, he has knowledge and experience of the systems, dispatchers, and policies of the county, making his adjustment and field training period much quicker and easier.

**Jacob Jowett** holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and associate degree in health science. He started as a class 1 officer in the Paulsboro PD and attended the fulltime Gloucester County Police Academy in 2021. Jacob worked in the Woodbury Heights PD up until receiving MTPD's offer of employment. He was offered a job here during MTPD's last hiring process but declined due to having just accepted Woodbury Heights' offer and not wanting to retract his acceptance after they had already spend money to start outfitting him. This is a quality of dedication that the department finds important. As with Joseph Craig, already being an officer in another Gloucester County PD, has provided Jacob with knowledge and experience of the systems, dispatchers, and policies of the county making his adjustment and field training period much easier.

**Matthew Germscheid** is a veteran of the US Army National Guard and holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He initially attended the Cape May Police Academy in 2009 and worked as a SLEO 2 officer in both Wildwood and Glassboro. Matthew was subsequently hired by the Camden PD and sent to the academy in 2013, where he worked until 2015. After a brief career change as a business owner, Matthew returned back through the academy for Camden and worked there from February 2022 until his employment with MTPD. While working in Camden, he was assigned to various divisions, including the Community Impact Division and the Neighborhood Response Division on top of his patrol assignment. Attending the fulltime police academy, a second time shows that Matthew wants to remain in the law enforcement field. With all the other things that he has done, he also brings with him many different experiences from other aspects of life that will assist him in his career in Mantua.

**Arthur Ettore** attended the Cape May Police Academy in 2018 as a class 2. He worked at the East Greenwich PD as a SLEO 1, the Wildwood PD as a SLEO 2, and the Paulsboro PD as a SLEO 2 before being hired fulltime by Paulsboro, where he worked from October 2019 until his employment with MTPD. He also holds some of the classes and mandatory certifications to which MTPD strives to send all their new officers, including being drug impaired driving and Alcotest certified. Arthur is also a certified range instructor, which is a skill that always comes in handy. Once again, already being an officer in another Gloucester County PD provides him with knowledge and experience of the systems, dispatchers, and policies of the county, making an adjustment and field training much easier.



# Wenonah Shade Tree Commission

*Submitted by Gary Odenbrett*

Following a prolonged period of no rain the STC watered the new tree plantings in the tornado damaged areas several times. Luckily things improved and nature provided the help we all needed for trees and all our gardens.

Several members of the STC have taken on new life challenges and we appreciate all their help: Pat Ream, Jeff Craig, Beth Brabston and Heidi Congalton.

In order keep your street trees healthy PLEASE limit the use of mulch volcano piles around the tree trunk base as it restricts water absorption while providing a home for insects. 2-3 inches is all that is needed while leaving a well shape at the trunk base for water to soak in during rains.

Residents should NOT be planting anything in the clear zone as it may interfere with public utilities.

Remember the harm that planting ivy around or allowing ivy to grow on tree trunks can cause.

English ivy is one of many non-native species introduced in the United States for its decorative appeal. Like many innocently imported species, English ivy can be invasive, damaging trees and structures with extended growth.



Although the ivy itself does not kill a tree, the resulting actions after the ivy has started growing can. By creating competition for nutrients, water and sunlight, ivy makes a tree weaker and more prone to disease and branch dieback. English ivy also contributes to added moisture around the bark, attracting bugs and accelerating rot. It grows from the ground up, so branch dieback is usually evident at the bottom of the tree first. The best method for remediation is essentially to neuter the plant. Once a tree has been infiltrated, the best remediation is to kill the ivy without removing it.



Clip it at the bottom around the circumference of the trunk and pull the roots out of the ground in a circle 2 feet around the tree. Leave the ivy intact on the tree, since removing it can cause the hold fasts to pull off pieces of bark, further weakening the tree. The ivy will wilt and die and in time the tree trunk will grow around the old vines.

Please do not use tape around the base of trees to kill the spotted lantern fly. It is more harmful to birds, butterflies and productive insects.

