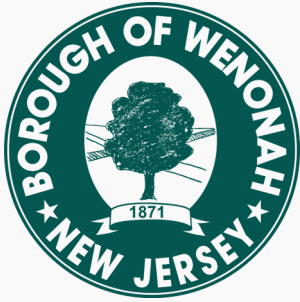


# Spring Newsletter

# Borough of Wenonah

MARCH 2025



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## Mayor's Message

Happy Spring! As the weather begins to warm up again, it is a nice opportunity to experience the beauty of Wenonah! Get outside to enjoy our trail system and our shade trees, and make time to reconnect with friends and neighbors at Little League or for a cup of coffee in the park.



Keep an eye out for annual Spring events, including our Borough-wide yard sale, the Easter Egg Hunt in Wenonah Park hosted by Wenonah Lions Club, our Municipal Alliance Senior Luncheon at the Telford, and our Spring Clean Communities Day.

This time of year, we begin to see more walkers, runners, bicycles, and scooters out and about, so please do your part to keep the streets safe for all by following the rules of the road.

I invite you to take a look through this newsletter for many upcoming events hosted by our volunteer organizations, and for important reminders from the Borough. If you have any questions or concerns, please 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

## Free Rabies Clinic and Pet Licensing Reminder

Our free rabies clinic will be held on **Saturday, March 22nd** 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, 2025.

The license fee is \$10.00 for a pet that is spayed or neutered and \$15.00 for an un-altered pet.

The last day to register your pet without a late fee penalty is **Monday, March 31st**.

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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## Water/Sewer Bill Due April 30th



First quarter 2025 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, 2025**), billed at the 2025 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".

## Autopay Feature Available



### Enroll in autopay for your tax and utility bills and choose your preferred payment method

Once you enroll in autopay, your tax and utility bills will be deducted from your chosen method of payment, whether it's a bank account or credit card, on the due date each quarter. To get started:

Go to the WIPP Payment Portal at [www.boroughofwenonah.com](http://www.boroughofwenonah.com)

Log into your Registered User Account. Not a registered user? No problem—just click the New Users Link to create an account.

Click the Setup Autopay link.

Enroll in autopay and choose your preferred payment method. You can un-enroll from autopay at any time. Once registered, you will receive email notifications before your payment is set to be processed.

## Household Special Waste (HSW) Collection Dates

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Date: March 29th and Sept 13th

Location: GCSWC

493 Monroeville Road, South Harrison

Date: May 10th and October 25th

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)



## Property 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.

Check payments are accepted by mail or in person at the Borough office. You may also leave your payment in the secured drop box located by the front door of the Municipal building.

You can go to our website at [www.boroughofwenonah.com](http://www.boroughofwenonah.com) to view the amount due and/or make a payment online. Fees apply to online payments.

Please note that we do not accept credit/debit card payments at the Borough office.

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.

Kim is available on Monday evenings from 5:00 to 8:00 PM to assist residents by phone or in person at the Borough office.

## Municipal Alliance Senior Luncheon on April 10th



Attention all Wenonah Seniors: Come join us for lunch at the Telford Inn

Mark your calendars: **Thursday, April 10th at 12:00 PM.**

Please call the Borough Office at (856) 468-5228 by Wednesday April 9th to RSVP.

**The Wenonah Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19th at 11:00 AM in Wenonah Park.**

## Borough Yard Sale on April 26th

Our annual yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 26th beginning at 8:00 AM (*Rain date will be Sunday, April 27th*).

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 61074.](#)

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 23rd**.

## Clean Community Day on May 10th

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 10th.



**Volunteer groups** -please contact either Karen Sweeney (856) 468-6713 or Alex Pozza (856) 689-6535 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.

## 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.
- Make sure that your bulk trash is out to the curb Monday night as the trash hauler comes through town very early Tuesday morning. Do not wait till Tuesday morning to take bulk trash out as you might miss them.

## Shredding Event April 12th



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 12th.

The event is for Gloucester County residents only.

Only paper will be accepted.

