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Imagine is so grateful for our dedicated youth and adult volunteers who provide the opportunity for grieving children and their parents to get the support they need.

(above) Giulia Gocci of Mountainside, Julia Zucosky of Scotch Plains, Kelly Greiner of Chatham, Dani Jayinski of Scotch Plains, Sara Miller of Westfield, Amanda Carrico of Mountainside, Jessica Friebely of Scotch Plains, Colette Franciscus of Scotch Plains, Brett Simons of Short Hills, Justin Zucker of Westfield, Abby Riordon of Westfield, Sara Joseph of Kenilworth, Kai Chiang of Mountainside, Will Sherry of Westfield, Tunji Oaadewole of North Plainfield, Jeremy Dranikoff of Short Hills, Ben Krauss of Scotch Plains and Kimberly Cruz of Union.

On Saturday, September 9th, Imagine held its sixth youth facilitator training. 18 amazing young people, ages 14 to 18, attended the full day training which sensitizes teen participants to the issue of childhood grief and prepares the youth to assist with the facilitation of peer-support groups for children who are coping with the death of a parent or a sibling. Through the development of listening and facilitating skills, these teens are now prepared to be loving listeners, group facilitators and advocates for grieving children in their community.

"We are so grateful for the participation of these youth. The teens bring wisdom, youthful energy and a wonderful presence and skill set to our volunteer program and grief support groups, facilitating groups right along with the adult volunteer facilitators," said Connie Palmer, Imagine Clinical Training Director. "We've been working with teen facilitators since 2012 and they have added a profound and powerful aspect to our programs."

Imagine provides free year-round peer support groups for children age 3-18 who have had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent groups for parents and guardians. Free support groups are also available for young adults 18 and up who have had a friend, sibling or parent die. Imagine also provides inhome support and support groups for children and teens who have a family member living with a life-altering physical illness. For more information about Imagine, come for a tour offered three times a month.

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#### **NEW PROVIDENCE KARATE STUDENTS EARN SPOT ON LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Soo Bahk Do Karate of Gillette named three Nickolas Mol named earlier this year. "Our additional students to their Leadership Team. Madison Allegretto, 14, of New Providence, Talia Rajoppi, 12, of Chatham, and Karthik Mallya, 9, of New Providence were awarded a position on this prestigious team after completing extensive training in leading classes, being a positive role model, and service to others-both in the karate school and the community.

They join the four charter members Francisco RuizDiaz, John Carlo, Makayla Henschel, and Leadership Program is a great way for young people to have a positive impact on their communities and excel in all their endeavors, including academics", said Program Director Michelle Cavett. Leadership Team members must meet academic benchmarks in addition to their karate training and teaching requirements. "These kids are our future, and we want to give them all the support and tools necessary to make a difference in the world and the areas that matter most to them", she said.



( above , l-r) Karthik Mallya, Talia Rajoppi and Madison Allegrett are new Leadership Team members at Soo Bahk Do Karate of Gillette.

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(above) Traffic Officer and PBA #132 Vice President, Joseph DiParisi, wearing pink cancer awareness undershirt. (You can see this photo in full-color on RennaMedia.com.)



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#### **NEW PROVIDENCE POLICE / PBA LOCAL #132 OCTOBER EVENTS**

#### **Cancer Awareness**

The Police Officers of New Providence PBA Local #132 will be wearing pink undershirts during the month of October to promote breast cancer awareness. They are doing this in the hopes of promoting conversation amongst the people they interact with about a disease that affects so many of our friends, neighbors and family. If you are able to do so, the PBA recommends you help a cancer charity of your choice and maybe together we can help those people who need it most. Second Annual Car Show

#### PBA 132 will also be hosting several events. On October 7th

New Providence PBA Local # 132 will be hosting their second annual Car Show on Saturday October 7th from 10am-3pm. The car show will be held in the NJ Sharing Network parking lot located at 691 Central Avenue. The show is sponsored by Culver Chiropractic and proceeds will be donated to the NJ Sharing Network. There will be food trucks, music and trophies. Registration the day of the show is \$20 and pre-registration is \$15. Contact Andrew Diamond at adiamond@nppolice.org or Steve Drown at sdrown@nppolice.org to pre-register.

The rain date is Sunday October 8th.

