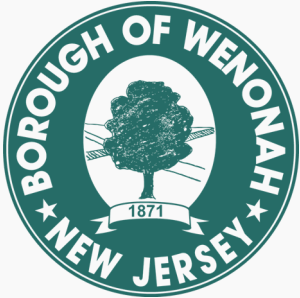


# Spring Newsletter

# Borough of Wenonah

MARCH 2024



## Mayor's Message



Spring is nearly here! We have a lot of beautiful springtime traditions to look forward to in the Borough and it's a great time of year to get outside and take in the beauty of our town.

Explore the trails, witness our many trees (new and old!) budding again, cheer on our Little League teams, and enjoy a cup of coffee or picnic lunch in the park.

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 at [Jdoheny@boroughofwenonah.com](mailto:Jdoheny@boroughofwenonah.com). I'd be happy to hear from you!

See you around town,  
Jessica S. Doheny  
Mayor

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## Free Rabies Clinic and Pet Licensing Reminder

Our free rabies clinic will be held on **Saturday, March 23rd** at the Wenonah Fire House from **12:30 PM to 1:30 PM** for all Gloucester County residents.

The Borough office will also be open during this time for the purchase of pet licenses.

As a reminder, all dogs/cats over 6 months must be licensed.



To be issued a license, your pet's rabies vaccination needs to be valid through October 31, 2024.

The license fee is \$7.00 for a pet that is spayed or neutered and \$12.00 for an un-altered pet.

The last day to register your pet without a late fee penalty is **Friday, March 29th**.

Residents may stop by the Borough office anytime during business hours to purchase their pet's license.

Please call (856) 468-5228 with any questions.

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[@borough\\_of\\_wenonah](https://www.instagram.com/borough_of_wenonah)

## Water/Sewer Bill Due April 30th



First quarter 2024 water/sewer bills will be mailed to residents by mid April. The due date is April 30th with a 10-day grace period. Any payment received after the 10-day grace period shall accrue interest back to April 30th.

The 1st quarter bill includes: \$150 flat fee for sewer, \$125 flat fee for water (includes 6,000 gallons of actual usage each quarter) plus resident's actual household water usage over 6,000 gallons for the prior three months (**January 1–March 31, 2024**), billed at the 2024 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".

## March 2024 is Tire Amnesty Month

Auto and pickup tires can be dropped off at the Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex located at 493 Monroeville Road (Rt. 694), South Harrison Twp.

There is **NO CHARGE** to drop off your tires.

Participation is limited to Gloucester County residents **ONLY**.

### Drop Off Tires:

March 1 - March 29

**Monday through Friday**

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

**Special Saturday drop off**

Saturday March 16

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Tires may be on or off the rim, but **MUST** be separated by type.

Limit of 10 tires per residence.

## Household Special Waste (HSW) Collection Dates

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Date: April 13th, May 4th and Sept 14th      Date: May 11th and October 5th

Location: GCSWC

Location: GCRD

493 Monroeville Road, South Harrison      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)



## Taxes Due May 1st

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

You can also 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

The Wenonah Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 AM in the Wenonah Park.

## Municipal Alliance Senior Breakfast on April 11th

Calling all Wenonah Seniors: Come join us for breakfast at the Telford Inn

Mark your calendars: **Thursday, April 11th at 9:00 AM.**

Please call the Borough Office at (856) 468-5228 by Wednesday April 10th to RSVP.

## Borough Yard Sale on April 27th

Our 27th annual yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 27th beginning at 8:00 AM (*Rain date will be Sunday, April 28th*).

This annual event is one of the best days of the year in Wenonah when neighbors gather for a day of community treasure hunting.

Whether you are buying or selling, it is the perfect day to enjoy our small town.



The registration fee is only \$10.00 (cash or check) and costs less than running your own yard sale ad.

The proceeds from this year's yard sale will be going to the Girl Scouts. [Please make checks payable to GSCSNJ Troop 63571.](#)

Registration forms are available on our website, at the Borough Office, and at the end of this newsletter.

After registering, you will receive a placard which must be displayed on the day of yard sale.

Please return forms by **April 24th**.

## Clean Community Day on May 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 on Saturday, May 11th.



**Volunteer groups** -please contact either Karen Sweeney (856) 468-6713 or Jeanne Grigri (856) 304-9312 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.

## Public Service Announcement - Wishcycling

*First of all, what's Wishcycling ??*

Wishcycling is putting non-recyclable items in the recycling in the hopes those items will be recycled. Sometimes, we want things to be recyclable, so we put them in the recycling bin.

Wishcycling comes from a place of good intentions but, unfortunately, putting these objects in with the rest of the recycling can do more harm than good.

