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On Tuesday, August 7, 2018 the New Providence Police Department invited the community to join millions of neighbors across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide for National Night Out.

This year's event included activities for children, a meet and greet with local police officers and other emergency department personnel, giveaways and music. Representatives from local community organizations also set up tables to meet and greet the public.



WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT?

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more. For more information visit natw.org.

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A plaque reads: "The people of New Providence dedicate this artifact from the World Trade Center to the memory of our friends and neighbors lost in the attack on our country on September 11, 2001. God bless them and the United States of America."



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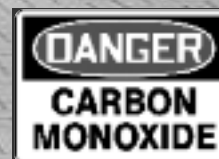
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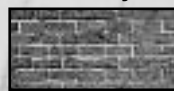
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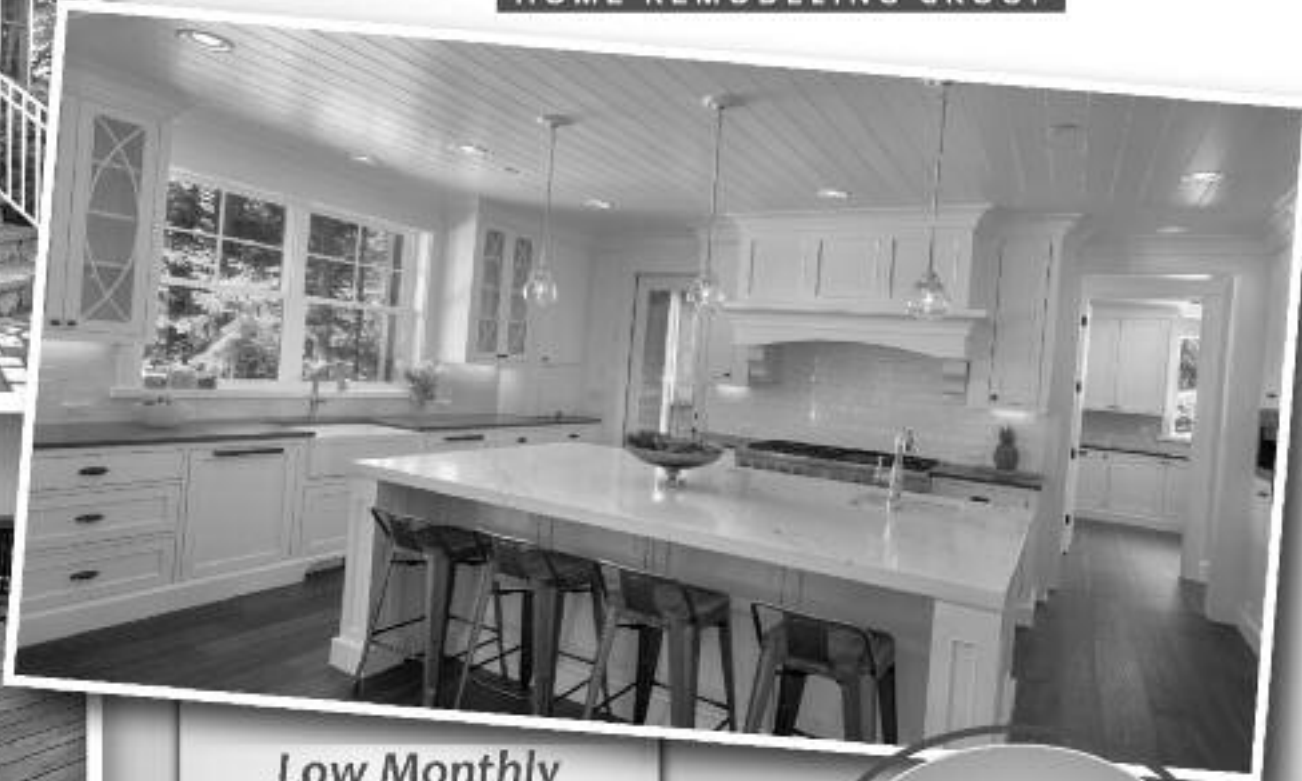


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SECOND ANNUAL NEW PROVIDENCE BOOK FESTIVAL SET FOR SEPTEMBER 22

New Jersey authors will sign books and talk to visitors at the New Providence Book Festival on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

The festival, located on the grounds of the historic Salt Box Museum, will include a series of talks by authors including Reyna Favis, Amy M. Reade, Michael Stephen Daigle and Vivian Fransen, and panels on a range of book-related topics. In addition, children's authors Ginger Pate and Laura Kaighn will read stories from their respective books.