## Yard Waste/Branch Collection Starts April 7th

Starting **April 7th**, branches will be picked up on the 1st and 3rd week of the month and then starting **April 14th**, containerized yard waste will be picked up on the 2nd and 4th week of the month.

- ◆ 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.

- ◆ 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.

**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.



## Fire Hydrant Flushing Tentatively Scheduled for Spring

Tentatively scheduled for the Springtime, 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.**



## Public Service Announcement - Recycling Guide

### What can go into recycling

- Newspaper & Cardboard
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Aluminum Cans
- Plastic #1 & #2 Containers



### What cannot go into recycling

- NO Plastic Bags—they are the worst contaminant as they get wet, dirty and are difficult to recycle
- NO Shredded Paper - it is too small to sort
- NO Caps or Lids on Bottles - plastic caps from plastic bottles are too small
- NO Flattened Containers - sorters mistake “flats” as paper which causes contamination
- NO Hazardous Waste - oil-based paints, car fluids, car batteries & pesticides should be taken to the Household Special Waste events



Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wenonah are pleased to announce that new playground equipment will be installed at the John and Kathy Howard Park at Wenonah Lake in Spring 2025.

The new equipment (pictured below) includes a swing set (4 bay swings, 1 tot swing, 1 inclusive swing), a Ten Spin motion spinner, and a climbing structure with slides.

## COMING IN SPRING 2025



# Wenonah Lake 2025 Swim Season

Summer can't be too far along! Here are the details for the upcoming swim season at Wenonah Lake.



## [2025 Schedule](#)

**Memorial Day – June 15th:** Swim season will be in effect on weekends only.  
**June 17th – Labor Day:** Swim season days will be Tuesdays through Sundays.  
*Closed Mondays except for Memorial Day and Labor Day*

## [2025 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



In May of this year, Mantua Police Officers Lt. Hayes, Lt. Hauss, Det. Krieger, Inv. Stewart,

Ptl. Sweeney and Ptl. Glaser are riding in the Police Unity Tour (the most officers from our department that have ever participated at one time!). This 300-mile bike tour honors officers from around the country who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

The Police Unity Tour was formed in 1997 by a group of law

enforcement officers from New Jersey who rode their bicycles from Florham Park, New Jersey to the Memorial in Washington, D.C. with the purpose of raising awareness of officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. It has grown to include nine chapters and over 2300 members nationwide.



The Police Unity Tour is a non-profit organization under section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue code; therefore, donations made to it are fully tax deductible. Help like yours allows the tour to continue to be the largest supporter of the Memorial as well as a founding partner in the National Law Enforcement Museum. Every team that enters the tour provides donations as an entrance fee. It does not go to our officers; it goes towards supporting the NLEOM fund!



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### **PLEASE LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS!**

Every year, and especially when the weather starts to get nicer, people across the country fall victim to easily preventable property crimes, including those in Wenonah and Mantua. The vast majority of these can be prevented by simply locking your doors, especially your vehicle. The reason is that dubious actors

often walk around neighborhoods where a lot of vehicles park in or near the street and check for unlocked door handles. If the car is locked, they pass by. However, if they are unlocked, the actor(s) will enter the vehicle and steal anything of value that they can find. The value is inconsequential to them and even a small bit of change will likely be taken. We rely on all of our resident's eyes and ears to help solve crimes so your assistance is not only appreciated, but needed as well. Please do not hesitate to call us. Other ways to avoid becoming a victim include:

- Remove or hide valuables
- Park in well-lit areas, if possible
- Be aware of and report suspicious activity – **911 for emergencies or 856.589.0911 for non-emergent police service.** If possible, include a location where the suspect is likely located, a description of them, and the location they are walking/running (if applicable).
- Consider an anti-theft device

## Public Service Announcement - Spring Cleanup

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





# 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.

## Upcoming Activities

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

### March 14, 2025, 7:00-9:00 PM – “Home Sweet Home” at Community Center (open to all)

We receive many requests to hear about the history of Wenonah homes. Bill Wiseley and Mark Honabach will share the story about their home at 109 S Clinton Ave in the 2nd episode of our Home Sweet Home series.