Here's a list of some key offenders – too many of these items will contaminate a batch of recycling. That means waste managers will not be able to find buyers for the materials and the contaminated loads could be sent to the landfill instead.



**Disposable Coffee Cups:** Your disposable cup might seem like it can be recycled, but most single-use cups are lined with a fine film of polyethylene which makes the cups liquid-proof but also difficult and expensive to reprocess.

**Greasy Pizza Boxes:** Pizza boxes soak up the grease from the pizza, making them unrecyclable and easy to contaminate other items around them.

**Oily Takeout Containers:** Even if a container is labeled correctly for recycling, food residue can contaminate a load. Washing out food scraps from recyclables can be just as important as putting the right thing in the recycling bin - keep food and liquids out.

**Yogurt Containers (and non-recyclable plastics):** The Borough does not accept plastics numbered 3 to 7, which can include things like yogurt cups, butter tubs and cool whip bins.

**Plastic Bags:** These are the **BIGGEST** offenders. Plastic bags create issues for waste managers by plugging up their machines. And most importantly, **DO NOT** bag your recyclables - keep your recyclables loose and free. FYI, plastic bags can be recycled at most grocery stores.

When in doubt

**Throw it out!**





## Yard Waste/Branch Collection Starts April 1st

Starting **April 1st**, branches will be picked up on the 1st and 3rd week of the month and then starting **April 8th**, containerized yard waste will be picked up on the 2nd and 4th week of the month.



- ◆ For branch collection, please cut branches in 4-6 foot lengths with a diameter no larger than 2".
- ◆ Please do not place branches in containers.
- ◆ The disposal of wood remaining from tree removal is the responsibility of the contractor and/or homeowner.

- ◆ Please have any yard waste/branch collection out to curbside by 6:00AM Monday.
- ◆ Yard waste is defined as small branches, shrub clippings, leaves and garden vegetation.
- ◆ Public Works does not collect grass clippings or compost material. Please mulch or compost them on your property.

- ◆ Place your yard waste at the curb in either plastic or paper bags or containers. Bags and containers will be returned.

### **Quick Tip: Follow the Borough Calendar (and not your neighbor)**



Always check the borough calendar or website for the most accurate dates for yard waste and branch collection. And please remember that there is **NO** yard waste/branch collection whatsoever on the fifth Monday of the months of **April, July or September**.

## Bulk Trash Collection Helpful Reminders



- Our bulk item collection is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.
- You must call the Borough office (856-468-5228) to be placed on the bulk collection list. Please call no later than noon on the 3rd Monday of the month to be included.
- Please call the Borough office during normal business hours and speak directly to the one of the clerks in the office, either Huda or Carol. The phone call will take just a few minutes of your time to collect the information that they need from you.
- **Please do not leave voice mail messages with the Borough office OR the Public Works Department regarding bulk trash collection.**
- If you have bulk items to dispose of and cannot wait for a bulk pick-up day, you may take material to the Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex (856-478-6045) in Swedesboro.
- Bulk collection is NOT meant for a property clean out; the homeowner must take these items to the complex in Swedesboro or rent a dumpster.
- Metal items are not accepted for bulk trash collection. Your Public Works Department can pick up these items up on daily basis. Contact Public Works at (856) 468-5300.

## Fire Hydrant Flushing Tentatively Scheduled for April

Tentatively scheduled for April 15th, the Department of Public Works will flush fire hydrants for approximately two weeks.

The DPW annually performs regular maintenance on hydrants to remove sediment and rust from the water and maintain proper chlorine concentrations.

During the flushing process, water customers may experience some disturbances in their usual water service such as a short term decrease in water pressure or discolored water.

Although the water does not pose a health risk, it is recommended to avoid drinking the water until it runs clear from the tap.

- Don't prepare baby food or formula if the water is discolored. Use bottled water or pre-prepared food and formula. You can also boil the water for 5 minutes to ensure safety.
- Do not wash clothes if the water is discolored as mineral sediments in the water could possibly cause some discoloration to white/light colored clothing.
- It is okay to use the water for showering, bathing and toilet flushing.

To clear up the discoloration, open several cold-water faucets in your home allowing new water to work its way into your pipes.

Please look for updates on the Borough website and digital board as to when the hydrant flushing will begin.



## Mayor's Wellness Campaign

Join us for these Upcoming Mayor's Wellness Campaign Events!

Saturday, March 30, 2024

11:30am - 12:30pm in Wenonah Park



### SHARE THE ROAD! Bike, Scooter, and Pedestrian Safety for All Ages

Hosted by the Mayor in collaboration with Mantua Police Department and the South Jersey Bicycle Coalition, residents are welcome to gather in Wenonah Park for an opportunity to learn about the rules of the road and ways we can work together to keep everyone safe. Participants will receive cool gear giveaways and take part in a community ride around town!