Residents interested in having a tree planted in the spring of 2024 should contact one of the STC members.

Gary Odenbrett 468-2627

Larry Bacon 609-932-7960

Dan Cox 229-4272

Colleen Moran 609-605-0119

Chris Newman 609-254-8563

Jim Ramsay 430-0043

Mark Temple 973-862-2255

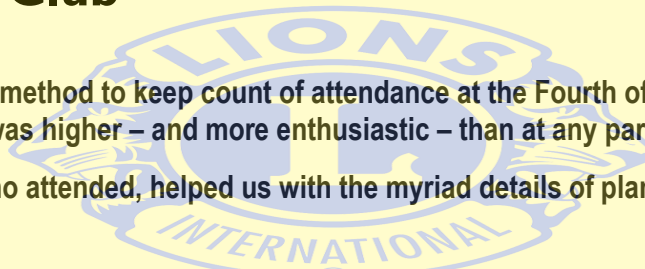
## Wenonah Lions Club

*Submitted by Carl Hausman*

While we don't have a precise method to keep count of attendance at the Fourth of July Festivities, by all of our estimates this year's turnout was higher – and more enthusiastic – than at any parade in our collective memories.

We want to thank everyone who attended, helped us with the myriad details of planning such an event, and donated to the cause.

We're taking a little post-parade break before we begin planning our upcoming year's slate of events, but stay tuned, because we will, as always, keep you informed.



# Wenonah Green Team

Submitted by Julia Horn

## COMMUNITY SOLAR COMES TO WENONAH

Wenonah's residents can now participate in a local solar project. The state's community solar program brings the benefit of solar energy and lower electric bills to residents without installing solar panels on their roofs.

Last June, the NJ Board of Public Utilities approved the construction of a Community Solar projects in Millville to serve Wenonah residents. This project was built by Solar Landscape on the roof of a warehouse to power the local community through the Atlantic City Electric grid. They can only accommodate a total of 302 customers on a first come first served basis. Currently, these projects are reserving space for households that wish to participate in the program.

Participants are eligible for a 21%



savings on the electricity provided to your Atlantic City Electric account from these projects. There are no additional fees or long-term commitments required. Solar Landscape is required to reserve 51% of the project for residents that are low or moderate income.

Atlantic City Electric also has information about this program on their website and say the following:

“As part of our commitment, we support community solar as an opportunity for customers to benefit from solar energy.

For over a century, energy was primarily generated at large central plants, often at considerable distance from the customer. With community solar, a solar generating system provides benefits to community members. Community options expand access to solar power for renters, those with shaded roofs or properties, and those who choose not to install a system at their home or business for financial or other reasons.”

**If you have any questions or wish to sign up for this program, please contact Gina Viasus, a representative of Solar Landscape, at (848) 217-0207.** Sign up at [www.arcadia.com/SL21](http://www.arcadia.com/SL21) and use the invite code **GTWENONAH**. You will need to provide your Atlantic City Electric login credentials and a form of payment to participate in the program.

# Wenonah Swim Club

Submitted by Kristen Clay

Wenonah Swim Club had a fantastic 2023 season! The swim club had its largest membership in recent years and we look forward to continued growth. Our membership enjoyed Kona Ice on Sundays, Christmas in July, splash nights and a camp out.

Our swim team was, once again, undefeated and won the entire Tri County Conference the first weekend in August- congratulations to all our coaches and swimmers. Our dive team had another great season and had more records set!



Check our website at [www.wenonahswimclub.com](http://www.wenonahswimclub.com) for additional information.



The fall brings quieter days to the swim club, but many projects are underway, including our brick memorial walkway, additional planting and landscaping. Our board of trustees, along with our dedicated members, will spend the fall months planning and prepping the club for 2024. Are you ready to join in the fun at the pool? Check our website for details!