"We wanted to create an event that connects authors with readers in a very personal way," explained J.R. Bale, one of the organizers of the event. "With over a dozen authors of various genres, it should be a stimulating event for even the most casual book lover. Last year's festival was very well received. And this year, we hope to top ourselves."

Anyone purchasing a book at the festival will also receive a free raffle ticket for a drawing for

a \$50 gift certificate for Moe's Bistro. Other vital festival sponsors include the Lantern Hill retirement community, Murray Hill Hotel & Suites, and Page Bound Success, an organization which supports the marketing efforts of local writers.

The festival will be held on the grounds of the Salt Box Museum at 1350 Springfield Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The rain date is September 29, 2018.

The Salt Box Museum, the site of the festival, operated by the New Providence Historical Society, will be open for tours free of charge. Refreshments will be available on the grounds.

More information is available at:
newprovidencebookfestival.com

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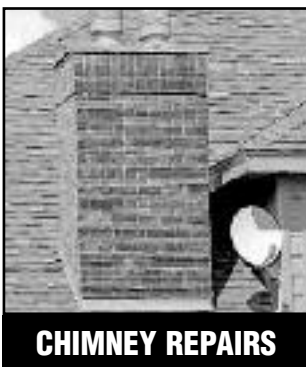
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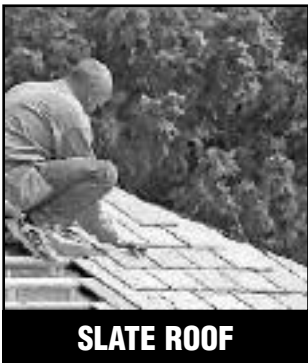
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SUSTAINABLE NEW PROVIDENCE FIRST FREecycleFEST— GIANT “GARAGE SALE” WHERE EVERYTHING IS FREE! AMERICAN LEGION POST, ELKWOOD AVENUE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 9 AM - 4 PM

Sustainable New Providence will be hosting New Providence's first FreecycleFest, an event where members of the community can donate used (but working/usable) items that other people can take and reuse for free! Acceptable items include: small appliances and kitchen items (pots and pans), furniture, toys, books, pet-related items, craft supplies, holiday items, gently used clothing, jewelry, and electronics. Think of it as

a giant garage sale without the “sale”. It's a great way to empty your house of things you no longer use and get something you may need and won't have to buy. For more hints on Freecycling items, see <https://tinyurl.com/FreecycleFest>

For more information about whether something is acceptable or any other questions, or to volunteer to help, please contact us at FreecycleFestNP@gmail.com.

‘STUFF-A-TRUCK’ EVENT TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES WITH DIAPER NEED

Submitted by Jerusha Oleksiuk

Join Moms Helping Moms Foundation (MHM) to help us lessen the burden for moms who struggle to provide diapers for their children.

Diaper Need Awareness Week is September 24-30, and in honor of this week MHM is having a ‘Stuff-a-Truck’ event to raise diapers, dollars and awareness. The ‘Stuff-a-Truck’ event will take place on September 15, 2018 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the New Providence Community Pool, 1378 Springfield Ave, New Providence, NJ.

Diaper need is the challenge to provide babies with clean, dry diapers. For some, purchasing diapers for a baby can be a huge struggle. A baby uses close to 2,800 diapers in its first year, costing about \$1000. One-in-three families struggle to

afford this necessity.

Join us for a free, kid-friendly event with food and fun and help us ‘Stuff-a-Truck’ with diapers to alleviate the stress and worry moms feel when they can't afford this critical basic. When you donate diapers or dollars you will be entered into a raffle to win great prizes from New Providence Pure Barre and College Nannies + Tutors of Summit, NJ. If you cannot attend the event but would like to support the cause, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2nr4emE>

Moms Helping Moms Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that provides baby essentials and diapers to low-income families in New Jersey. Visit them on the web at momshelpingmomsfoundation.org.

BIOLOGY CLASS FOR NEW PROVIDENCE SENIORS

The "Selected Topics in Biology" class for seniors, taught by Professor Bill Dunscombe of Union County College, will resume in September. Topics that may be explored this semester include: "Myths about Recycling," "Your Kidneys and Kidney Stones," "Ulcers – Types, Causes, and Cures," and more!