Thursday, April 18, 2024

7pm to 8pm at the Train Station

### IT'S EASY BEING GREEN - The Basics of Backyard Composting

Have you ever wanted to try composting but weren't sure where to start? Come learn the basics of going greener in your own backyard.



Learn more about the Mayor's Wellness Campaign on our [website](#).



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Mayors Wellness  
Campaign

# Wenonah Lake 2024 Swim Season

Summer at Wenonah Lake will be here before you know it and we are excited to share details of the upcoming swim season.



## [2024 Schedule](#)

**Memorial Day – June 16th:** Swim season will be in effect on weekends only.

**June 18th – Labor Day:** Swim season days will be Tuesdays through Sundays.

*Closed Mondays except for Memorial Day and Labor Day*

## [2024 Season Membership Pricing](#)

### **Borough Resident**

\$55 for the first adult household member

\$15 for each additional household member

### **Non-Resident**

\$135 for the first adult household member

\$20 for each additional household member

Children under 2 are free

All members can bring guests for only \$5 per person

### **Non-Member Day Pass**

\$25 per person over the age of 16

\$10 per child ages 2 to 16 years old (children under 2 are free)



Swim season passes will be available for sale starting in April. You can purchase your membership on-line or come to the Borough office.

Look for more details coming soon to the Borough website.

Many activities and programs are planned for the season including games and activities for children. Working together with the dedicated volunteers from Wenonah Lake Association, swim season memberships are a great way to spend your summer days in Wenonah.

## News From Mantua Police Department

Submitted by Chief Darren White



Congratulations to CAPTAIN Murphy, who was promoted to the position on February 12th. Captain Murphy started his law enforcement career in 2006. He is the Assistant Commander for the Gloucester County SWAT team, where he also served as an operator and team leader. He is one of the first Master Resiliency Trainers in the county to help instruct his brother and sister officers on the state's new officer resiliency program, which seeks to support the emotional and psychological well-being of law enforcement officers. He is the 2<sup>nd</sup> officer in our department to achieve a Master in Public Administration (MPA) degree, is very well-trained, has received numerous recognitions, serves as a liaison for numerous agencies and committees, and is also Mantua's Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS CAP!

Four of our officers are participating in the Police Unity Tour - Lt. Hauss, Det./Cpl. Krieger, Ptl. Stewart and Ptl. Craig. This is a grueling four-day bike ride from New Jersey to Washington DC to honor fallen officers across the United States. This year, Officers are riding in memory of Deptford Officer Bobby Shisler. Follow their journey on our social media pages!



**Police Unity Tour**  
WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO DIED

Our K9 Unit is hosting a Golf Outing this Summer at the Pitman Golf Course (which is actually in Mantua...go figure) as a benefit to raise money for a new Police Canine and its other associated costs that go along with caring for a police K9.



Our Officers raised money during "No-Shave November" to support a Collingswood officer,

Sgt. Roseboro, who is currently battling cancer.



Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, the police department hosts a car seat safety check from 10am to 2pm at the Mantua Fire Station at 155 E. Union Avenue. This is a free event. We also have other officers who can do checks at any time as long as there are no other major incidents occurring at the time that they need to address. Please visit <https://mantuatownship.com/departments/police/child-safety-seat-technicians/> for information and contact information of our child safety seat technicians.

Congratulations to Aaron Romano, who was sworn in on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> as a Mantua PD patrol officer. Keep an eye out for him patrolling the borough!

## Shredding Event April 13th



This **FREE** shredding event will be held on site at the Mantua Township Municipal Building parking lot from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Saturday, April 13th.

The event is for Gloucester County residents only.

Only paper will be accepted.



# Office Of Emergency Management

Submitted by Rob Blaker

Contact e-mail: [wenonahemergencymanagement@gmail.com](mailto:wenonahemergencymanagement@gmail.com)

**Rob Blaker** – Emergency Management Coordinator

**Rich Black** – Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

**Cameron Aregood** - Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

Wenonah's Office of Emergency Management is voluntarily staffed by three individuals with a wide range of emergency management, public safety, and emergency first response experience. We are tasked with ensuring Wenonah follows FEMA's National Preparedness Goal as related to Threats and Hazards (Natural, Technological, and Human-caused) and the "local" responsibility of Emergency Management's 5 Mission Areas (Prevention; Protection; Mitigation; Response; and Recovery). We will also endeavor to ensure our residents receive timely communication regarding any hazardous conditions which may affect Wenonah.