# Wenonah Public Library

Submitted by Michelle Dickson

Summer at the Wenonah Library means **Summer Reading!**



This year's theme was "All Together Now." Participants had a fantastic time listening to stories and creating crafts while talking about the importance of working together to make our world a better place. Thirty-one children enrolled in the program which ran for a total of 14 sessions covering two age groups, including a finale featuring "Magic Jim," prizes, and ice cream. Twenty-six children attended the finale, and each was able to choose a book to keep. This year our Reading Challenge looked a little different. Instead of ending during the Summer Reading Finale, we decided to extend the reading challenge through the end of August. Children twelve and under were able to earn up to three different prizes by logging their minutes reading. As of August 9th, children logged 51 hours reading and 17 prizes have been awarded.

In other news, the library has added a third museum pass to our collection. Patrons can now visit **Rockwood Park & Museum** in Wilmington, DE. Built by Joseph Shipley, a Quaker merchant banker, in the 1850's, the mansion's Gothic Revival architecture and

enchanting landscape were designed to reflect the beauty of an English country estate. The Museum reflects the way the Bringham family, descendants of Shipley, lived during the turn of the 20th century. The library's pass admits up to four people to Rockwood's self-guided or guided tours during regular hours of operations.



The Rockwood Museum pass joins the library's two other passes to the **Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art** in Chadds Ford, PA, and the **Museum of the American Revolution** in Philadelphia.

Another new benefit for our patrons is our new **Text Notification System**. Do you have trouble remembering when your library books are due? Stop into the library and we will add text notification services to your account. You will receive a text when your items are overdue or when an item hold is available for pickup.

As Fall begins, we are looking forward to the return of **Toddler Storytime**. Beginning September 20th and running each Wednesday morning at 10:00am through May, we invite your toddler to join Miss Holly for stories, songs, games, and crafts.

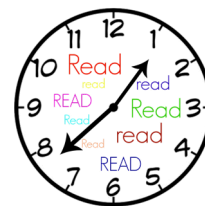
**SAT prep sessions** will again be offered this Fall to help older students prepare for the changes

being planned for this test. Keep watching our website and Facebook page for more information.

Keep an eye out too for this year's **Spooky Story Night** coming in October. Last year's event will be difficult to beat, but the Friends of the Wenonah Library are up for the challenge! Watch for more information coming soon and let us know if you would like to join this group to help plan other profitable and entertaining activities in support of our library.

Are you a collector who would like to showcase your treasures? Are you an artist who would like to display your work? The Wenonah Library would love to have you fill our **Display Cabinet**. Displays run for 4-6 weeks. Speak to one of the librarians if you would be willing to decorate our cabinet.

**Letter Writing Club** continues to meet every Thursday Night. Join like-minded writers and show someone how much you care by sending them a handwritten letter. All ages are welcome, and all supplies are provided. Remember too that Thursday nights are Technology Nights! Bring your tech questions and "**Ask Max!**" Max is available to answer questions and offer one-on-one training in using the internet, email, or other software and apps.



**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.

# Wenonah Historical Society

Submitted by Larry Smith



The Wenonah Historical Society's mission is to **inspire** interest in our local history through educational and cultural programs, **preserve** the historical archives and collection as the stewards of shared historical knowledge, and **foster** a sense of community past, present and future through our programs and special events.

**Coming this fall and open to everyone...**

**September 8, 2023**  
**6:30-9:30 PM**  
**Train Station**

**Annual Meet-and-Greet**  
**"All Aboard – The Last Train of Summer"**

Join members and neighbors to celebrate the end of summer, and see artifacts from three significant reasons Wenonah is what it is today – the Wenonah House, Wenonah Inn and Wenonah Military Academy!

**October 14, 2023**  
**3:00-5:00 PM**  
**Wenonah Cemetery**

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cemetery Walk and Picnic**  
**"Dining with the Dearly Departed"**

Take a stroll through beautiful Wenonah Cemetery to learn more about local history in a fun and unique way. Listen to our founding fathers, first mayor, some notable women and other former residents share stories about their unique contributions to what "Makes us Wenonah!"



This event has grown each year! Bring a picnic basket and blanket (or chair) and spend the afternoon. In addition to the re-enactors, there will be activities for the younger historians and guides throughout the cemetery to answer your questions and offer additional stories and fun facts.