### April 11, 2025, 7:00-9:00 PM – “Monday Club” at Community Center (open to all)

Are you familiar with the Monday Club, a unique literary organization? It dates back to 1897 in Wenonah and still exists today! Join Anne Zuber as she takes us through time with a presentation on the history of the Monday Club

### May 9, 2025 – Annual Picnic & Dedication of Lou McCall Memorial Bench at Community Center

May is picnic month for the Historical Society. This year our picnic includes a very special event – dedication of a new bench at the Community Center to the memory of Lou McCall, past President and Trustee.



### Kinfolk Dinners

Because of the success of the Kinfolk Dinners in 2024, we are doing them again in June 2025. This time, the hosts will include members. Space is limited. Interested members must register at either the March or April meeting. Invited guests will be announced at our annual picnic in May.

This is a members-only event. Join now to have a chance to be a guest at a Kinfolk Dinner!

### Cemetery Walk

The cemetery walk has been the Historical Society's most popular event for many years. This year will be our 10th Annual Cemetery Walk. Mark your calendar for October 18, 2025. The event promises to be special!

### Become a member

You can support the Historical Society's mission by becoming a member. Dues for the year 2025 remain at \$15 per household. Dues can be paid either via Venmo or personal check. The Venmo address is @WHS-WenonahHistoricalSociety (our logo is also seen above the Venmo address). Personal checks should be made payable to the Wenonah Historical Society and can be dropped off at a meeting or mailed to Wenonah Historical Society, PO Box 32, Wenonah NJ 08090.

# Wenonah Swim Club

Submitted by WSC Board



Don't miss out on the fun! We have memberships available for the

2025 season! Tell your friends and neighbors to join us next summer

at the best swim club- please check out our membership page on our website: [www.wenonahswimclub.com/membership/](http://www.wenonahswimclub.com/membership/)

Follow us on Instagram (@wenonahswimclub) for the latest news about our amazing club!

## Wenonah Native Garden Club

Submitted by Elaine Goodman



**New logo:** Our esteemed local artist Deb Mix designed our new logo. It features a columbine native to New Jersey and we love it.

**Our mission:** to encourage the cultivation of native plants to help wildlife thrive. We foster replacing lawn grass with plants that attract pollinators and feed birds, avoiding the use of pesticides, herbicides and artificial fertilizers. We encourage homeowners to leave the leaves, providing winter habitat for next year's butterflies, bees and fireflies, all food for birds and other wildlife.

**Our club turned two years old in February.** We are pleased to announce a new president and an outstanding team of officers:

President: Ilsy Hoo Connelly; Vice President: Kathleen Howard; Secretary: Maryann Ludwig; Program Chair: Barbara Hrivnak, assisted by Lucy Hooper; Trip Coordinator: Debra Montemore; Membership Co-chairs: Zehra Travis and Lisa Dugan; Archivist: Heidi Congalton



Some of the new club officers

**Current Club Projects:** turning at least 25 square feet of private lawn into a wildflower meadow and installing native plant gardens at Wenonah Library and Wenonah Lake.

**Trips:** We are planning a May trip to Chanticleer Gardens in Wayne, Pennsylvania and will likely return to Mt. Cuba near Hokessing, Delaware; Stoneleigh in Villanova. We plan visits to other native plant gardens and organize small trips to various accessible sources of native plants.

**Our membership** includes those who have never gardened along with those who have been gardening their entire lives, some Master Gardeners and a few who have degrees in horticulture. Gardening means a lifetime of learning and we are all students.

**Plant exchanges:** Members exchange plants, seeds and experiences, our successes and failures. We visit each other's gardens to share ideas. We buy plants in bulk from native plant nurseries and share them along with information about cultivation.

**Partner:** Wenonah Native Garden Club works with the Wenonah Environmental Commission's Green Team, working on sustainability for a healthy environment.

**Meetings:** During 2025 we will meet the 2nd Thursday in the Jack Sheppard Community Center except May, June, July, August and November. Our May meeting will be a party in Mickleton at the home and gardens of Bruce and Lucy Hooper.