#### **Great Pumpkin Carving Contest**

On October 21st PBA Local #132, along with the Lions Club and Municipal Alliance, will be hosting the great pumpkin carving contest on October 21st at 6pm at Centennial Park. Carved pumpkins can be dropped off between 3 and 5 p.m. to Centennial Park. The pumpkins will be placed on stands around Centennial Park for all to enjoy along with seasonal snacks and treats being provided. A Halloween themed movie will be played under the gazebo, weather permitting. Prizes for the winning pumpkins will be provided by the Municipal Alliance, Lions Club, and PBA 132.

#### **Trunk or Treat**

On October 29th from 3-5 p.m.

(setup for cars will start at 2 p.m.) PBA Local # 132 will be hosting a trunk or treat event at the NJ Sharing Network, located at 691 Central Avenue. Feel free to sign up and try to win a prize for best Halloween themed trunk, at the Sharing Network rear parking lot, located at 691 Central Avenue. There will be a costume parade and contest at 3 p.m. Trunk-or-Treating is right after parade. There will also be games and prizes. Contact Detective Michael Hand for more information on any event at mhand@nppolice.org or 908-665-1120.



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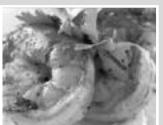
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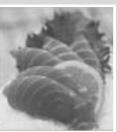
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The New Providence Garden Club recently installed new officers for 2017-2019. Meetings are held on one Monday each month from September thru June at the DeCorso Community Center located at 15 East Fourth Street, New Providence. The meetings are open to the public and are announced on the club's website: npgardenclub.weebly.com.

#### **2017 STREET FAIR**

The annual New Providence Street Fair will be in downtown New Providence on Sunday, October 22, 2017. The fair, presented by the NJ Sharing Network, and sponsored by Lantern Hill, Prestige Diner, and New Providence Business, will be held on Springfield Avenue, between South Street and Livingston Avenue. The hours of the Street Fair are 10am-4pm. The street will be transformed into a giant town block party.

There is a special section brimming with all kinds of fun stuff to do. There will be mechanical kiddie rides, climbing wall, pony rides, petting zoo, clown, face painting, sand art, temporary tattoos and so much more!

There will be live entertainment all day long featuring bands, dancers, karate demonstrations and more.

This event brings the whole community together. Many of the local merchants and businesses will showcase their shops and offer their special sales. Everyone will surely enjoy the wide selection of delicious foods such as the Empanada Guy, Little Sicilian Rice Balls, House of Cupcakes, Cheezen Truck, Cheech A Cinis-Truck, Twin Concessions, Manny's Fresh Squeezed Lemonade & Ices, Mamma's on the Go, Athens Delight, The Nut House, Carnival Concessions, Dani's Kettle Corn, The Brownie Bar, Coastal Flavors Crab Cakes, Pocono Pizza, Taste of Poland, and local favorite Zita's Ice Cream.

The event also offers food from local establishments and business community members. Street vendors present many unique items at great prices, and local non-profit organizations host contests and games for all attendees.

This event will also feature many creative crafters with hand crafted works and merchandise dealers offering lots of great bargains and unique items for all.

The New Providence business community is expecting to attract thousands of people from the community and other neighboring towns. For more information please call the event producers: JC Promotions, Inc. 201 998-1144 or email us at events@jcpromotions.info.

Any local civic group or merchant is invited to participate in this event. This is an opportunity for local businesses and groups to promote their establishments or organization.

This year, our great scarecrows will be decorating the downtown during the Street Fair. You can view them and then vote for your favorite. Ballots and ballot boxes will be available at participating downtown businesses.



(above l-r) Front Row: Co-Presidents Sarah Jane V. & Barbara P.; First VP: Theresa W.; Back: Recording Secretary: Rick A.; Treasurer, Ann L.; Second VP: Karen J.





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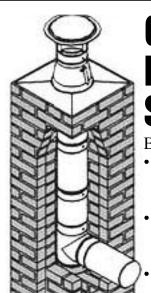


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#### The Library Board of Trustees meets

on Tuesday, 10/17 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend and give feedback to this policy-making group. They are all residents who have volunteered to serve on the Board.