**November 10, 2023**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Train Station**

Our regular meeting with a program that surely will be of interest. Details will be provided on our website and Facebook group site.

**... and be ready for some fun pop-up events and new fundraisers!**

Visit our website at [www.wenonahhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wenonahhistoricalsociety.org) and join our group site on Facebook.

## Lake Park Renovation

Submitted by Susan Mayer

The grant for ADA improvements is awaiting final approvals, and we expect to begin construction this fall. By early next year, we'll have new ADA accessible walkways at the lake park and for the Summer 2024 swim season, we'll have renovated bathrooms, ADA accessible basketball hoops and wheelchair accessible picnic tables! We'll be closing the park for several weeks during the construction, with the timing dependent on weather and construction schedules. Please check the Borough website for schedule and closure updates.

# Wenonah Lake Association

Submitted by Alex Pozza



2023 has been another banner year at the Lake. We've set attendance and membership sales records. The arts/science/health programming has flourished, and further renovations have been made to better serve everyone. The Lake staff, Lake Association volunteers, and our broader community came together to cultivate a season of fun and meaning.

We are grateful to the many volunteers and donors who helped to make the lake the coolest place in Wenonah. Special thanks to the following people:

- Steve from King of Glass (for **Trail Bridge Repairs**)
- Greg and Lori Winner (orchestrating donations for **Playground/Pirate Ship Refurb**)
- Jeanne Grigri, Jackie Ricketts, Pierra Meil, and Robin Holmes (**Saturday Morning Yoga** Instructors)
- Sara Madgey (**Wednesday Art Class** Instructor)
- Erin Pimpinella and Dean Polk (**Tuesday Science Class** Instructor)
- Erin Pimpinella and Michelle Prince (**Summerween** event organizers)
- All 22 **FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC** performers who rocked our Pirate Ship stage
- The MANY **PORCHFEST** performers and porch donors
- The MANY Porchfest financial donors (especially Ken Marks and Elm Street Exteriors for their individual \$500 donations)
- Lake managers, lake staff, lifeguards, Wenonah Public Works and Wenonah Borough staff, council & mayor
- **Mellany Alio** (**Family Fun Day**, and for years of dedicated service to the WLA)
- **Duke Braun** (our outgoing WLA president who stepped down this year after many years of loyal service and hard work)



Did you make it to the lake on July 4th to witness the EPICness that was **Anything that Floats**? We had a record-breaking number of participants this year who joined in the home-made float competition.

and remember THE BIGGEST PARTY OF THE YEAR IS COMING....

**One Night of Song and Dance** arrives on Saturday, September 9, from 5-11pm. Join us for a night of live music and dancing.

Tickets and shirts are available for pre-order so you can skip the lines.



**WLA Monthly Meetings** occur every 4th Sunday of the month at the Jack Sheppard Community Center at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, share ideas, and get involved! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Find us on Instagram, Facebook, and online at <https://www.wenonahlakeassociation.com/>

## Wenonah Lake Association Members

Sandy Donnelly  
Stephanie Graves  
Sarah Harbold  
Kristin Howard  
Sara Madgey  
Jillian McCloskey  
Alex Pozza

# Woman's Club of Wenonah

Submitted by Kiki L'Italien



## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY, COMMITMENT AND CONNECTION

As the vibrant leaves of autumn slowly begin to appear throughout our beloved Borough, the Woman's Club of Wenonah (WCW) is excited to share our upcoming projects and events that aim to foster community engagement, education, and celebration.

### Special Guest Speakers for our monthly Club Meetings:

**Monday, September 11:** We're thrilled to welcome Morgen Backus, who will enlighten us on "Better Wellness Through Nutrition." Details to follow, so stay tuned!

**Monday, October 9:** Join us for an engaging talk with Elaine Goodman, who will discuss "Beavers and Their Importance to Our Environment."

### Special Community Events:

**Friendship Dinner:** Mark your calendars for Monday, November 13th. This special dinner, replacing our regular meeting, serves as a time to connect with other clubs in town and friends of our members. Keep an eye on our website for further details!