## Woman's Club of Wenonah

Submitted by Jamie Moore



The Wenonah Farmer's Market begins May 1st. It runs every Thursday from 4-7 pm in May, June, and September and only one Thursday in July and

August (July 17 & August 21) Vendor registrations is now open. <https://www.womansclubofwenonah.org/market-application>.

### Upcoming Meetings/Featured Programs

March 10- the winners of the annual writing contest will be reciting their winning submissions.

April 14 - Joan Tice will be teaching hand sewing.

# Wenonah's American Legion Post 192

Submitted by John Forren

**Thank You**  
for supporting  
**Veterans & Active-duty Military**

**Wenonah's American Legion Post 192**  
**Spring 2025**

*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*

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## Join us for Wenonah's Memorial Day Parade & Cemetery Service, Monday, May 26th!



Join us to appreciate the real meaning of Memorial Day! Walk or ride your bike with us to Wenonah Cemetery for a

short ceremony to honor those in our nation's military who gave their lives for our country. Parade begins at the



Intersection of Marion & Mantua Aves and will include your friends,

neighbors, Scouts, the Clearview High School Marching Band, Wenonah & Mantua military veterans, fire companies, and civic organizations. Email us for more information.

## The Annual Dinner with Friends Drew Another Wonderful Crowd This Year!



Held annually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in February, this year's *Dinner with Friends* drew

nearly 200 from our area communities to enjoy the food, open bar, music,



conviviality, and the talents of the beautiful songstress Amanda Peacock, Miss Cape Shore & contestant in this year's Miss New Jersey Pageant. After the buffet

dinner, DeeJay Tony C had the place rocking as many in attendance were drawn to the dance floor. Miss this one? Don't miss next year's, which is on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Valentines Day!

## Free American Flag & Installation!

Don't have the colors flying proudly on your house? Well now you can, as a free service of Post 192's **R2V2 (Rapid Response Volunteer Veterans)**. We will help you **Fly the**



**Colors!** Email or call us! We are able to bear the cost of this service because of the generous donations from you and your neighbors.

## Visit Our Concession Stand on July 4<sup>th</sup>!



## Post 192 2025 Officers

Girls State	Joan Munyon
Boys State	Chris DeMaise
Chaplain	Tommy Lombardo
Membership	Joe Kumpel
Service Officer	Dom Genovese
Finance Officer	Ralph Travis
Adjutant	Bob Bevilacqua
Vice Commander	Chris DeMaise
Commander	John Forren



Wenonah's Post 192



## Wenonah Shade Tree Commission

Submitted by Gary Odenbrett



The Commission contracted this past winter for the removal of several street 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 through 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 **qualifications**.

Should you be unable to contact an STC member please call the Boro.

The Commission meeting dates for the balance of 2025: March 4, April 1, May 6, September 2 and November 4. All meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held at the Wenonah Community Center.

### Shade Tree Members:

Gary Odenbrett 468-2627

Larry Bacon 609-932-7960

Dan Cox 229-4272

Matt Kirschner 449-1293

Colleen Moran 609-605-0119

Chris Newman 609-254-8563

Jim Ramsay 430-0043

Elaine Romero-Schneider  
201-560-6389

Mark Temple 973-862-2255



## Wenonah Arts Collective

Submitted by Marie Little

The Wenonah Arts Collective will be mounting “Community Threads,” a fabric art show featuring the work of local artists.

“Community Threads” will take place at Memorial Presbyterian Church, and the opening will coincide with Wenonah Porch Fest on May 17, 2025. Come check out the first show of its kind in town, and see what your artist neighbors are up to.

The Collective continues to sponsor “Wenonah Acoustic Sessions,”



an open-mic/coffeehouse held on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wenonah from 7:00-9:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend and make some music, or just

to relax and enjoy the music and the scene. These sessions are free and open to the public, so come check out our new vibe with softer lighting, easy access to snacks and hot drinks, and a more comfortable ambiance.