As a way of introduction, here is a little bio on Wenonah's Emergency Management team:

**Rob** and his wife, Susan, have been residents of Wenonah since 1989. Rob grew up in North Wildwood and received a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Seton Hall University in 1999 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration/Economics from Western Maryland College in 1983. He is currently a Public Assistance Specialist with Continuity Operations Group, partnering with the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management managing and coordinating public assistance disaster relief throughout New Jersey. Rob was the Director of Public Safety for Camden County for thirteen years after retiring from the New Jersey State Police as a Captain in 2010 after 26 years.

**Rich** is a lifelong resident of Wenonah and his wife, Karel, joined him as a Wenonah resident in 1989. Rich is a 1974 graduate of Gateway. From 1984 to 2018, Rich was a longtime employee with PSEG and Industrial Staffing Services, Inc. at the Salem, and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating stations, serving in a multitude of health and safety, fire protection and services, hazardous materials technician, and supervisory positions over his career. Rich has been a member of the Wenonah Fire Company since 1972, including a tenure as Fire Chief from 1988 to 1993. Rich also was Wenonah's Emergency Management Coordinator from 1986 through 1993, and again from 2015 until 2024.

**Cameron** and his wife, Toni, moved to Wenonah in the spring of 2023. He grew up in Woodbury Heights and is a 2009 graduate of Gateway and a 2013 graduate of Elizabethtown College where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Cameron has been a New Jersey State Trooper since July 2022 and is currently assigned to Bridgeton Station where he serves as School Resource Officer. He has been a member of the United States Marine Corps for six years and is currently a Captain (Combat Engineer Officer) in the Marine Corps Reserves.

## Wenonah Senior Citizens 55+ Club

Submitted by Sandra Schwartz

### Come join us!

We are your Wenonah "experienced" neighbors who meet at the Jack Sheppard Community Center on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10AM for socialization, education, cultural interests, and physical



and mental well-being. Activities have included guest speakers, Mahjong, trivia games, coffee klatches at the Wenonah Lake and Park, a pot-luck luncheon, a holiday luncheon, a Malaga River Cruise, Kings Tavern Museum visit, chair yoga

exercise, and breakfast, lunch and dinners out. We stay active and always welcome new friends and ideas! The membership fee is \$5/year. Contact Sandra Schwartz by emailing [sandraschwartz@comcast.net](mailto:sandraschwartz@comcast.net) or by calling 856-308-4700.

## Wenonah Native Garden Club

*Submitted by Heidi Congalton*



The Club is now one year old! We're quite proud of this milestone and celebrated with a small

party after our February meeting. I will continue as president; Kathy Howard as vice-president; and Maryann Ludwig also continues as recording secretary.

At each meeting lots of informative handouts are shared, seeds offered, and baby plants are usually free for the taking. Since wi-fi is now available in the Community Center, this has allowed us to

expand our meeting programs and easily share online resources.

In November we discussed invasive plants found in our yards, and the problems some of them cause by harboring ticks. There was a presentation on members' new gardens planted in the past year, and these gardeners shared their stories.

January was devoted to exploring and learning about the fascinating website "Homegrown National Park". A few yards in Wenonah are recorded on the map which have areas in their yard planted with natives.

February's meeting featured a program on composting in a suburban yard.



The Club is currently gathering member plant orders for spring to take advantage of quantity discounts, and sharing when minimum orders are required. A nice perk for those of us who buy plants retail.

New members are always welcome, and we meet 10 times a year. Our Facebook page is: "Wenonah Native Plant Garden Club".

## Wenonah Lions Club

*Submitted by Carl Hausman*

First, a note of thanks to everyone who participated in the tree lighting. As you may have noticed, the tree we replaced in the center of the park is becoming fuller with each season and promises to be a beautiful centerpiece for years to come.



We'll hold our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30 at 11:00 AM. sharp.

The landscaping the park is growing in both number of plants and maturity, and this year we expect a smooth terrain and some extra vegetation where the Easter Bunny can hide a bumper crop of surprises. The Lions have some additional park-improvement projects under consideration and we will keep you updated. Please regularly visit our Facebook page (The Lions Club of Wenonah) for updates. That's the best way for us to keep you current on our evolving plans, including those for what we expect to be a fabulous Fourth of July celebration.

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 membership coordinator: Gus Gasis at [gusgasis@yahoo.com](mailto:gusgasis@yahoo.com)

## Wenonah Swim Club

*Submitted by WSC Board*

Summer will be here soon! Winter/early spring is a quiet time at the swim club but the board of trustees is planning for the summer months.

By the time of this publication, our Winter Whiteout Fundraiser Event will only be a day away! If you missed this year, please keep an eye on our Instagram (@wenonahswimclub) for future events.