**Annual Wenonah Turkey Trot:** Ready to run off those Thanksgiving feast calories? Join us for the annual Turkey Trot on the day after Thanksgiving, 9 am sharp! Details and a sign-up link will be available on our website in the weeks approaching the event.

**Farmers Market:** The last day of the season will be Thursday, September 28, from 4-7 pm. But mark your calendars for when we'll be back at the park with our festive Holiday Market on Saturday, December 2, from 10-2. If you've never attended one of our Holiday Markets, it's a joy-filled day, coinciding with the Lion's Club tree lighting and Home & School's "Breakfast with Santa."



### New Member Welcome Party & 4th of July Parade March:

Our community has been enriched with new members, and we enjoyed welcoming them at a special small new member welcome party back in July, along with our joyful marching in the 4th of July Parade. Check our website for photos and memories of these special events.

### We've wrapped up the Club's 100 Years of Service Year-long Celebration:

We are humbled and grateful to have shared our 100th Anniversary Year with you all. In commemoration, we have proudly donated approximately \$85,000 worth of improvements to the local park, enhancing the space where we gather, play, and grow.

The Woman's Club of Wenonah is committed to continually fostering connections and contributing positively to the community. We invite you to join us in these endeavors, participate in our events, and help us write the next beautiful chapter of our club's history.

For more information and updates, please visit [womansclubofwenonah.org](http://womansclubofwenonah.org).

# Wenonah Environmental Commission

*Submitted by Scott Barnes*

## Upcoming Events

**September Outdoor Meeting:** Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 PM at the Comey's Lake Tea House. Bring a lawn chair or sit on the amphitheater steps as we discuss ongoing efforts and issues involving our conservation area.



**Mad Hatter's Tree Party:** Sunday, October 29th from 1 PM to 3 PM on the Eldridge Trail, East Pine Street. Take a walk with family and friends, celebrate autumn, and learn about the importance of trees. Enjoy live music and visit the Mad Hatter! Event is free and open to the public.

**Fall Work Party:** Saturday, November 4th at 9:00 AM. Volunteers wanted to keep our 120 acres of conservation lands clean and in good repair. For further updates in late October, see [www.WenonahEnvironmentalCommission.org](http://www.WenonahEnvironmentalCommission.org) or follow us at "Friends of Wenonah Trails" on Facebook.

## What's New

Congratulations go out to our 6th Grade Frank Eggert Memorial Student Environmental Award winners for 2023: **Avarie Parsons and Maya Sanchez**. They each received \$100 in recognition of their academic achievement in environmental sciences and their volunteer efforts toward environmental causes.

Visitors to the long boardwalk on the **Eldridge Trail** now have a great close-up view of a beaver dam across Monongahela Brook. What may initially appear as a disorganized jumble of sticks is actually the result of good engineering. Beavers equate deep water with safety, which is why they seek to create "lakefront real estate" wherever they live. Their ponds create good habitats for other animal species, and reduce flooding downstream after heavy rains.



This particular dam does not cause any trouble for users of the Eldridge Trail, thanks to the aforementioned boardwalk which we and the Lions Club installed in 2017 in response to a different beaver dam. The dam's pond does cut off the low-lying portion of the Monongahela Brook Loop Trail. However, the higher portion of that trail from Eldridge to Woodbury-Glassboro Road is still walkable even now.

Finally, users of the **Mantua Creek Trail** may remember the piles of overturned trees following the 2021 tornado. If you haven't been through that area this summer, be sure to take a look during September. You will be surprised by the lush growth made possible by the sparse forest canopy. Beyond the vines and thorns, the young trees of the future forest are getting their start right now.

