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Local businesses were open providing refreshments such as cider,

coffee, popcorn, candy canes, and donuts; and giveaways like balloons and roses.

Kids also took delight in sand art, ice carving demos, a stilt walker, and a snow machine; while adults enjoyed chair massages and cocktail tasting.

The Christmas Walk was sponsored by the New Providence Business Community, the New Providence Fire Department, and the New Providence High School Pioneer Band.



(above) Wharton Institute Performing Arts.

(front, l-r) Emily Koubek, and Sophia Lombardi;

(back, l-r) Sherry Wang, Jade Navarro, Jackie Harris.

(above l-r) Sarah Doran and Waverly Lorne performing in Presbyterian Church of New Providence Traditional Worship Group.

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(above) New Providence resident Susan Pocaro as Mrs. Claus.



(above) Elizabeth Bigham of New Providence playing by the snow machine.



(above) Emily and Ryan Sorge of New Providence.

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Moms Helping Moms Foundation, the community-based not-for-profit organization that distributes diapers to babies living in low-wage families in the New Jersey area, has "Volunteer Saturdays" on the second Saturday of every month.

On Saturday, November 11th volunteers came from Madison, New Providence, Springfield and Summit to help sort baby clothing and organize the warehouse located in North Plainfield. The opportunity to serve their community especially during the holiday season inspired all of them help out on Saturday. They even had a few little helpers from Troop 41253 in Summit, Brownies Nadia Moghal and Chloe Freeden were very excited to sort baby items in the appropriate sized bins. The young helpers were so surprised to see how tiny the preemie baby clothing was.

Moms Helping Moms Foundation has volunteer opportunities at their warehouse throughout each month located at 22 Howard Street, North Plainfield. You can get more information on how to volunteer or donate from their

website www.momshelpingmomsfoundation.org.

Also coming up on January 27th, 2018 is the Fourth Annual, Moms Helping Moms Snow Ball at The Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains beginning at 7p.m. The Snow Ball is one of the largest fundraisers Moms Helping Moms does to continue to service local New Jersey families in need.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or purchasing tickets at please go to www.momshelpingmomsfoundation.org and click on "Events".



(above, back, l-r) Ali Moghal, Arum Moghal (Brownie Troop Leader 41253), Carly Koehler, Martha Roth, Jim Freeden, and Diane Freeden (Brownie Troop Leader 41253).
(front, l-r) Nadia Moghal, Chloe Freeden, and Haris Moghal.

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"We had a great turnout for our event," said Director of Human Resources Graham Haskell. "Participants learned about the outstanding benefits we provide our valued employees. As an employer of choice in Union County, Lantern Hill views its diverse staff as its greatest resource and is committed to promoting their well-being."

Benefits for employees include free flu shots, events like passion walks and the health and wellness fair, as well as financial boot camps, career development open houses. Lantern Hill also offers staff access to its on-site fitness center as well as Erickson Living's Wellness Fund that provides reimbursements for qualifying personal fitness expenses.

Megan Hershberger, associate director of marketing and communication, says company value-added benefits include wellness options, 401K matching, yearly raises, growth opportunities, Erickson University for individual growth and career development, tuition

reimbursement, and several partner discounts including BJ's Wholesale Club, Dell, Weight Watchers, and more.

"Erickson Living developed and managed communities are committed to cultivating and advancing incentive programs, ample benefits, career advancement programs, and a greater work-life balance," Hershberger said. "When you take care of your employees, they, in turn, take care of the residents. It's a promise we make—safe work environment, discounts, benefits, competitive pay—we value our team members."

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Next up is the monthly meeting of the Thursday Evening

Book Club

on 12/7 at 7:30P M.

They are reading The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan. All are welcome. Copies of the book are available at the front desk.

The Baseball Club

is meeting this month on Monday, 12/11 @ 7 PM.

Anybody with an interest in baseball is welcome to come and talk about your favorite team, players or just listen.

Finally, join local author Joann Jackovino for a 3-part memoir writing workshop.

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NPML will be closed on 12/24 & 12/25 in celebration of the Christmas holiday.

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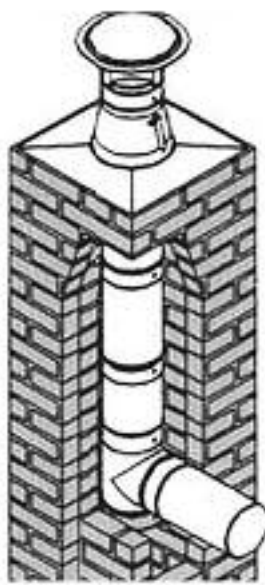
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DR. KEITH MASON PUBLISHES ARTICLE

New Providence educator and resident Dr. Keith Mason, has published an article inspired by musicals. In "Musicals Inspire Fabric Art," he describes eight fabric projects including quilts, a scarf, and a Little Red Riding Hood cloak inspired by school musicals. The article appears in the December 2017 issue of Arts & Activities Magazine available on line at www.artsandactivities.com Dr. Mason focuses on interdisciplinary ways of learning using musicals as primary source material.