Summer employment is also open on the club website, click the employment tab from the menu to apply today; <https://www.wenonahswimclub.com/employment/>



We are accepting applications for club manager, lifeguards, front desk as well as snack bar. Feel free to share this information with family and friends who may be interested as well.

We do have a limited number of memberships available for the 2024 season!

Tell your friends and neighbors to join us this summer at the best swim club— please email

[membership@](mailto:membership@wenonahswimclub.com)

[wenonahswimclub.com](http://www.wenonahswimclub.com)

for all membership related questions, or check out our membership page on our website

[www.wenonahswimclub.com/membership/](http://www.wenonahswimclub.com/membership/)

*We look forward to a fun season at the club!*



## Shade Tree Commission

*Submitted by Gary Odenbrett*

The Commission contracted this past winter for the removal of several dozen trees, and we will continue our trimming of trees as budgeting allows. The removed trees were either diseased, dead or a potential hazard.

Planting in the spring will focus on replacing tornado damaged trees which have been previously removed and exploring open space locations throughout town.

The Wenonah Planting Fund will be contributing to the funding of new trees.



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 and no more than 2-3 inches should be applied. Young trees will need a constant supply of water (five gallons a week) to survive extreme summer weather.

Also please remove any existing

ivy growing up street trees.

Residents who wish to trim/remove street trees themselves or thru contractors must in advance obtain a **FREE PERMIT** thru the STC. We will come out to your home and review the trimming plan or issues relevant to removal qualification.

The Commission meeting dates for the balance of 2024: March 5, April 2, May 7, August 6, September 3 and November 5.

All meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held at the Wenonah Community Center.

# Wenonah Library News

Submitted by Michelle Dickson

Brrrr! It was a cold winter, but your friends at the Wenonah Library have been keeping cozy and warm as we get ready for spring! If you haven't stopped by recently, come check out our interior, refreshed with a new coat of paint. We love the classic look of our clean, bright walls against the beautiful dark wooden bookcases and beams!

This December we were also thrilled to again host our **Holiday Open House**. Visitors enjoyed hot chocolate and SO many cookies, along with some great music. Thanks to Bob Stankard who serenaded guests with live trumpet music, and to Alex Pozza for acting as old-school DJ and spinning some great records.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> was "**Bring Your Child to the Library Day**." We had such fun welcoming our youngest patrons. Each child who visited the library that day left with a craft to take home.

For Valentine's Day we hosted our second annual **Blind Date With a Book**. This was a special Friday evening event with the library opening outside of our normal business hours. Adults brought a wrapped gently used book for the surprise exchange. It was great to watch the faces of each person as they unwrapped their book. At the same time, children had their own swap with age-appropriate wrapped books provided by the library.

The event once again included a library scavenger hunt with prizes for the winners.



Special thanks to the Friends of the Wenonah Library for hosting such fantastic events! If you would like to be part of F.O.W.L. please join us at our next planning meeting. All are welcome. Check our website or Facebook page for dates and times. Plus keep your eye on this space as F.O.W.L. gears up for our **Spring Used Book Sale**, taking place during the community yard sale on April 27<sup>th</sup> and a new author event currently in the planning stages. Watch our social media pages for more information to be posted as it becomes available.

**Toddler Storytime** continues each week at the library. Join Miss Holly at 10:00 AM on Wednesday mornings for songs, stories, and crafts designed especially for Wenonah's youngest residents and their friends and family. As always, **Letter Writing Club** continues to meet every Thursday Night. Slow down and show someone how much you care by sending them a handwritten letter. All ages are welcome, and all supplies are provided. Thursday nights are also Technology Nights! Have a question or need tech help? Just "**Ask Max!**"

Our museum pass program continues to be popular. Take a break and borrow one of our three museum passes. The library has passes to **The Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art** in Chadds Ford, PA, the **Museum of the American Revolution** in Philadelphia, and the **Rockwood Park and Museum** in Wilmington, DE. Passes are free to borrow for Wenonah Library Patrons and may be held for three days.

"New to town" folks that may not have time to spend in the library should still make time to get a library card. Your Wenonah Library card gives you access to materials from so many libraries through the **LOGIN Consortium**, as well as digital services for our patrons.



**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. It's all free with your library card! Use your mobile device to have entertainment anywhere. Try it on your smart TV.

**Attention: LOGIN mobile app is down and needs to be replaced. Look for more info soon** at [www.wenonahlibrary.com](http://www.wenonahlibrary.com)

Contact us 856-468-6323, email [Frontdesk@wenonahlibrary.com](mailto:Frontdesk@wenonahlibrary.com)



# Wenonah Equality (WE)

Submitted by James "Skip" Holder

**Wenonah Equality (or WE)** has some exciting activities planned for 2024!

First up, just days after the publishing of this Newsletter, WE is sponsoring "An Evening with



Jim DONOVAN  
CBS PHILADELPHIA.COM

Jim Donovan," at 7pm on March 4, 2024 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 11 North Monroe Avenue here in Wenonah.