These engaging classes will be held on

Mondays from September 24 through December 10 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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The staged reading will be performed at 8 p.m. Saturday, September 8th at the Chatham Playhouse 23 North Passaic Ave Chatham, NJ.

All Tickets are \$10.

The reading is to benefit CCP's Outreach program. To access the theater's online ticketing service, simply go to ccp.booktix.com. For more information, call the box office at (973) 635-7363 or go to chathamplayers.org. It is highly recommended that tickets be purchased in advance. Patrons with special needs requiring seating accommodations should contact the Playhouse at least 24 hours prior to the performance. Without prior notice, accommodations cannot be guaranteed.



(above) Directed by George Seylaz of Belleville. Starring : Sarah Blannet Pharaon of South Orange, Juliana Valente of Wyckoff, Julie Anne Nolan of Little Falls, Lauri MacMillan of Rockaway, Karen Thornton of New Providence, Tasha Williams-Arroyo of Belleville, Paula Ehrenberg of Summit, Samantha Kaplan of Wellington, Billy Mitchell of Jersey City, Sean Lough of Fanwood, Shane Long of Paramus, Arnold Buchiane of Summit, Josh Musgrave of Florham Park and Duane Noch of Middletown.

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The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual golf event, Drive for Autism XVII, will be held at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ on September 17, 2018.

The Drive for Autism Golf Outing, which has been held since 2002, has raised and distributed over \$700,000 to local school programs. Previous beneficiaries of grants were Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Salt Brook School (New Providence, NJ), AW Roberts School (New Providence, NJ), Union County Educational Services Foundation/Crossroads School (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children (Paramus, NJ), Young Life (greater Summit area), Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 formerly The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), and Seton Foundation/Mother Francheska Elementary School (Staten Island, NY).

Grant recipients use money to fund Health and Fitness Programs, Social Skills Programs, educational curriculum and teacher training, a van for community trips and transportation to job training centers, laptop computers, computer touch screens, iPads, video projectors and

educational toys and games.

The golf event is the main fundraising function for the foundation. Golfers are welcome as well as product donations and corporate sponsorships.

For more information on how you can participate and to view our brochure, go to DriveForAutism.org.

ABOUT DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION:

Based in New Providence, New Jersey, The Drive for Autism Foundation (EIN#20-1760417), is a 501(3)(c) tax exempt public charity that was created in the Spring of 2002 for the sole purpose of raising and distributing funds for educational facilities specializing in students with autism.

Drive for Autism Golf Outing 2018

The Drive for Autism XVII is scheduled for Monday September 17, 2018 at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey. The event consists of a morning round of golf followed by a barbeque. Special events include golf contests, raffles and a silent auction of sports memorabilia, game tickets and golf trips. For additional information please visit their website at www.DriveForAutism.org, call 908-665-8068 or email driveforautism@comcast.net.



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SAGE IS FIRST STOP IN ROTARY CLUB'S NEW PROGRAM "ROTARY FOR COMMUNITY"

A team of fifteen volunteers from the Rotary Club of Summit – New Providence visited SAGE Eldercare recently as part of the Rotary's new monthly program "Rotary for Community." Volunteers spent time visiting with clients of the Spend-A-Day Adult Health Care program and helped deliver Meals on Wheels.

The Rotary, whose motto "Service Above Self," has been involved with community projects in Summit and New Providence since 1922. Along with community service, the Rotary has been awarding financial scholarships to college bound seniors for 92 years. Six were awarded this year.

SAGE was the first stop on the list of organizations they are scheduled to help because of SAGE's 64-year history of serving older adults in the area.

"SAGE has been an integral part of the community and in the fabric of Summit for so long it was easy to team with SAGE for our first project," said Rotary President Swati Goorha.

"We greatly appreciate the support of the Rotary Club," said SAGE Executive Director Angela Sullivan. "Their commitment to supporting our community and their

humanitarian efforts are admirable and greatly appreciated."

To learn more about the Rotary of Summit – New Providence visit their website: snprotary.org/index.php.

About SAGE

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age. The non-profit organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands and delivering Meals on Wheels, to exercise classes, community programs and support groups, Medicare counseling, care planning, an adult day health care center, and home health care, as well as the SAGE Resale Shop and Furniture Restoration Workshop, SAGE's expertise helps older adults remain independent in their own homes. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers in Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties. For more information, please call 908.273.5550 or visit sageeldercare.org.



(above) Rotary Club members preparing to deliver Meals on Wheels.