There will be a meet-up this spring: We’ll be there, and you’re invited! The Collective will be throwing a

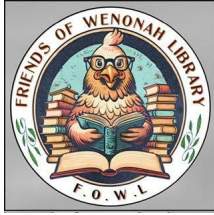
party with some live music, and there will be plenty of opportunity to learn about how you can get involved in the arts in town, and to let us know about the kinds of artistic projects you’d like to see happening here. Date, time, and location will be posted on our Facebook page—scan the QR code to join the group. Or to get on our mailing list, email us at [wenonahartscollective@gmail.com](mailto:wenonahartscollective@gmail.com).



# Wenonah Library News

Submitted by Anne Zuber

Your friends at the Wenonah Library have been especially busy this winter!



February 1st was “**Bring Your Child to the Library Day**,” and we had a great time welcoming our youngest patrons. 17 children visited the library that Saturday and each left with a library backpack filled with goodies. Speaking of taking children to the library—Mrs. ‘Nicolle’s 6th grade Wenonah students visited the library to do research in February, using actual books!

Special thanks to the Friends of the Wenonah Library for hosting such fabulous events! If you would like to be part of F.O.W.L. please join us at our next planning meeting. All are welcome on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

For Valentine’s Day F.O.W.L. hosted our third annual **Blind Date with a Book**, on February 21st. This was a special Friday evening event with the library opening outside of our normal hours. Adults brought a wrapped, gently used book for the surprise exchange, with books for children provided by the library. The event included a library scavenger hunt with prizes for the winners.

Keep your eye on our website or Facebook page as F.O.W.L. gears up for our special **Dr. Seuss’s Birthday Event** on March 1st, to

celebrate **Read Across America Week**. The “Friends” also organize the **Spring Used Book Sale**, held during the community yard sale on April 26th.



This spring the Wenonah Library will host two new clubs. The brand-new **Lego Club** for children in Grades K-2 is enjoying a fantastic start. The club meets on Tuesdays at 4:00pm through March 4th. Stop by the library or check our website for their link to register. Sponsored by the Wenonah Lake Association.

For adults, the library is excited to host the new **Tarot Reading Club** on Monday evenings at 6:30. This four-week class ran through February. Registration was full, but may open for future four-week sessions if there is enough interest. Contact the library for information.

You will also want to stop in to see our new artwork displays. The first exhibit features paintings by Wenonah resident, Susan Blaker. Thank you, Sue! In future, we hope to feature work by local artists in various forms and develop activities to spark imagination and creativity.

**Toddler Storytime** continues to enjoy great success!

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. Stop in and join in the fun.

And remember that Thursday nights are Technology Nights! Bring your tech questions and “**Ask Max!**” Max is available to answer your questions and offer one-on-one training on internet, email, or software and apps.

Twice a week, Wednesday, 12:00 to 1:00 PM and Thursday evening, 7:00 to 9:00 PM, councilperson, Alex Pozza, will be available to speak with residents in the library.



We have also added a few new digital services to our online offerings. In addition to our existing

**Hoopla** and **Libby** services, we now offer **NewsBank**, which provides archived information from thousand of newspapers, periodicals, government documents, and other publications. If you enjoy crafts, **Creativebug** lets you enjoy unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft classes. Use your library card to log in to each of these digital services from our website at [www.wenonahlibrary.com](http://www.wenonahlibrary.com).

Contact us at 856-468-6323 or [frontdesk@wenonahlibrary.com](mailto:frontdesk@wenonahlibrary.com)

## Wenonah Equality (WE)

Submitted by James "Skip" Holder

Just as warmer weather is most assuredly coming our way soon, Wenonah Equality has planned some exciting upcoming events that we hope will pique your interest.



First, Wenonah Equality will serve as a proud host of **"Trans Truths 101: A Free Panel Discussion"** on Friday, March 28th from 10am-Noon at the Rastelli Business Center on Rowan College of South Jersey's campus (1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell). The event will feature 5 panelists representing a broad spectrum of the transgender community and its allies, with dual goals of educating anyone with ongoing questions, while also serving as a show of support for this often-maligned and misunderstood community. Attendees will be able to ask questions of the panelists, and a complimentary luncheon will take place immediately after. To register, you can use the QR code on our flyers and FB page, or send a request to [WenonahEquality@gmail.com](mailto:WenonahEquality@gmail.com).