## Public Service Announcement



**For 27 years, Wenonah has been recognized as TREE CITY USA from the Arbor Day Foundation!!**



**That's a lot of leaves to pick up!  
Your patience during bulk leaf collection is appreciated.**

## Wenonah Senior Citizens 55+ Club

Submitted by Sandra Schwartz



The Wenonah Seniors are up and running...well, maybe just walking... but active we are! Our group has signed up 40+ members and many more have been following our activities on our Facebook page: Wenonah Senior Citizens +55

Our first meeting after summer break will be a PotLuck Luncheon held at the Jack Sheppard Community Center on **Tuesday, Sept 12**, starting at 11AM. Our guest speaker will be

relating her experiences on "Helping Family Victims of the 9-11 Tragedy." Then we will partake in some friendly conversation and good food provided by our members! All members and yet-to-become-members are welcome! Please email sandraschwartz2317@gmail.com for more information or your intention to attend.

Some members have started playing Mahjong under the direction of Joann Thomas, and others have enjoyed walks and trail hiking with facilitator Mary Ellen Bush. A small group have gathered over the summer months at the lake park for our weekly

Saturday morning coffee klatches.

We have plenty of ideas for fall events and would love to welcome more seniors to join our group! Our regularly scheduled monthly meetings are on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** (Sept - June) at 10 AM at the Jack Sheppard Community Center. Coffee is provided but you bring your own reusable mug. Sign up forms can be found at the Library and Borough Office or by emailing me at the above address. If signing up at either of these places, please do NOT leave the \$5 yearly dues with your form.

## Be A New Jersey Poll Worker

Being a poll worker is a great way to contribute to your local community, your state and your country while seeing our great democracy up close and in action.

NJ Division of Elections is currently seeking poll workers for the upcoming General Election. Applying to be a poll worker is easy and can be done online at [pollworker.nj.gov](http://pollworker.nj.gov). For additional details about being a poll worker, go to [Vote.NJ.Gov](http://Vote.NJ.Gov).

Poll workers earn \$21.43 per hour on in-person early voting days (Saturday, October 28 through Sunday November 5) and \$300 on General Election Day November 7.

To qualify you must:

- be a United States citizen and New Jersey resident
- be a registered voter in the county in which you reside
- be at least 16 years of age. College and high school students are encouraged to apply.
- not be a candidate in this election







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**Thanks for Attending Wenonah's July 4th Parade, Patriotic Ceremony, & Beer Garden!**



Thank you for one of the best July 4<sup>th</sup> turnouts ever! The parade, Patriotic Ceremony, and Beer Garden in Wenonah Park is a wonderful package deal! Thanks to the Wenonah Lions for their organization of the parade & patriotic ceremony each year, and to the Wenonah Fire Company for collaborating with us on the Community Gathering's beer garden and concessions.



**2023 Hometown Legend: Post 192's John Forren!**

During the July 4<sup>th</sup> Patriotic Ceremony this year, Carl Hausman presented Post 192's John Forren with Wenonah's 2023 Hometown Legend award! John joins Chris DeMaise & Bob Bevilacqua as Hometown Legends from Post 192. Congratulations, John!



**Wenonah 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Receive 2023 Awards!**

Chris DeMaise presented Avarie Parsons with \$100 as the Memorial Day Essay contest winner and Jack Barbato & Brook Cox \$50 each for patriotism & comportment as selected by the faculty at Wenonah School.



**Veterans – Get Your Yard Signs Ready for Veterans Day 2023!**



after Veterans Day. Know a veteran who doesn't have a sign? Email us!

Veterans Day 2023 is on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, which is a Saturday this year. Please set out your yard signs by Sat Nov 4<sup>th</sup> & keep them displayed through the weekend

**Drop By to Drop Coin on Veterans Day 2023!**



scholarships. Thank you for your past support!

Visit us at the 4-way stop at Wenonah Lake for our annual coin drop on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>! We always appreciate your support and your donations to fund our initiatives and

**Dinner with Friends Sold Out Last Year! Mark Your Calendars: Sat Feb 10<sup>th</sup>!**



Last year, 150 gathered to enjoy the midwinter warmth of camaraderie and conviviality at

Wenonah's Dinner with Friends at Four Star Catering in Oak Valley! Tickets go fast and will be available in December on our [www.Post192.com](http://www.Post192.com).



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