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Both Youth Orchestra and Youth Symphony are advanced, full orchestras in the NJYS family of ensembles. Youth Orchestra is open to students in grades 7-12 and Youth Symphony is open to students in grades 9-12. Youth Symphony has appeared at New York City's Carnegie Hall, the Musikverein in Vienna, and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Youth Orchestra was selected to perform last April at the 2017 NAFME Eastern Division Conference in Atlantic City.

Helen Cha-Pyo has been named Artistic Director Designate and New Jersey Youth Symphony Conductor of The Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts starting 2018-2019 Season. She is serving as interim conductor for NJYS's Youth Orchestra during 2017-2018 season.

For the past 15 years, Cha-Pyo has inspired hundreds of young musicians to perform at the highest levels, resulting in Empire State Youth Orchestras being recognized as one of the nation's premier music organizations for youth. As Music Director and conductor of the ESYO Youth Orchestra, Helen regularly programs a wide range of music embracing many different cultures. Her vision resulted in a \$100,000 grant to partially fund a music festival that commissioned nine works (one for each ESYO ensemble), and winning three prestigious ASCAP awards. She has conducted the orchestra in outstanding concert halls including Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, the Massry Center for the Arts, EMPAC, Tanglewood's Ozawa Hall, and Carnegie Hall. She has led the orchestra on three international tours: to Europe in 2008, and to China and South Korea in 2012, and to Portugal in 2016. Helen's vision was instrumental in the founding of ESYO CHIME in 2015, a music education program dedicated to serving underprivileged youth. From 1996 to 2002, Cha-Pyo served as artistic director and conductor of the Riverside Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir and associate director of music at The Riverside Church in New York City. A committed music educator, she pioneered the Riverside Music Educational Program, which served thousands of New York City public school children. As artistic director for the Kenya Jirani Choir and Harlem Jirani Ensemble of the Jirani Cultural Organization from 2009 - 2012, Cha-Pyo traveled regularly to Kenya and Korea to oversee artistic

activities. In 2011, she toured Korea with Kenya Jirani Choir.

Born in Seoul, Cha-Pyo immigrated to the US when she was 12. She studied piano and organ in the Pre-College Program at The Juilliard School. She holds a Bachelor of Music in organ performance from Oberlin Conservatory and a Master of Music in conducting and organ performance from the Eastman School of Music. She is a frequent guest conductor for All State and Regional Festival Orchestras as well as summer festivals including Kinhaven School (VT) and Arco Youth Orchestra Festival (NJ). She resides in New Jersey with her husband and two sons.

A conductor focused on inspiring and educating young musicians, Simon Lipskar has been the conductor of NJYS Youth Orchestra since 2006. From 2004 to 2006, Lipskar conducted Philharmonia. He conducts in the summers at the Kinhaven Music School where he was a student as a teenager. He has regularly guest conducted at the Third Street Music Settlement in NYC and served as Assistant Conductor of the Brooklyn Philharmonic under Robert Spano, as well as for a number of other orchestras and opera companies. A member of Tanglewood's prestigious Conductor's Seminar led by Robert Spano and Gustav Meier, Lipskar took part in master classes led by Seiji Ozawa, Bernard Haitink, André Previn, and Joseph Silverstein. He received his Master of Music degree in Orchestral Conducting from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music where he studied under Michael Morgan and Denis de Coteau and was awarded the Conducting Department Award in Honor of Outstanding Contributions to the Conservatory Ensembles. A graduate of Yale University, he received a B.A. in Religious Studies. As a teenager, Lipskar was a Juilliard Pre-College violinist, pianist, and composer as well as an award-winning chamber

musician. Along with his extensive work with young orchestral musicians, Lipskar is President of Writers House, a leading literary agency where he represents many of today's bestselling and award-winning authors.

The Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts' mission is to provide the highest quality performing arts education to a wide range of students in a supportive and inclusive environment, where striving for personal excellence inspires and connects those we teach to the communities we serve.

Wharton is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts center serving over 1,400 students through a range of classes and ensembles including the 14 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony which serve 500 students in grades 3 - 12. Beginning with Early Childhood music classes for infants and toddlers, WIPA offers private lessons, group classes and ensembles for all ages and all abilities. We believe in the positive and unifying influence of music and the performing arts and believe that arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay. We teach all instruments and voice and have a robust musical theatre program.

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Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 13 counties. All of WIPA's extraordinary faculty members and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained to enable our students to achieve their personal best.



(above) NJYS Youth Orchestra and Youth Symphony Fall Concert on Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m. at New Providence High School, 35 Pioneer Drive in New Providence.

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The Kean University Planetarium invites all members of the community to experience Seasons of Light, a spectacular light show that combines astronomy with the spirit of the winter season. Admission is free.

Seasons of Light will be featured from 3:30-4:15 p.m. on Monday and Thursday, December 4 and 7. The Planetarium is located in Kean's Science Building (C330), at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union, N.J. Admission is free.