On Saturday, April 26 from 2:00-4:30pm Elaine Goodman (the unofficial First Lady of

Wenonah) will once again open up her incredible outdoor space at 414 South Marion Ave. as a place to relax, de-stress, hang out with friends, and of course, compare bargains grabbed earlier that day at the annual Borough-Wide Yard Sale. Stop by, kick back, unwind, and please do register to attend **Garden Party 2.0!**

Beyond April, look for the WE table at the season's very first **Farmers Market** (Wenonah Park, 4-7pm) on Thursday, May 1 as well as June 19, July 17, and September 18. And it will be another WE group outing at the **Phillies' LGBTQ Pride Celebration Game** on Friday, June 20.

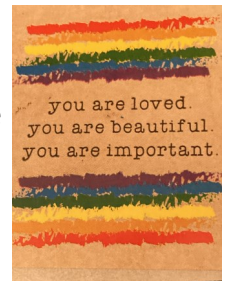
Wenonah Equality is proud to announce its 10-member list of Officers and Advisory Board for 2025:  
James "Skip" Holder, President  
Kathy Peek, Vice President

Susan Mayer, Treasurer  
James Celia, Events Chair  
Erica Alimario, Social Media Coordinator  
Advisory Board Members: Ray Gill, Linda Girard, Renee Austermehele, and Pamela Raup

As a young not-for-profit organization, we gladly accept and are most appreciative of any donations as we strive to serve the community around us. Join us! Come and see who we are and what we do on our **next meeting night, Monday, March 3 from 6:15-7pm** (209 North Monroe Ave), with Advisory Board meeting to follow. Or join our email list at [WenonahEquality@gmail.com](mailto:WenonahEquality@gmail.com) or on FB: WE Wenonah.

Finally, **SAVE THIS DATE NOW!** On Sunday afternoon, **June 22**, WE will host its **Pride Picnic and Two-Year Birthday Bash** at Wenonah Lake from 4-7pm.

Details are forthcoming, but this celebration is sure to include smiles, surprises, cupcakes...and hopefully **YOU!**



## Wenonah Lake Association

Submitted by Kristen Howard

**2025: Let's make it another BANNER YEAR for WLA and the Wenonah Community!**

We'll kick off the season with **Wenonah Porchfest on May 17**, where talented musicians perform on porches throughout the Borough, delighting residents, neighbors, and friends alike.



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During the swim season, we offer free programming for lake members and guests four days a week! Kids enjoy Science, Music, and Art classes, while adults and families participate in our **Friday Night Live Music** series. The weekly line up will be on our website and FB/Instagram. Not a member? \$5.00 gets you in to enjoy the music and atmosphere for that day.



Add to your Fourth of July event line up: The **Anything That Floats** competition, sees a record number of homemade floats from recycled materials you find laying around, think out of the box! Competitors race to see who will take home the gold—and who will take an unexpected plunge! We encourage the parents and kids to make this a fun project!

We will host the 29th year of **One Night of Song and Dance**, where community members (your neighbors) take center stage to live out their Rockstar dreams at the Lake Park. Funds raised from these events, along with individual donations, support our swim programs, events, cultural programming, and ongoing improvements to the lake grounds.

And, after an overwhelming response, **Haunted Trail returns again in October!** Thanks to partnerships with other community groups, we create a spooky, thrilling experience for more than 800 guests. Join us!

We are deeply grateful for the continued support of our amazing community. If you're interested in helping us plan for 2025, we would love to see you at one of our monthly meetings!

**WLA Monthly Meetings** occur every 4th Sunday of the month at the Train Station at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend, share ideas, and get involved!

Find us online: [www.wenonahlakeassociation.com](http://www.wenonahlakeassociation.com)

## Wenonah Lions Club

*Submitted by Carl Hausman*



As this issue went to press, temperatures were hovering around the freezing mark, but spring is very much on our minds.