The evening promises to be both informative and entertaining as CBS Philadelphia news anchor and 5-year Wenonah resident Jim Donovan discusses his life as Philadelphia's first out newscaster. Jim promises to answer all of your burning questions!

On Sunday, March 24, from 4:00-6:30pm, WE will hold a "Matinee Movie and Pizza" event (also at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, address above). This time around we are showing the 1996 British movie "Beautiful Thing."

Come and join us as we watch this little known but classic coming of age movie set in London's Eastend. The film has been described as "a crowd-pleasing drama of young love that triumphs against all odds" and "one of the best films of the year (1996)." With a soundtrack made



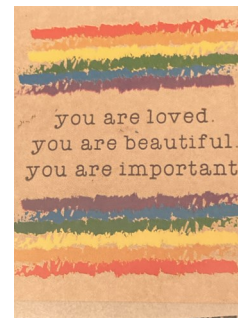
of hits by the Mamas and the Papas, the movie makes just about every BEST LGBTQ Movies Ever list and scores an impressive 92% on Rotten Tomatoes. For those who want to dig deeper into the movie, a brief discussion will follow.

In April, WE will sponsor a Garden Party at the home and garden of Elaine Goodman (414 South Marion Avenue, Wenonah). If you don't know Elaine (is that possible?), you should—she's practically the First Lady of Wenonah and a walking Wenonah Encyclopedia! The party will take place from 2-4pm on Saturday, April 27 (rain date: same time, Sunday, April 28). All Wenonah residents are welcome to attend! So come...relax...learn about plants and gardening in a casual setting...and enjoy good company and light refreshments. Elaine suggests that you bring your own lawn chair to guarantee a place to sit. An official RSVP will be required for this one, but you can contact WE now to express interest.

Look for WE at the very first Farmers Market of the year on Thursday, May 2, from 4-7pm in

Wenonah Park. WE will have a table three other dates during the summer: June 20, July 18, and September 19. Stop by our table, say hello, sign up to receive WE announcements, and find out about ALL of our events for 2024.

Looking beyond May, WE is planning a combination Pride and First Birthday Bash that is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 23. Speaking of Pride, WE is also hoping to once again have a presence in the Haddon Township Equity Initiative Pride March on June 6 as well as Pitman Pride Alliance's Pride celebration on June 8. For the fall, WE plans to participate again in Wenonah's Harvest Fest and host a Fall Firepit Fiesta (TBD).



Whether you yourself are LGBTQIA, or you are a supporter/ally, we would love YOU to get involved at whatever

involvement level you are comfortable with. Our regular monthly meetings are the last Mondays of most months (7:30pm, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church). You can join/reach WE on FB (WE Wenonah) or at [WenonahEquality@gmail.com](mailto:WenonahEquality@gmail.com). All of US at WE truly mean it when we say ALL are welcomed, including YOU!

# Wenonah Environmental Commission

*Submitted by Scott Barnes*

## Upcoming Events

Spring Work Party: Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00 AM.

Volunteers will be needed to assist in ongoing trail maintenance and cleanup efforts.

For further updates in March, see [www.WenonahEnvironmentalCommission.org](http://www.WenonahEnvironmentalCommission.org) or follow us at "Friends of Wenonah Trails" on Facebook.



Bird Quest: Saturday, May 4th from 7 AM to noon. This is a friendly bird-spotting competition held throughout Gloucester County and co-sponsored by the WEC. All ages and experience levels welcome. There will be free, friendly training sessions during the two weeks preceding the event. For more details, visit [www.GCNatureClub.org](http://www.GCNatureClub.org) in April.

## Winter Review

Early January this year brought with it heavy rains that knocked down large trees in three places across our trails. We were fortunate to have the help of Wenonah

American Legion Post 192, whose chain saw crew cleared a path through each of these obstructions just a few days later on January 13th.

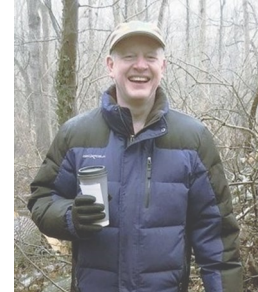
January also brought a heavy snow-storm followed by a sudden thaw. The thaw brought unusually heavy fog, which occurred right when we held our scheduled Moonlight Hike on January 26th. While we could only imagine what moonlight would have looked like, walking through the dense mist in the woods at night was a fairly unique experience in its own right.