Seasons of Light, produced by Loch Ness Productions, explores the brightest and warmest traditions celebrated in the coldest and darkest of seasons. The show features holiday music and teaches audiences about the importance of illumination during the time of year when natural light is at its shortest. Celebrations of light are explored—from the burning Yule Log of Winter Solstice, and sparkling Christmas tree lights, to the lighting of luminarias in the Southwest and the Hanukkah Menorah. The show recounts historical, religious and cultural rituals practiced during the winter months in Christian, Jewish, Celtic, Nordic, Roman, Irish, Mexican and Hopi traditions.

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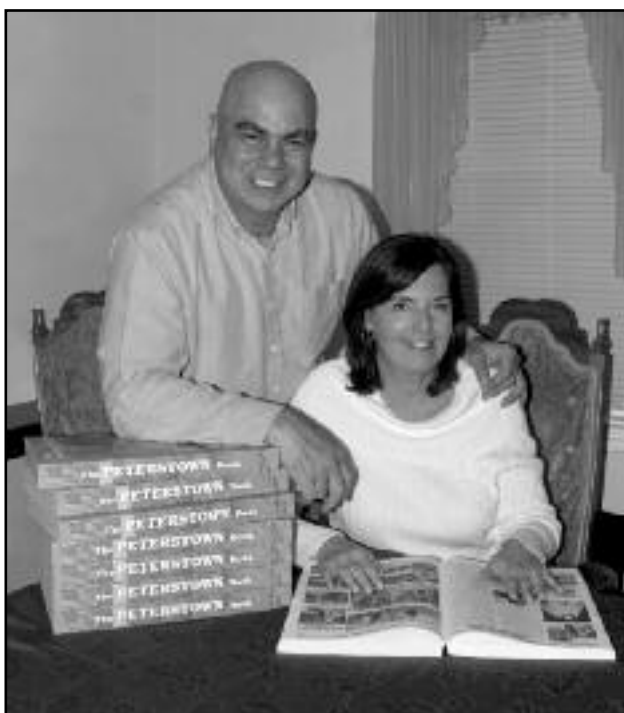
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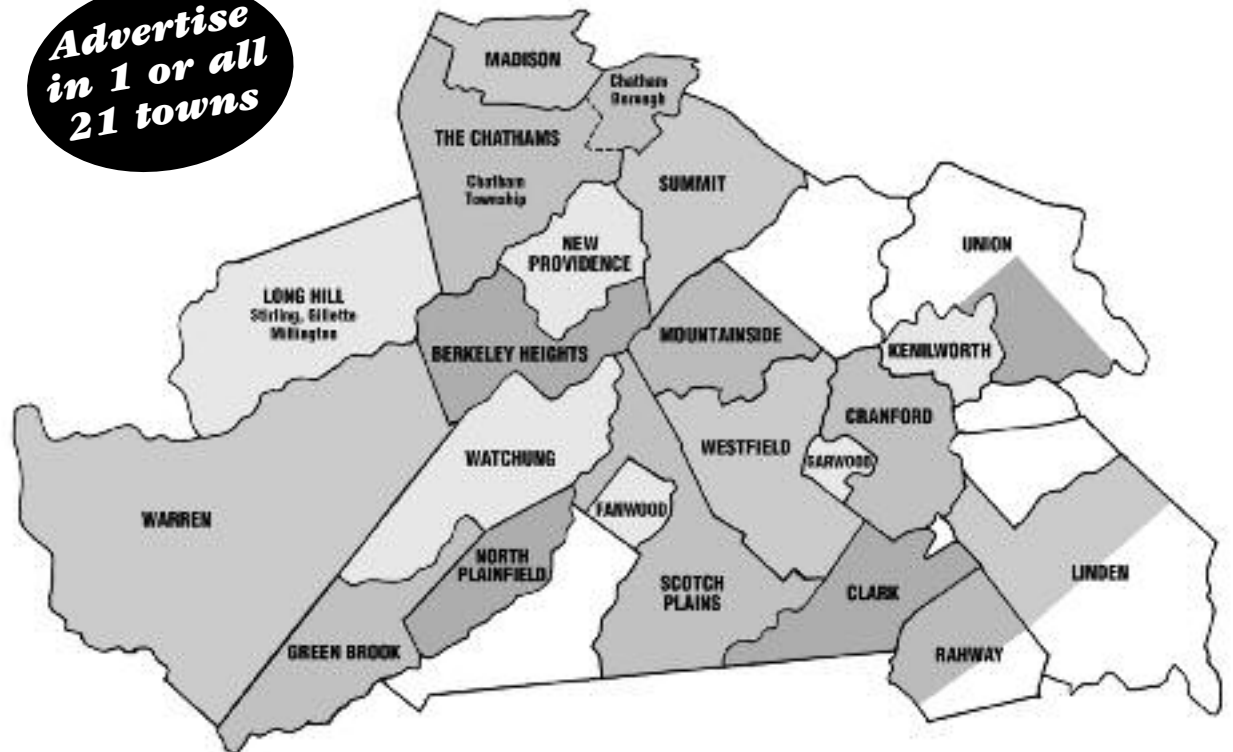
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