#### The Knitting Club meets twice in October

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#### The Thursday Morning Book Group meets

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to discuss Circling the Sun by Paula McLain. The book is based on the life of Beryl Markham, an adventurer and pilot whose life is played out against the backdrop of Africa. All are welcome. Copies of the book are available at the front desk.

#### Saturday 10/21 is the annual **Friends of NPML Crafts Fair**

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#### If you're coming out for the New Providence Street Fair on Sunday, 10/22

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As always, there is a full schedule of movies available. See the library calendar on our website for full dates, times and descriptions.

#### For the younger set, there are Story times and baby lapsits on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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It is a "one-stop-shop" for election related information. It provides non-partisan information to the public with both general and state specific information on many aspects of the election process. An important component of Vote411.org is the information on candidates running for office in State, County and Local races.

All candidates in Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit as well as Union County have been asked to participate. Candidates for Governor and State Assembly were also solicited for responses.

In addition to their Vote411.org initiative, the League will be sponsoring forums where residents can ask questions of local candidates.

The forum for candidates running for Berkeley Heights Township Council will be held on on Thursday, October 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Governor Livingston High School Auditorium, located at 175 Watchung Blvd. in Berkeley Heights. Candidates will be answering two questions from the League and then it will be opened to question from the audience.

A forum for candidates running for New Providence Borough Council will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the De Corso Center, located at 15 E 4th St. in New Providence.

#### **SUPPORT GROUPS FOR CAREGIVERS**

Imagine is offering support groups for adult caregivers under 60 who are living with a family member's chronic or terminal illness. The groups are safe spaces in which people can express their feelings and gain support from fellow caregivers. The criteria for participation includes caring for any person with a diagnosis of physical illness, injury or disease that significantly changes one's day to day life. Caregivers must be 60 years old or younger. The groups will meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Imagine's location at 244 Sheffield Street in Mountainside, NJ.

If you or someone you know could benefit from joining Imagine's Coping With Illness program, please contact

Mandi Zucker, MSW, CT at 908-264-3100 or email mandi@imaginenj.org.

Imagine provides free year-round peer grief support for more than 250 children and adults from 48 NJ towns every two weeks and every year provides training, education, and on-site support to over 2500 teachers, parents, students, employees, social workers, counselors and members of community organizations. For more information contact us at info@imaginenj.org or visit Imagine's website at www.imaginenj.org.

#### **2017 TRICK-OR-TREATING AND SCARECROW CONTEST**

second annual Scarecrow Contest, bringing a festive feel to our downtown! The contest encourages New Providence residents, businesses, civic organizations, school groups, sports teams, and families to build the wildest, cleverest, funniest scarecrows they can imagine (within contest guidelines). The scarecrows will be on display throughout the downtown to bring the community and businesses together, encourage walking, and provide a great opportunity to visit our fantastic stores and restaurants.

The entry deadline is Saturday, Oct. 7. Starting Sun., Oct. 14, scarecrows will be placed along Springfield Ave. and South Street. People can vote for their favorite scarecrows between

New Providence Business is hosting the October 14 through Nov. 1, so make sure you spread the word to your family and friends. Winners will be announced on November 1. Prizes will be given for First Place (\$300), Second Place (\$200), and Third Place (\$100). The competition entries are open to New Providence residents, businesses, and community organizations, but anyone can vote for their favorite.

> Details, guidelines, and a link to enter online for the Scarecrow Contest are also be available on the borough website www.newprov.org.

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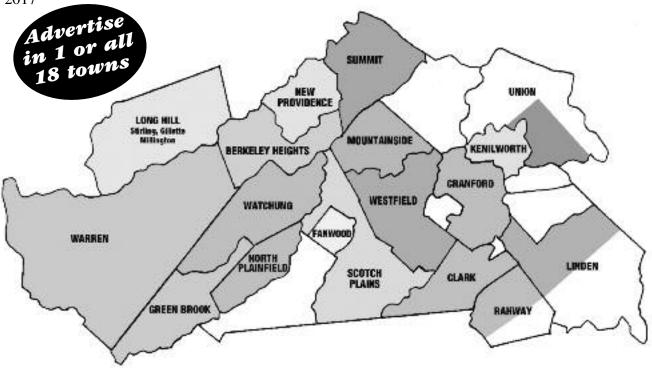
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