## Looking Ahead To Spring

With warmer weather comes the urge to clean up yards and flowerbeds. As you do these chores, we want to remind you not to dump leaves, grass clippings, sticks, or other debris on public land. While it may seem like harmless recycling back to nature, it is against the law, and is subject to up to a \$2,000 fine. If you engage a contractor to help you out, make sure they properly dispose of their waste as well.

## Goodbye to a Valued Friend and Colleague

Scott Conway, who was WEC's primary trail maintainer for the past 6 years, fell ill while rebuilding



bridges on the Break Back Run Trail and passed away on December 8th. Scott was a major contributor to the 2021 Clay Hill

renovations and oversaw the 2022 rebuilding of the Bog Walk. He also cheerfully took care of countless tree blockages, worn-down bridges, trash piles, and vandalism incidents. His ideas and handiwork are literally all around you as you walk our trails today.

The Borough Council posthumously recognized him as the 2023 Volunteer of the Year. While we will miss Scott's friendly smile, we can remain inspired by his dedication to applying his skills every day to better our community.

# Woman's Club of Wenonah

*Submitted by KiKi L'Italien*

**Spring Has Sprung! Let's Welcome the New Vibes Together!**



## **Countdown to Market Days!**

Excitement is in the air as our cherished Farmers Market makes its grand return, thanks to the dedication of the Woman's Club volunteers. This year, we're shaking things up with a fresh take on our Thursday afternoons, from May through September, nestled in the heart of the park. Keep an eye on our Facebook Group for all the latest scoops! Don't miss out on the chance to explore new faces, flavors, and the incredible talent of our local musicians.

## **Gardening Season is Here!**

Yard Sale Day is your perfect opportunity to add a splash of color to your garden. Swing by Oakwood, just a hop across Mantua Avenue from Wells Fargo, and let's bring some floral joy into your spring. For all the details, make sure to check our Facebook page.

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Let's make this spring unforgettable with new beginnings, community spirit, and a touch of greenery. See you at the market and in the garden!

### Talented Young Writers in our Midst

Thank you to everyone at Wenonah School who entered our 2024 Creative Writing Contest! We are pleased to announce the following first-place winners, whose entries have moved on to compete at the state level. Here are pictures of our creative writing contest winners! They are listed here from left to right with the names of their winning entries.

**First place:** Reagan Sofia ("The Brave Gymnast"), Charlie MacPhail ("The Wenonah Tree"), Owen Bryant ("Ocean Animals Limerick"), Ava Pimpinella ("Lost on the Trail") (Absent: Elliana Height, "Wildlife Pollution")

**Second Place:** Hannah Williams (Anna and Bella), Jacob Salvatore (The Night Before Danger"), Lucian Lomanno ("Untitled"), Elena Pimpinella ("My Best Friend"), Joanna Doheny ("Love Stars") (Absent: Nolan McNally ("Bert and Jerry Save the World")



These authors have been invited to read their fine work at our March meeting! Join us!

Learn more at [WomansClubOfWenonah.org](http://WomansClubOfWenonah.org)

## Wenonah Lake Association

*Submitted by Stephanie Graves*



Greetings from the Lake Association! We are incredibly excited to see the progress that the Borough has made to the Lake grounds in order to make it more accessible to all! We have a season of exciting programming coming at you, so make sure you purchase your Lake membership and tell your neighbors and friends to come along.

The mission of the WLA is to support and promote the use of the Lake by residents of Wenonah and surrounding areas. Our goal is to foster a sense of fellowship between the community and nature by creating opportunities to gather at one of the boroughs most beautiful locations. We hold a few events each year to promote Lake membership and to raise money so that we can continue to fund activities and improvements to the lake park.

This year we will hold our 3rd Annual Wenonah Porchfest in May. This event brings a diverse blend of music from area acts to your and your neighbors' front doors. Many of the acts from Porchfest will also be joining us down at the lake this Summer for our Friday Night Live Music series.

We will also be bringing back popular events to the lake such as:

- Family Fun Day
- Saturday Morning Yoga
- Kids Science, Art, & Music classes
- Anything that Floats
- One Night of Song and Dance
- Haunted Trail



More information about these events will be released on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with events, promote lake membership to the community, and serve on our Board. WLA Monthly Meetings occur every 4th Sunday of the month at the Jack Sheppard Community Center at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!