First, though, a winter follow-up: Thanks to everyone who participated in the tree lighting. Year-by-year, the displays grow more picturesque, including new ornaments and festive decorations at the Jack C. Sheppard Community Center.



And now, looking forward to spring: We'll hold our Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the park on April 19 at 11:00 a.m. sharp.

You'll find ever-burgeoning landscaping where the Easter Bunny can hide more and more seasonal surprises. Incidentally, the Lions have some continuing 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 the Fourth of July, which seems a long way away but for planning purposes, will soon be right on the horizon.

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 Senior Citizens 55+ Club

Submitted by Sandra Schwartz

If you haven't joined the Wenonah Citizens 55+ group yet, here's some things you've been missing:



- ◆ A yearly "Pot Luck Luncheon at the Community Center in September to kick off our operating 'year.' (Sept through May)
- ◆ Free senior Chair Yoga and Tai Chi classes;
- ◆ Monthly 10 AM morning meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month;
- ◆ Guest speakers on interesting topics such as health, internet safety, services available through Gloucester County Senior Services; local trails, and more;
- ◆ A once-monthly 'Dining Out' outing to local restaurants;
- ◆ A holiday social get-together in December;
- ◆ Saturday morning coffee klatches at the lake, park or personal home porches.
- ◆ Small group activity such as Mahjongg or Bridge;
- ◆ Day trips. We've done the Maurice River Boat Tour, Woodstown Railroad, King's Tavern Museum in Haddonfield, and Edelman Planetarium at Rowan University;
- ◆ Monthly meetings with occasional fun and games. We just enjoyed an "Early Mardi Gras Party" at February's meeting;
- ◆ and, a yearly May meeting "Happy Birthday" party to celebrate everyone's year of "Aging Unbound." Members present their own stories on the chosen topic for that year.

So, we're active, we're friendly and dues are only \$7/year. Join US! Our next meeting is March 11, 10 AM, at the Jack Sheppard Community Center. A guest speaker will be discussing "Talking With Your Doctor." Decaf coffee/water/cold drinks are served at all meetings. Please bring your own reusable, lidded cup for drink service. Thank you.

## Wenonah Environmental Commission

Submitted by Scott Barnes

### Upcoming Events

- **Spring Work Party:** Saturday, March 22nd 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 3rd 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.



- **Jubilee Picnic & Meeting:** Wednesday, May 14th, 6:00 PM, at the John and Kathy Howard Park Pavilion (Wenonah Lake). 2025 is the WEC's 50th anniversary! We invite current and past volunteers to share a celebratory meal. RSVP to [inbox@wenonahenvironmentalcommission.org](mailto:inbox@wenonahenvironmentalcommission.org) so we can anticipate attendance.

### It's Our 50th Anniversary!



Environmental commissions have existed in New Jersey law since 1972. The volunteers who serve on them tackle a broad range of concerns including open space preservation, water resource protection, and conservation. Wenonah's commis-

sion has operated as part of borough government since 1975. A less formalized Natural Woodlands Council had served a similar purpose, preserving and expanding conservation land in town since 1965.

We are planning several activities in the coming months to get the word out about our special year. For now, here are former mayor Jack Sheppard, Sr.'s notes about our founding taken from Borough Council minutes in 1975:

*"1/1/75: Today the Wenonah Woodlands Council becomes the Environmental Commission by virtue of the previously adopted Ordinance. First members, Milton H. Webb, Jr., Chairman, Martin F. Stankard, Melva Dipper, Frank Eggert, John Hall, Will Middleton and Charles Forsman."*





## 2025 ANNUAL YARD SALE

The 28th annual yard sale will be held on  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 26th** beginning at 8:00 AM.

*The rain date will be SUNDAY, APRIL 27th.*

The proceeds for 2025 will be going to  
**Girl Scout Troop #61074**

The registration fee is \$10.00 (Cash or Check)  
Checks can be made payable to GSCSNJ # 61074

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 23<sup>rd</sup> if you want to have your address included on the map and street listing. PLEASE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GSCSNJ #61074