(above) The Rotary Club of Summit – New Providence visited SAGE Eldercare as part of Rotary's new program "Rotary for Community." Fifteen volunteers came to deliver Meals on Wheels and work with clients in the Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Care program. Pictured here is Rotary member Jim Fleischmann of Summit with a participant of Spend-A-Day.



(above) Rotary Club President Swati Goorha of New Providence pictured with Meals on Wheels volunteer Linda Delma of Summit.



(above) Rotary Club members entertaining clients of the Spend-A-Day program along with SAGE Manager of Recreation Sue Wirth.

STREET SMART REDUCES SPEEDING ON BUSY PEDESTRIAN ROADWAY

Submitted by TransOptions

Union County proved that motorists do pay attention to road signage, as the Street Smart New Providence campaign led to safer behaviors in the borough. Street Smart NJ is a statewide public awareness campaign that combines education, outreach and high-visibility law enforcement to change pedestrian and driver behaviors and improve road safety. The campaign ran in April, and was a collaborative effort among TransOptions, the New Providence Police Department, the Borough of New Providence, and local businesses and organizations.

Analysis of data produced from TransOptions' Speed Sentry device showed a 12.3 percent increase in compliant speeds from drivers traveling in the area of study. This was one of many fundamentals of the pedestrian safety campaign. As an education and enforcement campaign, Street Smart New Providence included 190 hours of pedestrian safety law enforcement by the New Providence Police Department as well as multiple educational outreach events coordinated by TransOptions.

The program was evaluated through pre- and post-campaign surveys, pre- and post-campaign intersection observations, and TransOptions' Speed Sentry. The evaluations showed that the Street Smart campaign in New Providence resulted in an increase in the public's understanding of New Jersey's pedestrian safety laws as well as an increased awareness of the campaign's presence in the community. The campaign also resulted in a 14 percent increase in public awareness of the New Providence Police Department's pedestrian safety law enforcement efforts, a 22 percent increase in the community's awareness of pedestrian safety-

related advertising messages, and a 38 percent increase in awareness of the Street Smart campaign's presence in the borough.

Street Smart's "check your vital signs" slogan emphasizes safe travel roles and responsibilities to both pedestrians and motorists alike. The "vital signs" are displayed on tip cards, posters, banners and street signs throughout the community and in local businesses during the campaign as a visual reminder for drivers and pedestrians.

TransOptions, a non-profit transportation organization, led the Street Smart effort in New Providence, after successfully completing similar campaigns across northwestern New Jersey.

The New Providence Police Department secured funding for overtime enforcement through a Federal Highway Safety Grant awarded by the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (NJDHHS).

From 2014 to 2016, there were 13 pedestrian-related crashes in New Providence. Pedestrian safety is an ongoing challenge in New Jersey. In 2017, 187 pedestrians died as a result of pedestrian-vehicle crashes, according to the most recent data available from the New Jersey State Police. From 2013 through 2017, 828 pedestrians were killed on New Jersey's roads and more than 17,000 were injured, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That equates to one death every 2.4 days and 11 injuries daily. On an annual basis, nearly 5,000 pedestrians are injured and 150 killed in motor vehicle crashes statewide. New Jersey's pedestrian fatality rate (30.2 percent in 2015) is double the national average (15 percent). 2

New Jersey ranked 17th in the nation in pedestrian fatalities in 2016, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The federal government has designated New Jersey a "focus" state – placing an extra emphasis on aiding the state in combating its higher-than-average pedestrian fatality rate and providing funding for this campaign.

For more information on Street Smart, visit TransOptions.org/street-smart, or call TransOptions at (973) 267-7600. A non-profit organization, TransOptions is the transportation management association for northwest New Jersey, delivering programs to improve mobility, the environment and overall quality of life of all residents and commuters.

Other Sources:

<http://www.njsp.org/info/fatalacc/index.shtml>
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[1] 2014 Plan4Safety, Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation
 2 2015 Traffic Safety Facts, NHTSA



Photos courtesy TransOptions.



(above, l-r) Zenobia Fields, Director, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Department of Planning; Stephen Drown, Sergeant New Providence Police Department; Dan Callas, President of TransOptions; Anthony D. Buccelli, Jr., Chief, New Providence Police Department; Hon. Al Morgan, Mayor of New Providence; Hon. Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Vice Chairman, Union County; Hon. Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder, Union County, Chair of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Board of Trustees.

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