**Wenonah's American Legion Post 192**  
Spring 2024

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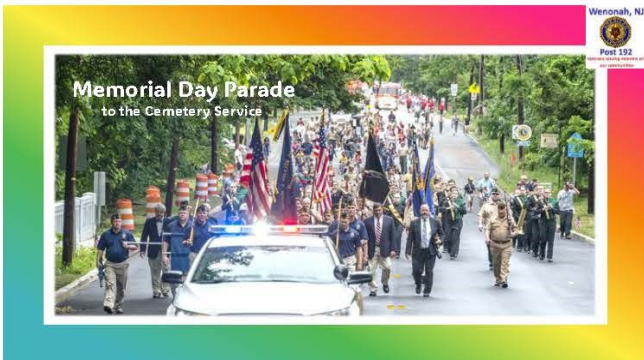
**Dinner with Friends Sold Out Again!**

Over 200 gathered to enjoy the midwinter warmth of camaraderie and conviviality at *Wenonah's Dinner with Friends* at Four Star Catering in Oak Valley! Thirteen civic organizations were represented among the attendees who enjoyed live music, hot buffet, and open bar. *DWF* is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in February (same weekend as the Super Bowl! Tickets available each December at [www.Post192.com](http://www.Post192.com)



**Memorial Day Parade & Cemetery Service - Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 am!**

This annual Tribute to U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the US Armed Forces is a procession of the public, scouts, Clearview Marching Band, Wenonah Fire Company, The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, civic organizations, municipal leaders, and others who walk from the center of Wenonah on Mantua Avenue to the Wenonah Cemetery for a graveside service. There, the Fallen are honored and mourned by the national anthem, in presentations, in a reading about Memorial Day from a 6th grader from Wenonah Elementary School, in laying of wreaths and flowers, by the firing of three rifle volleys as a salute, and by playing of taps.





# 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.

The Wenonah Historical Society now has more than 100 members! If you would like to become a member and join the fun, go to <https://www.wenonahhistoricalsocietyevents.org/contact-8>.

## Upcoming Monthly Programs

We have some great programs and special events coming up. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss anything.

### **March 8, 2024, 7:00 PM**

at Community Center  
"A Historical Perspective on Wenonah's American Legion" – John Forren will discuss Wenonah's call-to-action during World War I and World War II.

### **April 12, 2024, 7:00 PM**

at Community Center  
"Fun Facts about Wenonah" – Larry Smith will share facts about Wenonah that you may find enlightening, amusing or, in some cases, unbelievable.

### **May 10, 2024**

Time and Location TBD  
"Annual Picnic and Show and Tell" – This is always a popular program as attendees are given an opportunity to share stories and items related to Wenonah.

### The Kinfolk Dinner

Our first special event of 2024 will be the Kinfolk Dinner. Board members will host dinners at their homes for members one evening between June 10-15. Interested members must register at either the March or April meeting. Invited guests will be announced at the May meeting, with names drawn from a hat if necessary. (Please note that this event is for members only.)

### Home Sweet Home



Our new "Home Sweet Home" series premiered at our January meeting as Larry and Sue Smith shared their

story about their home at 110 S. Clinton Ave. We would love to hear your ideas about homes for future episodes!

### Historical Society Mercantile

Did you know that the Historical Society raises funds through the sale of merchandise? We have some great items such as banners, garden flags, tote bags and books, including Marjorie Lentz's "Wenonah," the go-to book on the history of Wenonah.

Check out what's available on our Facebook group site.

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Visit our events website at <https://www.wenonahhistoricalsocietyevents.org>

## Public Service Announcement

As a reminder to residents, the Borough does not collect grass clippings.

Please mulch or compost them on your property.

And please do not dump grass clippings or other debris on public land as it is against the law and subject to \$2,000 fine.

**NO GRASS CLIPPINGS**





## 2024 ANNUAL YARD SALE

The 27th annual yard sale will be held on  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 27th** beginning at 8:00 AM.

*The rain date will be SUNDAY, APRIL 28th.*

The proceeds for 2024 will be going to  
**Girl Scout Troop #63571**

The registration fee is \$10.00 (Cash or Check)  
Checks can be made payable to GSCSNJ #63571

We will run the newspaper ad for the yard sale.  
The registration fee costs less than running your own ad.

To register, please mail registration form and payment to:  
Borough of Wenonah, PO Box 66, or you may drop it off at  
the Borough office.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A PLACARD WHICH MUST BE DISPLAYED ON THE  
DAY OF THE YARD SALE

All yard sale signs shall be placed on the sale premises only, no off-premises signs advertising for or directing to sales are permitted. All signs for sales shall not measure more than four feet wide and four feet high and shall not be attached to utility poles, structure, trees, shrubs, or vehicles. No more than two signs are permitted for any sale.  
(As per Ordinance 57-9)

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### REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly. Your address will be printed on the map and placard.

Please return this form by Wed. April 24<sup>th</sup> if you want to have your sale included on the map and street listing. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GSCSNJ 63571